

Agenda Item Number: R 139-14

Department Source: Community Development - CDBG/Home

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2014

Re: Approving a Resolution Establishing a 30-day Comment Period and Setting Public Hearings for the Consideration and Approval of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Executive Summary

Executive Summary

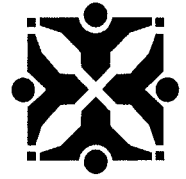
Council approval of this resolution will establish a 30-day comment period from September 2, 2014 through October 1, 2014 to receive public comment on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan, and set two public hearings to be held on on September 2, 2014 and October 6, 2014 for consideration and approval of the plan.

The City of Columbia receives CDBG and HOME funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) according to its population, demographics and the federal formula for distributing funds. The City is required to submit a Consolidated Plan at least every five years. The Consolidated Plan identifies community development needs and funding priorities for the next five years. The City is required to submit a new Consolidated Plan for years 2015-2019 in November of 2014.

Discussion

City staff began the process of formulating the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan on August 21, 2013 through a team consisting of staff from Community Development, Public Works, GIS, Parks and Recreation, Legal Department, the Division of Human Services, the Columbia Housing Authority and REDI. This team provided technical assistance in identifying and and analyzing data, as well as establishing a framework for obtaining public input.

A significant level of public input was utilized in the formulation of the draft 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Public input opportunities consisted of seven community forums/focus groups, five public hearings and citizen surveys. City staff conducted significant outreach to citizens through various methods including television, radio, newspaper, Facebook, Twitter, local service providers, central city churches, neighborhood associations and various other methods. Public input was utilized to identify the most critical community needs to be addressed by CDBG and HOME funding, or what the plan identifies as "priority needs". The results of outreach and



marketing efforts included 189 focus group attendees and 182 survey responses. Each priority need identified in the plan is taken directly from needs identified and prioritized through the public input received.

The Executive Summary of the Consolidated Plan is included as supporting documentation and includes a spreadsheet detailing priority needs identified by the public, goals developed from the priority needs and production goals (deliverables) to be implemented from 2015-2019. Estimated costs were associated with each production goal to ensure goals are achievable. Production goal cost estimates fall within the new CDBG and HOME Council Policy Resolution funding percentages that were developed directly from citizen survey. A modification of the production goals by increasing a specific goal will require a reduction in production goals in another category or categories and may potentially result in production goals not aligning with the CDBG and HOME Council Policy Resolution.

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan also includes the 2015 Annual Action Plan, which will be the first year of the five year plan. The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan must be approved by Council and submitted to HUD by November 1, 2014.

A full draft of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan will be provided to Council and available for public view for the September 2, 2014 meeting.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: Required by HUD in order to receive CDBG and HOME funds from 2015-2019, CDBG estimated at \$4,000,000 and HOME estimated at \$2,000,000

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Health, Social Services and Affordable Housing

Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Livable & Sustainable Communities

Suggested Council Action

Approve the attached resolution setting public hearings for September 2, 2014 and October 6, 2014 and establishing a 30-day comment period from September 2, 2014 through October 1, 2014.

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Legislative History

To date the City of Columbia has sponsored the following events to obtain public input for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan:

November 4, 2013: Council Hearing to approval citizen participation plan

November 12, 2013: Fair Housing Focus Group

December 11, 2013: CDC Public Hearing for Fair Housing

January 9, 2014: Neighborhood Congress Consolidated Plan

January 23, 2014: Affordable Housing Focus Group

February 12, 2014: CDC Public Hearing for Affordable Housing

February 6, 2014: Economic Development Focus Group

March 12, 2014: CDC Public Hearing Economic Development


March 13, 2014: Community Facilities Focus Group

March 13, 2014: Neighborhood Needs Focus Group

March 19, 2014: Homelessness Focus Group

April 22, 2014: CDC Public Hearing, Homelessness, Neighborhood Needs, Community Facilities

June 18, 2014: CDC approved Draft 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Priority Needs and Goals


Department Approved


City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. R 139-14

A RESOLUTION

setting public hearings to consider and approve the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015 Annual Action Plan; establishing a comment period.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri in the Council Chamber in the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri on September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015 Annual Action Plan. All citizens and interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

SECTION 2. A comment period is hereby established from September 2, 2014 through October 1, 2014 in order to receive public comment on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan.

