

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL

- The primary goal of the program is to *build strong, self-sustaining neighborhoods.*

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- All projects will be reviewed with respect to HUD requirements, city objectives, plans, goals, and other CDBG, and or HOME investments. Proposals should be coordinated with all relevant city departments and be directly connected to these objects and plans.
- Applicants will be evaluated based on how well they create a significant and measurable community impact.
- Projects and programs should focus on targeted locations within the eligible neighborhoods, for example: neighborhood commerce districts, identified troubled areas in the neighborhood, or proximity to new affordable housing development.
- We live in a community full of unique talents, beliefs, backgrounds, and capabilities, therefore projects and programs should address our diversity and be inclusive to engage differences and create a culture of belonging.
- Priority will be given to projects and programs that serve the lowest income persons.
- CDBG cannot be the only source of funding for a program or project, leveraging other funds is essential.
- Sustainability and Energy Efficiency

PRIORITY IMPACT INITIATIVES

- **Housing** - *Maintaining persons living in their homes or creating places for persons to live in town.*
Including, but not limited to: projects that would compliment the housing plan; energy efficient housing rehabilitation; weatherization; first time homebuyer assistance; supportive housing; in home support services; housing counseling
- **Work and Shop** - *Create or support places for people to work and shop within their neighborhoods.*
Including, but not limited to: create a community and economic development plan; creating jobs; attracting/ retaining businesses, retail and service jobs; create or support business incubators; small business start up loans; education; job training; child care
- **Mobility and Accessibility** - *Create the connection between home, work, shop, education and services.*
Including, but not limited to: projects that compliment the transportation, transit or comprehensive plan; infrastructure that supports alternative mobility; pedestrian, bike, and bus streetscape improvements; handicap accessibility; programs that support alternative modes of transit; supportive transportation
- **Safe Neighborhoods** - *Create safe and livable neighborhoods.*
Including, but not limited to: neighborhood planning, safety improvements, safe spaces and places (community and cultural centers); safety, community policing, crisis and recovery support services.

SET- ASIDES

- **Basic Needs.** - Including, but not limited to: emergency shelter, food, heating, and other basic needs.
- **Capacity Building** – Including but not limited to: training or small grants.

STRUCRUAL CHANGES

- A minimum grant award of \$20,000 is recommended.
- Two year grant awards are recommended, contingent on performance review and HUD allocations.