City of Idaho Falls
FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan
And FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Grantee Unique Appendices - Citizen Participation (Chronological order)

2-16-16	Council approved AAP 2016 Project List (After allocation announced).
1-26-16	Signed Resolution with Project List (Before allocation announcement).
1-26-16	Council Meeting Minutes.
1-26-16	Council Meeting Agenda for 1-26-16.
1-25-16	Agenda for 1-25-16 Special Meeting.
1-21-16	Memo to Mayor/Council for Special Meeting to approve FY2016 CDBG AAP and CDBG 2016-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan. Included with copies of draft Resolution, 2016 Projects/Activity List, Five Year Plan Priorities, AOI to FH, and Public Comments (before allocation announcement).
12-10-15 thru 1-11-16	Copy of letters received during public comment period
12-10-15	Minutes from Council Meeting 12-10-15 Public Hearing **12-10-15 Public Hearing:** Slides, Five Year Consolidated Survey, Results, Priorities, Comparison to 2011-2015 Five Year Priorities, Table of 2016 Applicants/Projects.
12-2-15	Memo to Mayor and Council for Work Session with: Tentative Schedule and FY2016 Proposed Projects.
10-20-15	Ad to Post Register - Notices to Apply/Schedule.
10-16-15	Invitation to apply for FY2016 CDBG funds with mailing list.
Dec 2014 thru Nov 2015	CDBG 2016-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan: Survey and Interview Results, Survey, Letter to Agency Directors (mailing list), Letter to Mayor, Council and Directors.

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Slum/Blight 30% Max	***Project Description***	
IFDDC Slum/Blight SBA Area	**Public Facility-**Downtown Improvements: facades, roofs, awnings, signs, code. **Projects: Happy's-Façade, Frosty Gaitor-Façade, Samoa Club-Roof, Kingston Plz-Façade**	**$55,000**
LMI projects 70% Min	***Project Description***	
Planning Dept. ***Code Enfc.***	**Code Enforcement Program** - 1 FTE in (3) LMI Census Tract neighborhoods	**$71,349**
City Public Works Dept.	**Public Facility & Improvement** with Curb/Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement - Phase 3 Bel Aire Subdivision	**$42,000**
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Administration 20% Max	**Administer CDBG** Salary, benefits, office equipment, training, and resources	**$68,586**
	2016 Total Amount of Projects and Activities	**$342,935**

Jan 28, 2016 - HUD issued CPD Notice (CPD-16-01) to Grantees regarding FY2016 Action and Consolidated Plan submittals and instructs Grantees to submit Plans after HUD announces FY2016 allocations (HUD also allows a 60-day extension for Plan submittal).

Feb 16, 2016 - Allocations announced and 60-day extension begins.

Idaho Falls is expected to receive $342,935 of FY2016 CDBG funds which is $7.00 more than the estimate used for Plan development and does not trigger a substantial amendment (an amount greater/lesser than 10%). The City submitted their *2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan* and 2016 *CDBG Annual Action Plan* to HUD before the end of the 60-day extension (April 15, 2016).

City's General Budget (FY) starts 10-1-16. CDBG 2016 PY runs 4-1-16 to 3-31-17. Allocation expected July, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, FISCAL YEAR 2016 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND FISCAL YEARS 2016-2020 CDBG FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN.

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WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, held a public hearing on the Annual Action Plan FY2016 AND the Consolidated Plan FY2016-2020 on December 10, 2015;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, had a thirty day comment period until and through January 11, 2016;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has considered comments received during the thirty day comment period;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, as follows:

1. The Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 and the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020, as prepared by the Community Development Services Department, Planning Division, a copy of which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of hereof, is hereby approved.

2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the document(s) for Federal assistance.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS CORPORATE Seal BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Hampton, City Clerk

Date JANUARY 26, 2016

Applicant	*FY2016 CDBG Council Approved Projects & Activities*	*Proposed Amount*
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	2016 Total Amount of Projects and Activities	**$342,928**

FY2016 estimate based on 2015 allocation $342,928.
***2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan* will be assessed to reflect actual allocation amounts once Federal budget is approved and allocations are announced to Grantees.**
***If higher allocation, increase for Slum/blight (IFDDC) to make up the difference.**

City's General Budget (FY) starts Oct 1, 2016.
2016 CDBG Plan Year is April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 (allocation expected July, 2016).

JANUARY 26, 2016

The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Special Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 26, 2016, in the Council Chambers in the City Annex Building located at 680 Park Avenue in Idaho Falls, Idaho at 7:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Rebecca Casper
Councilmember Michelle Ziel-Dingman
Councilmember John B. Radford
Councilmember Ed Marohn
Councilmember David M. Smith
Councilmember Thomas Hally
Councilmember Barbara Ehardt

Also present:

Randy Fife, City Attorney
Kathy Hampton, City Clerk
All available Department Directors

Mayor Casper invited Tyler Ellison, a 7th grader at Taylorview Middle School and Boy Scout Troop #344, to come forward and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Casper requested any public comments not related to items on the agenda. No one appeared.

Presentation:

Idaho Falls Power Director, Jackie Flowers, stated Idaho Falls Power offers numerous energy efficiency programs. These programs began in 1980 and offer cost savings to residential, commercial, and industrial customers which in turn assists Idaho Falls Power with power resources and infrastructure. She indicated customers have saved in excess of 40 million kilowatt hours which has resulted in $2.14 million in electric rate savings, based on the residential rate. Director Flowers, along with Wid Ritchie, Conservation Energy Specialist, presented energy efficiently rebate checks to Idaho Steel Products, in the amount of $39,172.00, and to Conrad and Bischoff, in the amount of $52,998.00.

Consent Agenda Items:

Mayor Casper requested reappointments and new appointments for Board and Commissions:

Name	*Commission*	*Term Expires*
Kent Fugal	Traffic Safety Committee	12/31/2017
Bruce Lawrence	Traffic Safety Committee	12/31/2017
Bruce Scholes	Traffic Safety Committee	12/31/2017
Alden Allen	Board of Adjustment	12/31/2020
Nathan Kennedy	Board of Adjustment	12/31/2020
Tom Nance	Historic Preservation Committee	12/31/2018

During the FY2016 budget process an amount of $331,502 was approved by City Council as the police department's share of the expenses for replacing the current consolidated Records Management System and Computer Aided Dispatch. Work has been ongoing to complete this project, and the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office has paid for the project to date. The Sheriff's Office has submitted an invoice to the Idaho Falls Police Department for $291,206.73. The remaining amount will be billed as project goals are completed. The Idaho Falls Police Department respectfully request that the City Council to approve paying the bill to the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office in the amount of $291,206.73.

Chief McBride stated the Records Management System is currently being developed and anticipates training for the system to occur in July, 2016. He believes this will be a substantial benefit for public safety.

It was moved by Councilmember Dingman, seconded by Councilmember Marohn, to approve the purchase requisition to reimburse the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office for the consolidated Records Management System in the amount of $291,206.73. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Marohn, Dingman, Ehardt, Hally, Radford, Smith. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Community Development Services submitted the following items for Council consideration:

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Brad Cramer, Community Development Services Director
Subject: Resolution to approve FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

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Director Cramer stated due to selection criteria and requirements from HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development), not all projects submitted will receive allocated monies.

It was moved by Councilmember Dingman, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Resolution to approve FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Ehardt, Marohn, Hally, Radford, Smith, Dingman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-02

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MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 26, 2016

From: Brad Cramer, Community Development Services Director
Subject: Ordinance to modify Title 2, Chapter 2, and Title 5, Chapter 8 to the City Code

Attached is an ordinance modifying Title 2, Chapter 2, and Title 5, Chapter 8 to the City Code. Title 2, Chapter 2 establishes residency requirements for service on the Planning Commission. Staff is proposing to change the requirement from five years to two years which is the requirement found in the Local Land Use Planning Act. Title 5, Chapter 8 deals with enforcement procedures for Code Enforcement. The current code does not match the methods and procedures Code Enforcement currently uses to enforce codes and ordinances.

Mayor Casper opened the public hearing and ordered all staff materials and presentation be entered into the record.

Director Cramer appeared and briefly explained the changes to the ordinance, including reducing the residency requirements for the Planning Commission Staff from 5 years to 2 years and Code Enforcement methods.

Mayor Casper requested any public comment. No one appeared.

Mayor Casper closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Dingman, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Ordinance to modify Title 2, Chapter 2, and Title 5, Chapter 8 to the City Code under the suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Smith, Hally, Radford, Dingman, Ehardt, Marohn. Nay – none. Motion carried.

At the request of the Mayor, the City Clerk read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 3054

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2 AND TITLE 5, CHAPTER 8; TO REQUIRE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, PROHIBIT LITTERING, AND TO AMEND THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCESS, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY, AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Marohn, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. which motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

IDAHO FALLS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
7:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
680 Park Avenue
Idaho Falls, Id 83402

Thank you for your interest in City Government. If you wish to express your thoughts on a matter listed below, it is best to contact Councilmembers by email or personally before the meeting. Be aware that an amendment to this Agenda may be made upon passage of a motion that states the reason for the amendment and the good faith reason that the Agenda item was not included in the original Agenda posting. City Council Meetings are live streamed at www.idahofallsidaho.gov, then archived on the city website. If you need communication aids or services or other physical accommodations to participate or access this meeting or program of the City of Idaho Falls, you may contact City Clerk Kathy Hampton at 612-8414 or the ADA Coordinator Lisa Farris at 612-8323 as soon as possible and they will make every effort to adequately meet your needs.

1. **Call to Order.**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

3. **Public Comment.** *Members of the public are invited to address the City Council regarding matters that are not on the Agenda or already noticed for a public hearing. When you address the Council, please state your name and address for the record and please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes. The Mayor may exercise discretion to decide if and when to allow public comment on an Agenda Item that does not include a public hearing. The Mayor and/or staff may also use this time to respond to comments from a previous meeting. If the Mayor determines that your comments may be made later in the meeting, she will let you know when you may make your comments. Please note that matters currently pending before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment, which may be the subject of a pending enforcement action, or which are relative to a City personnel matter are not suitable for public comment.*

4. **Presentation.** Energy Efficiency Rebate Checks to Idaho Steel Products and Conrad and Bischoff.

5. **Consent Agenda.** Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any member of the Council for separate consideration.

A. Item from Mayor's Office:

1) Appointments/Reappointments to City Boards, Committees and Commissions.

B. Items from the City Clerk:

1) Approval of Minutes from the December 7, 2015, Work Session; December 10, 2015, Idaho Falls Power Board Meeting; December 10, 2015, Council Meeting; December 11, 2015, Council Training Orientation; December 14, 2015, Work Session; December 17, 2015, Council Meeting; and December 30, 2015, Special Council Meeting.

2) Approval of License Applications, all carrying the required approvals.

3) Request for Council ratification for the publication of legal notices calling for public hearings on January 26, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda according to the recommendations presented.

6. **Regular Agenda.**

A. Idaho Falls Power

1) Master Confirmation Agreement: Attached is a Master Confirmation Agreement with Shell Energy North America. This contract has been reviewed by the legal department. Idaho Falls Power respectfully requests that City Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve the Master Confirmation Agreement with Shell Energy North America and authorize the Mayor to execute the document (or take other action deemed appropriate).

B. Public Works

1) Idaho Transportation Department State/Local Agreement – Intersection of Holmes Avenue and Elva Street Project: Attached is a State/Local Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department and accompanying Resolution with respect to the Intersection of Holmes Avenue and Elva Street project. This agreement stipulates that $2,000.00 be forwarded as deposit against the City match with the signed agreement if approved. This agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney. Public Works recommends adoption of the resolution, approval of this agreement; and, authorization for Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To adopt the resolution and approve the State/Local Agreement for the Intersection of Holmes Avenue and Elva Street project, and give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents (or take other action deemed appropriate).

2) Idaho Transportation Department State/Local Agreement – 9th Street; SE Bonneville to St. Clair Road Project: Attached is a State/Local Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department and accompanying Resolution with respect to the 9th Street; SE Bonneville to St. Clair Road project. This agreement stipulates that $2,000.00 be forwarded as deposit against the City match with the signed agreement if approved. This agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney. Public Works recommends adoption of the resolution, approval of this agreement; and, authorization for Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To adopt the resolution and approve the State/Local Agreement for the 9th Street; SE Bonneville to St. Clair Road project, and give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents (or take other action deemed appropriate).

3) Franchise Ordinance with Intermountain Gas Company: The existing Franchise Ordinance with Intermountain Gas Company will expire on March 6, 2016. Therefore, attached for consideration is a Franchise Ordinance prepared by the City Attorney. The proposed Franchise Ordinance, if approved, would be for a 15-year period and provides the City access to Intermountain Gas mapping in formats compatible with our Geographic Information System. Public Works recommends approval of this ordinance; and, authorization for Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve the Franchise Ordinance with Intermountain Gas Company under the suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be

read by title and published by summary (or consider the Ordinance on the first reading and that it be read by title, or reject the Ordinance).

4) Bid Award – Well 8 Electrical Upgrade: On January 19, 2016, bids were received and opened for the Well 8 Electrical Upgrade project. A tabulation of bid results is attached. Public Works recommends approval of the plans and specifications, award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Mountain West Electric, Inc., in an amount of $91,500.00 and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign contract documents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve of the plans and specifications for Well 8 Electrical Upgrade and award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Mountain West Electric, Inc., an amount of $91,500.00 and give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign contract documents (or take other action deemed appropriate).

5) Bid Award – Well 9 & 10 Electrical Upgrade: On January 19, 2016, bids were received and opened for the Well 9 & 10 Electrical Upgrade project. A tabulation of bid results is attached. Public Works recommends approval of the plans and specifications, award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, CR Clark Construction, LLC, in an amount of $514,572.00 and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign contract documents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve of the plans and specifications for Well 9 & 10 Electrical Upgrade and award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, CR Clark Construction, LLC, an amount of $514,572.00 and give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign contract documents (or take other action deemed appropriate).

C. Police Department

1) Purchase Requisition Approval: The Police Department respectfully requests the approval to reimburse the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office for the consolidated Records Management System.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve the purchase requisition to reimburse the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office for the consolidated Records Management System in the amount of $291,206.73 (or take other action deemed appropriate).

D. Community Development Services

1) Resolution to approve FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan: Attached is the resolution approving the FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan and FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve the Resolution to approve FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents (or take other action deemed appropriate).

2) Public Hearing – Application for Rezoning from HC-1 to I&M-1, Zoning Ordinance, and Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards, M&B 4.469 acres, SE ¼ Section 13, T 2N, R 37E: Attached is the application for rezoning from HC-1 to I&M-1, Zoning Ordinance, and

Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards for M&B 4.469 acres, SE ¼ Section 13, T 2N, R 37E. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered this application at its November 3, 2015 meeting and recommended denial by a 5-2 vote. The denial was due to concerns about I&M-1 zoning so close to an entryway to the City. Staff concurs with the concerns and has discussed alternatives with the applicant. This item is now being submitted to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: The following recommendations in sequential order (or take other action deemed appropriate):

a. To approve the Ordinance for the rezoning of M&B 4.469 acres, SE ¼ Section 13, T 2N, R 37E, from HC-1 to GC-1 under the suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary (or consider the Ordinance on the first reading and that it be read by title, or reject the Ordinance).

b. To approve the Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards for the rezoning of M&B 4.469 acres, SE ¼ Section 13, T 2N, R 37E, from HC-1 to GC-1, and give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

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7. Motion to Adjourn.

IDAHO FALLS
City Clerk's Office

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, January 25, 2016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
680 Park Avenue
Idaho Falls, Id 83402
3:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETING (Council Work Session)

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor and Council:	-City Council Reports (10) -Mayor's Report (15)
Public Works:	-Discussion of Franchise Agreement with Intermountain Gas Company (10)
Community Development Services:	-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocations (30)
Council Training and Discussion:	-General Council Member Overview—Open Records, Conflicts, Ethics, etc. (10) -Council Meeting Overview—Definition, Notice and Scheduling, Agenda Management, Format, Streaming (45) -Planning Overview—Processes, Basic Elements, 2016 Goals (30)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session will be held immediately following the conclusion of the agenda items listed above. The Executive Session has been called pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code Section 74-206A(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2016

Kathy Hampton

Kathy Hampton
City Clerk

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BGC-006-16

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DATE: January 21, 2016

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Attachments: Resolution
FY2016 Projects and Activities List Five Year Plan Priorities
Five Year Plan priorities
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing → See Grantee Unique Appendices for AOI to Fair Housing (Entire Document)
Public comments received during comment period

cc: Kathy Hampton
File

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Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ Date _____
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Sr. Citizen Comm. Center	**Public Facility/Improvement Sr. Centers** Replace 2 A/C Units and accordion curtains in dining hall.	**$24,640**
Idaho Falls Rescue Mission Ruth House and Ark	**Public Facilities & Improvements** for Homeless Facilities to make ADA accessible.	**$52,000**
Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls (HFHIF)	**Acquisition -** Allocate funds to purchase and demolish or rebuild (1) home located within the (3) US Census Tracts for an LMI family to purchase (homeownership).	**$30,000**
	Total LMI Project Requests & Total Options	**$288,140**
Administration 20% Max	**Administer CDBG** -Salary/benefits, office equipment, training and resources	**$68,586**
	2016 Total Amount Requested by Application	**$476,795**
FY2015 CDBG $342,928	**FY2016 estimate based on 2015 allocation $342,928**	

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FY2016 CDBG allocation expected July, 2016

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Prioritized CDBG HUD Priorities
Housing Development
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Within each HUD Priority, specific needs and priorities were identified.
In short, the needs and priorities identified in the *2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan* will be used to determine how projects and activities are recommended for annual CDBG funding.

1. **Housing Development - Homeless issues and those at Risk of Homeless:**
   The top priorities were the need for more transitional housing, assistance for victims of domestic violence (greatest risk of being homeless), and job training.
2. **Public Service -** Input indicated that transportation, employment training, and services for individuals with a disability were the top priorities for public service activities.
3. **Economic Development -** the top priorities were job creation, Downtown revitalization, and infrastructure for job creation.
4. **Community Development - Infrastructure Improvement**
   The top priorities for infrastructure improvements were street, sidewalk, and drainage.
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   The top priorities for specific housing needs were Fair Housing activities to increase awareness, and rental/owner occupied rehab.
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   The top priorities were youth services, centers, and child care services
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   The top priorities for public facility improvements were for ADA accessibility, Fire Stations, and a need for Neighborhood Centers.
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   Top priorities were senior services and centers
9. **Community Development - Anti-Crime Programs**
   Priority for crime awareness
10. **Community Development - Code Enforcement**
    Priority to increase clean up events in LMI neighborhoods

Lisa Farris

From:	Michael Allen <mdallen74@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, January 08, 2016 4:17 PM
To:	Lisa Farris
Subject:	CDBG facade improvement comment

City of Idaho Falls
Attn: Lisa Farris, Grant Administrator

I am an owner of a building in downtown Idaho Falls, located at 504 Shoup Ave. I submit this email to voice my support for and appreciation of the positive impact the facade improvement grant funds have had and will have downtown. As an owner of a historically significant building I am well aware of the expense of updating historic buildings while retaining historic character. But I hope and have reason to believe, based on my relatively short experience as a property and business owner here, that as buildings and infrastructure improve more people want to be downtown. This fosters revitalization and growth. These funds are important to continue improvement to and revitalization of the historic downtown center of Idaho Falls.

Thank for your consideration and continued support of the CDBG facade improvement grant program.

Best Regards,

Mike Allen
Camp Bench Holdings, LLC

Lisa Farris

From: Kristine Staten <krisis@downtownidahofalls.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 11:40 AM
To: Lisa Farris
Subject: CDBG Grant Allocation Request

Lisa,

I'd like to submit the following comments in support of Downtown Idaho Falls receiving the full $60,000 grant award that was requested for CDBG for FY2016. The Downtown area has seen significant improvement and benefits from the improvements made due to CDBG funding. Several buildings have received façade updates, signs and awnings. These improvements make our downtown not only more visually appealing, they make it more appealing to shoppers, entrepreneurs, residents, and visitors. These improvements have increased property value and rental incomes.

Recently a team from the University of Wisconsin-Extension authored the report *"An Analysis of Downtown Storefront Improvements"* to examine the impacts of storefront improvements over the past 15 years. Their research concluded that more than 80% of reporting businesses experienced an increase in the number of first-time customers and previously unoccupied space generated new customers as a result of new commercial tenants. Over 90% of existing businesses saw an average increase in sales by 20%. Their study also found that many of the property owners that restored their building's façade did so due to their desire to restore the building to its original elegance as a symbol of the community's heritage. By spending CDBG dollars in our downtown we are not only helping local businesses, we are preserving history for generations to come.

We have seen wonderful renovation projects thanks to CDBG dollars in years past, and the need for future projects is great. Since 2006 CDBG funds have been used to complete 83 projects downtown helping 58 business owners. We currently have applications for six more projects. We ask the council to please consider strongly allotting the full $60,000 request to Downtown Idaho Falls.

Respectfully,

Krisi Staten
Executive Director

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January 6, 2016

GREGORY L. CROCKETT
E-MAIL gregcrockett@hopkinsroden.com

Idaho Falls City Council Members
c/o Lisa Farris, Grant Administrator
Email: lfarris@idahofallsidaho.gov

Re: FY 2016 CDBG Funding Cycles // Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation

Dear Council Members:

You will soon have the opportunity to appropriate the Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to the City of Idaho Falls for FY 2016.

Please consider this my letter of strong support in favor of the requested $60,000.00 allocation to the Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation to continue our very successful program of façade and code compliance matching grants in the downtown commercial district. I believe that IFDDC has a demonstrated a very positive affect from the historical use of these funds. Grant dollars have been "highly leveraged" with private matching funds to enhance the vitality of downtown Idaho Falls.

Thank you for your consideration as we move forever forward in enhancing our community and Historic Downtown Idaho Falls.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Crockett

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Lisa Farris

From:	Brandi Newton <bnewton@idahofallsarts.org>
Sent:	Wednesday, January 06, 2016 3:45 PM
To:	Lisa Farris
Cc:	Kristine Staten
Subject:	Support of FY2016 CDBG Funds

Lisa, please accept this as my request for the city's support of $60,000 for the 2016 CDBG fund allocation.

Our downtown holds the history and character of our beautiful city. With the improvements funded by this allocation, we help to maintain our heritage by providing building owners the assistance to maintain their aging buildings. Façade improvements play a decisive role in our ability to create an environment where patrons want to participate in retail shopping, events and restaurants.

Thank you for your support of IFDDC's mission to improve our downtown!

--
Brandi Newton
IFDDC Board Member

Lisa Farris

From: Cindy Keller <cinken_1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 3:13 PM
To: Lisa Farris
Subject: CDBG funds

My name is Cindy Keller and I am the owner of the Samoa Club at 339 Park ave. I am sending you this email because I have applied for CDBG funds to replace my roof. My father started the Samoa Club in the 30's, I took over 37 years ago, so I have been downtown during its good and bad times! It is very hard to keep a small business going these days with the high cost of everything. I just put new carpet, painted inside and out and purchased new seating for inside. Now it is time for a new roof. These grants have been a huge help to the business owners of downtown to keep these older historic buildings looking and functioning in the right direction. Downtown is doing better right now than I have seen for years and we are starting to draw more and more shoppers and people interested in renting and buying property. People are finally starting to see the value in the Idaho Falls downtown history! And we are doing the right things to bring them down.

Thank you
Cindy Keller

Sent from my iPad

January 2, 2016

City of Idaho Falls

Attn: Lisa Farris

Across our city, local businesses are working towards a common vision to ensure that the people in our community have access to the services they need to ensure their contentment in Idaho Falls. In supporting these efforts of community transformation, the CDBG funds would be a powerful engine for change to The Frosty Gator.

The building that is now The Frosty Gator was built in the 1950's, however, it has only housed the restaurant since 1995. The Frosty Gator is viewed as a local dining and entertainment destination of downtown. The restaurant offers a diverse menu and large drink selection including nonalcoholic drinks, beer and spirits. It also offers 22 televisions, interracial and texas hold'em poker, billiard and foosball tables, and video games to provide entertainment for all ages. Enjoyed by tourist and locals alike, attracting thousands of visitors per year. The Frosty Gator is in need of some renovation to continue serving our community and attracting new comers to the area. The CDBG grant could provide much needed exterior revisions such as paint and a new deck. The deck is a unique amenity to downtown as it is the only full service, pet friendly venue to enjoy food, drinks and socialize with friends and family.

The Frosty Gator is eager to continue to provide a place for families, college students, tourists, and everyone in our community to enjoy themselves in a clean and modern environment. We have recently renovated the inside with new paint, decorations, chairs, video games and more. We advertise on local radio and social media to reach new people and invite repeating patrons in to see the positive changes. With the CDBG grant we could finish our personal mission to modernize and be a part of the cities vision to make downtown a welcoming place to visit, shop, eat and live.

Thank you for considering The Frosty Gator as a recipient for the grant. We would like to invite you in to see the changes thus far for yourself or call anytime with further questions.

Kind Regards,

Jake Schaefer

Owner

The Frosty Gator

208.529.3334

DECEMBER 10, 2015

s/ Kathy Hampton
Kathy Hampton, City Clerk

(SEAL)

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Brad Cramer, Community Development Services Department
Subject: FY 2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan and FY 2016-2020 CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is required to hold a public hearing to consider the FY2016 Annual Action Plan and the FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The FY2015 CDBG allocation was $342,928.00. Congress has not yet passed the HUD budget and the FY2016 allocation is not yet known. However, allocations tend to be similar from year to year. Attached is a list of projects and activities submitted for FY2016 funding. The total for all application requests is $476,795.00.

