



Housing and Revitalization Department

Consolidated Plan Education Series

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area

The Motor City has experienced an incredible transformation in the last decade. While we celebrate the comeback of the Motor City, we know there is still work to be done to create a thriving city. HRD works tirelessly to obtain resources to help uplift communities across Detroit. Today, we're sharing a plan that we applied for through the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) called the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area(s) (NRSA) Plan.

HUD allows communities to apply for NRSA's. If approved by HUD, the plan targets distressed areas and pours resources into them. Without an approved NRSA plan there are specific guidelines that must be followed when using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Communities are offered flexibility with the way they can do economic development, housing, and public service activities with their CDBG funds.

In 2015, shortly after filing for bankruptcy, the City of Detroit applied and was approved for five NRSA designations. We needed a lot of resources! Take a look at our NRSA's.

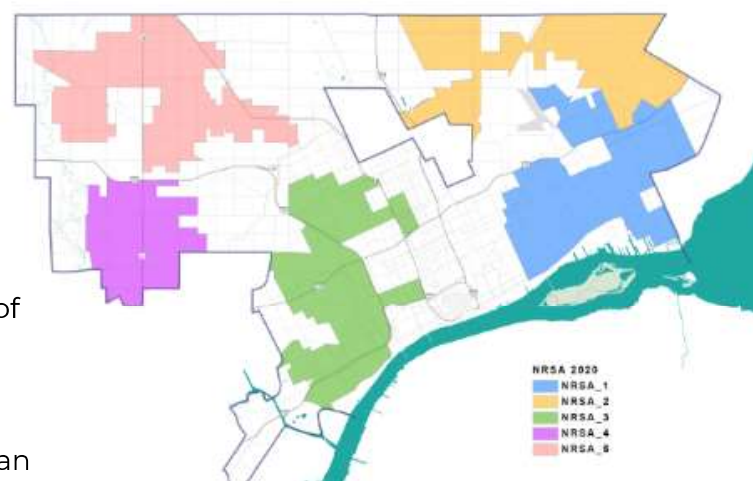
So, what can a NRSA Plan offer?

There are four flexibilities that a NRSA Plan offers. Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation's Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) program is example of how HRD uses one of the flexibilities.

Typically, with CDBG dollars, only 15% of it can be allocated to public service activities. However, with an approved NRSA plan, a community can exceed this 15% cap, but they must carry out the public service activities with a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO).

GDYT is considered a public service activity. The City of Detroit funds a portion of the youth's wages using CDBG funds by connecting certified CBDOs with some of the participants.

Our last NRSA plan was from 2020-2024, but the City is different now. So, we're applying for a renewal. To read and learn more about previous and current NRSA plans, please visit HRD's [website](#).



2020-2024 NRSA's

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