

Neighborhood Engagement for CDBG COVID-19 Recovery Funds

Conclusion of Priorities

- 1) Mortgage & rent for individuals AND small businesses AND nonprofits
 - a) Utilities
- 2) Homeless population

Discussion Notes

Question 1: Fears

- Low income subgroup
- Homeless population
 - Wasn't addressed
- COVID-19 education for minority groups
- Student & children mental and physical stimulation
 - Parental aid

Questions to Consider

What happens when things go back to normal and individuals receive a \$900 utility bill?

How can we get in front of this issue?

Can the utility companies provide a list of names of individuals struggling with payments?

Could we establish policies with the utility companies for repayment?

Question 2: Issues to be lifted to the leaders

- Mental health- tele therapists? How can we help those who struggle with depression and other mental health concerns during this time of extreme isolation?
- Physical health-individuals don't know if they can schedule doctor appoints for check ups or anything in between COVID-19 and critical hospital visits
- Mental stimulation of students in the district- could we provide an activity pack for kids and pass them out at places where meals are passed out?
- Works program through the city to provide temporary income and improve Columbia
- Testing for the homeless
 - Hygiene stations (washing hands) & coronavirus education
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Questions to Consider

Where can we make the most impact, quickly?

How can we help those who struggle with depression and other mental health concerns during this time of extreme isolation?

Could we provide an activity pack for kids and pass them out at places where meals are passed out?