Following the public hearing, a required 30-day public comment period will begin on December 11, 2015, and end on January 12, 2016.

Mayor Casper opened the public hearing and ordered all items presented by staff be entered into the record. She stated the public hearing was for requests only and there would be no action taken on behalf of the Council at this time.

Lisa Farris, Grant Administrator, appeared to explain the CDBG program with the following presentation:

Slide 1: *Idaho Falls 2016-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five Year Consolidated Plan:*

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Slide 3: *(Survey Results)*

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Additional Criteria
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- -Projects must be approved for the FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Slide 7: LMI Neighborhoods (Census Tracks)

Census Tract/LMI %

9707	66.53%
9711	59.86%
9712	65.26%

Slide 8: *CDBG Program and HUD Criteria:*

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Community Development Priority
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Housing Development Priority
Encourage development of new, affordable single, multi-family, and special needs housing through private developers and non-profits.

Public Service Priority
Encourage partnerships with social service providers, faith-based groups, private businesses, school districts, non-profit agencies, and community leaders to meet the needs of families in poverty.

Slide 9: *Example - Construction of Public Infrastructure:*

DECEMBER 10, 2015

Saturn Sidewalk Project Redirected FY2013 CDBG TRPTA Bus Match Funds
(Saturn/Mountain View/Dodson Streets)
Sidewalk linked, concrete pad added for bus bench with TRPTA Sign, ADA Intersection and Pedestrian Crosswalk added

Slide 10:

Bus Bench, TRPTA Sign and Pedestrian Sidewalk

Slide 11:

Code Enforcement in LMI Census Tract Neighborhoods

Slide 12:

Economic Development
Assisting Downtown through Façade Improvement Projects
Farmers Merchant Bank Building (Inkley's Bldg.)
Phase 1 of 2 (replacement of 2nd floor windows)

Slide 13:

Housing Rehab LIFE, Inc. (Living Independently For Everyone)
Disabled senior citizen's home made ADA Accessible

Slide 14:

Acquisition, clearance, and disposition of property
Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls – Acquisition Project

Slide 15:

FY2016 CDBG Applicants	Amount Requested	Project/Activity Description
Partners for Prosperity (P4P)	10,000	Services to assist Idaho Falls clients with financial counseling, group financial classes and personal development training
Idaho Legal Aid Idaho Falls	10,000	Legal assistance for victims of domestic abuse
Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Org. (BMBO)	3670	Transportation Grant - Match requirement for $50,000 Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant to provide evaluation, encouragement, and incentives for LMA schools
CLUB, Inc.	18,000	Crisis Intervention (CIT) - Case Management support for crisis housing related services
East Idaho Community Action Partners (EICAP)	8,000	Legal aid assistance for Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren
Community Council of Idaho 1349 South Holmes Ave	10,400	Computer lab equipment upgrade: (1) Smart Board, (1) Portable Projector, (1) set of Bose Computer Speakers, (5) Surface Pro Computers, and Rosetta Stone Volumes 1-5
Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corp. (IFDDC)	60,000	Façade Improvements, Code Corrections, Awnings, and Signs to the Downtown area

Planning Dept.	**71,500**	**Full time Code Enforcement for LMI neighborhoods (within 3 US Census Tracts)**
Public Works Dept.	**50,000**	**Curb/gutter/sidewalk replacement in LMI neighborhoods**
Public Works Dept.	**10,000**	**Water line replacement for LMI clients in LMI neighborhoods**
(LIFE, Inc.) Living Independently for Everyone	**50,000**	**Improve (ADA) access for 7 homeowners with ramps and bathroom remodels**
Idaho Falls Community Senior Citizen Center	**24,640**	**Replace (2) AC units. Replace Accordion curtains**
Idaho Falls Rescue Mission ADA Improvements to Ruth House and the ARK.	**52,000**	**Ruth House - Install ADA restroom off kitchen area, make (2) residential units ADA compliant with bathroom modifications and exterior ramp. ARK - make ADA compliant with bathroom modifications.**
Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls (H4HIF)	**30,000**	**Acquisition/rehab to purchase property in LMI area for homeownership for an LMI family**
Administration (20% of 2015 allocation)	**68,585**	**Administer CDBG Program: Includes salary, benefits, supplies, training, and resources**
Total Applications	**$476,795**	***2015 Allocation was $342,928***

Slide 16: *Schedule for FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan* and *FY2016-2020 CDBG Consolidated Plan (Announcements, Council Work Sessions, Council Meetings, and Public Hearings):*

Oct 18, 2015 - Invitation to Apply in *Post Register* (Sunday)
Nov 2, 2015 - Applications due to Grant Administrator
Dec 7, 2015 - Council Work Session 3:00 pm in Council Chambers
Grant Administrator provides brief summary of potential projects/activities/schedule to Mayor and City Council
Dec 10, 2015 - Council Meeting - Public Hearing 7:30 pm - Council Chambers
Drafts: 2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan and FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Yr. Consolidated Plan
Applicant invited to provide brief explanation of project/activity
Dec 10, 2015 - 30-day public comment starts-Draft Plans on City website
Draft FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan
Draft FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan
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Ms. Farris invited all applicants to appear before Council and describe their requests.

Shalyn Peirsol, Financial Program Manager, Partners for Prosperity, 625 West Pacific Suite 1 Blackfoot, ID 83221, appeared. Ms. Peirsol stated the focus of the grant application is to assist high school juniors and seniors as well as assisting with those who are chronically unemployed.

Joe Ernest, Attorney, Idaho Legal Aid, 482 Constitution Way Idaho Falls, ID 83402, appeared. Mr. Ernest is submitting a request for legal assistance for victims of domestic abuse.

Dena Skinner, Operations Manager, CLUB, Inc., 620 South Woodruff Idaho Falls, ID 83401, appeared. Ms. Skinner stated the CDBG funds assist with housing and services regarding homelessness.

Nick Burrows, Senior and Family Services Director, Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP), PO Box 51098 Idaho Falls, ID 83405, appeared. Mr. Burrows is requesting funds for legal assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren and relative caregivers of minor children.

Laura Gramirez, Regional Employment and Training Specialist, Community Council of Idaho, appeared. Ms. Gramirez is requesting funds to update the computer lab. The lab is utilized for a variety of reasons to assist clients in the workforce as well as the general public.

Krisi Staten, Executive Director for Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation (IFDDC), 425 North Capital Idaho Falls, ID 83402, appeared. Ms. Staten is requesting funds to assist with the back log of downtown improvement applications.

Brad Cramer, Director, Community Development Services Department, appeared. Director Cramer is requesting funds to cover salary and benefits of Code Enforcement Officer. Director Cramer stated code enforcement is supported by HUD.

Chris Frederickson, Director, Public Works Division, appeared. Director Fredericksen stated two (2) requests are being submitted: 1) funds for curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacement and 2) water line replacements in low to moderate income neighborhoods.

Valisa Say, Executive Director, Idaho Falls Senior Citizen Community Center, 535 W 21st Street Idaho Falls, ID 83402, appeared. Ms. Say is requesting funds for replacement of two (2) air conditioning units as well as replacement of curtains to allow separation of programs.

John Howze, Community Engagement Director, Idaho Falls Rescue Mission, 840 Park Ave Idaho Falls, ID 83402, appeared. Mr. Howze is requesting funds for ADA projects at the Ruth House and the ARK.

Ms. Farris described the CDBG schedule for FY2016 Annual Action Plan.

Slide 17: *FY2016 CDBG Schedule After 30 day Comment Period:*

Jan 25, 2016 - Council Work Session 3:00 pm in Council Chambers
- If no comments; final table provided for consensus of projects/activities for Draft CDBG FY2016 Annual Action Plan AND Draft FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Jan 28, 2016 - Council Meeting/Resolution 7:30 pm in Council Chambers
- Council adopts Draft FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan
- Council adopts Draft FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Jan 28, 2016 - Draft FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan HUD via (eCon)
- Draft FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan to HUD via (eCon) (Includes Forms 424 and Certifications)

Mid-May, 2016 - Allocation made available to City by HUD provided:
- Federal budget is reached;
- HUD approves FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan;
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May/June, 2016 - Funding committed to approved projects once the City completes:
- Environmental review
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Community Development Block Grant
CDBG Program
Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

City of Idaho Falls
Public Hearing for:
Draft FY2016-2020 Five Year CDBG Consolidated Plan
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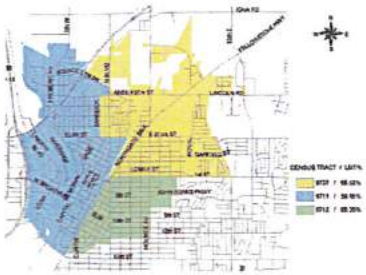
12/11/2015

LMI Neighborhoods (Census Tracks)



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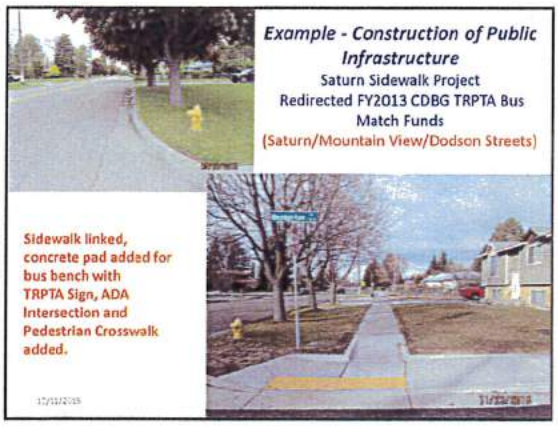
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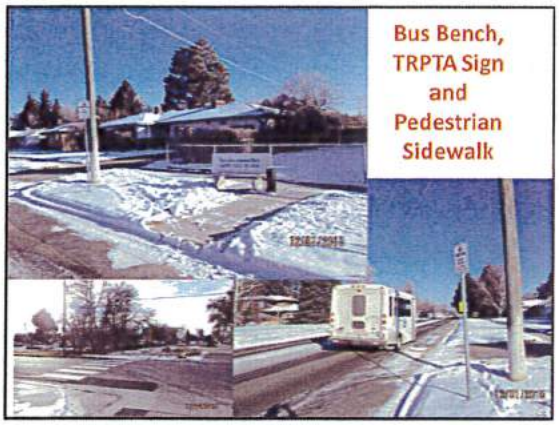
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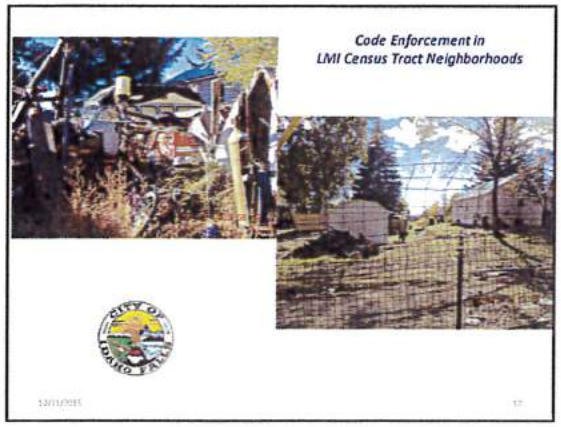
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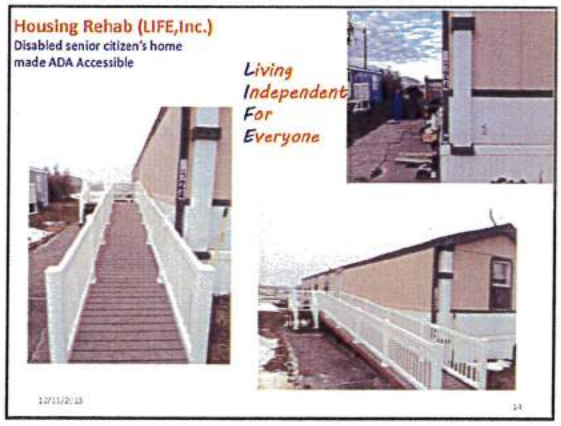
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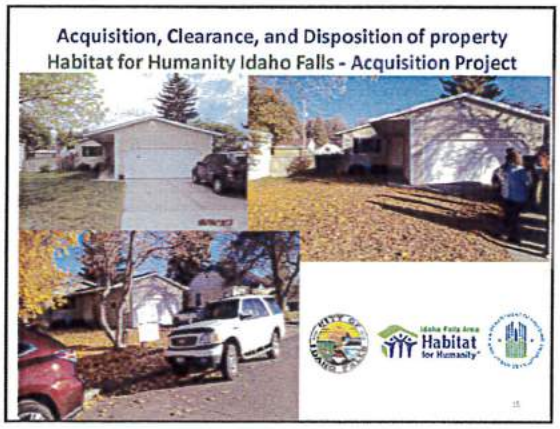
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Draft FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

30-Day Public Comment Period Starts Dec 10, 2015 thru Jan 11, 2016

FY2016 CDBG Schedule After 30 day Comment Period

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If no comments; final table provided for consensus of projects/activities for *Draft CDBG FY2016 Annual Action Plan* AND *Draft FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan*

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Comments/Questions

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Survey Results - Top 10 Community Needs identified for the FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Top Ten Needs for 2016-2020	2016-2020 Categories	1st Priority Need	2nd Priority Need	3rd Priority Need	*2011-2015 Categories*	*Top Nine Needs for 2011-2015*
1	**HOMELESS and at RISK of HOMELESS**	Transitional Housing	Victims of Domestic Violence	Job Training	***Housing***	*1*
2	**PUBLIC SERVICE NEEDS**	Transportation Services	Employment Training	Handicapped Services	***Public Facility***	*2*
3	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**	Job Creation	Downtown Revitalization (slum/blight)	Infrastructure for job creation	***Transportation***	*3*
4	**INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT**	Street Improvements	Sidewalk Improvements	Flood or Drainage	***Slum/Blight***	*4*
5	**HOUSING NEEDS**	Fair Housing Activities	Rental Unit Rehab	Owner occupied rehab	***Infrastructure Imp.***	*5*
6	**YOUTH PROGRAMS**	Youth Services	Youth Centers	Child Care Services	***Public Service Needs***	*6*
7	**PUBLIC FACIILITY**	ADA Accessibility	Fire Stations	Neighborhood Centers	***Economic Dev***	*7*
8	**SENIOR PROGRAMS**	Senior Services	Senior Centers	Other Senior Programs	***Housing Needs***	*8*
9	**ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS**	Crime Awareness	Other Anti-Crime	N/A	***Anti-Crime Programs***	*9*
10	**CODE ENFORCEMENT**	Increase Clean up Events	N/A	N/A	----------	---------
11	**PLANNING** Not specific enough for a measurable response	N/A	N/A	N/A	----------	---------

Interview Results - Community Needs Identified for the FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan (*Results compared to previous Five Year Plan)*

Top 9 for 2011-15	*2011-15 Priorities*	*Specific Barriers*	**Top 10 2016-20**	**2016-2020 Priorities**	**Specific Barriers**
1	***Housing***	*Upgrades* *Family size* *Shortage* *Access*	**1**	**Housing**	Availability Long waiting lists Affordability Condition Temporary Transitional Multi family units Single family units
2	***Transportation***		**2**	**ADA Improvements**	Sidewalks
3	***Slum/Blight***	*Transportation* *Training* *Jobs* *Wages* *Affordable Child Care* *ADA Accessibility* *Language Barrier* *Slum/Blight*	**3**	**Infrastructure Improvements**	Streets
4	***Private Facility Upgrades***		**4**	**Medical**	Medication Mental Health Treatment Resources Half way houses
5	***Job Training/Edu***		**5**	**Transportation**	Reliable routes ADA parking stalls Better drop-off areas
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7	***ADA Improvements***		**7**	**Job Training/Edu**	Soft skills training Placement Job coaching Placement Financial training
8	***Child Care***		**8**	**Slum/Blight**	ADA improvements at Yellowstone Crosswalk, water/sewer, and public restrooms
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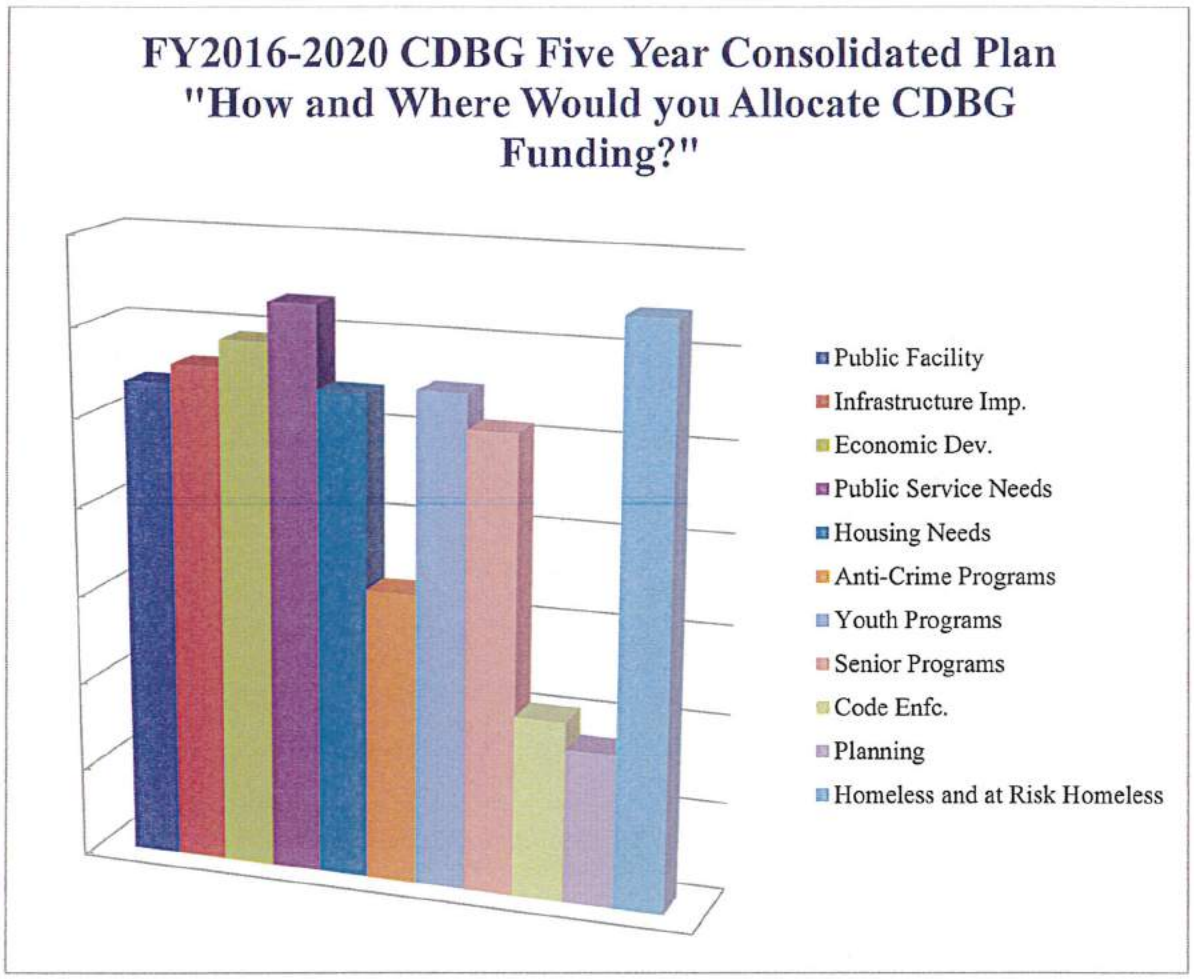
			10	**Childcare**	Non specific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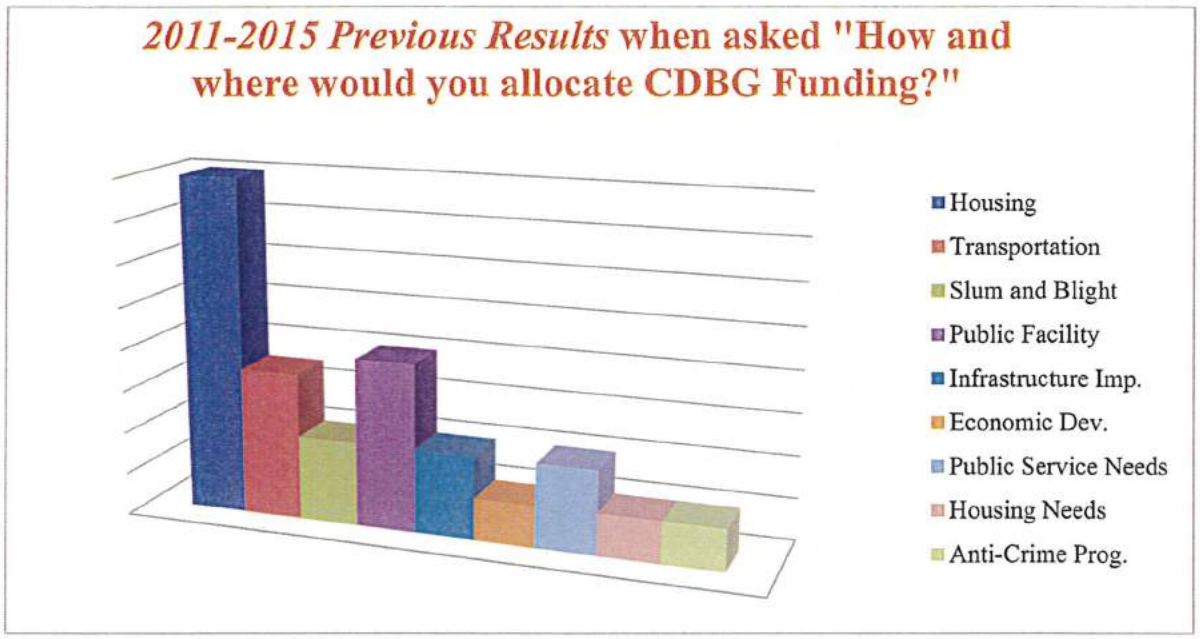
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3. Economic Development - Job creation, Downtown revitalization, Infrastructure for job creation	3. Transportation
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Prioritized CDBG HUD Priorities
Housing Development
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BGC-156-15

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Brad Cramer, Community Development Services Director
SUBJECT: FY 2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan and FY 2016-2020 CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan
DATE: December 2, 2015

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is required to hold a public hearing to consider the FY2016 Annual Action Plan and the FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The FY2015 CDBG allocation was $342,928. Congress has not yet passed the HUD budget and the FY2016 allocation is not yet known. However, allocations tend to be similar from year to year. Attached is a list of projects and activities submitted for FY2016 funding. The total for all application requests is $476,795.

Following the public hearing, a required 30-day public comment period will begin on December 11, 2015 and end on January 12, 2016.

Attachments: Tentative CDBG schedule for plan approval
FY2016 CDBG Proposed Projects

cc: Kathy Hampton
File

FY2016 CDBG Schedule for FY2016 CDBG *Annual Action Plan*

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FY2016 CDBG - Schedule (Continued)

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Community Council of Idaho	**1349 S Holmes -** Upgrade to Computer Lab to assist illiterate adults and or migrant farm workers seeking employment.	**$10,400**
	Total Public Service Requests/Options	**$60,070**
Slum/Blight 30% Max	*Project Application Description*	*Amount Requested*
IFDDC	**Public Facility - Slum/Blight SBA Area.** Improvements include: facades/awnings/roofs/signs/code. **2015 Projects: Happy's Bldg.-Façade, Frosty Gaiter-Façade, Samoa Club-Roof, Kingston Plaza-Façade**	**$60,000**
LMI projects 70% Min	*Project Application Description*	*Amount Requested*
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City Public Works Dept.	**Public Facility & Improvement** with Curb/Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement-Phase 111 Bel Aire Subdivision	**$50,000**
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Sr. Citizen Comm. Center	**Public Facility/Improvement Sr. Centers** Replace 2 A/C Units and accordion curtains in dining hall.	**$24,640**
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Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls (HFHIF)	**Acquisition -** Allocate funds to purchase and demolish or rebuild (1) home located within the (3) US Census Tracts for an LMI family to purchase (homeownership).	**$30,000**
	Total LMI Project Requests & Total Options	**$288,140**
Administration 20% Max	**Administer CDBG** -Salary/benefits, office equipment, training and resources	**$68,586**
	2016 Total Amount Requested by Application	**$476,795**
FY2015 CDBG $342,928	**FY2016 estimate based on 2015 allocation $342,928**	

City's General Budget (FY) starts Oct 1, 2016
2016 CDBG Plan Year (PY) runs April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017
FY2016 CDBG allocation expected July, 2016

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Post Register

Attn: Lisa Miller

October 20, 2015

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS
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Staci Dockery

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20 day of October 2015

Barbara E. Roberts
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 5/9/2019

BARBARA E. ROBERTS NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF IDAHO

attached jurat

STATE OF IDAHO

ss.

COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20 day of October 2015, before me, the undersigned, a Notary public for said state, personally appeared ~~Dawn Giannini~~ or Staci Dockery, known or identified to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Barbara E. Roberts
Notary Public for The Post Company
Residing at: Idaho Falls
My Commission expires: 5/9/2019

BARBARA E. ROBERTS NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF IDAHO

October 16, 2015
MEMORANDUM
From: Lisa Farris, CDBG Grant Administrator
To: Interested Individuals and Organizations
Subject: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications for FY2016

The City of Idaho Falls is beginning the development of its Annual Action Plan for the FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding cycle. Although the federal budget has not yet been passed, the City's allocation is estimated to be similar to last year's allocation of $342,928.