SECTION 3. A public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri in the Council Chamber in the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri on October 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for approval of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015 Annual Action Plan. All citizens and interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

SECTION 4. The City Manager, or the Manager's designee, is hereby directed to cause notice of the hearings to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Boone County, Missouri.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

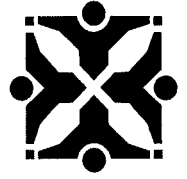
ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH
THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Executive Summary

Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines the City of Columbia as an entitlement community due to its population and demographics. As an entitlement community, the City of Columbia receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funding. The City of Columbia is required to submit a five-year Consolidated Plan identifying community needs and funding priorities, in order to receive annual funding. The City of Columbia also values the importance of strategic planning when implementing the use of public funds. This consolidated plan is for program years 2015-2019 and will become effective on January 1, 2015. CDBG and HOME funding allocations have been trending downwards and that trend is expected to continue. This plan takes into account the increasing importance of identifying and prioritizing the most critical needs to be addressed with CDBG and HOME funds.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The City of Columbia undertook a significant public input and planning process during the year leading up to the submission of the plan. Public input was obtained through community focus groups, citizen surveys and public hearings. The objectives and outcomes identified in the plan are a direct result of priority needs identified by the public. Citizens were asked to identify priority needs in five categories including economic development, affordable housing, fair housing, neighborhood needs and community facilities.

All objectives and outcomes identified in the plan will meet a national objective identified by HUD through providing decent affordable housing, creating suitable living environments and improving economic opportunity. The previous consolidated plan stated 43 objectives or goals. This plan reduces the number of goals to 13 and includes 16 production goals (deliverables) to ensure the most critical needs or highest priority needs are being addressed. The City of Columbia identified the following 13 larger goals or objectives by funding category:

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Goals

Economic Development

1. Increase employment among low to moderate income youth.
2. Increase employment opportunities through microloan assistance.

Affordable Housing

1. Preserve existing housing through code enforcement, rehabilitation, and repairs.
2. Increase homeownership opportunities.
3. Incorporate universal design and energy efficiency in affordable housing projects.

4. Expand the number of quality affordable housing units.

Neighborhood Needs

1. Increase neighborhood connectivity to amenities and sidewalk accessibility.
2. Increase the number of bus shelters within the CDBG eligible area.
3. Increase neighborhood safety by removing dilapidated structures in the NRT area.

Fair Housing

1. Increase fair housing rights knowledge among low to moderate income households.
2. Increase fair housing compliance knowledge among housing professionals.
3. Assist low to moderate income households with fair housing complaints or questions.

Community Facilities

1. Provide funding to renovate, acquire, or expand facilities serving youth, providing mental health services, providing services to ex-offenders, or providing services to the homeless.

The following table displays priority needs, goals, and production goals (deliverable) by category. Each production goal was associated an estimated cost to ensure that goals are realistic and achievable. City of Columbia priority need, goals, strategies and production goal by funding category are as seen on the following table.

Draft Consolidated Plan Priority Needs, Goals and Strategies

Economic Development

Priority Needs Identified by the Public	Goals
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vocational training targeting youth 2. Microloans 3. Adult vocational training 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase employment among low to moderate income youth. 2. Increase employment opportunities through microloan assistance.
Strategy 1: Vocational Training.	
Production Goal 1.	Provide vocational training to 70 participants, particularly low-income youth.
Strategy 2: Micro-lending.	
Production Goal 2.	Provide microloans to 15 small businesses (5 or less FTE) with at least 51% low to moderate income employees.

