DECEMBER 2019 FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS: COMMUNITY NEEDS

Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments
Identifies and prioritizes community development and housing needs

Develops a strategy to target U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant money to programs and projects addressing greatest community needs. HUD programs are:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Home Investment Partnerships Act (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
Eligible Use of CDBG Funds Includes:

- **Economic development** activities
  - Employment and job training
  - Incentives for creating jobs

- **Housing** repair and rehabilitation
  - Minor to moderate repair of homes
  - Comprehensive rehabilitation of homes and other residential facilities

- **Infrastructure** improvements
  - Street, curb and sidewalk improvements
Eligible Use of CDBG Funds Includes – Continued:

- Public and community **facility** improvements
  - Park improvements, including community and multi-purpose centers and recreation fields
  - Homeless and domestic violence shelter improvements
  - Other facilities primarily benefitting low and moderate income people

- Public and community **services**
  - Afterschool and other youth service programs
  - Senior programs and services
  - Homeless/domestic violence programs and services

In most instances, the use of funds must primarily benefit people with low or moderate incomes
Public services cannot exceed 15% of the CDBG funds
Eligible Uses of HOME Funds:

- Construction or acquisition/rehabilitation of affordable homes **for sale** to homeowners
- Construction or acquisition/rehabilitation of **rental** homes for lease to tenants
- First-time homebuyer down payment assistance
- Rental assistance to tenants

Use of funds primarily benefit people with low incomes
ESG Funding Categories:

- **Outreach** to the homeless
- Homelessness **prevention**
- Create/improve/operate **emergency shelters** for homeless or victims of domestic violence
- Provide **essential services** to the homeless or victims of domestic violence
- Rapid re-housing (short term **rental assistance and supportive services** to the homeless or victims of domestic violence)

**Homeless or at risk of homelessness** eligibility required
HOPWA Funding Categories:

- Permanent supportive housing
- Housing vouchers
- Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance
- Case management
- Transportation
- Meals and nutrition

- A member of the family/household must be AIDS/HIV positive
“Taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics”

-HUD AFFH Final Rule
Analysis of the local fair housing landscape

Four specific fair housing issues:

- Integration and segregation
- Areas of poverty
- Access to opportunity
- Housing need

- Fair housing priorities and goals
WHAT’S NEXT?

- Finish gathering community input collected through community meetings, individual interviews, and surveys by the end of next week (end of 3rd week of December)

- Analyze data and community input to identify community development priorities and fair housing barriers. Prepare draft reports (December to February)

- Present draft reports for public review and comment (March - April)

- Prepare final reports for local approval (late April) and submit to HUD (due May 15, 2020)

- Begin Plan implementation July 1, 2020
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