In 2004, the City of Idaho Falls applied to the Housing and Urban Department (HUD) for Entitlement status and was approved as an Entitlement City. This status allows the City to file directly to HUD for annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that may be allocated towards projects that benefit low and moderate income (LMI) individuals, prevent or eliminate conditions of slum and blight, or that meet an urgent need.

LMI is defined as 80% of the community median income. In 2015, a family of four living in Idaho Falls (Bonneville County) with an income less than $48,250 is considered as LMI clientele. FY2016 Income Limits will apply when announced by HUD.

All projects and activities must demonstrate that a majority of the resulting benefit is for low and moderate income residents of Idaho Falls and must be quantifiable or able to document the benefit/beneficiaries.

The City is accepting FY2016 CDBG grant applications for projects and activities to be considered for funding. Please submit your grant request by Monday, November 2, 2015.

If interested in applying, please provide a letter of request, as the application, and include the following:

1. Organization's Name, Complete Address, Phone Number, DUNS number, EIN/TIN number;
2. Complete contact information of grant applicant or responsible party (include email, mailing address, and phone number);
3. Project description, cost estimates, matching funding, engineering completed or required, and a schedule. There is no dollar cap on requests, however; some practical and regulatory limits may apply.

Tentative Application Schedule - FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Oct/Nov 2015 Applications received by Grant Administrator

Nov/Dec 2015 Applications reviewed by Grant Administrator and presented to City Council

December 2015 Public hearing held with City Council **(Public hearing to be announced)**

-Update of *FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan*;

-Update of *FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan*;

-Applicant invited to provide brief explanation of project/activity.

Dec/Jan 30-day public comment period

Jan/Feb 2016 Final selection made - Council/Resolution to adopt *FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan*

And *FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan*

Feb/March 2016 *FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan* submitted to HUD for approval

FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan to HUD for approval

May 2016 Allocation made available by HUD provided the federal budget is passed and HUD approves *FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan* and *FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan.*

June/July 2016 Approved projects/activities may commit funding once the City completes the following:

-Environmental review

-Signed Agreement (includes scope of work and regulatory requirements) between City and Responsible party

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October 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

From: Lisa Farris, CDBG Grant Administrator

To: Interested Individuals and Organizations

Subject: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications for FY2016

The City of Idaho Falls is beginning the development of its Annual Action Plan for the FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding cycle. Although the federal budget has not yet been passed, the City's allocation is estimated to be similar to last year's allocation of $342,928.

In 2004, the City of Idaho Falls applied to the Housing and Urban Department (HUD) for Entitlement status and was approved as an Entitlement City. This status allows the City to file directly to HUD for annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that may be allocated towards projects that benefit low and moderate income (LMI) individuals, prevent or eliminate conditions of slum and blight, or that meet an urgent need.

LMI is defined as 80% of the community median income. In 2015, a family of four living in Idaho Falls (Bonneville County) with an income less than $48,250 is considered as LMI clientele. FY2016 Income Limits will apply when announced by HUD.

All projects and activities must demonstrate that a majority of the resulting benefit is for low and moderate income residents of Idaho Falls and must be quantifiable or able to document the benefit/beneficiaries.

The City is accepting FY2016 CDBG grant applications for projects and activities to be considered for funding. Please submit your grant request by **Monday, November 2, 2015.**

If interested in applying, please provide a letter of request, as the application, and include the following:

1. Organization's Name, Complete Address, Phone Number, DUNS number, EIN/TIN number;
2. Complete contact information of grant applicant or responsible party (include email, mailing address, and phone number);
3. Project description, cost estimates, matching funding, engineering completed or required, and a schedule. There is no dollar cap on requests, however; some practical and regulatory limits may apply.

***Tentative Application Schedule* - FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

Oct/Nov 2015	Applications received by Grant Administrator
Nov/Dec 2015	Applications reviewed by Grant Administrator and presented to City Council
December 2015	Public hearing held with City Council **(Public hearing to be announced)** -Update of *FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan*; -Update of *FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan*; -Applicant invited to provide brief explanation of project/activity.
Dec/Jan	30-day public comment period
Jan/Feb 2016	Final selection made – Council/Resolution to adopt *FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan* And *FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan*
Feb/March 2016	*FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan* submitted to HUD for approval *FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan* to HUD for approval
May 2016	Allocation made available by HUD provided the federal budget is passed and HUD approves *FY2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan* and *FY2016-20 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan.*
June/July 2016	Approved projects/activities may commit funding once the City completes the following: -Environmental review -Signed Agreement (includes scope of work and regulatory requirements) between City and Responsible party

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301 S. Boulevard
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Krisi Staten, IFDDC Director
425 North Capital Ave, Suite B
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Cindy Ozaki, Executive Director
United Way of Idaho Falls
PO Box 51114
Idaho Falls, ID 83405

Executive Director, Irma A. Morin
Community Council of Idaho
317 Happy Day Blvd. Suite 250
Caldwell, ID 83607

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Idaho Legal Aid
482 Constitution Way Ste #1
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Bill Campbell, Executive Director
CLUB, Inc.
620 S Woodruff Ave
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Celeste Eld, Executive Director
Hospice of Eastern Idaho
1810 Moran St
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Jay Doman, Executive Director
EICAP
PO Box 51098
Idaho Falls, ID 83405

David McKinney, Director
Family Care Center
(Idaho Falls Rescue Mission)
840 Park Ave
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Pearl House Family Services
1740 E. 17th Street Ste 260
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Domestic Violence Intervention Center
1050 Memorial Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Gustafson House
2935 Rollandet
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Development Workshop, Inc.
555 W. 25th Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Idaho Migrant Council
350 G Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Yellowstone Care Center
2460 S. Yellowstone Hwy.
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Dean Nielsen, Executive Director
LIFE, Inc.
250 Skyline Drive, Suite 1
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Salvation Army
P.O. Box 50105
Idaho Falls, ID 83405
Major James Halverson

Executive Director, Valisa Say
Senior Citizen Community Center, Inc.
535 W. 21st Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

The Ark
255 E. Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

YMCA
155 N. Corner Ave
Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Bitsy Blakeley

Idaho Dept of Health and Welfare
State Office Building
150 Shoup Ave.
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Jessica Sotelo, Executive Director
Partners for Prosperity
625 West Pacific Ste. 1
Blackfoot, ID 83221

District Seven Health
1250 Hollipark Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-6217

Good Will - Easter Seals
938 E Lincoln Rd ·
Idaho Falls

St. Vincent de Paul
433 May Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83403

Habitat for Humanity, Karen Lansing
PO Box 51055
Idaho Falls, ID 83405

Idaho Falls Community Food Bank
270 N. Placer
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Food Bank
301 S Boulevard
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Idaho Falls School District 91
Beth Ann David
850 Cleveland
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Bonneville County Veterans
Memorial Commission
PO Box 50563
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Region VII Behavioral Health/ PATH
Amanda Nielsen LMSW
150 Shoup Ave.
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Community Council of Idaho
Fernando Sosa Ceja
317 Happy Day Blvd Suite 180
Caldwell, ID 83507

Veterans Memorial Building
CAPT Robert L. Skinner, USN (Ret)
485 Constitution Way
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Cntr
Teena McBride, ED
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Q1 Public Facility

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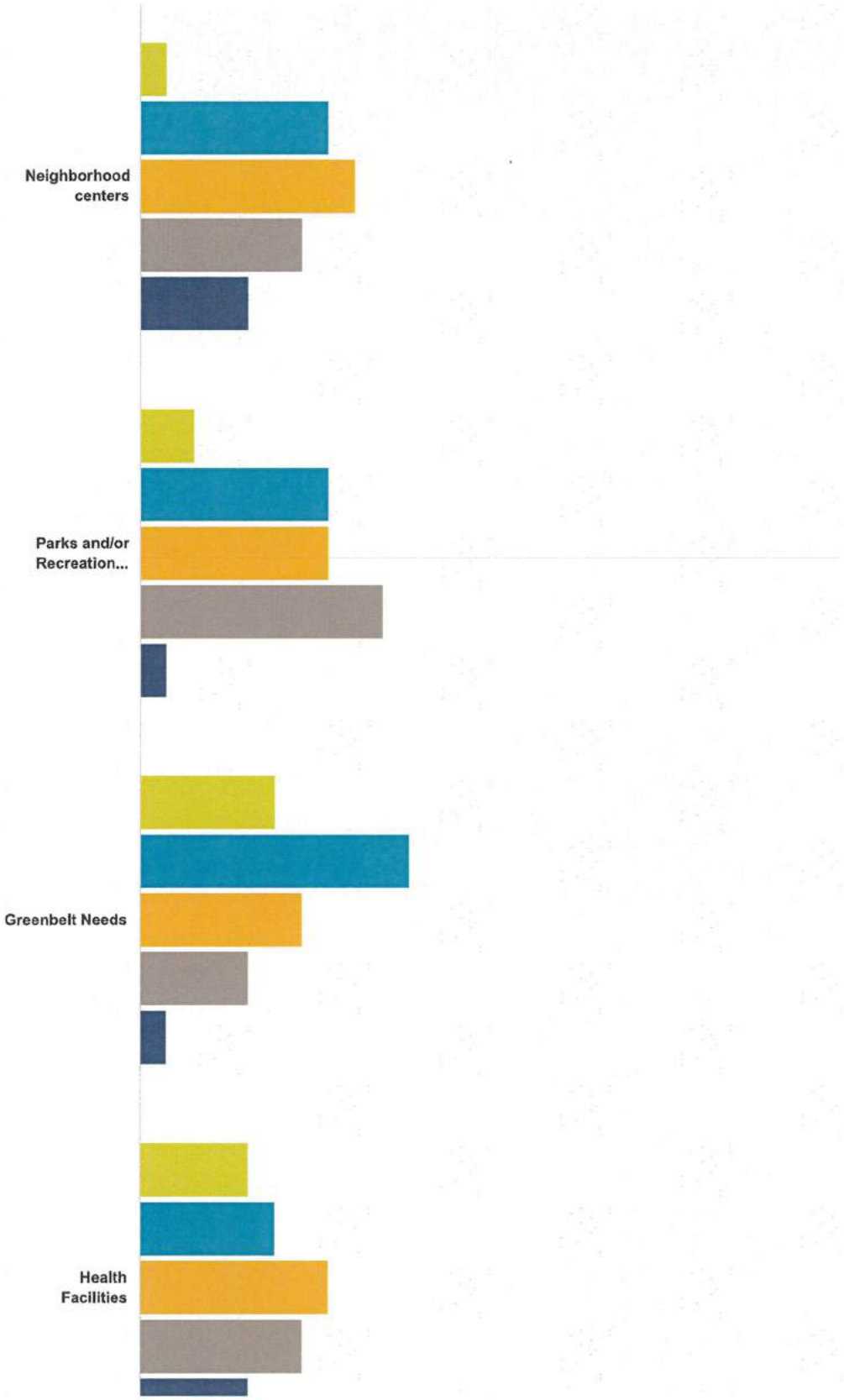

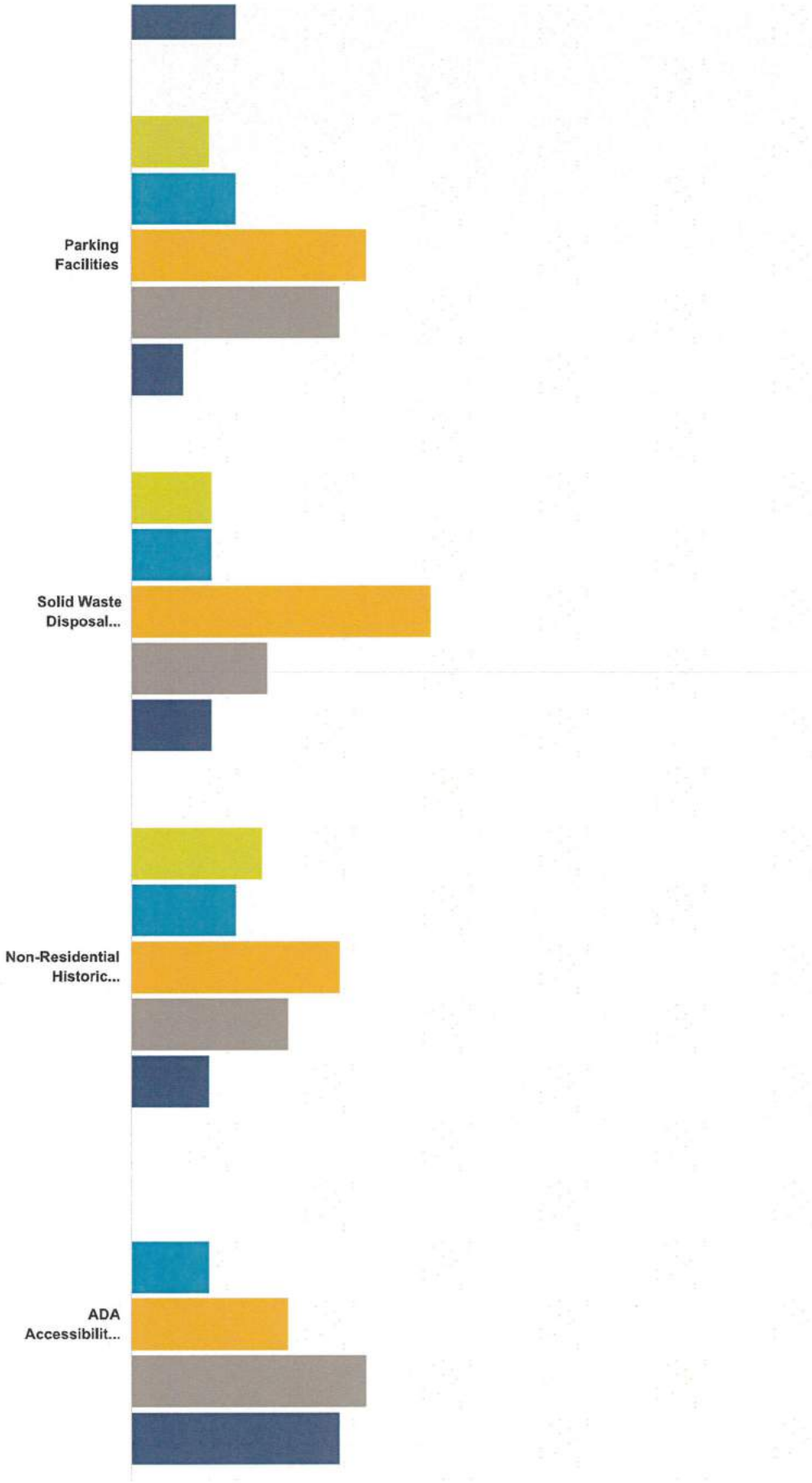
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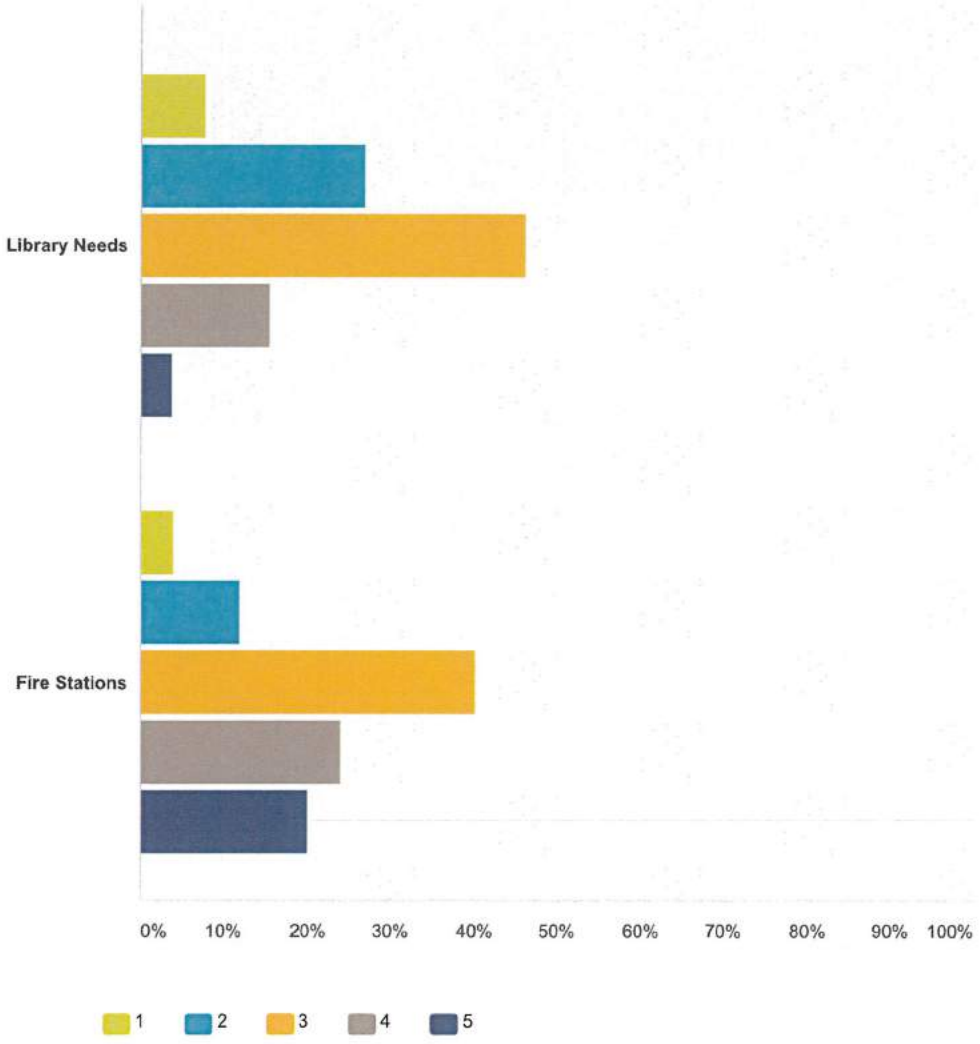

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Neighborhood centers	**3.85%** 1	**26.92%** 7	**30.77%** 8	**23.08%** 6	**15.38%** 4	26
Parks and/or Recreation Facilities	**7.69%** 2	**26.92%** 7	**26.92%** 7	**34.62%** 9	**3.85%** 1	26
Greenbelt Needs	**19.23%** 5	**38.46%** 10	**23.08%** 6	**15.38%** 4	**3.85%** 1	26
Health Facilities	**15.38%** 4	**19.23%** 5	**26.92%** 7	**23.08%** 6	**15.38%** 4	26
Parking Facilities	**11.54%** 3	**15.38%** 4	**34.62%** 9	**30.77%** 8	**7.69%** 2	26
Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	**12.00%** 3	**12.00%** 3	**44.00%** 11	**20.00%** 5	**12.00%** 3	25
Non-Residential Historic Preservation	**19.23%** 5	**15.38%** 4	**30.77%** 8	**23.08%** 6	**11.54%** 3	26
ADA Accessibility Needs	**0.00%** 0	**11.54%** 3	**23.08%** 6	**34.62%** 9	**30.77%** 8	26
Library Needs	**7.69%** 2	**26.92%** 7	**46.15%** 12	**15.38%** 4	**3.85%** 1	26

Fire Stations	4.00% 1	12.00% 3	40.00% 10	24.00% 6	20.00% 5	25

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	some neighbor hoods have no sidewalks and are not ADA accessible	1/28/2015 7:23 AM
2	Bus shelters	1/27/2015 2:55 PM
3	neighborhood cleanup 3	12/11/2014 9:56 AM
4	homeless shelters for families with children, including single male/female.	12/11/2014 9:53 AM
5	City bus system, please take over TRPTA and employees	12/11/2014 9:43 AM

Q2 Infrastructure Improvement

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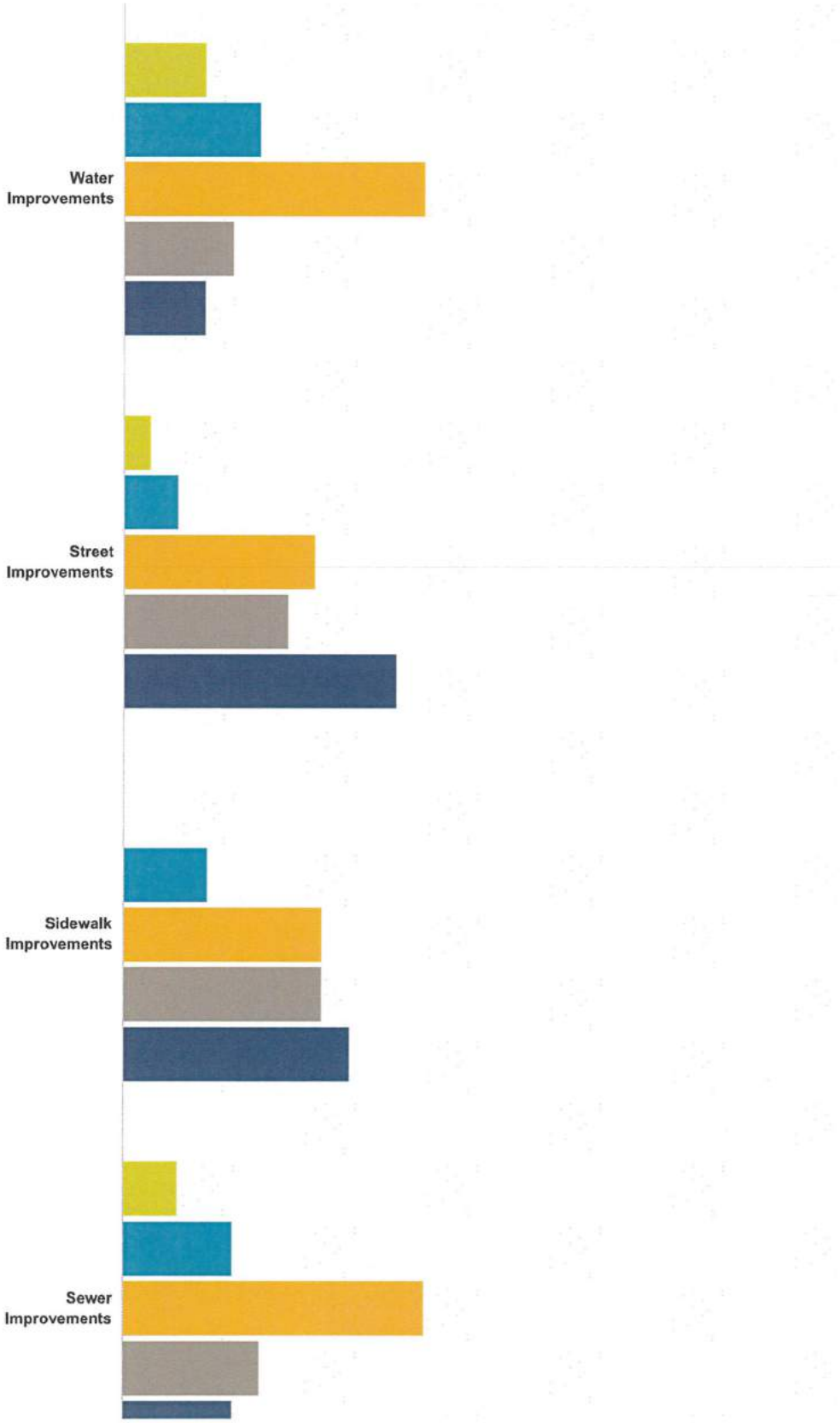