Affordable Housing

Priority Needs Identified by the Public	Goals
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preservation of existing housing 2. Increased homeownership 3. Affordable housing with energy efficient and Universal Design 4. Quality affordable housing units 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preserve existing housing through code enforcement, rehabilitation, and repairs. 2. Increase homeownership opportunities. 3. Incorporate Universal Design and energy efficiency in affordable housing projects. 4. Expand the number of quality affordable housing units.
Strategy 1: Comprehensive rehabilitation of existing housing.	
Production Goal 1.	Provide comprehensive rehabilitation to 50 owner-occupied housing units consisting of lead remediation, energy efficiency, structural repairs, roof, accessibility modifications and systems upgrades.
Strategy 2. Repair of existing housing.	
Production Goal 2.	Provide minor home repairs to 200 owner-occupied housing units consisting of lead hazard remediation, energy efficiency, weatherization, structural repairs, accessibility modifications and systems repairs.
Strategy 3. Code enforcement.	
Production Goal 3.	Fund 1/2 FTE of a position to conduct code enforcement in the NRT area addressing at least 375 properties.
Strategy 4. Homebuyer assistance	
Production Goal 4.	Provide homebuyer assistance in the form of downpayment and closing cost assistance to 65 eligible households.
Strategy 5. New housing construction.	
Production Goal 5.	Construct 15 new affordable, energy efficient owner-occupied housing units with Universal Design features.
Strategy 6. Rental production.	
Production Goal 6.	Provide development financing for 2 affordable housing developments funded through the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC).
Strategy 7. Homebuyer education.	
Production Goal 7.	Provide homebuyer education to 450 new homebuyers on the real estate transactions, financing, household budgeting, and homeownership.

Neighborhood Needs

Priority Needs Identified by the Public

1. Streetscaping
2. Sidewalks, crosswalks, and trails with connectivity to transportation
3. Bus shelters
4. Removal of dilapidated houses

Goals

1. Increase neighborhood connectivity to amenities and sidewalk accessibility.
2. Increase the number of bus shelters within the CDBG eligible area.
3. Increase neighborhood safety by removing dilapidated structures in the NRT area.

Strategy 1. Sidewalk projects.

Production Goal 1.	Complete 5 infrastructure projects to increase neighborhood connectivity to amenities and services.
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Strategy 2. Bus shelters.

Production Goal 2.	Construct 5 new bus shelters in the CDBG eligible area.
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Strategy 3. Removal of dilapidated structures.

Production Goal 3.	Remove 15 dilapidated structures within the NRT area.
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Fair Housing

Priority Needs Identified by the Public

1. Outreach and education to low-income households regarding rights
2. Outreach and education to housing professionals
3. Fair housing counseling

Goals

1. Increase fair housing rights knowledge among low to moderate income households.
2. Increase fair housing compliance knowledge among housing professionals.
3. Assist low to moderate income households with fair housing complaints or questions.

Strategy 1. Outreach and education to low-income households.

Production Goal 1.	Provide fair housing education to 500 low income households regarding fair housing rights.
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Strategy 2. Outreach and education to housing professionals.

Production Goal 2.	Provide fair housing education to 350 landlords, realtors, lenders and housing professionals.
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Strategy 3. Fair housing counseling.

Production Goal 3.	Provide fair housing counseling to 50 low to moderate income renters.
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Community Facilities

Priority Needs Identified by the Public

1. Mental health facilities
2. Training centers for youth
3. Facilities for ex-offenders
4. Facilities for homeless or near homeless

Goals

1. Provide funding to facilities serving youth, mental health, ex-offenders and homeless.

Strategy 1: Community facility renovation, expansion, and acquisition.

