

REVISED Guidelines for Urban Center Revitalization Plan Updates:
Department of Community Development ♦ Planning Commission

- **Urban Centers are required to review, update and expand Action Plans within the Urban Center Revitalization Plan (UCRP).**
 - Urban Centers must review, and, if warranted, update and expand the action plans of the UCRP.
 - Urban Centers must identify UCRP accomplishments, with particular emphasis on results achieved through Community Revitalization Program funding. Accomplishments should identify measurable outcomes and benefits of completed projects.
 - Reference Appendix D of the VPP Grant Manual

- **Key assumptions:**
 - Updates will ensure that UCRPs are active planning tools for continued strategic Community Revitalization Program investment.
 - Updates are necessary due to successful implementation and corollary effects on future projects; changing municipal priorities; and recurring divergence of CRP funding proposals from stated UCRP priority actions.
 - Tracking UCRP accomplishments and measurable outcomes will promote accountability and aid in future Community Revitalization Program funding decisions.

- **Minimum Update Requirements:**
 - Action Plan updates must focus on revising and expanding high priority actions. If the Urban Center maintains that an update is unnecessary, they must provide documentation indicating why the current plan remains valid without revision.
 - Action Plan updates must address consistency with the UCRP identified set of goals and objectives for the four key topics of economic development, housing, infrastructure and transportation, and public facilities and services, as well as for any supplemental topics included within the original UCRP.
 - Action Plan updates must revise high priority actions within the context of completed or proposed projects and must consider reciprocal relationships and effects.
 - The Urban Center may also consider a full update to their UCRP if they maintain that the entire plan requires updating. If a VPP grant is requested to undertake a full UCRP update, the age and necessity of first updating the municipal comprehensive plan will be considered in the grant application process.

- **Public Participation and Process this section has been updated:**

- **If municipalities utilize the Chester County Vision Partnership Program (VPP) to fund updates to the UCRP, the following requirements apply:**
 - The UCRP update must be adopted as a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.
 - The UCRP update must comply with the Municipal Planning Code (MPC) adoption process, which includes Chester County Planning Commission review, public information meeting, and public hearing.

- **If municipalities do not use VPP funding for UCRP updates:**
 - The decision to adopt the UCRP update as a Comprehensive Plan Amendment is at the discretion of the municipality.
 - If the UCRP update is not adopted as a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, the following requirements apply:
 - The municipality must hold at least one public information meeting (not hearing) as part of the update process.
 - The proposed UCRP update must be reviewed by the Department of Community Development prior to final municipal approval.
 - The municipal governing body must approve the UCRP update.