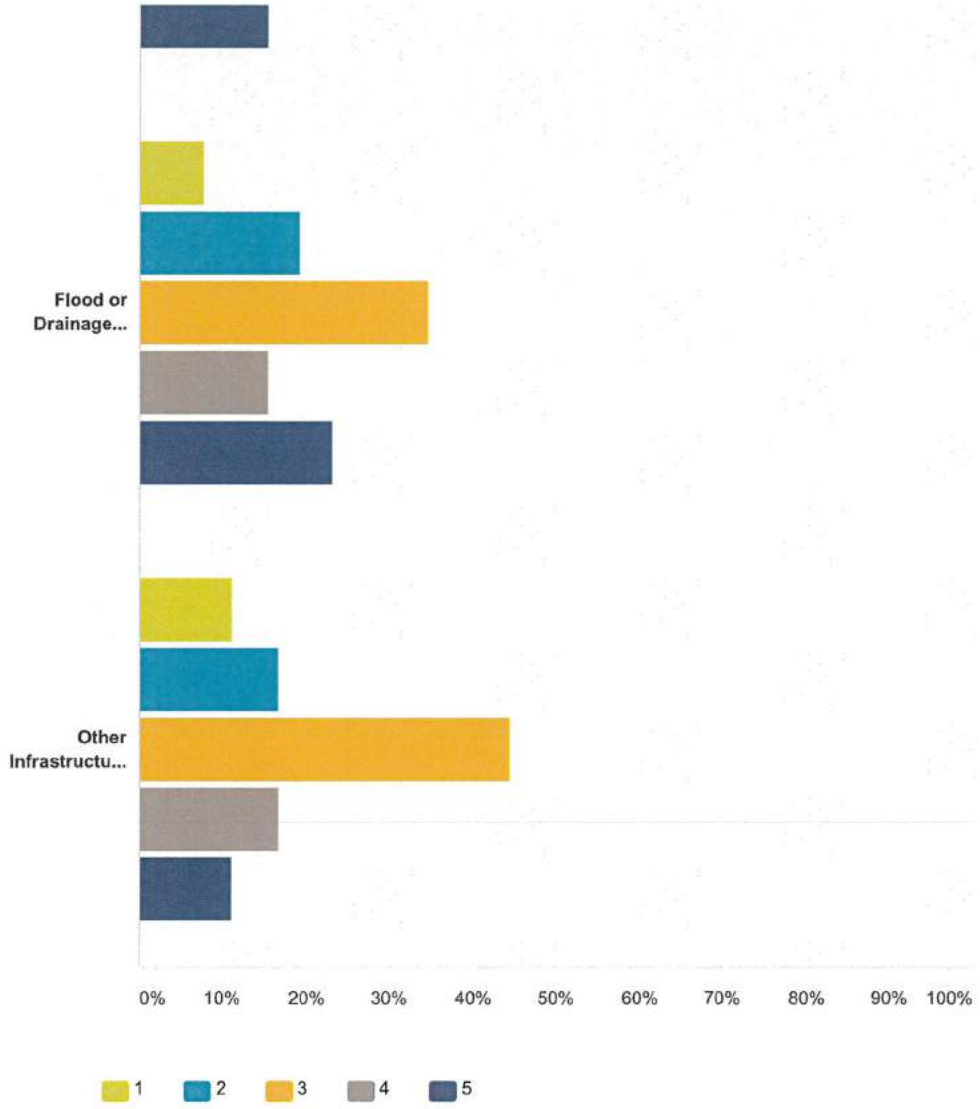

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Water Improvements	**11.54%** 3	**19.23%** 5	**42.31%** 11	**15.38%** 4	**11.54%** 3	26
Street Improvements	**3.85%** 1	**7.69%** 2	**26.92%** 7	**23.08%** 6	**38.46%** 10	26
Sidewalk Improvements	**0.00%** 0	**12.00%** 3	**28.00%** 7	**28.00%** 7	**32.00%** 8	25
Sewer Improvements	**7.69%** 2	**15.38%** 4	**42.31%** 11	**19.23%** 5	**15.38%** 4	26
Flood or Drainage Improvements	**7.69%** 2	**19.23%** 5	**34.62%** 9	**15.38%** 4	**23.08%** 6	26
Other Infrastructure Needs	**11.11%** 2	**16.67%** 3	**44.44%** 8	**16.67%** 3	**11.11%** 2	18

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	The city seems to have a plan and good insight that is addressing these needs beyond CDBG funds.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM
2	sidewalks need to be ADA Accessible	1/28/2015 7:23 AM

3	most everything above has city budgets	1/20/2015 3:53 PM
4	numbered streets	12/11/2014 9:43 AM

Q3 Economic Development

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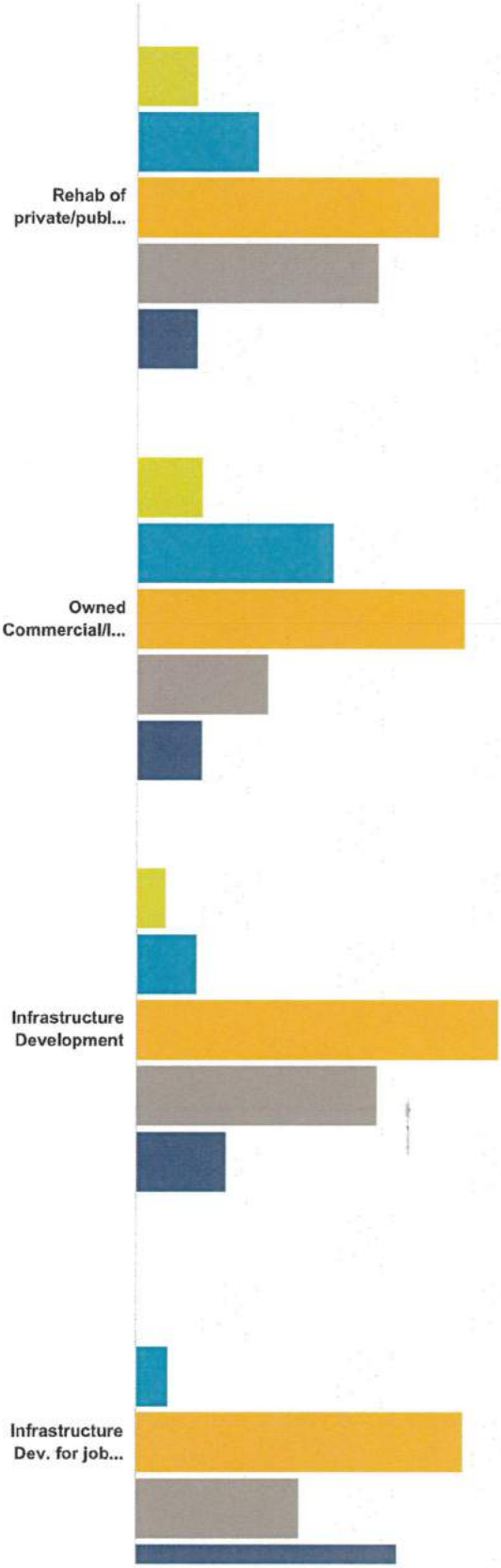

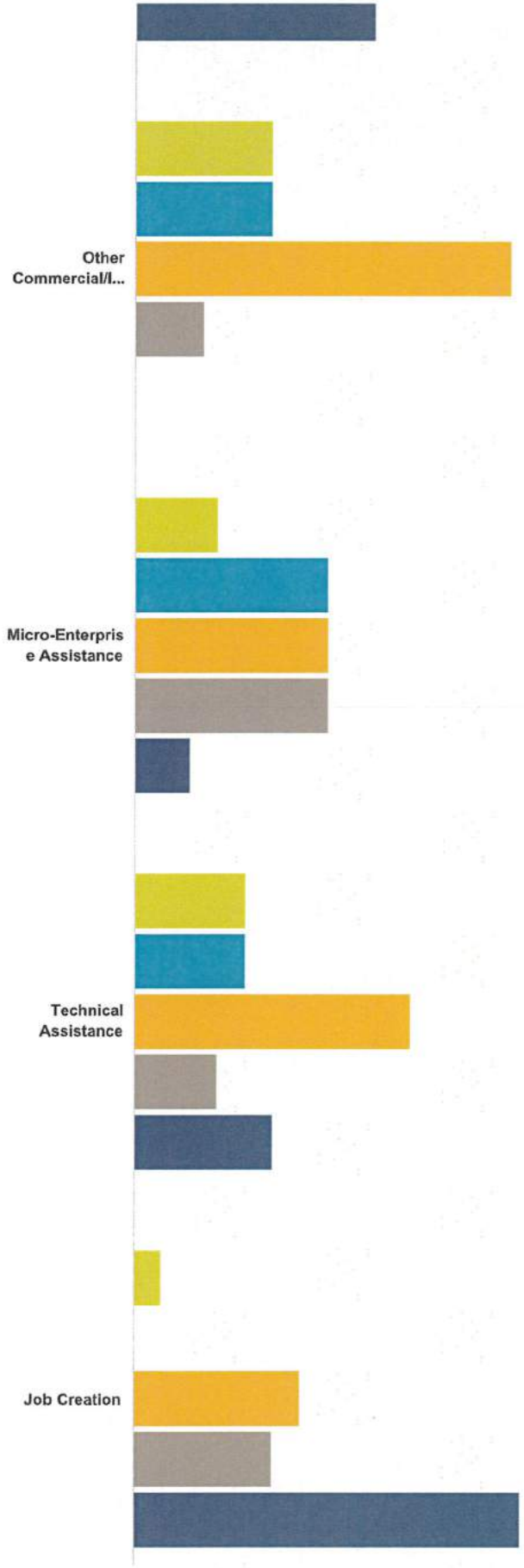
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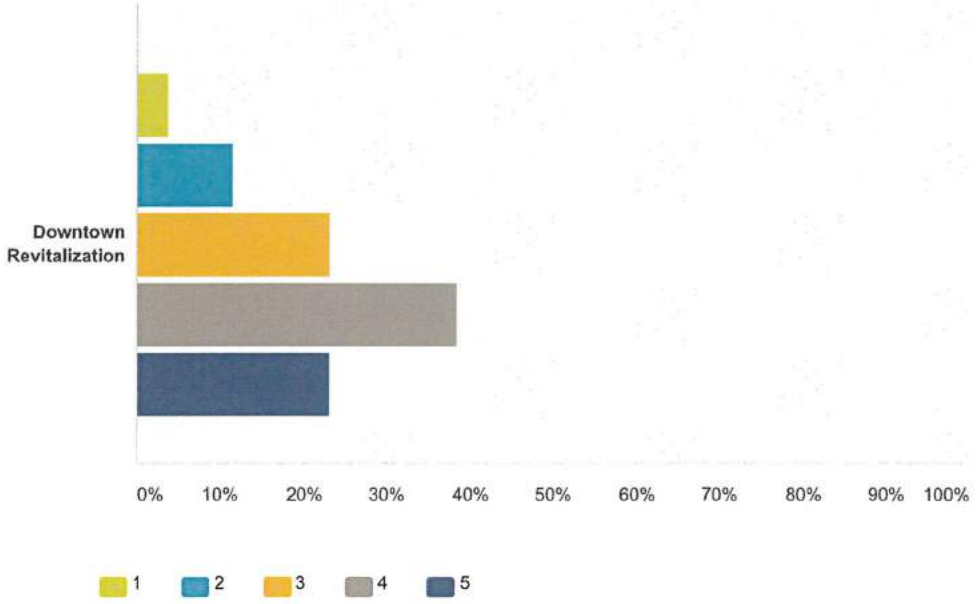
Technical Assistance
Job Creation



	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Rehab of private/public owned commercial/industrial	**7.69%** 2	**15.38%** 4	**38.46%** 10	**30.77%** 8	**7.69%** 2	26
Owned Commercial/Industrial Buildings	**8.33%** 2	**25.00%** 6	**41.67%** 10	**16.67%** 4	**8.33%** 2	24
Infrastructure Development	**3.85%** 1	**7.69%** 2	**46.15%** 12	**30.77%** 8	**11.54%** 3	26
Infrastructure Dev. for job creation	**0.00%** 0	**4.17%** 1	**41.67%** 10	**20.83%** 5	**33.33%** 8	24
Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements	**19.05%** 4	**19.05%** 4	**52.38%** 11	**9.52%** 2	**0.00%** 0	21
Micro-Enterprise Assistance	**11.54%** 3	**26.92%** 7	**26.92%** 7	**26.92%** 7	**7.69%** 2	26
Technical Assistance	**15.38%** 4	**15.38%** 4	**38.46%** 10	**11.54%** 3	**19.23%** 5	26
Job Creation	**3.85%** 1	**0.00%** 0	**23.08%** 6	**19.23%** 5	**53.85%** 14	26
Downtown Revitalization	**3.85%** 1	**11.54%** 3	**23.08%** 6	**38.46%** 10	**23.08%** 6	26

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Programs that promote job readiness and assisting with placement-these programs should just target persons with disabilities - other under served populations.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM
2	depends on what micro-enterprise and technical assistance means	1/20/2015 3:53 PM

Q4 Public Service Needs

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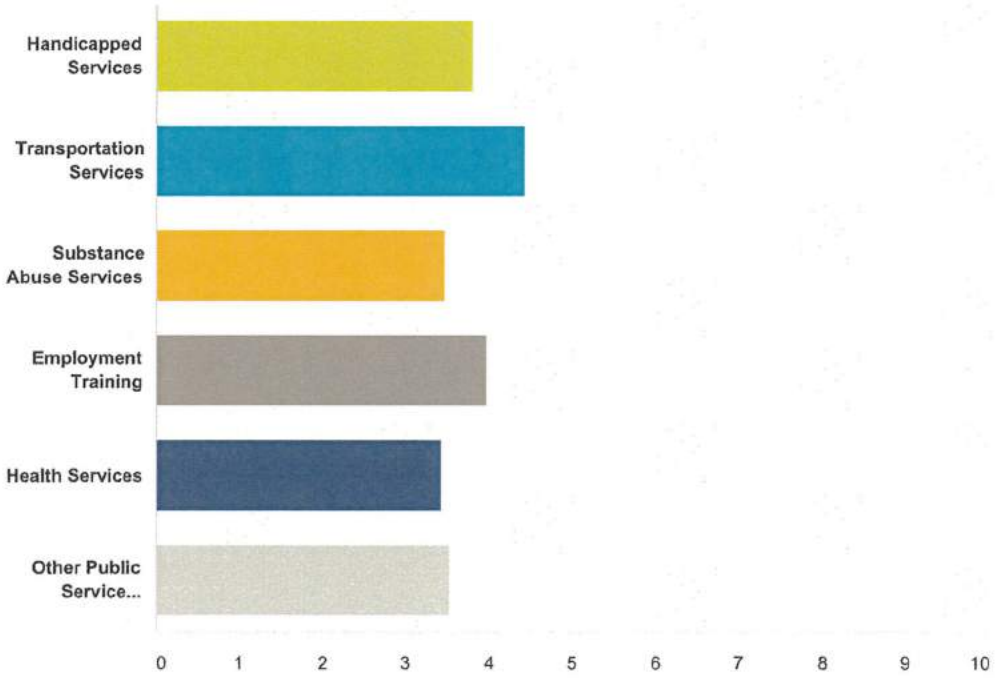

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average
Handicapped Services	**0.00%** 0	**11.54%** 3	**30.77%** 8	**23.08%** 6	**34.62%** 9	26	3.81
Transportation Services	**0.00%** 0	**3.85%** 1	**11.54%** 3	**23.08%** 6	**61.54%** 16	26	4.42
Substance Abuse Services	**11.54%** 3	**11.54%** 3	**23.08%** 6	**26.92%** 7	**26.92%** 7	26	3.46
Employment Training	**0.00%** 0	**3.85%** 1	**34.62%** 9	**23.08%** 6	**38.46%** 10	26	3.96
Health Services	**11.54%** 3	**11.54%** 3	**26.92%** 7	**23.08%** 6	**26.92%** 7	26	3.42
Other Public Service Programs	**4.76%** 1	**14.29%** 3	**33.33%** 7	**19.05%** 4	**28.57%** 6	21	3.52

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	There are nonprofits working to provide services whose funding and budgets are limited - consider guaranteed funds granted to nonprofits vs. nonprofits with no guaranteed $.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM
2	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Domestic Violence Legal Representation	2/2/2015 9:14 AM
3	Having sidewalks accessible to ADA people and safe places where transportation can load and unload on the street. Like other places have pull outs for transportation to in and out of	1/28/2015 7:23 AM
4	Transportation needs help with covered bus stops	1/20/2015 3:53 PM
5	help employees of TRPTA! Help families that seam to be ok but are not by looking at bills.	12/11/2014 9:43 AM

Q5 Housing Needs

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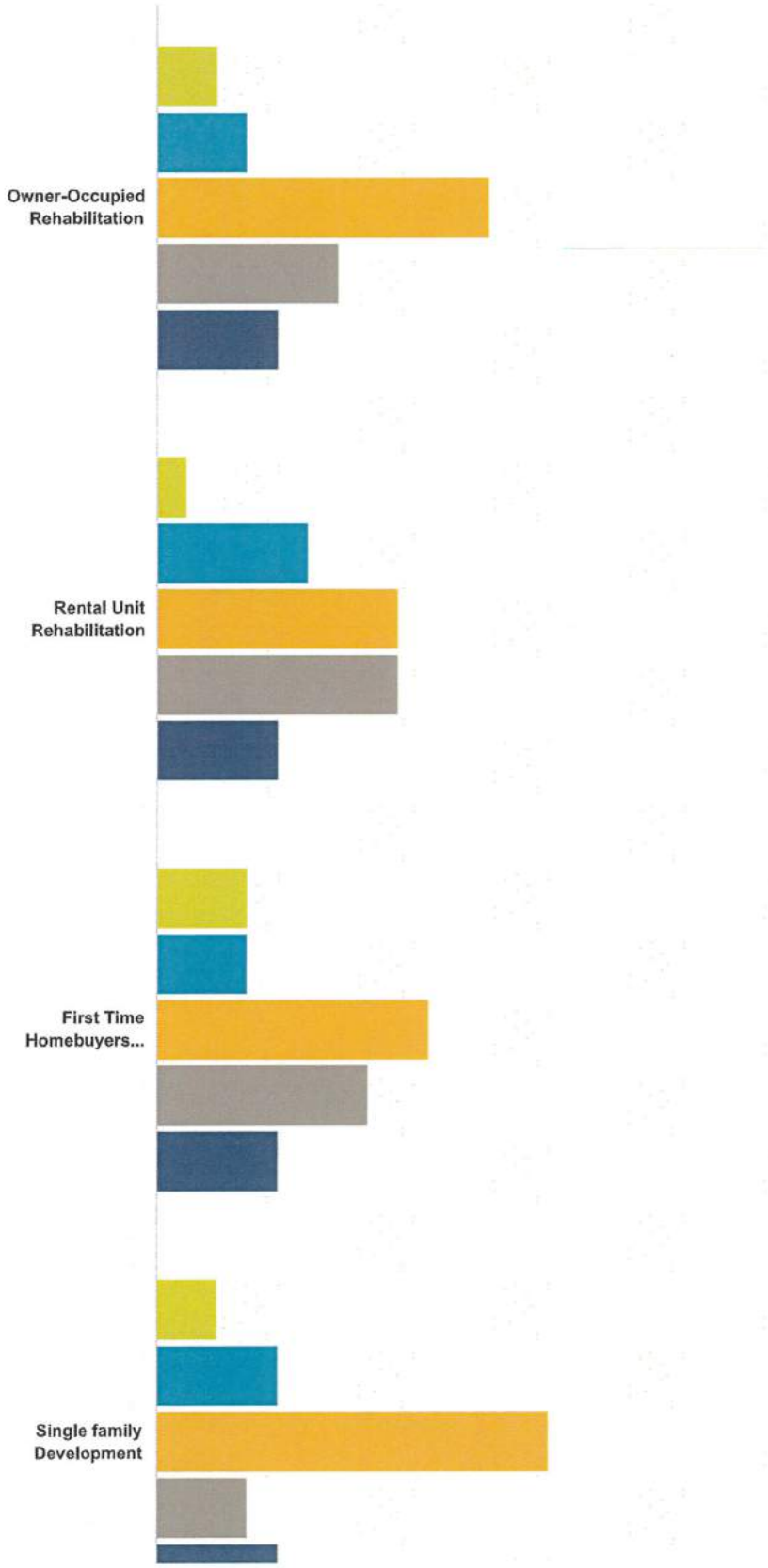

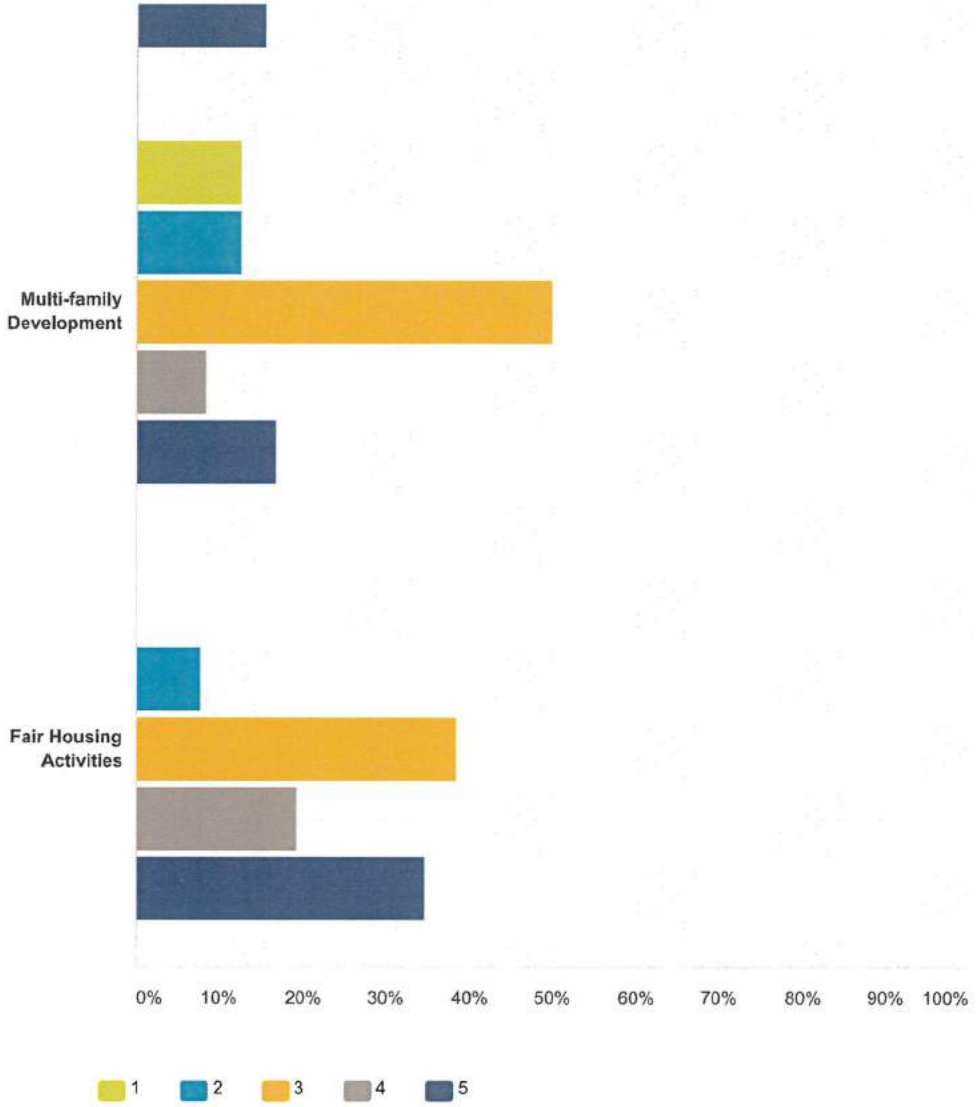

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Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	**7.69%** 2	**11.54%** 3	**42.31%** 11	**23.08%** 6	**15.38%** 4	26
Rental Unit Rehabilitation	**3.85%** 1	**19.23%** 5	**30.77%** 8	**30.77%** 8	**15.38%** 4	26
First Time Homebuyers Assistance	**11.54%** 3	**11.54%** 3	**34.62%** 9	**26.92%** 7	**15.38%** 4	26
Single family Development	**7.69%** 2	**15.38%** 4	**50.00%** 13	**11.54%** 3	**15.38%** 4	26
Multi-family Development	**12.50%** 3	**12.50%** 3	**50.00%** 12	**8.33%** 2	**16.67%** 4	24
Fair Housing Activities	**0.00%** 0	**7.69%** 2	**38.46%** 10	**19.23%** 5	**34.62%** 9	26

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Housing funds should target affordable long term housing. Rents are extremely high for single income families - availability is extremely low in subsidized units.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM

2	depends on what single-family and multi-family development needs are.	1/20/2015 3:53 PM
3	Elderly	12/11/2014 9:48 AM

Q6 Anti-Crime Programs

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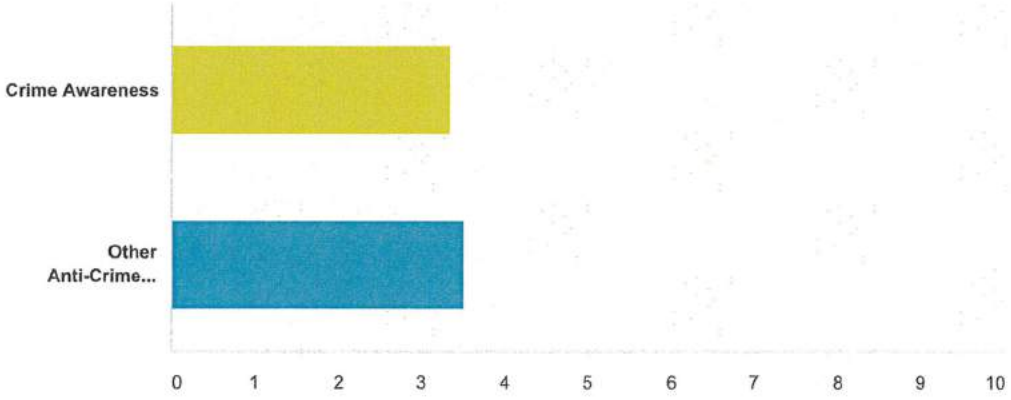

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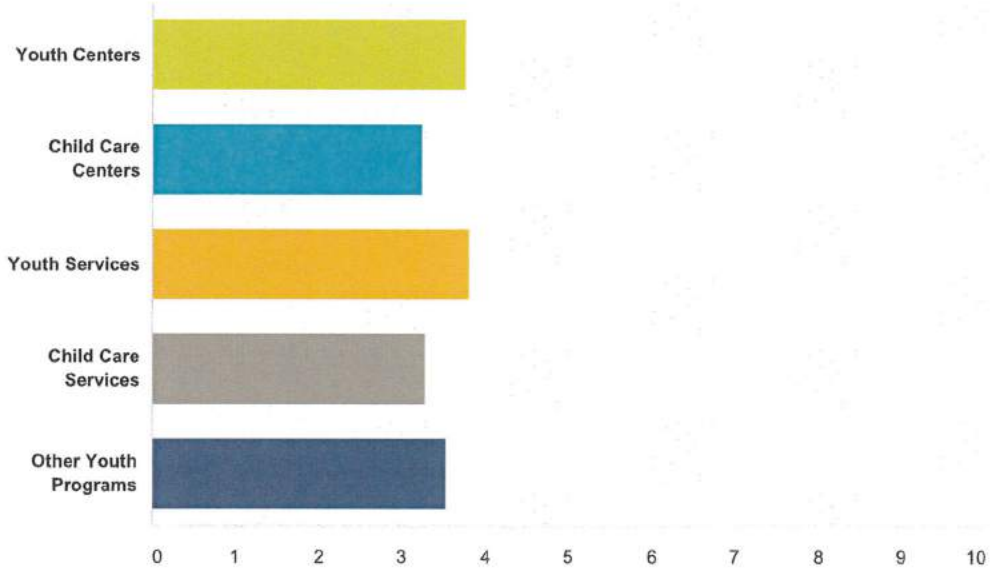
Crime Awareness	3.85% 1	15.38% 4	42.31% 11	19.23% 5	19.23% 5	26	3.35
Other Anti-Crime Programs	4.55% 1	13.64% 3	36.36% 8	18.18% 4	27.27% 6	22	3.50