Production Goal 1.	Acquire, renovate, or expand 5 community facilities providing training services to youth, youth programming, homelessness, and mental health services.
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3. Evaluation of past performance

The City's past programs focused on similar projects and funding categories. The City is maintaining many of these programs and is also adjusting its funding priorities to match new priority needs identified by the public. Estimated costs are also associated with each production goal to ensure that goals are realistic and achievable. The City had several unmet goals in its last Consolidated Plan cycle due to decreasing funding and competing priorities. This plan focuses on the most critical community needs identified by the public.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City of Columbia's citizen participation process and consultation process in drafting the plan included 8 community forums/focus groups, 5 public hearings and 5 citizen surveys. There will be 2 additional public hearings for receiving comments and approving the plan. A summary of each of the methods for receiving public input include the following:

1. **Community Forums/Focus Groups:** The City of Columbia held a Neighborhood Congress meeting to kick-off the public input process for formulation of the consolidated plan. The Neighborhood Congress provided data to the audience pertaining to eligible uses of CDBG and HOME funds, past uses of CDBG and HOME funds, American Community Survey data provided through the Econ Planning Suite, census data and an explanation of formulating the consolidated plan. Participants of the Neighborhood Congress were able to provide real time feedback identifying priority needs through the use of hand held devices. The event included approximately 100 participants. The City of Columbia held 7 additional individual focus groups on a variety of community development needs including fair housing, affordable housing, neighborhood needs (infrastructure), homelessness, CHDO funding, community facilities, and economic development. Each focus group followed the same format of beginning the meeting with facts and data, followed by a facilitated discussion to identify specific community needs related to the topic of discussion. Focus group meetings also included a prioritization of those needs by group participants. The Neighborhood Congress and each of the focus groups were facilitated by the University of Missouri-Extension.
2. **Public Hearings:** The City held 5 public hearings through the Community Development Commission to obtain further public input to inform the consolidated plan. The 5 public hearings summarized priority needs data obtained through the public forums/focus groups. Commissioners were provided time to ask clarifying questions, accept further public comment and approved the priority needs identified through the public forums/focus groups.
3. **Citizen surveys:** The City conducted one larger general survey to determine funding category priorities including, economic development, fair housing, affordable housing, neighborhood needs (infrastructure) and community facilities. The biggest change from years past included a need for greater emphasis on economic development. There were four additional surveys to obtain more specific feedback on priorities within each funding category. The additional individual surveys were done in conjunction with the individual focus groups.

The City of Columbia conducted a significant level of marketing and community outreach to involve citizens in the process, including the following:

- 1,080 television ads
- 45 radio ads
- 7 press releases
- Outreach to 75 neighborhood associations
- 5 newspaper ads
- 2 radio show appearances
- Listserve notices to 207 organizations and individuals
- Mailing notices to 700 public housing residents
- Facebook ads read by 3,092 people
- Outreach to 9 central city churches

Outreach and marketing efforts resulted in 189 focus group attendees and 182 survey responses. All priority needs in the plan were identified and prioritized by the public involved in each of the processes. City staff developed goals to address each of the priority needs in the plan. The draft goals were also approved by the Community Development Commission through a public meeting. Additional public comments will be received leading up to Council approval of the plan.

5. Summary of public comments

The City received an extensive amount of public comments through its public forums/focus groups. A summary of the comments received is included in the attached document. The City of Columbia's public input process identified the following priority needs to be addressed by CDBG and HOME funding:

Economic Development

1. Vocational training targeting youth.
2. Microlending.
3. Adult vocational training.

Affordable Housing

1. Preservation of existing housing.
2. Increased homeownership.
3. Affordable housing with energy efficiency and universal design.
4. Quality affordable housing units.

Neighborhood Needs

1. Streetscaping.
2. Sidewalks, crosswalks, and trails with connectivity to transportation.
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4. Removal of dilapidated houses.

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4. Facilities for homeless or near homeless.

Additional public comments received during the 2 Council public hearings and 30 day comment period in September through October will be added to this section of the document before submission to HUD.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

None.