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	There is minimal to no awareness $ is for crime prevention. Safer communities attract more development.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM

Q7 Youth Programs

Answered: 25 Skipped: 1



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average
Youth Centers	**0.00%** 0	**4.00%** 1	**48.00%** 12	**16.00%** 4	**32.00%** 8	25	3.76
Child Care Centers	**12.00%** 3	**20.00%** 5	**28.00%** 7	**12.00%** 3	**28.00%** 7	25	3.24
Youth Services	**0.00%** 0	**4.00%** 1	**36.00%** 9	**36.00%** 9	**24.00%** 6	25	3.80
Child Care Services	**12.00%** 3	**8.00%** 2	**36.00%** 9	**28.00%** 7	**16.00%** 4	25	3.28
Other Youth Programs	**5.26%** 1	**5.26%** 1	**42.11%** 8	**26.32%** 5	**21.05%** 4	19	3.53

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	The city needs to target and provide better services to at risk youth - become the Boys/Girls Club.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM
2	free centers/donate centers for kids	12/11/2014 9:43 AM

Q8 Senior Programs

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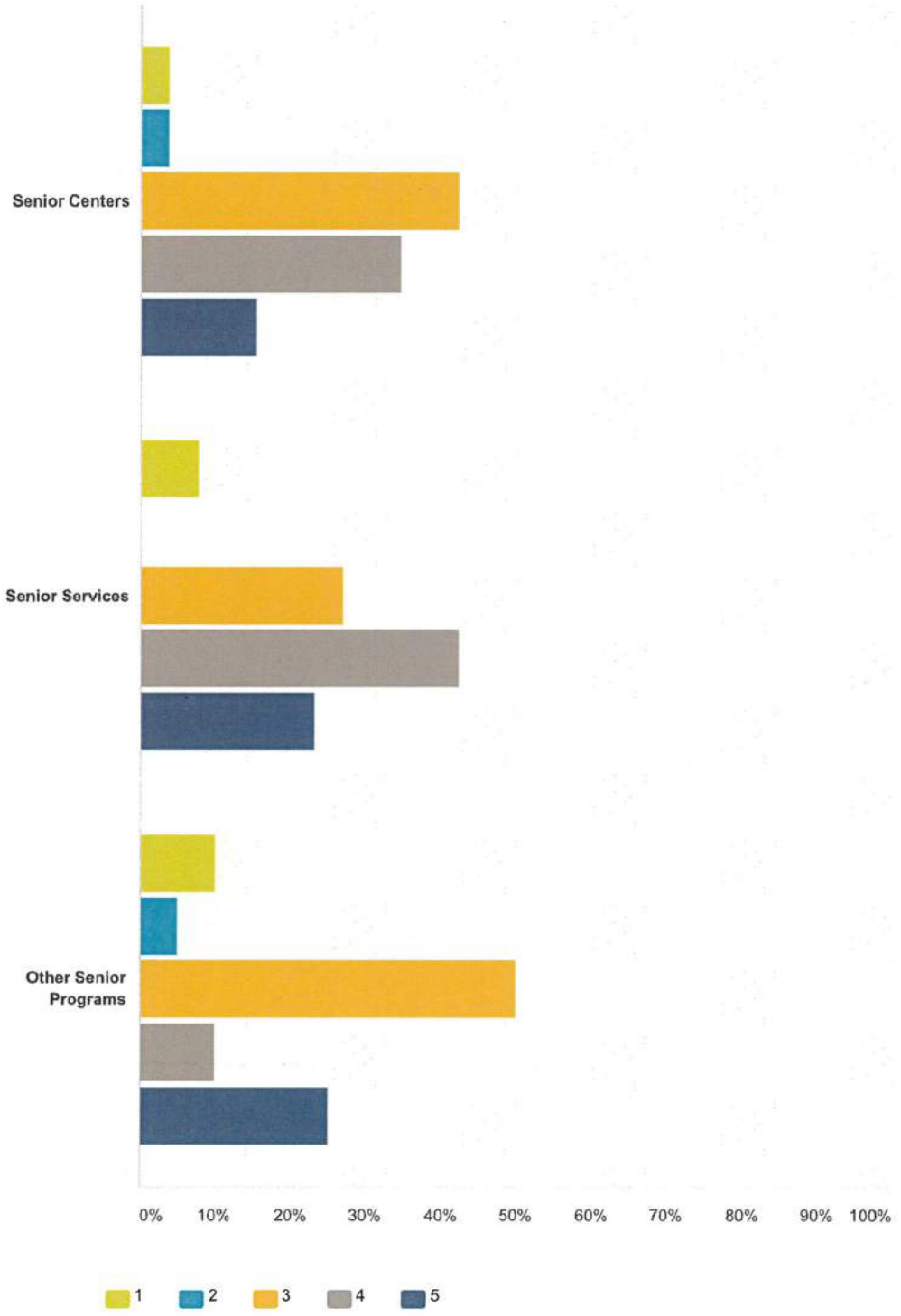

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Senior Centers	3.85% 1	3.85% 1	42.31% 11	34.62% 9	15.38% 4	26

Senior Services	**7.69%** 2	**0.00%** 0	**26.92%** 7	**42.31%** 11	**23.08%** 6	26
Other Senior Programs	**10.00%** 2	**5.00%** 1	**50.00%** 10	**10.00%** 2	**25.00%** 5	20

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Assist the Senior Center in better collaboration for increased funding opportunities.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM
2	add another senior center	12/11/2014 9:43 AM

Q9 Code Enforcement

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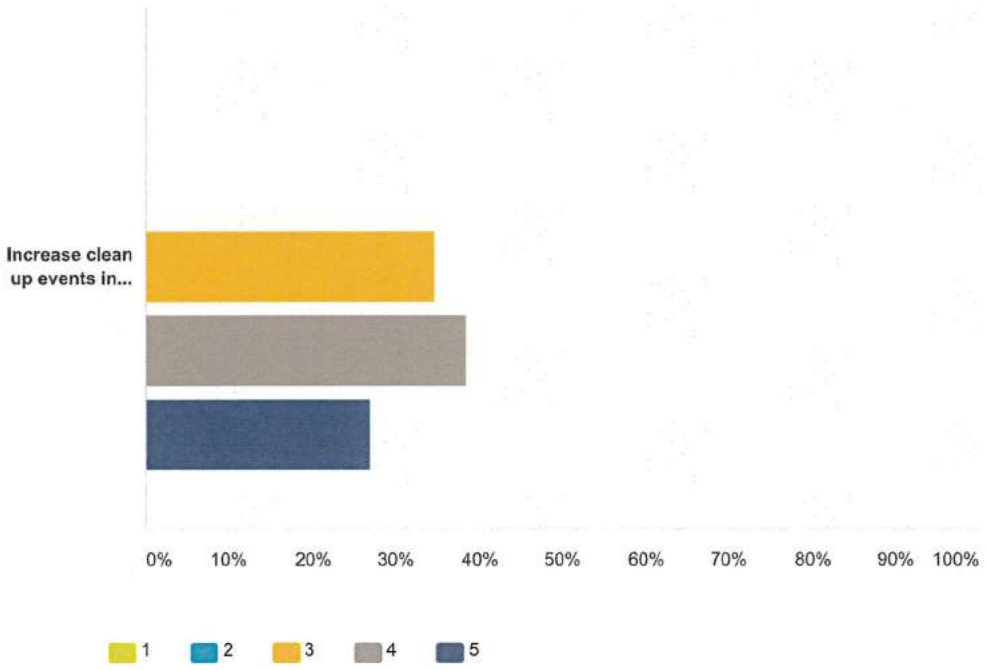

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Increase clean up events in low moderate income (LMI) area neighborhoods within US Census Tracts	**0.00%** 0	**0.00%** 0	**34.62%** 9	**38.46%** 10	**26.92%** 7	26

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	There are no responses.	

Q10 Planning

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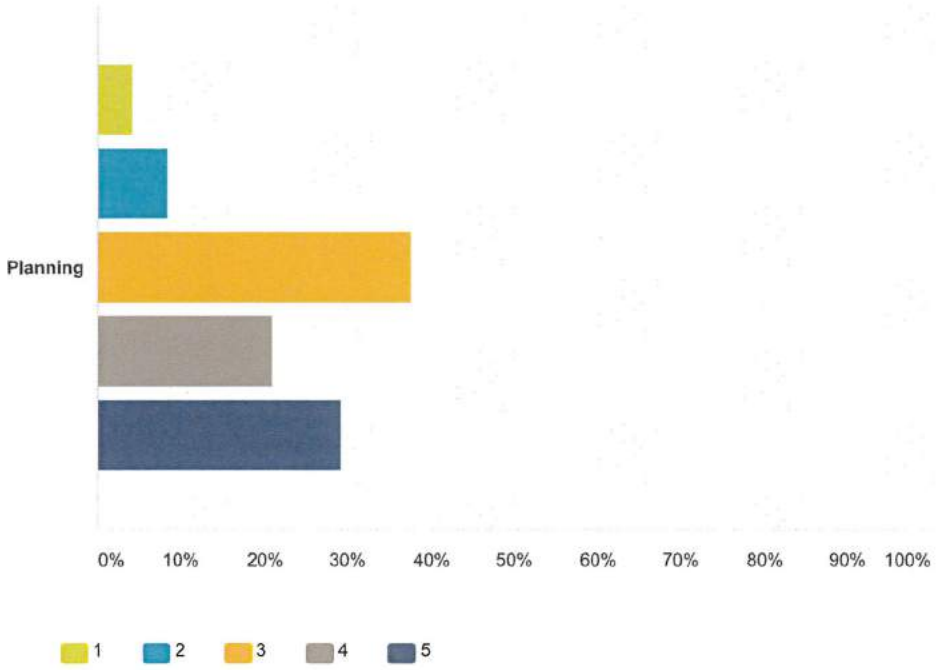
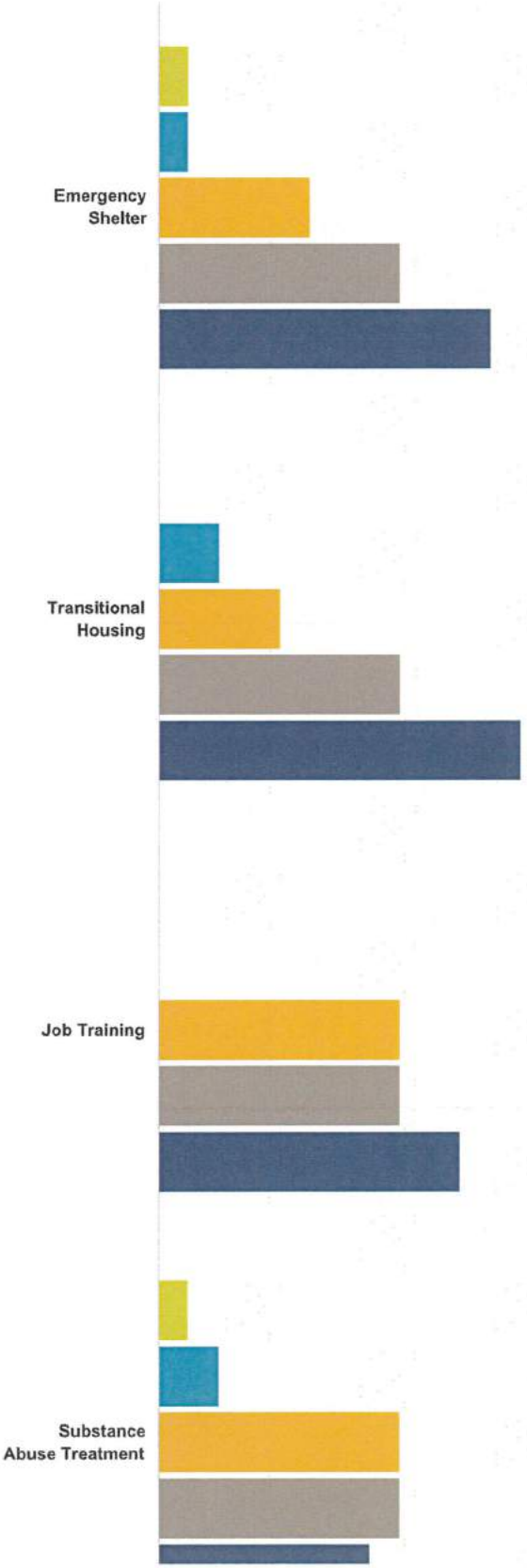


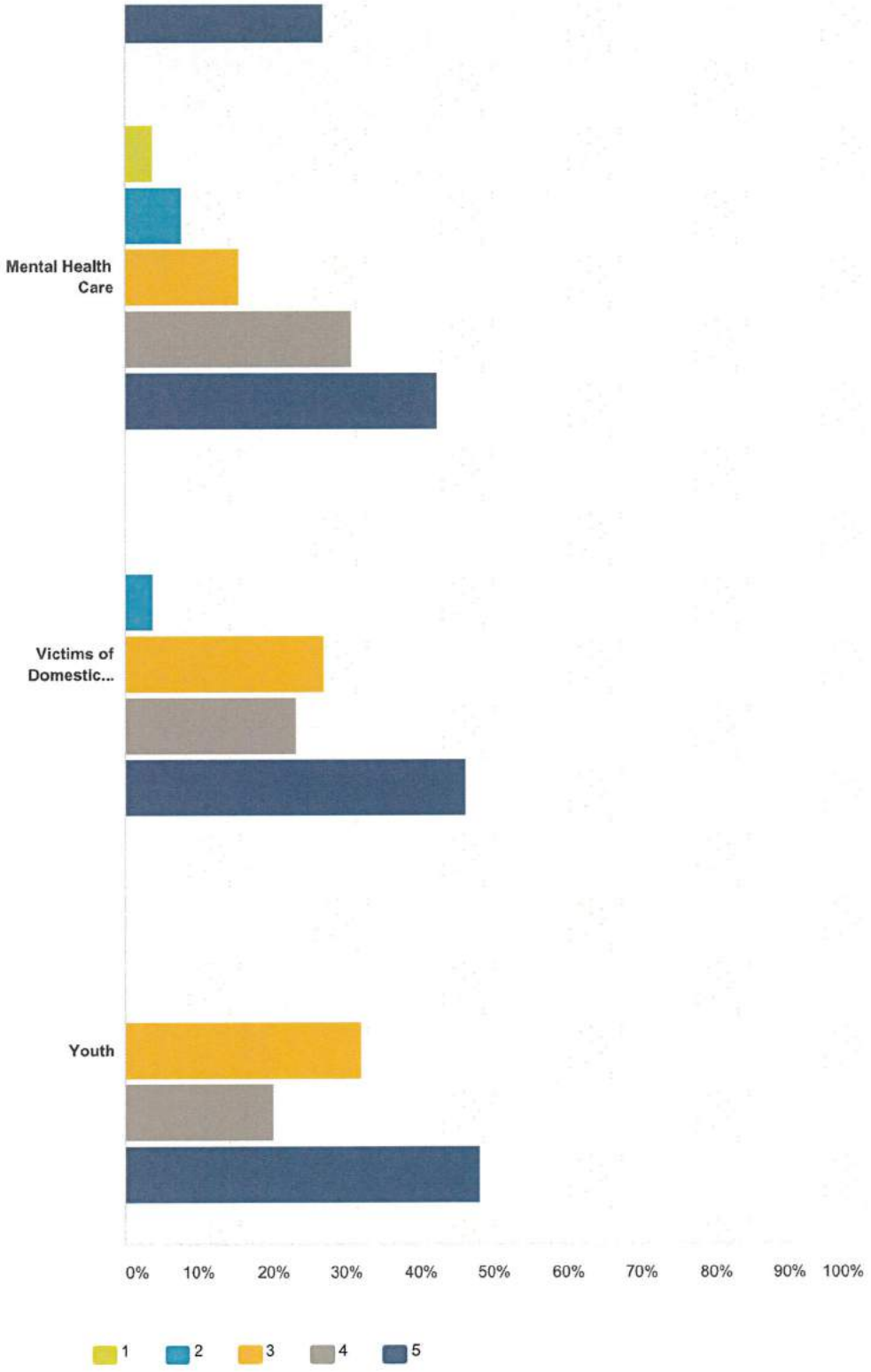
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Planning	**4.17%** 1	**8.33%** 2	**37.50%** 9	**20.83%** 5	**29.17%** 7	24

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	planning what?	1/20/2015 3:53 PM
2	Homeless shelters	12/11/2014 9:53 AM

Q11 Homeless and at Risk Homeless

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0





	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Emergency Shelter	**3.85%** 1	**3.85%** 1	**19.23%** 5	**30.77%** 8	**42.31%** 11	26
Transitional Housing	**0.00%** 0	**7.69%** 2	**15.38%** 4	**30.77%** 8	**46.15%** 12	26

Job Training	**0.00%** 0	**0.00%** 0	**30.77%** 8	**30.77%** 8	**38.46%** 10	26
Substance Abuse Treatment	**3.85%** 1	**7.69%** 2	**30.77%** 8	**30.77%** 8	**26.92%** 7	26
Mental Health Care	**3.85%** 1	**7.69%** 2	**15.38%** 4	**30.77%** 8	**42.31%** 11	26
Victims of Domestic Violence	**0.00%** 0	**3.85%** 1	**26.92%** 7	**23.08%** 6	**46.15%** 12	26
Youth	**0.00%** 0	**0.00%** 0	**32.00%** 8	**20.00%** 5	**48.00%** 12	25

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Legislation has mandated funding for substance abuse and mental health - there is minimal $350,000 plate mandated dollars to help with a service for victims of violent crimes.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM
2	all the above high marks if not used for administrative purpose	1/20/2015 3:53 PM

Q12 Other Recommendations or Comments for the CDBG Program

Answered: 3 Skipped: 23

#	Responses	Date
1	Consider gaps - enhancing services where funding is very limited - having more long term impact with these dollars.	11/5/2015 3:00 PM
2	We have an awesome City. Our youth don't have enough "free" or "adult monitored" activities for all. Job creation is just as important.	1/27/2015 2:55 PM
3	It would be nice if there was a vision of what we want our city to be. A task force to find options of how to get there. An organized effort of impacted groups working with that mission as a guide.	12/11/2014 9:48 AM

2016-2020 Five Year CDBG Consolidated Plan - Survey

The following are examples of projects and activities that may be funded with City of Idaho Falls Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.
Please **(circle)** the level of need for each project/activity based on a scale of
1 being (LOW) to 5 being (HIGH).

CDBG funding projects/activities	Need				
	Low				High
Public Facility					
• Neighborhood centers	1	2	3	4	5
• Parks and/or Recreation Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
• Greenbelt Needs	1	2	3	4	5
• Health Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
• Parking Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
• Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
• Non-Residential Historic Preservation	1	2	3	4	5
• ADA Accessibility Needs	1	2	3	4	5
• Library Needs	1	2	3	4	5
• Fire Stations	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs _____
- Comments _____

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Infrastructure Improvement	Need				
	Low				High
• Water Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
• Street Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
• Sidewalk Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
• Sewer Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
• Flood or Drainage Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
• Other Infrastructure Needs	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs _____

Comments _____

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Economic Development

	Need				
	Low			High	
• Rehab of private/public owned commercial/industrial	1	2	3	4	5
• Owned Commercial/Industrial Buildings	1	2	3	4	5
• Infrastructure Development	1	2	3	4	5
• Infrastructure Dev. for job creation	1	2	3	4	5
• Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
• Micro-Enterprise Assistance	1	2	3	4	5
• Technical Assistance	1	2	3	4	5
• Job Creation	1	2	3	4	5
• Downtown Revitalization	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs _____
- Comments _____

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Public Service Needs

	Need				
	Low			High	
• Handicapped Services	1	2	3	4	5
• Transportation Services	1	2	3	4	5
• Substance Abuse Services	1	2	3	4	5
• Employment Training	1	2	3	4	5
• Health Services	1	2	3	4	5
• Other Public Service Programs	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs _____
- Comments _____

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Housing Needs

	Need				
	Low			High	
• Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	1	2	3	4	5
• Rental Unit Rehabilitation	1	2	3	4	5
• First Time Homebuyers Assistance	1	2	3	4	5
• Single family Development	1	2	3	4	5
• Multi-family Development	1	2	3	4	5
• Fair Housing Activities	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs _____

Comments _____

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Anti-Crime Programs

	Need Low			High
• Crime Awareness	1	2	3	4	5
• Other Anti-Crime Programs	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs_____
- Comments_____

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Youth Programs

	Need Low			High
• Youth Centers	1	2	3	4	5
• Child Care Centers	1	2	3	4	5
• Youth Services	1	2	3	4	5
• Child Care Services	1	2	3	4	5
• Other Youth Programs	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs_____

Comments_____

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Senior Programs

	Need Low			High
• Senior Centers	1	2	3	4	5
• Senior Services	1	2	3	4	5
• Other Senior Programs	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs_____
- Comments_____

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Code Enforcement

	Need Low			High
• Increase clean up events in low moderate income (LMI) area neighborhoods within US Census Tracts	1	2	3	4	5

- Comments_____

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Planning

	Need Low			High
• Planning	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs_____
- Comments _____

Homeless and at Risk Homeless

	Need				
	Low				High
• Emergency Shelter	1	2	3	4	5
• Transitional Housing	1	2	3	4	5
• Job Training	1	2	3	4	5
• Substance Abuse Treatment	1	2	3	4	5
• Mental Health Care	1	2	3	4	5
• Victims of Domestic Violence	1	2	3	4	5
• Youth	1	2	3	4	5

- Other Needs_____
- Comments_____

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Other Recommendations or Comments for the CDBG Program

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The Planning and Building Department appreciates your input and comments provided in this survey. Please return the survey to Lisa Farris by December 4, 2014.

Once the surveys are completed and analyzed, the results will be posted on the City website at www.idahofallsidaho.gov within the Planning and Building Division under CDBG.

Should you have any questions, please contact CDBG Grant Administrator, Lisa Farris at (208) 612-8323 or by email at lfarris@idahofallsidaho.gov.

Thank you

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Dear Mayor, Council, and Division Directors; November 6, 2014

In 2004, the City of Idaho Falls became an Entitlement City, making them eligible to apply directly to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by submitting a *Five Year CDBG Consolidated Plan* and an *Annual Action Plan.*

The City is currently operating under the *FY2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan* and the Planning and Building Department is gathering community input for the development of the *FY2016-2020 CDBG Consolidated Plan* (due to HUD in February of 2016).

Over the next five years, the City of Idaho Falls anticipates receiving nearly $1.8 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars to be allocated towards projects and activities identified by agency directors, service providers, City Mayor, Council, and Division Directors that address specific housing and non-housing community development needs.

Top priorities for the *2011-2015 Five Year CDBG Consolidated Plan* were Community Development, Economic Development, Housing Development, and Public Service.
In considering the top priorities, projects and activities were selected on their ability to assist the community with:

- Infrastructure improvements in low-income neighborhoods;
- Handicapped accessibility in City owned buildings and parks;
- Housing and housing services for low-moderate income clients;
- Economic development projects that will create jobs for low-income;
- Infrastructure improvements for business job creation;
- Public services for individuals with special needs.

Your completion of the attached survey will help the Planning and Building Department facilitate the planning and guidance of the *2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan.*
Please return the survey to Lisa Farris by **December 4, 2014.**
Should you have any questions, please contact me at 612-8323 or email lfarris@idahofallsidaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Lisa Farris, Grant Administrator

Encl: Survey for *2016-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan*

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From 2005 to 2014, the City has received $4,540,442 in CDBG funds. Over the years, the funds have been allocated towards projects and activities that assist the community by addressing a specific need. Funded projects and activities have included sidewalk replacement, downtown façade improvements, homeless shelters, case management for the homeless, legal aid services, transportation, housing rehab, and improved ADA access to city owned public facilities.

As we complete our final year of the current *FY2011-2015 Five Year CDBG Consolidated Plan* and begin the process of gathering input for the FY2016-2020 Five Year CDBG Consolidated Plan, the City of Idaho Falls is asking for your input regarding housing and non-housing community development needs and priorities in the attached survey.

As a quick review of 2011-2015, the top priorities were identified as: Community Development, Economic Development, Housing Development, and Public Service.
It is our goal to compare current needs with past priorities in order to prioritize and allocate CDBG funds to projects and activities that address specific housing and non-housing community development needs.

In preparing the *FY 2016-2020 Five Year CDBG Consolidated Plan,* the Planning and Building Department would greatly appreciate your input and comments on the attached survey.
Please return the survey in the self-addressed envelope by **December 4, 2014.**
Once the surveys are completed and analyzed, the results will be posted on the City website at www.idahofallsidaho.gov within the Planning and Building Division under CDBG.