7. Summary

Significant efforts were undertaken to obtain public input through public forums/focus groups, citizen surveys and public hearings. The City of Columbia utilized public input to identify priority needs to be addressed with CDBG and HOME funding. All objectives and goals within the plan address a specific priority need identified by the public. The City of Columbia will continue to obtain public input annually to ensure the plan is up to date and efforts address current community needs.

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Preliminary Needs Compilation

Overview

This document provides a summary of preliminary 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan needs. Section 1 provides categorically ranked needs identified by the public at the January 9, 2014 Neighborhood Congress meeting. Section 1 also includes the prioritization of the overall categories by percent. Section 2 includes a ranking of needs identified at each additional focus group meeting. The Community Development Commission will utilize this preliminary data to rate each FY 2015 CDBG and HOME application and its alignment with needs to be identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Section 1. Neighborhood Congress Needs Summaries Jan. 9, 2014

Affordable Housing

Preservation of existing housing (9)
Assistance for repairs (8)
Increased Homeownership (5)
Universal Design (3 dots)
Energy Efficient Housing (3)
1 bedroom units, accessible, Universal Design (2)
Affordable housing near public transportation (2)
Rent to own opportunities (2)
Accessory dwelling units (2)
Prevention Loss of owner-occupied by dilapidated (1)
Energy efficient rental housing (1)
Lack of transitional housing (1)
Lack of "starter" homes (1)
Lack of Single family housing (1)
Resources to resolve title issues (1)
Incentives for good landlords (1)
Disincentives for bad landlords (1)
Code enforcement (0)
More focus on rental stock quality (0)
Less housing for students (0)
Flexibility in occupancy, families of choice (0)

Economic Development

Recruit light manufacturing companies (8)
Collaboration employer service providers (7)
Opportunities for released prisoners (5)
Job training and apprenticeships for youth, trade skills (5)
Job Training (4)
Job Fairs for low-income and mid-life unemployed (4)
Scholarships for training (3)
Community Partnerships instruction for persons at risk (3)
Job Training and Math Skills (3)
Match training to jobs (3)
Local food production opportunities (2)

Development of small business (2)
 "Transitional" job opportunities for hard to employ (2)
 Locally owned businesses (1)
 Opportunities for non-grads (1)
 Reduction in crime (1)
 Young and old people with special needs (1)
 Job training, soft skills (1)
 Public Bank Micro lending (1)
 Entrepreneurial training (1)
 Money "scrip"...credit (1)
 Training "culture of business" (0)
 Pro bono legal administrative assistance for low-income businesses (0)
 Job Shadowing (0)
 Apprenticeships (0)
 Mixed use (0)
 Infrastructure improvements (0)
 Access to loans (0)
 Skills (0)
 Expanding career center (0)
 Incubators (0)
 Loner tech (0)

Community Facilities

Mental health facility (7)
 Training center for youth (5)
 Re-entry housing for prisoners (4)
 Transitional housing for re-entry (4)
 Youth Centers (3)
 Transitional housing (3)
 Homeless Shelter (3)
 Animal shelter (3) *ineligible*
 Transitional housing for homeless (2)
 Rehabilitation living facility (2)
 Homeless drop-in center (2)
 Food Hub for farmers and distributors (1)
 Youth Centers/Recreation (1)
 Severely mentally ill facility (1)
 International Community Center, not for students (1)
 Drop-in center for at risk youth (1)
 Violence prevention center and conflict resolution center (1)
 Homeless youth campus (1)
 Transitional housing for families (1)
 Mental health (1)
 Veteran Housing (0)
 Community Gardens/Urban Orchards (0)
 Accessibility in facilities/public library (0)
 Centrally located skate park (0)
 Sidewalk connectivity to facilities (0)

Homeless drop-in center (0)
Transitional housing for people leaving prison (0)
Terminally ill living facility (0)
Information on facility vacancies (0)
Homeless vet campus (0)
Health care facility (0)
Youth centers (0)
Food Pantry (0)
Hours of operation (0)
Accessibility (0)
Outcomes (0)

Neighborhood Needs

Trees along streets/streetscape, nuts & fruit (5)
New Sidewalks (5)
Repair cross walks (5)
Neighborhood Connectivity, trails, sidewalks, mass transit (4)
Removal of dilapidated houses (3)
Sidewalk repairs/close gaps (3)
Sidewalks on main roads (3)
Neighborhood communication, web pages FB pages, education (3)
Neighborhood planning (2)
Transportation (2)
Speed bumps-traffic calming (2)
Heritage tree designation (2)
Common areas in new development (2)
Fire hydrant (1)
Sidewalk repair (1)
Lighting (1)
Storm water issues (1)
Neighborhood watch (1)
Sidewalks on neighborhood streets (1)
Sidewalks to schools, repair gaps (1)
Sanitary sewer improvements (1)
Small business planning in areas outside immediate downtown (1)
Business loop area (1)
Urban gardening (1)
Rain gardens/barrels/guttering (1)
Clear sidewalks at main roads, snow from plowing (0)
Downtown parks and green space (0)
Urban forestry (0)
Street curbs (0)
Street repair-pothole removal (0)
Sidewalk low level lighting (0)
Storm water problems (0)
Use hard to employ employees for improvements (0)
Roundabouts, more education (0)
Prioritize needs that help public safety (0)

Identify true need for high density housing (0)
Street lights for safety (0)
Tree canopy trimming for safety/view of homes (0)
Bus on Sunday (0)
Neighborhood planning (0)
Storm water management (0)
Small scale commercial (0)
Multi-use facilities (0)
Sidewalks (0)
Rental housing planning (0)
Form based zoning (0)
Food desert (0)
Fire hydrant additions (0)
Snow removal (0)
Street and sidewalk connectivity (0)

Fair Housing

Incorporate Universal Design (8)
Low-income tenants don't know rights and need education... (8)
Education/Outreach for smaller landlords (3)
Rental discrimination, larger apartment complex disabilities... (2)
Accessibility and following requirements (2)
Substandard rental housing (1)
Education for landlords (1)
More self-sufficiency programs (CHA), offer more City-wide (0)
Lack of affordable housing near transportation services etc. (0)
A base rental deposit and education of rights and responsibilities (0)
Develop more tools re: deposit City ordinance on deposit (0)
Increased communication between landlord and tenant (0)
Over occupancy (0)
Rehabilitation (0)
Credit checks on student renters/non-credit application (0)
Assumptions and stereotypes (0)
Tolerance for those w/mental illness (0)
Education/discussion before eviction, understand your tenants (0)
Housing priced out of range/lack of affordable housing (0)
Those with disabilities are segregated (0)
Distribute attn. general landlord tenant rights (0)