Should you have any questions, please contact at 612-8323 or email lfarris@idahofallsidaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Lisa Farris, Grant Administrator

Encl: Survey for *2016-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan*

City of Idaho Falls

FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Grantee Unique Appendices of Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Summary to document
2016-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, FISCAL YEAR 2016 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND FISCAL YEARS 2016-2020 CDBG FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has been designated as an entitlement city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has prepared a One-Year CDBG Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 as part of the requirements of entitlement status;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has prepared a Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020 as part of the requirements of entitlement status;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has prepared an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing to be submitted as part of the Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020 as part of the requirements of entitlement status;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, held a public hearing on the Annual Action Plan FY2016 AND the Consolidated Plan FY2016-2020 on December 10, 2015;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, had a thirty day comment period until and through January 11, 2016;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has considered comments received during the thirty day comment period;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, as follows:

1. The Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 and the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020, as prepared by the Community Development Services Department, Planning Division, a copy of which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of hereof, is hereby approved.

2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the document(s) for Federal assistance.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS CORPORATE Seal BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

ATTEST:

Kathy Hampton, City Clerk

Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor

Date JANUARY 26, 2016

2016-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The City of Idaho Falls completed their *2016-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice* on December 10, 2015 by contacting with Jerome Mapp of Planning and Facility Management. The analysis includes the current housing market, affordability of housing, comparisons, and recommendations. The 2016-2020 AOI is applicable to the FY2016 through FY2020 Annual Action Plans.

Complete document is available in the *FY2016 -2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan* in the section named Grantee Unique Appendices for Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Impediments

Planning and Facility Management has provided the following impediments:

1. Expansion of Inventory with regards to affordable housing needed.
2. The building community is not building affordable housing units.
3. Expansion of housing options.
4. The public is lacking knowledge of the Fair Housing Act.
5. There is a need to expand membership of minorities or protected classes as members on the Planning Commission.
6. Some developers and landlords continue to have a lack of understanding of housing accessibility requirements under the Fair Housing Act.
7. Some landlords continue to have a lack the understanding of the requirements regarding service animals.
8. There are some gaps in public transportation access to services for protected classes.
9. There is a continuing need for vouchers under the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Facility Management has provided the following Conclusions and Recommendations:

The City of Idaho Falls is moving in the right direction to deal with local fair housing issues. The first positive step was to prepare a housing needs assessment in order to receive input from service providers of the City regarding housing issues. The needs assessments identified gaps in services. In some cases the City may not be able to tackle issues and needs by themselves. Another concern identified, was the need for the development of additional affordable housing. The next step in this process is to receive input from city residents. The City may wish to consider developing a community survey to gage the community's knowledge of the City of Idaho Falls' housing issues.

One of the major cost of development is the acquisition of land. The City may wish to explore other creative opportunities with community leaders and local partners to explore opportunities to establish affordable housing.

Based upon the 2015 needs assessment, the homeless population was identified by service providers as, single family head of households, the elderly, those with disabilities, unemployment and underemployment. In regards to housing assistance, people who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking were also identified. The Rescue Mission indicated that approximately 30% of their clients are disabled, and 10% are known victims of domestic violence.

The Region 6 Housing Coalition, which comprises of service providers throughout the region, provides an important role to assist the city. The city's Grant Administrator is part of the organization and attends their monthly meetings. The Grant Administrator may want to consider an additional group such as a Fair Housing Task Force. The Task Force could focus on more details and issues that are identified in the Analysis of Impediments.

The Grant Administrator has encouraged elected and appointed officials, as well as, staff to attend annual fair housing training annually. The Grant Administrator may consider establishing an annual fair housing training during a City Council Work Session involving Planning and Building Divisions, within the Community Development Services Department, so they may receive a one on one presentation.

Finally, some communities have looked at creative opportunities to increase the availability of affordable housing. The Idaho Falls zoning ordinance allows for lot sizes of a minimum of 5,000 square feet and no maximum size within its standard zones. Trending in the country are small foot print housing developments and one of the defining costs for development of new affordable housing is the costs of land. The City's Planned Unit Development ordinance, which does not require minimum lot sizes and permits clustering of housing units, is an example of such an alternative.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS
ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS
TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE
2016 - 2020
December 10, 2015

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Jurisdiction Name: City of Idaho Falls, Idaho

Date: December 10, 2015

I. Introduction and Executive Summary of the Analysis

A. **Who Conducted:** M. Jerome Mapp, Principal, Planning and Facility Management

B. **Participants:**

- Idaho Housing and Finance Idaho Housing (IHFA)
- Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC)
- Idaho Human Rights Commission (IHRC)
- Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corp. (IFDDC)
- United Way
- Partners for Prosperity Blackfoot Office
- YMCA
- Community Learning Understanding Belonging Inc. (CLUB Inc.)
- Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP)
- The Family Crisis Center
- Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority (TRPTA)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Idaho Falls Rescue Mission
- Veterans Memorial Commission
- Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare, Region 7
- City of Idaho Falls, Department of Community Development, Planning Division
- State of Idaho - Statues
- Greater Idaho Falls Association of REALTORS®
- Community Council of Idaho
- Idaho Migrant Council - Housing

C. **Methodology Used:** Survey and Personal Interviews

D. **How Funded:** The City of Idaho Falls, Community Development Services Dept.

E. Conclusions

1. Impediments Found and Actions to Address these Impediments

   a. **Expansion of Inventory with regards to affordable housing.**

      1) Continue to monitor the zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance to ensure higher density housing and other affordable housing types are permitted by right;

      2) Educate housing lenders on the low income housing needs of the community;

      3) Discuss CDBG funding opportunities that could assist in buying down the cost of land for the development of affordable housing units.

         a) Urban Renewal Agency funding; and

         b) Housing Authority funding.

   b. **The building community is not building affordable housing units.**

      1) Expand and build relationships with the building community, and

      2) Educate the building community regarding the need.

   c. **Expansion of housing options.**

      1) Work with IHFA to expand Section 8 expansion through landlords.

   d. **The public is lacking knowledge of the Fair Housing Act.**

      1) Expand public information regarding fair housing;

      2) Utilize more of the material from IHFA, and

      3) Participate in community events to educate the public regarding fair housing.

   e. **There is a need to expand membership of minorities or protected classes as members on the Planning Commission.**

      1) Continue to build relationships with the Hispanic and the protected class community, and

      2) The Mayor should meet with members the Hispanic community to discuss and recruit membership to planning and other boards or commissions.

   f. **Some developers and landlords continue to have a lack of understanding of housing accessibility requirements under the Fair Housing Act.**

      1) Continue public outreach through workshops and presentations to community leaders.

   g. **Some landlords continue to have a lack the understanding of the requirements regarding service animals.**

1) Continue public outreach through workshops and presentations to community leaders, and

2) Support and include the training of this subject at fair housing workshops.

h. **There are some gaps in public transportation access to services for protected classes.**

1) Work with TRPTA to expand services, where funding will allow.

II. Jurisdictional Background Data

A. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

The City of Idaho Falls is a county seat of Bonneville County (104,234) located in Eastern Idaho. The Idaho Falls MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) consist of Jefferson and Bonneville Counties. The cities of Ammon, Iona, Rigby, Ucon, Menan, Rire, Roberts, Hamer, Irwin, Lewisville, Mud Lake and Swan Valley are located within the MSA.

As identified in Exhibit 1, the 2015, US Census and American Community Survey, the City of Idaho Falls has a population of 57,536. Idaho Falls has seen slow, but steady growth over the last three years, due to the Great Recession (of 2007-2009). This will also be reflected in housing growth, during this period of time.

EXHIBIT 1 - POPULATION, 2013

Year	1990	2010	2013
Population	**51,110**	**56,813**	**57,536**

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

As described in Exhibit 2, the median age of population in the year 2013 was 32.9 years, which is a 1.9% increase compared to the 2000 census. Note that the gender population shows only a 1,154 difference in population. In addition, Exhibit 3 shows that approximately 29% of the total population is under 18 years of age, while 12% is over sixty five years of age. The male and female population are near even. The median age has increased by 1.9% in the last 3 years, according to the US Census and American Community Survey.

EXHIBIT 2 AGE & GENDER DISTRIBUTION, 2013

Years	Number
Under 5	5,300
5 to 9	4,487
10 to 14	3,876
15 to 19	3,937
20 to 24	3,602

25 to 29	4,548
30 to 34	4,315
35 to 39	3,368
40 to 44	3,093
45 to 49	3,584
50 to 54	3,436
55 to 59	3,407
60 to 64	3,204
65 to 69	1,955
70 to 74	1,635
Years	**Number**
75 to 79	1,261
80 to 84	922

85 to and over	1,196
Total Female	29,345
Total Male	28,191
Median Age (2013)	32.9
Median Age (2000)	32.3
Median Age % Change	1.9%
Total Population	57,536

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit 3 shows that 2013 population percentages by age remained steady in the last decade with changes of a high 3.9% to a low of -3.4% compared to 2000.

EXHIBIT 3 - AGE & GENDER DISTRIBUTION AND CHANGE 2000 - 2013

Age	2000		2013	
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
Under 18	15,381	30.3	16,524	28.7
8-34	11,694	23.1	13,951	24.2
35-44	7,422	14.6	6,461	11.2
45-64	10,590	20.9	13,631	23.7
65 and over	5,643	11.1	6,969	12.1
Total population	50,730		57,536	

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

As Exhibits 4, 5, 6 and 7 describes, the City of Idaho Falls does not have a very large minority population. It has been recorded that 90.4% of the population is considered White alone. The largest minority alone population is American Native with a population of 413, but those who identify that they are Some other Race Alone is 2,968. The total minority population totals to 9.6% or 5,538 of total population. The largest minority population is Hispanic with 7421 or 12.9 % of the population.

EXHIBIT 4 - POPULATION BY RACE, 2013

Race	Number	Percent of Total
White alone	51,998	90.4
Black or African American	389	0.7
American Native alone	413	0.7
Asian alone	298	0.5
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific is alone	25	0.0
Some other race alone	2,968	5.2
Two or more races	1,445	2.5
Total population	57,536	

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

EXHIBIT 5 - HISPANIC POPULATION, 2013

Hispanic Population	Number	Percent of Total
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7,421	12.9
Not Hispanic or Latino	50,115	87.1
White alone	48,230	83.8
Black or African American alone	187	0.3
American Native alone	284	0.5
Asian alone	298	0.5
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific is alone	25	0.0
Some other race alone	0	0.0
Two or more races	1,091	1.9
Total population	57,536	

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

EXHIBIT 6 - AMERICAN NATIVE & ALASKA NATIVE POPULATION, 2013

American Native & Alaska Native Population	Number	Percent of Total
Total Native Population	413	0.7
American Native Tribes	300	0.6
Alaska Native Tribes	11	0.0
Non-Specific Tribes	72	0.1
Total population	57,536	

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

There are eight specific tribes identified in the US Census and American Community Survey.

EXHIBIT 7 - AMERICAN NATIVE & ALASKA NATIVE POPULATION, 2013

American Indian Tribes (Specific)	Number
Cherokee	22
Chippewa	4
Choclaw	18
Navajo	102
Palute	24
Shoshone	69
All Other Tribes	90
Alaska Native Tribes	
Alaska Athabaskan	11
Total	72

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

B. INCOME DATA

The highlights of Exhibits 8, 9 and 10 are described by Income, Employment and Income Benefits.

Exhibit 8, described by Income Data, shows that approx 25% of the households make less than $25,000 per year.

EXHIBIT 8 - INCOME DATA

Income	Households	Families	Married-couples families	Non-family households
Total	20,950	14,447	10,809	6,473
Less than $10,000	7.2%	5.3%	2.1%	13.2%
$10,000 to $14,999	6.7%	3.3%	2.3%	14.5%
$15,000 to $24,999	10.7%	7.5%	3.9%	18.8%
$25,000 to $39,999	13.5%	11.9%	11.0%	17.1%
$35,000 to $49,000	16.3%	18.5%	16.1%	12.5%
$50,000 to $74,000	18.2%	19.9%	22.7%	11.9%
$75,000 to $99,000	11.1%	12.7%	15.1%	6.4%
$100,000 to $149,000	10.8%	13.0%	16.7%	4.7%
$150,000 to $199,000	3.0%	4.2%	5.1%	0.3%
$200,000 or more	2.7%	3.7%	4.9%	0.4%

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

C. EMPLOYMENT DATA

Exhibit 9, Employment Data states that the employable population is 42,747, while 27,955 residents are in the labor force. The employment rate is 60.6%, while the unemployment rate is 4.7 %.

EXHIBIT 9 - EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Subject	Estimate	Percent
Population 16 years and over	42,747	
In labor force	27,955	65.4
Civilian labor force	27,933	65.3
Employed	25,912	60.6
Unemployed	2,021	4.7
Armed Forces	22	0.1
Not in labor force	14,792	34.6
Females 16 years and over	21,821	
In labor force	13,060	59.9
Civilian labor force	13,060	59.9
Employed	12,343	56.6
Own children under 6 years	6,304	63.04
All parents in family in labor force	3,545	56.2
Own children 6 to 17 years	9,665	9.67
All parents in family in labor force	6,762	70.0

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

In regards to Exhibit 10, Income and Benefits, 6,284 of Idaho Falls citizens income comes from social security, 3,527 have retirement income and 970 receive Supplemental Security Income. Food Stamps/SNAP benefits are provided to 3,243 residents.

EXHIBIT 10 – INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2013 INFLATION ADJUSTED DOLLARS)

Income	Estimate	Percent
Total	20,950	20,950
Less than $10,000	1,498	7.2
$10,000 to $14,999	1,402	6.7
$15,000 to $24,999	2,233	10.7
$25,000 to $39,999	2,821	13.5
$35,000 to $49,000	3,416	16.3
$50,000 to $74,000	3,805	18.2
$75,000 to $99,000	2,316	11.1

$100,000 to $149,000	2,268	10.8
$150,000 to $199,000	622	3
$200,000 or more	569	2.7
Median household income (dollars)	45,803	(x)
Mean household income (dollars)	61,442	(x)
With earnings	16,783	80.1
Mean earnings (dollars)	61,188	(x)
With Social Security	6,284	30
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	17,085	(x)
With retirement income	3,527	16.8
Mean retirement income (dollars)	20,505	(x)
With Supplemental Security Income	970	4.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,425	(x)
With cash public assistance income	929	4.4
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,272	(x)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	3,243	15.5
Families	14,477	14477
Less than $10,000	766	5.3
$10,000 to $14,999	479	3.3
$15,000 to $24,999	1,092	7.5
$25,000 to $39,999	1,718	11.9
$35,000 to $49,000	2,680	18.5
$50,000 to $74,000	2,876	19.9
$75,000 to $99,000	1,838	12.7
$100,000 to $149,000	1,885	13
$150,000 to $199,000	603	4.2
$200,000 or more	540	3.7
Median family income (dollars)	53,290	(x)
Mean family income (dollars)	70,804	(x)
Per capita income (dollars)	22,971	(x)
Non-family households	6,473	6473
Median non-family income (dollars)	26,427	(x)
Mean non-family income(dollars)	37,388	(x)
Median earnings for workers (dollar)	22,887	(x)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	44,730	(x)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	28,439	(x)

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit 11, Employment Status - Poverty, 10.7% or 2,991 people live below the poverty level.

EXHIBIT 11 - EMPLOYMENT STATUS - POVERTY

Subject	Total	Below Poverty Level	Percent Below Poverty Level
Civilian Labor Force 16 years and over	27,933	2,991	10.7
Employed	25,912	2,394	9.2
Male	13,569	1,057	7.8
Female	12,343	1,337	10.8
Unemployed	2,021	597	29.5
Male	1,304	296	22.7
Female	717	301	42.0

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit 12 describes the number of residents, over the last 12 months, who live below the Poverty level. This exhibit show that 11.60% of all families and 22.80% of related children under 5 years live below the poverty level.

EXHIBIT 12 - PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHO'S INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL

Subject	Percent
All families	11.60%
With related children under 18 years	17.50%
With related children under 5 years only	25.80%
Married couple families	6.40%
With related children under 18 years	8.80%
With related children under 5 years only	8.60%
Families with female householder, no husband present	33.30%
With related children under 18 years	39.80%
With related children under 5 years only	59.90%
All people	14.40%
Under 18 years	18.10%
Related children under 18 years	17.80%
Related children under 5 years	22.80%
Related children 5 to 17 years	15.40%

18 years and over	12.90%
18 to 64 years	14.00%
65 years and over	7.30%
People in families	12.00%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	26.40%

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit13 identifies the impacts of poverty levels for men at 12.6%, females at 16.2 %. Based upon race White - 12.7%, Black or African American - 29.3%, American Indian and Alaska Native - 32.3%, Asian - 9.8%, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander - 72.0%, Some other race - 29.5%, Two or more - 37.6% and Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race) - 26.0% live below the poverty level.

EXHIBIT 13 - POVERTY LEVEL

Subject	Total	Below Poverty Level	Percent Below Poverty Level
Population for whom poverty status is determined	56,642	8,180	14.4%
AGE			
Under18 years	16,340	2,962	18.1%
Related children under 18 years	16,284	2,906	17.8%
18 to 64 years	33,461	4,698	14.0%
65 years and over	6,841	500	7.3%
SEX			
Male	27,670	3,473	12.6%
Female	28,972	4,687	16.2%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN			
One Race	55,266	7,642	13.8%
White	51,223	6,491	12.7%
Black or African American	389	110	29.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	365	118	32.3%
Asian	296	29	9.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	25	18	72.0%
Some other race	2,968	876	29.5%
Two or more	1,376	518	37.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	7,304	1,899	26.0%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	47,560	5,672	11.9%

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

D. HOUSING PROFILE

The following exhibits describes general characteristics of the housing stock in the City of Idaho Falls. Exhibit 14 describes the changes in building permits within the last 10 years. The year 2008 was the last year of the housing boom in Idaho Falls and the nation before the economy collapse. The years 2009 - 2011 saw a slump in building permits due to the recession. Years 2012 - 2014 show signs of recovery for single family dwelling units. Multi-family units are still lagging in numbers compared to the year 2008.

EXHIBIT 14 - BUILDING PERMITS BY YEAR

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Single-family	309	314	312	1625	69	76	60	134	145	116
Multi-family	207	143	12	671	0	9 (80u)	1 (4u)	0	2 (50u)	0

Source: City of Idaho Falls

Exhibit 15 identifies a steady increase of total dwelling units from 1990 - 2010. The average number of units each decade was approximately 2,900 dwelling units. From 2010 to 2013 there were approximately 900 units.

EXHIBIT 15- TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

Year	1990	2000	2010	2013
Total	16,845	19,771	22,680	23,561

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit 16 Homeownership 64.8%, 68.2% and 67%, Exhibit 17, Rental Rate Comparison 35.2%, 31.7% and 33.0% has remained steady.

EXHIBIT 16 - HOME OWNERSHIP RATE COMPARISON

Year	1990	2000	2006 - 2013
Total	64.8%	68.2%	67.0%

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

EXHIBIT 17 – RENTAL RATE COMPARISON

Year	1990	2000	2006 - 2013
Total	35.2	31.7	33.0%

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit 18 shows that approximately 44% of all housing units were built prior to 1969.

* **Exhibit 18 - YEAR STRUCTURES BUILT**

Subject	City of Idaho Falls, Idaho
Built 2010 or later	90 (971estimate to 2013)
Built 2000 to 2009	3,520
Built 1990 to 1999	2,823
Built 1980 to 1989	2,472
Built 1970 to 1979	4,141
Built 1960 to 1969	2,566
Built 1950 or earlier	7,949
Total	23,561

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit 19 compares vacancy rate for residential dwelling units between years 2000 - 11.5% and 2013 - 4.5%.

* **EXHIBIT 19 – VACANCY RATES**

Subject	2000	2013
Total Housing Units	19,771	23,561
Occupied Housing Units	21,467	20,950
Vacant Housing	978	2,611
Rental Vacancy Rate	5.9%	11.0%
Homeownership Vacancy	1.5%	4.5%

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibit 20 identifies a continued increase in the number of housing units, and identifies the value of homes and rent within a 33 year period. The largest jump was between 2000 and 2013, where the City saw increases of all categories during the housing boom and then the slow down due to the 2007-2009 Great Recession.

EXHIBIT 20 – HOUSING UNITS

Year	1980	1990	2000	2013
Total Housing Units	15,037	16,845	19,826	23,561
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	48,200	63, 400	90,100	140,000*
Median Rent	$198	$293	$475	$675

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013
According to the Snake River Regional MLS Association of Realtors, the 2014 median home value in Bonneville County is $140,000*.

Exhibits 21 and 22 describes the percent of housing cost regarding home ownership in 2013. HUD guidelines state that one shouldn't pay more than 30% of the monthly income for housing.

EXHIBIT 21 - SELECTED MONTHLY HOUSING COST AS A PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI) 2013

Owner-occupied housing w/a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCPAI cannot be computed)	9,281
Less than 20.0 percent	1,610
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,311
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,297
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,355
35.0 percent or more	708

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Housing units without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCPAI cannot be computed)	4,669
Less than 10.0 percent	2,469
10.0 to 14.9 percent	957
15.0 to 19.9 percent	362
20.0 to 24.9 percent	247
25.0 to 29.9 percent	218
30.0 to 34.9 percent	102
35.0 percent or more	314

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

Exhibits 22 and 23 describes the percent of housing cost regarding rentals in 2013. HUD guidelines state that one shouldn't pay more than 30% of the monthly gross income for housing.

EXHIBIT 22 - GROSS RENT

Cost	**Number**
Occupied Units Paying Rent	6,649
Less than $200	72
$200 to $299	227
$300 to $399	1,021
$500 to $599	2,836
$750 to $999	1,628
$1,000 to $1499	621
$1,500 or more	241
Median (dollars)	675
No rent paid	271

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

EXHIBIT 23 - GROSS RENT AS PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)

Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed	6,602
Less Than 15.0 percent	821
15.0 to 19.9	678
20.0 to 24.9	1,067
25.0 to 29.9	765
30.0 to 24.9	606
35.0 percent or more	2,665
Not computed	315
No rent paid	271

Source: US Census and American Community Survey, 2013

E. OTHER RELEVANT DATA

1. Maps - The following 2010 maps from census tracts 9710, 9711 and 9712 are the largest concentration of LMI populations in the City of Idaho Falls. The City has invested Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding within these areas.

The City of Idaho Falls continues to monitor these census tracts and identify any changing tends that may affect fair housing.

Refer to Exhibit 24 Map #7, page 18
Refer to Exhibit 25 Map #9, page 19
Refer to Exhibit 26 Map #10, page 20

EXHIBIT 24 - MAP 7 -% of Persons Living Below Poverty Level

In addition, Census tract 9712 is within the Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation (IFDDC) boundaries. Redevelopment plan are underway for the area along the river at Memorial Drive and an existing historic hotel at the corner of Park Ave and Constitution Way. Part of that project will include remodeling an historic hotel where some LMI populations reside. IFRDA has requested that the proposal should include a component to provide replacement housing for any displaced residents. It has also recommended providing a mix of subsidized and market rate housing.

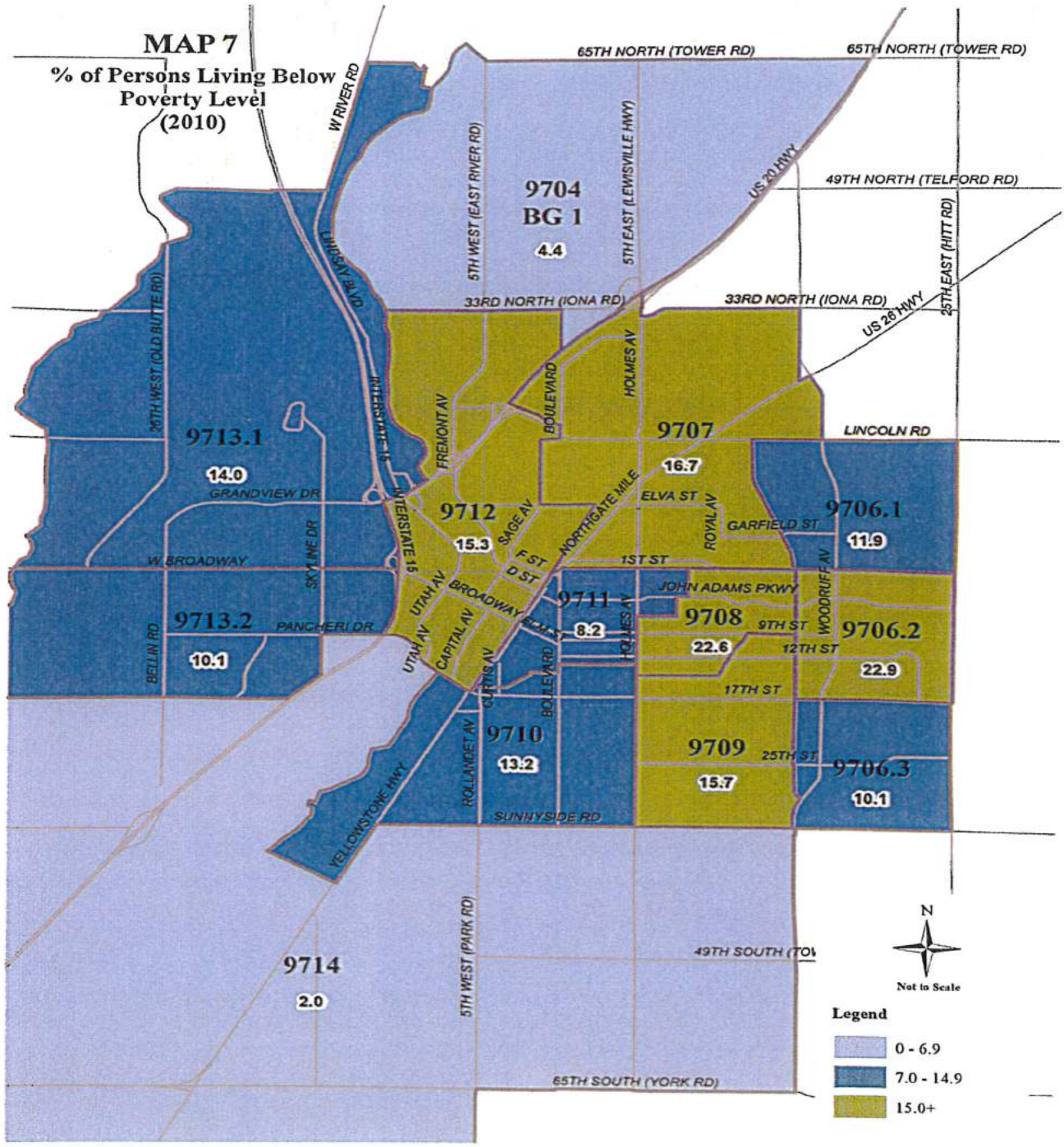


EXHIBIT 25 - MAP 9 - % of Home Owners Paying > 30% of Income on Rent (2010)

Exhibit 25 describes census tract 9710, 9711 and 9712.

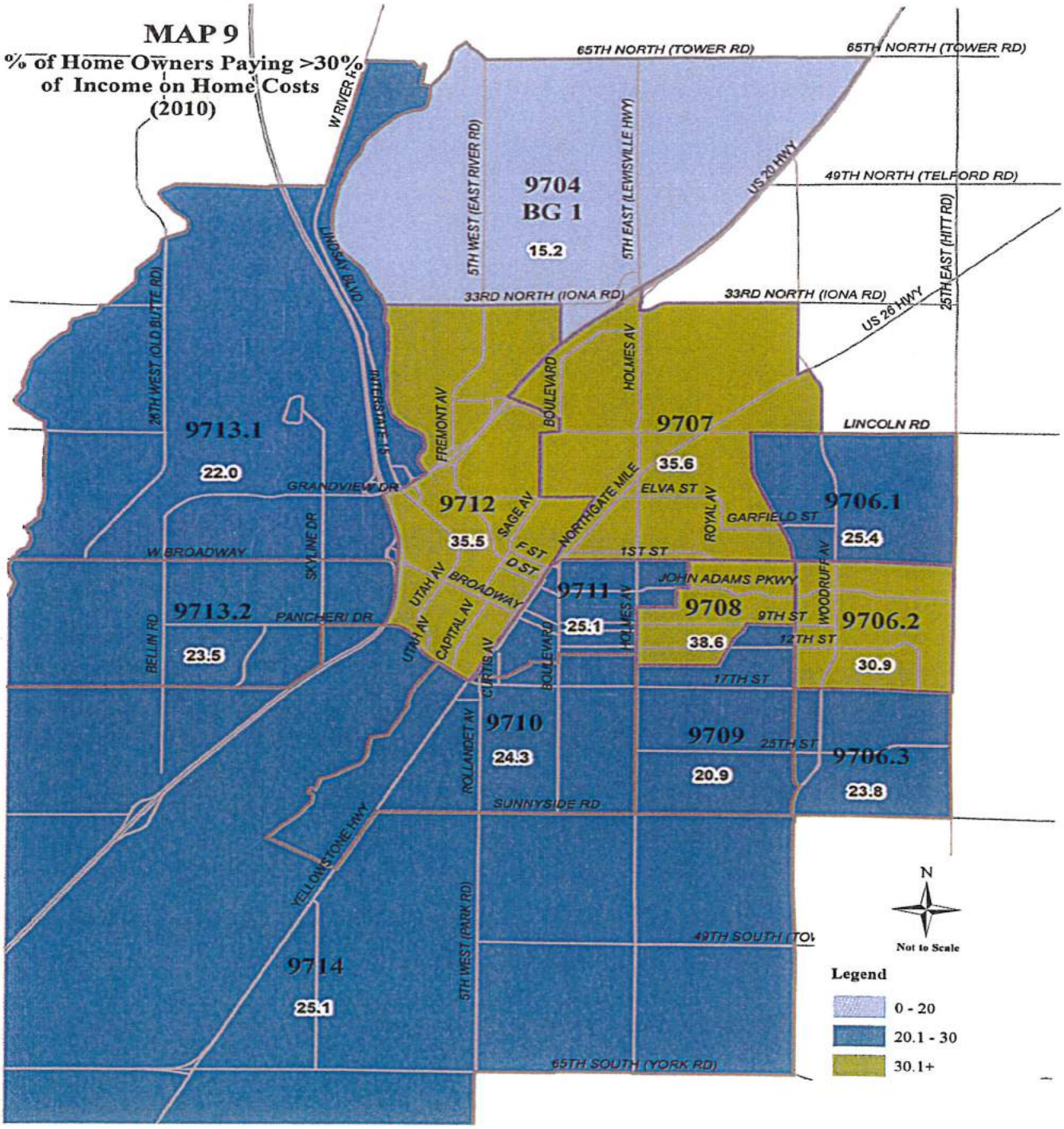
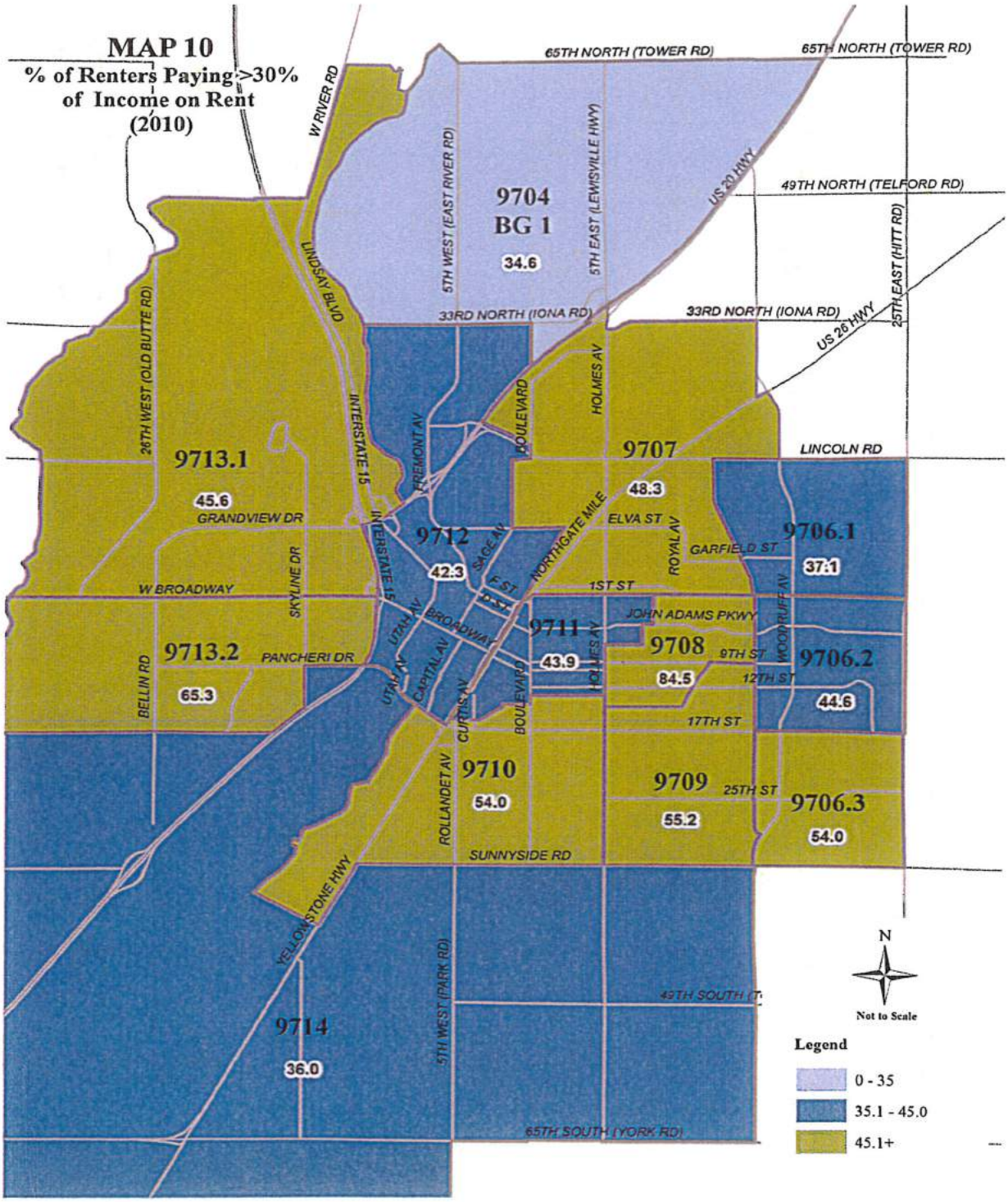


EXHIBIT 26 - MAP 10 - % of Renters Paying > 30% of Income on Rent (2010)

Exhibit 26 describes census tract 9710, 9711 and 9712.



2. Migrant Housing

Based upon an interview with the Community Council of Idaho there is no migrant housing in Idaho Falls. The closest migrant housing is located at Colonia Cesar Chavez 761 W. Center St. #25 Blackfoot, ID 83221.

3. Special Report - to identify the housing needs in Idaho Falls, the City conducted a *Housing Needs Assessment* and *Non-homeless Special Needs Assessment*, *Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment*, *Housing Market Analysis*, *Number of Housing Units and Housing Market Analysis*, and *Cost of Housing in 2015*. **Participating Agencies are identified in each section.**

Housing Needs Assessment

Habitat for Humanity builds affordable or single family housing units for families with homeownership opportunities.

Idaho Falls Rescue Mission has 3 shelters and provides both permanent as well as transitional temporary housing services to adult males 18 years of age and older through the Ark men's shelter, the Ruth House (for women), and FAITH (for families).

Idaho Housing and Finance Idaho Housing (IHFA) is a uniquely created and organized financial institution and administrator of affordable housing resources. In its simplest form, Idaho Housing's mission is to provide funding for affordable housing opportunities in Idaho communities where they are most needed and when it is economically feasible.

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) is has served the communities of Eastern Idaho for 40 years. EICAP strives to help those in need by providing the essential services needed to guide people from living a life filled with need to embracing a life of possibilities through self sufficiency. Through resources from the government, churches, individuals and the overall community, we work to empower people. Through this, we strive to build a stronger community one life at a time. One of the services consist of is affordable housing.

Community Learning Understanding Belonging Inc. (CLUB Inc.) Since 1988, CLUB, Inc. has been providing services which include counseling, medication management and addictive disorder treatments, as well as, community outreach, rehabilitation, crisis intervention, education, and mental health evaluations. CLUB, Inc. recognizes stable housing as an integral part of the well-being of an individual or family who are working to overcome various difficulties and problems in their lives.

United Way specialties are understanding the myriad of struggles facing the community and improving the lives of individuals and families.

Comments and input provided by the agencies who participated in the survey and their responses to follow up questions are provided below.

1. Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

- "Single Family head of household shelter beds are consistently full. Those who have disabilities and the elderly. In addition, people are struggling with addiction, mental health issues, unemployment and underemployment. In regards to underemployment, individuals are typically working minimum wage jobs ($1160.00 gross per month) or SSI/SSDI is the main source of income. These households also have transportation barriers, either no vehicle or an unreliable vehicle. The transportation barrier narrows the housing options."

2. Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

- The Rescue Mission indicated that "approximately 30% of their clients are disabled, and 10% are known victims of domestic violence."

3. What are the most common housing problems?

- "In the Idaho Falls Metropolitan area there are 5,023 households that are paying more than 30% of their monthly income for rent. (35.3% of the rental units) so I would have to say the most common problem is affordability. Secondly, would be the poor conditions of rental homes and apartments in our area."

- "The most common housing problem is affordable housing. There is not enough inventory."

- "Not enough funding or budget authority, landlords not willing to work with them though the rental assistance program, illegal evictions, and their is enough housing but not enough landlords willing to work with."

- "Cost, households with children, discriminatory housing, safe neighborhoods."

- "Affordable housing is a large barrier. Families and individuals with very low income, which creates difficulty maintaining stability and finding affordable housing. Many of these individuals also have poor credit, which creates another barrier to obtaining housing. The landlord may request a

co-signer, which is not an option for these individuals, as their support system is exhausted or non-existent. Transportation creates yet another barrier as they need to find affordable housing in a specific location as they have no transportation to and from work or to other resources necessary to maintain their stability."

4. Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance.

- "Several of the families have been living with relatives. One family lost their housing because the landlord decided to sell the home they were renting. Two of the families were going through a divorce or separation."

- "These individuals and families have minimum wage jobs, deal with addiction issues, have mental illness, and/or have physical disabilities."

- "Characteristics include little-no education, no family support, unwanted pregnancies, addiction, and legal issues. Need low cost/safe housing."

- "Many of these individuals are struggling with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. There may also be learning disabilities in effect. The individuals lack community support, such as case management, substance use disorder treatment, mental health counseling, and prescribed medications (typically these would be Medicaid billable services). Supportive Services need to be in place for those exiting the rapid re-housing program. As the "program" support may be the only supportive services the individual has in place."

5. If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

- "Uses low-income, age, disadvantaged, vulnerable, use community census info, receiving services by other providers."

- "Really low incomes."

6. Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness:

- "Affordability";
- "2-3 years unless terminal illness"

7. What are the number and type of families on the waiting lists for public housing and section 8 tenant-based rental assistance? Based on the information above, and any other information available to the jurisdiction, what are the most immediate needs of residents of public housing and Housing Choice voucher holders?

- "Habitat has two families on the waiting list at this time. We have one family, a single mom with two children that is volunteering in anticipation of applying for our rehab home located at 1295 Bannock. She is recently separated and is currently couch surfing. A second family, an extended family consisting of a single mom, her son and her father, working on their home located at 1080 Hillview. This family currently lives in Rigby in a one bedroom home with inadequate plumbing."

- "No public housing available or waiting list."

- "There are currently 647 families on our waiting list that reside in the City of Idaho Falls. 260 of those families qualify for one bedroom units, so they are one or two member households. 248 of these are also elderly or disabled households."

- "Aspen Park has 24 families."

8. Based on the information above, and any other information available to the jurisdiction, what are the most immediate needs of residents of housing?

- 'Habitat works with families who earn between 25% and 60% of the median income so affordability is the primary concern. A second concern the condition of the home - many of the rental homes are in serious need of repair. Third is overcrowding."

- "Low-income, senior disabled, and diagnosed disabled housing shortage."

9. How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large?

- "50% of renters pay more than the 30% of their monthly income for housing compared to 24.9% of homeowners. Also, many of the homes in Habitat's target area are in need of repair. Again, the major problem has to do with affordability. Many families in this neighborhood are on fixed incomes and do not have the financial resources needed to maintain their homes."

Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment

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Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority (TRPTA) provides regional transportation service to Idaho Falls and the surrounding area.
Fixed Routes in Idaho Falls ONLY: Four (4) fixed routes
(Blue, Green, Yellow and Red) will move along the same route from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm with set stops and times. The cost for the new fixed routes is now $1.75 General Public, $.75 Senior/Student/Disabled.
Paratransit Service in Idaho Falls ONLY: Paratransit Service is (curb-to-curb) service for ADA eligible individuals who are within the paratransit boundaries shown on the map above. Paratransit rides must be scheduled the prior day by 4:00 pm. The cost is $3.50 each way. In order to determine eligibility you must call the Paratransit Administrator at 208-535-0356, ext. 120 to get an application and appointment. These appointments are at no charge.

Idaho Legal Aid (ILA) services supports issues that impact Idaho residents regarding domestic violence, homelessness, food, healthcare issues and benefits, discrimination, outreach and education and supporting coalitions among the legal community to fight social problems.

The Family Crisis Center promotes and provides safety to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault while engaging in the community. The Family Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, and Clark County, approximately 4,500 square miles. They serve both English and Spanish speaking residents.

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1. Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

- "Low to Moderate Income, Elderly without cars, mentally impaired."
- "Disabled: individuals that have difficulty with authority, social security help; Mental health; Elderly: collections, consumer protection, end of life benefits, emergency guardianship; Domestic violence victims: personal strength and resources, lack of community support."
- "I do not have any statistics to quote here, bust based on our past experience approximately one third of the households that qualify for habitat housing have a family member with special needs. We have built homes for several children confined to wheelchairs and also for an adult survivor of polio."
- "Alcohol and drug addicts, mental illness, substance abuse. Individuals will self identify and a case manager will determine basic needs."
- "Accessibility for disabled, Low to moderate income housing improvements downtown, public facilities."
- "Low-income, Senior Disabled, Diagnosed Disability."
- "Many of these individuals are struggling with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. There may also be learning disabilities in effect. The individuals lack community support, such as case management, substance use disorder treatment, mental health counseling, and prescribed medications (typically these would be Medicaid billable services). Supportive Services need to be in place for those exiting the rapid re-housing program. As the "program" support may be the only supportive services the individual has in place."

2. What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

- "ADA access to bus stops; Bus stop shelters; Bike racks on buses; Reliable fixed routes; Expanded routes to neighboring communities; Increased signage for visibility of services."

- "Income/asset scale 125% uses software to assess assets. Works off of a priority list. Program is grant driven. There are a lot of cases in Idaho Falls compared to the rest of the county. Current funding is restricted to rural funds but Idaho Falls doesn't count. There is a lot of poverty and drug culture that most don't see. Domestic violence number higher than the rest of the state."

- "Habitat for Humanity, whenever possible, builds "visitable" homes. These homes are not totally accessible, but are equipped with ramps and have bathroom access for those persons confined to wheelchairs."

- "Housings biggest gaps: loss of job, mental illness, not free of drugs long enough, more halfway houses. Assistance in accessing providers and basic medical needs. Providers don't fully understand HUD rules, more training is needed."

- "ADA improvements downtown, Yellowstone crossing crosswalk compliance, water and sewer upgrades downtown, public restrooms downtown."

- "Low-income housing for seniors. There is a growing demand for senior housing as demographics are changing."

- "Many of these individuals are struggling with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. There may also be learning disabilities in effect. The individuals lack community support, such as case management, substance use disorder treatment, mental health counseling, and prescribed medications (typically these would be Medicaid billable services). Supportive Services need to be in place for those exiting the rapid re-housing program. As the "program" support may be the only supportive services the individual has in place."

- "Supportive services, medications, mental health treatment, job placement opportunities, etc. Employment help for those with addiction or mental health. Job coaching and placement, improving basic skills. No mental health resources."

3. Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

- "Not a lot of HIV/AIDS cases only 3 last year. Primarily housing cases. Not a large part of what they handle. Public policies that affect this group:

a resolution to strengthen fair housing for the LGBT community, statewide landlord-tenant laws are more landlord favored."

Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment

YMCA strengthen the foundations of community by developing successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility.

Partners for Prosperity is dedicated to reducing poverty by building assets and creating opportunities. We believe in marshalling resources, forming partnerships and developing innovative programs to benefit working and low income people.

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Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corp. (IFDDC) concentration is within historical downtown, which is the regional center for commerce, culture and leisure activities for residents and visitors.

Veterans Memorial Commission supports veteran affair services.

1. Describe the jurisdictions need for Public Facilities:

- "Transportation issues (not necessarily public transportation), employment in the neighborhood where they live. Affordable daycare services primarily for LMI families."
- "Centers to train for more financial education, soft education for self-skills training, professional technical education, bankruptcy counseling."
- "Accessibility for disabled, Low to moderate income housing improvements downtown, public facilities."
- "ADA accessibility."

2. Describe the jurisdictions need for Public Improvements:

- "Facility security (doors and locks), heating, playgrounds and parks."
- "ADA improvements downtown, Yellowstone crossing crosswalk compliance, water and sewer upgrades downtown, public restrooms downtown."
- "ADA parking stalls and drop-off area, better access to TRPTA."

3. **Describe the jurisdictions need for Public Services:**

- "Employment needs, Food Stamps, Emotional support."
- "Financial education and planning for LMI groups, digital literacy for elderly, financial education in the workplace, STEM education, self-skill training (basic life skills)."
- "Help with under employment for LMI families. Transportation a huge issue, specifically getting from home to work. TRPTA doesn't have route consistency and limited options. Areas of need include homelessness, lack of food, mental illness. Seniors are a huge at risk population that is growing rapidly. They struggle with food, need home deliveries, and have people check up on them. Life skills for those who are in transition homes or suffer from mental health issues. Dental care needs, utility bill help, gas money for transportation, basic needs. Working parents with children education opportunities. Prevention programs."
- "Homeless Stand-down, Help 4 Vets."

Housing Market Analysis: Number of Housing Units

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1. Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

- No response provided.

2. Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

- "There are currently no units expected to be lost."

3. Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

- "Right now the availability of housing units meet the needs of the populations."

4. Describe the need for specific types of housing:

- "There is no public housing available."

Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing

Idaho Housing and Finance Idaho Housing (IHFA) is a uniquely created and organized financial institution and administrator of affordable housing resources. In its simplest form, Idaho Housing's mission is to provide funding for affordable housing opportunities in Idaho communities where they are most needed and when it is economically feasible.

1. Fair Market Rents

1 Bedroom - 498
2 Bedroom - 674
3 Bedroom - 951
4 Bedroom -1194

III. EVALUATION OF JURISDICTION'S CURRENT FAIR HOUSING LEGAL STATUS

A. Fair housing complaints or compliance reviews where the Secretary has issued a charge of or made a finding of discrimination.

Cities in the state of Idaho don't have the authority to investigate or prosecute Fair Housing Laws. The state of Idaho has given that authority to the **Idaho Human Rights Commission (IHRC).**

<u>The general purposes of the IHRC is to:</u>

(1) To provide for execution within the state of the policies embodied in the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, and Titles I and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(2) To secure for all individuals within the state freedom from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin or disability in connection with employment, public accommodations, and real property transactions, discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in connection with education, discrimination because of age in connection with employment, and thereby to protect their interest in personal dignity, to make

available to the state their full productive capacities, to secure the state against domestic strife and unrest, to preserve the public safety, health, and general welfare, and to promote the interests, rights and privileges of individuals within the state.

The work that provided the basis for this publication was supported by funding under a grant with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The substance and findings of the work are dedicated to the public.

According to the Idaho Human Rights Commission, from January 1, 2011-October 19, 2015, a total of 34 cases alleging housing discrimination were filed in this period. Of the housing cases that have been filed with the Commission. Since October 17, 2015, when this report was generated, there office had received another housing complaint, thus bring the total to 34 charges.

The Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) is a nonprofit organization that provides information and education services to housing consumers, housing providers, community organizations, and lending institutions; Monitors fair housing compliance of housing providers, lending institutions, and local and state governments; Engages in enforcement activities which include investigation, testing, and complaint filing with State or Federal authorities; and negotiates fair housing settlements by mediation, conciliation, or litigation, if necessary.

The Intermountain Fair Housing Council has done testing in the areas of steering based on disability, discriminatory ads, familial status, reasonable accommodations and design and construction.

Intermountain Fair Housing Council has provided data that describes the types and dates of fair housing complaints that have been made in the city of Idaho Falls from the time period of January 2011 - 2015 are describe below in **Exhibit 24**.

These organizations provide statewide fair housing services to the citizens of Idaho.

Exhibit 24. - Intermountain Fair Housing Council 2011- 2015

CASE TYPE	ISSUE	NUMBER OF CASES	COMMENTS
COMPLAINTS			
	Refusals for reasonable accommodations	77	
	Design and construction	3	Accessibility
	Landlord/Tenant	36	
	Discriminatory Statement based on Race	1	
	Familial Status	2	
	Discrimination based on sexual orientation	1	
	Discriminatory Statement	2	
	Discriminatory Ads	2	
	Sexual Harassment	2	Hostile
	Sexual Harassment	1	Quid Pro Quo
	Discrimination based on National Origin	2	
	Fair Lending	1	
FAIR LENDING PRACTICES		1	
CASES THAT WENT TO COURT		1	Fair Housing discrimination suit filed by Intermountain Fair Housing Council - Discriminatory Statement
HATE MESSAGE		1	Denial of RM (room)

Source: Intermountain Fair Housing Council, 2015

In addition, **Idaho Legal Aid (ILA)** services supports issues that impact Idaho residents regarding domestic violence, homelessness, food, healthcare issues and benefits, discrimination, outreach and education and supporting coalitions among the legal community to fight social problems. They may receive fair housing inquiries, but these inquiries are forward to the Intermountain Fair Housing Council.

B. Fair housing discrimination suit filed by the Department of Justice or private Plaintiffs. The Intermountain Fair Housing Council has had (1) Fair Housing discrimination suit that is identified in Exhibit 24, as a fair housing suit.

C. Reasons for any trends or patterns

It seems that educating the public, professionals and others regarding fair housing statues continues to be a challenge. Training in Idaho Falls and the top 10 cities in the state have available to them annual fair housing training. Intermountain Fair Housing Council with a partnership with the local jurisdictions, Idaho Legal Aid and area nonprofits sponsor full day Fair Housing Workshops in various regions in Idaho.