Category Voting Results

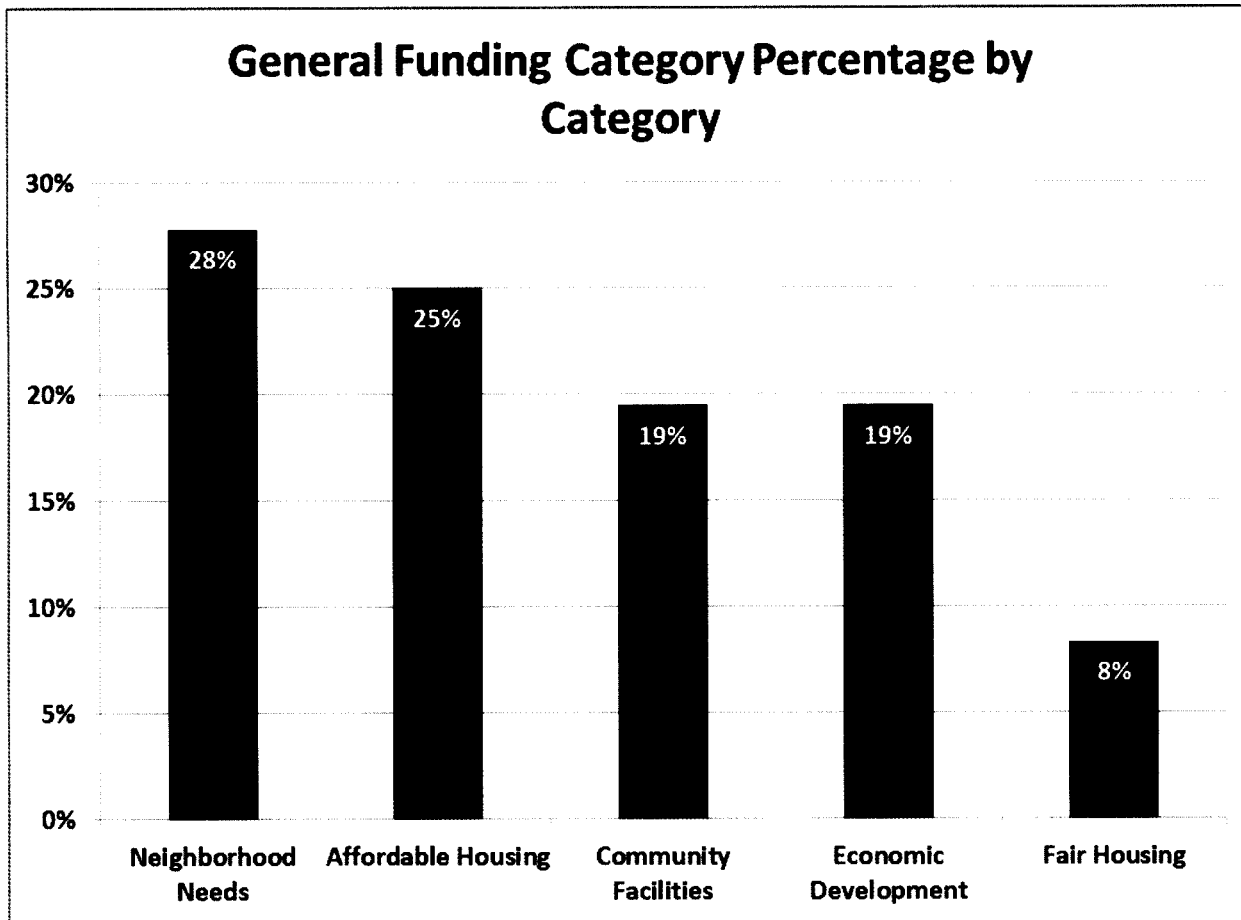
Neighborhood needs (10)

Affordable housing (9)

Community facilities (7)

Economic Development (7)

Fair housing (3)



Section 2. Individual Focus Group Needs Summary

Fair Housing Needs, November 12, 2013

1. What are the most significant fair housing needs in Columbia?

Lack of outreach to educate about rights. (19)
Quality affordable housing. (14)
Higher housing costs/ lower incomes. (11)
Lack of 1 bedroom housing. (7)
Lack of accessible housing and Universal Design. (6)
Need for homeownership education and basic financial education. (6)
Predatory landlords. (6)
Lack of affordable physically accessible housing including transportation. (5)
Student housing boom impact on affordable housing. (4)
Lack of accessibility and access to other amenities such as transportation. (3)
Predatory lending that hurts credit scores (predatory lending, pay day loans). (2)
Racial discrimination. (2)
Discrimination. (2)
Bad rental history, bad credit and expensive deposit. (1)
Ability to co-op. (1)
Lack of landlord willingness to accept Section 8. (1)
Dilapidated housing. (0)
Familial discrimination. (0)
Strict requirements. (0)

Affordable Housing Needs, January 23, 2014

1. What are the most significant affordable housing needs in Columbia?

Protection of existing housing vs development pressure (zoning/construction codes). (9)
Housing stock in safe/any neighborhoods. (9)
1 bedroom units. (7)
Resources for energy efficiency for property owners (landlords). (6)
Access to public transportation. (6)
Quality of housing stock. (6)
Energy efficiency/design standards. (5)
Crime deters investment. (5)
Accessibility-Universal design. (5)
Support programs to keep/upgrade housing. (4)
Restoration of existing housing. (4)
Transitional housing. (4)
Recovery/transitional housing. (3)
Improve homeownership support opportunities. (2)
Incentives to rent to low income renters. (1)

Economic Development Needs, February 6, 2014

1. What are the most significant economic development needs in Columbia?

Microloans and entrepreneurship. (7)
Entrepreneurial fairs. (7)
Youth Centers: bus pick up at school, take to career center (tutoring, counseling, mentoring, etc). (6)
Job Training. (6)
Storm sewers. (5)
Knowledge of existing programs. (4)
Career exploration course. (4)
Overall understanding of current skill sets in Columbia. (3)
GED retraining. (3)
Public restrooms in downtown area. (2)
Job fairs/ in depth on occupations. (2)
Know what big picture is in the central City. (1)
Assistance for GED testing. (1)
Transporting children of prisoners to visit parents. (0)
Intake process is critical to programs. (0)

Neighborhood Needs, March 13, 2014

1. What are the most significant neighborhood needs in Columbia?

Overnight shelter/homeless. (3)
Higher density bus shelters in key points. (2)
CDBG "support" Como Connect. (1)
Transportation for low-mod inc. people. (1)
Money for day center/homelessness. (1)
Planning projects in HUD elig. area & % of non-CDBG funding. (1)
Facilities money for day center. (1)
Acquisition/demolition of dilapidated properties. (1)
Housing trust on cleared properties. (1)
Pedestrian islands Sexton/Providence, Forest/Prov, crossing Prov/Vandiver. (1)
Bus shelters. (1)
Wet shelter. (1)
Concerned Blind Boone home set up to fail. (1)
Sidewalks, bring up to date & standards. (1)
African American heritage trail-linking Broadway to Flatbranch Park/MKT. (0)
Policy, city cannot do everything. (0)
How we can support private entities doing things w/in plans. (0)
Projects that already have a funding stream. (0)
Community Services/CDBG diff. (0)
Funding for infrastructure improvement. (0)
Transitional youth facility. (0)
Information campaign. (0)
Make connection to community on how CDBG can be used. (0)
Simplify info. campaign, don't get lost in the acronyms. (0)
Very directed outreach. (0)

Ensure city employees build trust w/citizens. (0)
Better understand who commissioners are. (0)
Much more support for boards & commissions. (0)
Relationship of staff to council be more advisory, rather the administrator. (0)

Homelessness Needs, March 19, 2014

1. What are the most significant homelessness needs in Columbia?

Affordable housing units. (8)
Transitional shelter. (6)
Shelter, emergency, transitional single families, veterans, disabilities Youth. (5)
Community awareness. (4)
Emergency mental health assessment with housing and supportive services. (4)
More versatility in emergency shelter beds, et or damp shelters. (3)
Develop transition plans. (3)
Shelter for offenders. (3)
Funding, capital and operational. (2)
Employment. (2)
Support/advocates, training. (2)
Policy changes at emergency shelters. (0)
Increase in affordable housing vouchers and rental assistance. (1)
Day warming centers. (1)
More emergency shelter beds. (0)
Identify resources and build capacity for physical and mental health. (0)
Identify other needs of various populations. (0)

Community Facility Needs, March 19, 2014

1. List of agency 5 year community facility needs.

Services for Independent Living, \$0
Job Point, \$0
Great Circle, \$200,000, youth services, transitional housing for homeless youth
Boone County Family Resources, \$80,000-100,000, services for people with disabilities
Reality House Programs, Inc., \$99,000, transitional housing
Columbia Housing Authority, \$100,000, youth services
In2action, \$360,000, transitional housing
Rainbow House, \$150,000, youth services, homeless shelter, transitional housing, homeless youth