In Idaho Falls the workshop was held on May 6. The workshop was sponsored by the of Idaho Falls in partnership with the City of Pocatello, Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Idaho Legal Aid, Idaho Housing and Finance Association and various neighborhood and community service organizations. Topics included part Fair Housing Basics and Advance training, Service Animals and Reasonable Accommodations and Fair Housing Compliance. Presenters included Zoe Ann Olson, Attorney and Executive Director, Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Sarah Fisher, Senior Investigator, Idaho Human Rights Commission and David Penny, Attorney, who was giving a Housing Provider Attorney's Perspective.

D. Discussion of other fair housing concerns or problems.

There are three general issues that continue to be a challenged.

1. The general lack of knowledge by potential home renters, buyers, and general public about the requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

2. The lack of understanding by developers and landlords about housing accessibility requirements under the Fair Housing Act and which standards apply. The issue regarding Service Animals and Reasonable Accommodations regulations continue to be an important topic.

3. Another concern is educating the public regarding what is fair housing.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

A. Public Sector

1. Zoning and Site Selection

a. City of Idaho Falls, Community Development Services Dept. Planning Division

1) The term group home is not defined in the zoning or subdivision ordinance or comprehensive plan, but the city follows the State of Idaho's definition of family Idaho Statue 67-6531-Single Family Dwelling.

a) For the purpose of any zoning law, ordinance or code, the classification "single family dwelling" shall include any group residence in which eight (8) or fewer unrelated persons with disabilities or elderly persons reside and who are supervised at the group residence in connection with their disability or age related infirmity.

b) Resident staff, if employed, need not be related to each other or to any of the persons with disabilities or elderly persons residing in the group residence.

c) No more than two (2) of such staff shall reside in the dwelling at any one time.

2) Manufactured home in many communities may be the only affordable housing unit available to low and moderate income residents. Idaho Code 67- 6509A states that each governing board shall amend its comprehensive plan and land use regulations for all land zoned for single-family residential uses, except for lands falling within an area defined as a historic district under section 67-4607,which the City of Idaho Falls complies. Manufactured homes are allowed in any residential zone.

3) The Idaho Falls zoning ordinance allows for lot sizes of a minimum of 5,000 square feet and no maximum size within its standard zones. Trending in the country are small foot print housing developments. One of the defining costs for development of new affordable housing units is the costs of land. The City

should look towards alternatives to standard lot development for new housing types. The City's Planned Unit Development ordinance, which does not require minimum lot sizes and permits clustering of housing units, is an example of such an alternative.

4) In census tract 9712, the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency (IFRDA), the local urban renewal agency, has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a development project. Part of that project will include remodeling of an historic hotel where some LMI populations reside. IFRDA has requested that the proposal should include a component to provide replacement housing for any displaced residents. It has also recommended providing a mix of subsidized and market rate housing.

5) Second, with the help of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), code enforcement has initiated a neighborhood cleanup campaign. During the spring and summer months, fliers explaining City Codes and instructions for the cleanup are distributed to each resident in a particular neighborhood. That neighborhood is then provided with two 30-yard dumpsters for a week. Residents may deposit junk, debris, tree clippings, etc. that may have been accumulating in their yards. Following the cleanup, the entire neighborhood is inspected for violations.

2. Neighborhood Revitalization, Municipal and Other Services, Employment-Housing-Transportation Linkage

a. Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority (TRPTA) The local regional transportation authority. Responsibilities that particularly relate to the Analysis of Impediment include:

1) When deemed necessary, form subcommittees to assist in the development of transportation plans, studies and programs;

2) Review and consider citizen input regarding transportation plans, studies, programs and projects.

b. In their November 7, 2012 Report the following comments were made.

1) Clients Living in Low or Moderate Income Areas - Agencies were asked if their clients/customers tend to live in low or moderate income areas of the Idaho Falls urbanized areas (Idaho Falls, Ammon, Ucon, Iona, and Bonneville County around these cities). The eight agencies that responded to this question all reported that their clients/customers tend to live in low or moderate income areas of the Idaho Falls urbanized area. Agencies were then asked if they were willing to work with TRPTA staff in identifying the general areas and discuss whether a route bus stop in the area would be helpful to their clients. All agencies gave an affirmative response to that question.

2) Identify Hours that Clients Need Service - Agencies were asked to identify their client's service needs on Monday through Friday, as well as Saturday and Sunday for both the TRPTA route service and the door-to-door demand-response service. Only three agencies responded to that question. Two agencies indicated that the hours of operation on the TRPTA route service, Monday through Friday, should be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Two agencies indicated that the hours of operation on the TRPTA route service on Saturday and Sunday should be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For the TRPTA demand-response service, two agencies indicated that the hours of operation on the TRPTA demand-response service, Monday through Friday, should be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Two agencies indicated that the hours of operation on the TRPTA demand-response service on Saturday should be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to serve their clients' needs.

3) Transportation Needs Not Currently Met - Agencies were asked to identify transportation needs that they felt were not currently being met. Examples of typical service requests were listed such as staff and/or client training on use of available services; more frequency (every hour, every half-hour, every 15 minutes); and published route stops at particular destinations not currently served by a route. Agencies were given a chance to select multiple responses. Eight agencies responded to this question. Three responses identified staff and/or client training on use of available services as the needs not currently been met. Two responses reported that they would like service with more

frequency of every half-hour. Two responses indicated the need for transportation on weekends, one response especially emphasized the need for transportation on Saturday as their clients work in the community during that day of the week.

4) Public Involvement, Service, Final Report - Destinations listed as not currently served by a route include Fred Meyers and the local homeless shelters like Eagle Pointe.

5) Other Public Transportation Needs - Respondents were asked to identify other public transportation needs they felt were not been met.

6) In general, people reported that they want service on weekends (especially on Saturdays), evening service, on-time service, and that the service needs more bus stops. Other comments relevant to this study were the desire for a reliable service so that they could get to work and the request to do away with deviations. There was also a comment from a respondent who was happy with the TRPTA service as she was able to get her daughter to school and work.

c. The lack of public transportation impacts discussion.
The lack of transportation limits movement of citizens of Idaho Falls. It can limit their access to employment, medical services, and essential services.

3. PHA and Other Assisted/Insured Housing Provider Tenant Selection Procedures; Housing Choices for Certificate and Voucher Holders

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) is a key partner to the City. IHFA operates low-rent public housing, manages the Section 8 Rental Assistance and Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and offers homebuyer education, down payment assistance and residential mortgage loans. The Section 8 Certificate Rental Voucher Program is designed to give low-income families more choice in locating decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing. Having the freedom and mobility to live where they choose allows individuals and families a greater access to increased employment options, choice in schools, increased personal and property safety.

4. Sale of Subsidized Housing and Possible Displacement

The Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corp. (IFDDC), the local urban renewal agency, has released a request for proposal (RFP) for a redevelopment project. Part of that project will include the razing of a hotel, where some LMI populations reside. Urban Renewal agency has requested that the proposal should include a component to provided replacement housing for LMI population. Until the proposal is submitted, it hasn't been determined if the location of the housing units will be in the same area or located on scattered sites throughout the city.

5. Property Tax Policies

Cities in the State of Idaho do not have authority to levy taxes.

6. Planning/Building Divisions Boards and City Council

1) The City of Idaho Falls Planning Commission consist of 10 members; 5 men, 5 women. The membership consist of school district employees, Idaho National Laboratory (INL) engineers, an architect, a retiree who was in the construction industry, a hydrologist, a financial advisor, and a consultant. There are no minorities or members of a protected classes. The planning director is very interested in attracting someone from the Hispanic community to serve. The director recognizes a member from the Hispanic community should be represented.

2) In regards to fair housing training City Council receives updates during Public Hearings of Fair Housing activities completed with annual CDBG funds during the Annual Action Plan process and the Comprehensive Annual Performance Review and Evaluation (CAPER) process. FH training is attended and or sponsored every year by the Grant Administrator and a portion of the funds are set aside to sponsor the training. The City partners with Pocatello and IHFA and rotates locations for the training. The City Attorney and/or staff attend and Council members have attended in the past. For 2015, the training was held in Idaho Falls and was co-sponsored with Pocatello and IHFA.

The Mayor, City Council and the Planning Commission are encouraged to attend fair housing training.

7. Building Code (Accessibility)

The building department staff reviews accessibility standards when they review building permits. They do not have an official checklist and refer directly to Chapter 11 of the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) and the ANSI A17.1 for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities. Accessibility standards for City Code is the IBC and ANSI A17.1.

In addition, the City had an Accessibility Commission up until Jan of 2014. The Commission looked at ADA concerns with city facilities and programs, completed assessments, and made recommendations.

From 2010 to 2014, the goal of the Commission was to assess, make recommendations, and provide a priority for the City to refer as budgets and grant cycles came available. The Commission is operating on an as needed basis until further direction.

B. Private Sector

1. Lending Policies and Practices

Fair lending is more difficult to detect and to prove. However, there are laws other than the Fair housing Law to assist some communities in aggressively scrutinizing fair lending activity. One such law is the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) that requires banks to publish a record of their lending activities annually.

Frequently, fair housing enforcement agencies and nonprofits will use this data to help substantiate a discrimination claim or to determine a bank's racial diversification of loans. HMDA data show the location and dollar amount of reporting lender's loans by census tract. These data also contain racial and ethnic information for borrowers.

The Federal Reserve Board provides computerized HMDA reports to designated Federal depository institutions and mortgage banking institutions subject to HMDA in central Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). This process makes the data highly accessible to interested persons and organizations at the local level. HMDA reporting requirements do not apply to financial institutions located outside MSAs. Idaho Falls is one of four cities that holds MSA status in Idaho.

HMDA data does not provide information about individuals, unsuccessful applicants or successful borrows, nor do they provide information on individual housing units or the reason for lending decisions. HMDA can provide information on the characteristics of census tracts and

neighborhoods in relation to the flow of credit to each such area. These data only serves as an indicator of problems, not a full description of them.

Another law frequently utilized by community organizations is the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). When a bank wants to merge with or buy another bank or establish a new branch, the community has an opportunity to comment. Usually, the CRA commitments made by the bank are analyzed, utilizing other data such as HMDA, to determine adherence. The community may challenge the action if the bank has a poor record. Sometimes agreements can be reached wherein the bank promises a certain level of commitment to the community.

Additionally, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) prohibits discrimination in lending.

C. Public and Private Sector

1. Fair Housing Enforcement

The City of Idaho Falls doesn't have the authority to conduct Fair Housing enforcement on Idaho State Statues. As mentioned in Section III, the Idaho Human Rights Commission (HRC) for the state of Idaho and the Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) as a nonprofit organization have that authority.

2. Information Programs

The Fair Housing Forum (FHF) consists of members from throughout the state of Idaho, such as entitlement cities (Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Pocatello and Idaho Falls), Fair Housing advocates, attorneys that represent fair housing clients, fair housing advocates, housing providers, and representatives from the Intermountain Fair Housing Council, , Idaho Legal Aid and Idaho Human Rights Commission.

It is managed by Erik Kingston, Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). There are material developed by the city of Boise which is shared with others cities and organization to promote fair housing. Such as fair housing posters, radio and TV ads and fair housing information cards. Some items are available in Spanish, Arabic, Somalian, French and Bosnian.

Other information that is available include prepare materials which are available thru IFHA, such as, Fair Housing Forum information folders, Ramp Up Idaho brochures, web sites, fair housing videos and posters. Most of the information which is published by the cities can be acquired on the Fair Housing Forum web site Statewide 211 calls are managed by the State of Idaho Health and Welfare office. They assist in directing fair housing questions and complaints to the appropriate agency.

3. Visitability in Housing

As stated earlier, the City of Idaho Falls Building Department reviews accessibility standards while they review building permits in new construction.

D. Where there is a determination of unlawful segregation or other housing discrimination by a court

or a finding of noncompliance by HUD under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or where the Secretary has issued a charge under the Fair Housing Act regarding assisted housing within a recipient's jurisdiction, an analysis of the actions, which could be taken by the recipient to help remedy the discriminatory condition, including actions involving the expenditure of funds by the jurisdiction. There is no indication of any segregation in the City of Idaho Falls.

V. Assessment of Current Public and Private Fair Housing Programs and Activities in the Jurisdiction

In addition to Fair Housing Month activities, the city participates in the Continuum of Care (CoC) through the Region 6 Housing Coalition. The Grant Administer represents the City of Idaho Falls during regular monthly meetings. Through collaboration and coordination, the Coalition provides the opportunity for the exchange of information, including referrals, among service provide agencies. The Coalition also plan and coordinate local events such as: the HUD/IHFA Point in Time Count, Homeless Stand Down, April as Fair Housing Month, Fair Housing Training, and ADA Days.
For 2016, the Grant Administrator is assisting with the planning of the Annual the Point in-time Count and helping with the local Homeless Stand Down event to be held Jan 30, 2016.

V1. 2009-2015 Analysis of Impediments-Fair Housing Comparison

***2009-10 Impediments* found through in-house review of Public/Private Sector policies and practices.**

1. There is a general lack of knowledge by potential home renters, buyers, and the general public about the requirements of the Fair Housing Act.
2. There continues to be a need for pre-housing counseling so that renters or buyers understand the costs and responsibilities of buying or renting a home.
3. The percentage of income that can be used for housing rental/purchase payments is very limited among low- and moderate-income families. Down payment, closing, utility hook-up and deposit costs are beyond the reach of many would-be low income renters and homeowners.
4. There is a continuing need for vouchers under the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.
5. Cost of housing continues to rise with Affordability for low-income families in the $80,000-$90,000 range.
6. There is a lack of understanding by developers and landlords about housing accessibility requirements under the Fair Housing Act and which standards apply.

According to Intermountain Fair Housing from January of 2009 to September 2009:

1. 12 complaints in Idaho Falls, all resolved and found the owners to be in violation.
2. 6 pending cases were also under review and 90% of the complaints were against landlords or owners who are disabled and do not have some type of accommodation provided to them by the property owner. This is a major problem and needs to be addressed.

***2015 Impediments* found by Planning and Facility Management, independent consultant**

1. Expansion of Inventory with regards to affordable housing needed.
2. The building community is not building affordable housing units.
3. Expansion of housing options.
4. The public is lacking knowledge of the Fair Housing Act.
5. There is a need to expand membership of minorities or protected classes as members on the Planning Commission.
6. Some developers and landlords continue to have a lack of understanding of housing accessibility requirements under the Fair Housing Act.
7. Some landlords continue to have a lack the understanding of the requirements regarding service animals.
8. There are some gaps in public transportation access to services for protected classes.
9. There is a continuing need for vouchers under the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

According to Intermountain Fair Housing from January of 2011-2015:

1. 133 complaints cases in Idaho Falls;
2. (1) Fair Housing discrimination suit filed by Intermountain Fair Housing Council;
3. 77 of the 133 complaints were refusals for reasonable accommodations;
4. 33 of the 133 complaints were landlord/tenant related.
5. The remaining 22 complaints were various fair housing discrimination issues.

VII. Conclusions and Recommendations

The City of Idaho Falls is moving in the right direction to deal with local fair housing issues. The first positive step was to prepare a housing needs assessment in order to receive input from service providers of the City regarding housing issues. The needs assessments identified gaps in services. In some cases the City may not be able to tackle issues and needs by themselves. Another concern identified, was the need for the development of additional affordable housing. The next step in this process is to receive input from city residents. The City may wish to consider developing a community survey to gage the community's knowledge of the City of Idaho Falls's housing issues.

One of the major cost of development is the acquisition of land. The City may wish to explore other creative opportunities with community leaders and local partners to explore opportunities to establish affordable housing.

Based upon the 2015 needs assessment, the homeless population was identified by service providers as, single family head of households, the elderly, those with disabilities, unemployment and underemployment. In regards to housing assistance, people who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking were also identified. The Rescue Mission indicated that approximately 30% of their clients are disabled, and 10% are known victims of domestic violence.

The Region 6 Housing Coalition, which comprises of service providers throughout the region, provides an important role to assist the city. The city's Grant Administrator is part of the organization and attends their monthly meetings. The Grant Administrator may want to consider an additional group such as a Fair Housing Task Force. The Task Force could focus on more details and issues that are identified in the Analysis of Impediments.

The Grant Administrator has encouraged elected and appointed officials, as well as, staff to attend annual fair housing training annually. The Grant Administrator may consider establishing an annual fair housing training during a City Council Work Session involving Planning and Building Divisions, within the Community Development Services Department, so they may receive a one on one presentation.

Finally, some communities have looked at creative opportunities to increase the availability of affordable housing. The Idaho Falls zoning ordinance allows for lot sizes of a minimum of 5,000 square feet and no maximum size within its standard zones. Trending in the country are small foot print housing developments and one of the defining costs for development of new affordable housing is the costs of land. The City's Planned Unit Development ordinance, which does not require minimum lot sizes and permits clustering of housing units, is an example of such an alternative.

VIII. Signature Page

Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls

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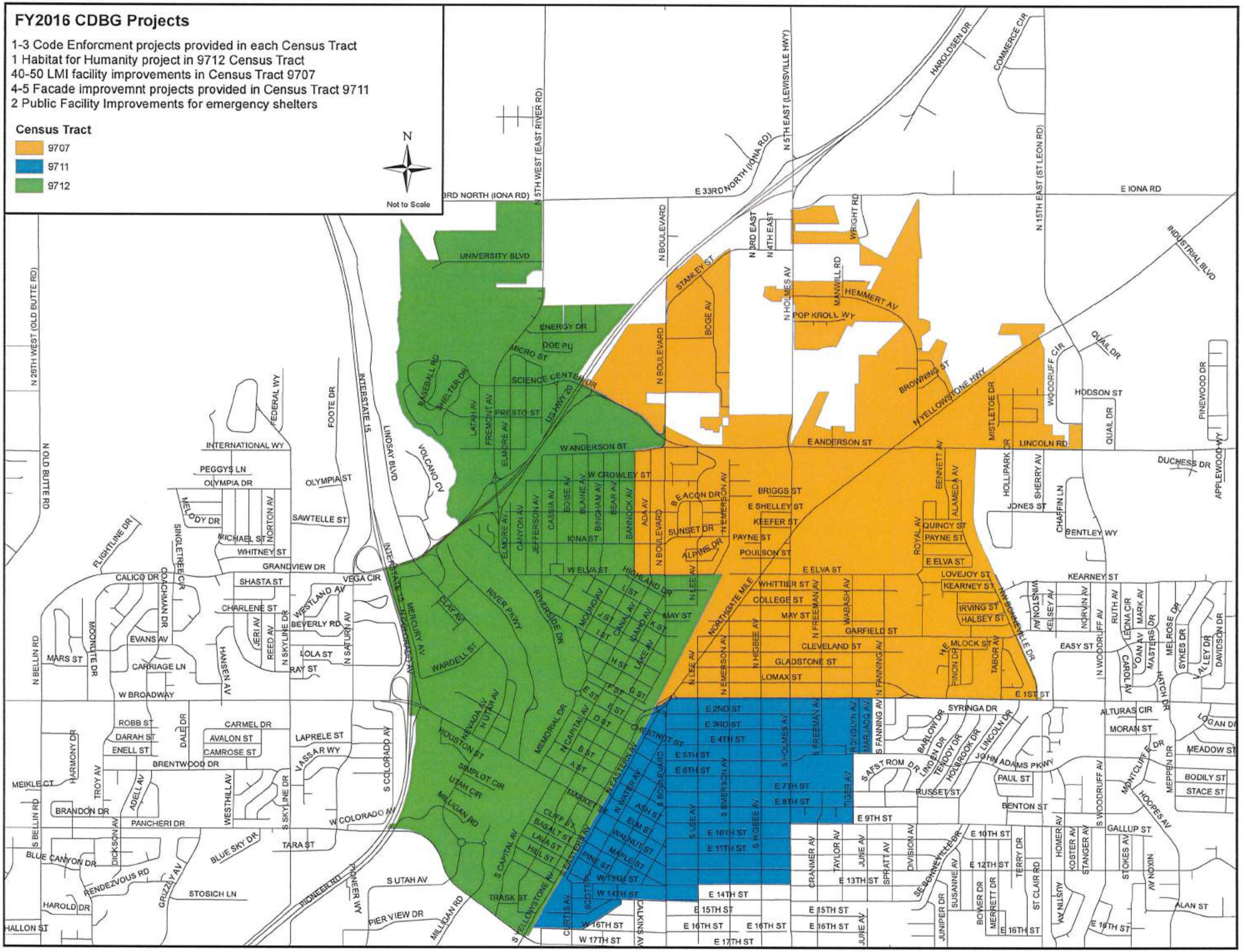
FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Grantee Unique Appendices for Geographic Distribution

Map for Projects/Activities


FY2016 CDBG Projects
1-3 Code Enforcment projects provided in each Census Tract
1 Habitat for Humanity project in 9712 Census Tract
40-50 LMI facility improvements in Census Tract 9707
4-5 Facade improvemnt projects provided in Census Tract 9711
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City of Idaho Falls

FY2016-2020 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Grantee Unique Appendices for Monitoring

Monitoring Checklist for Management Systems for Subrecipient Oversite

Exhibit A
Checklist for On-Site Monitoring of a Subrecipient
CDBG Program

Subrecipient _____
Project Name/Agreement No. _____
Project Director _____

In-house review and general oversight conducted on _____
On-site monitoring visit(s) conducted on _____

Monitoring letter sent on _____
Follow-up monitoring visit conducted/letter sent on_____

A. National Objective and Eligibility

1. Which National Objective does this project meet (570.208)*?

   Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income Persons
   ____Low/Mod Area Benefit
   ____Limited Clientele Benefit
   ____Low/Mod Housing Benefit
   ____Job Creation or Retention

   Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight
   ____on an Area Basis
   ____on an Spot Basis

   An Urgent Need
   ____Needs having a Particular Urgency

2. Which eligibility category does the project meet? (570.201-6)?

B. Conformance to the Subrecipient Agreement

1. Contract Scope of Services – Is the full scope of services listed in the Agreement being undertaken? List any deviation.

2. Levels of Accomplishments – Compare actual accomplishments at the point of monitoring with planned accomplishments. Is the project achieving the expected levels of performance (number of persons served, number of units rehabbed, etc.) and reaching the intended client group? Explain any problem the subrecipient may be experiencing. **Acknowledge major accomplishments.**

3. Time of Performance – Is the work being performed in a timely manner (i.e., meeting the schedule as shown in the Agreement)? Explain.

4. Budget – Compare actual expenditures versus planned expenditures. Note any discrepancies or possible deviations.

5. Requests for Payment – Are requests for payment being submitted in a timely manner and are they consistent with the level of work accomplished?
   Is program income earned and if so; is it properly accounted for and recorded? Explain.

6. Progress Reports – Have progress reports been submitted with payment requests (where required) on time and were they complete and accurate?

7. Special Conditions – Does the project conform to any special terms and conditions included in the Subrecipient Agreement? Explain.

C. Record-Keeping Systems (570.506)

Records should demonstrate that each activity undertaken meets the criteria for National Objectives compliance. Such records should be found in both the grantee's project file and the subrecipient file.

1. Filing System – Are the subrecipient's files orderly, comprehensive, secured for confidentiality where necessary, and up-to-date? Note any areas of deficiency.

2. Documentation (activities, costs and beneficiaries) – Do the HCD project file and subrecipient records have the necessary documentation supporting the National Objective being met, eligibility, and program costs as they relate to 570.506? Do the project files support the data the subrecipient has provided for the CAPER?

3 Record Retention – Is there a process for determining which records need to be retained and for how long?

4. Site Visit (where applicable) – Is the information revealed by a site visit consistent with the records maintained by the subrecipient and with data previously provided to the grantee? Explain any discrepancies.

   a. Is the project manager located on-site and running the day-to-day operations? Do the staff seem fully informed about program requirements and project expectations? Explain.

   b. Is the project accomplishing what it was designed to do? Explain any problems.

D. Financial Management Systems [85.20 (local governments) and 84.21–28 (non-profits)]

1. Systems for Internal Control – Are systems in compliance with accounting policies and procedures for cash, real and personal property, equipment and other assets (85.20(b)(3) and 84.20(b)(3))?

2. Components of a Financial Management System – Review the chart of accounts, journals, ledgers, reconciliation, data processing, and reporting system. Note any discrepancies.

3. Accounting – Compare the latest performance report, drawdown requests, bank records, payroll records, receipts/disbursements, etc. Note any discrepancies.

4. Eligible, Allocable, and Reasonable Costs – See OMB Circulars A-87, A-122. Pay particular attention to the time distribution records where the subrecipient has employees who work on both CDBG and non-CDBG funded activities. Note any discrepancies.

5. Cash Management/Drawdown Procedures – See Treasury Circular 1075, 85.20(b)(7), and 84.20. Has all cash been promptly drawn down and deposited? Are all drawdowns of Federal funds properly recorded? Note any discrepancies.

6. Management of Program Income – If the subrecipient generates program income, refer to 570.504 and the Subrecipient Agreement about its use. Note any discrepancies.

7. IPA Audit Reports/Follow-up – (OMB Circular A-133) Determine if the subrecipient has expended $500,000 or more in Federal funds for the subject program year.

   IPA Audit Required Yes____ No___ N/A____
   Date Conducted_____

   Any findings related to CDBG activity? Status? Explain.

8. Maintenance of Source Documentation – (85.20(b) and 84.20(b)) Note any discrepancies in sample records, invoices, vouchers and time records traced through the system.

9. Budget Control – Do actual expenditures match the line item budget? Refer to 85.20(b)(4) and 84.20. Note any discrepancies.

E. Insurance

1. Has the subrecipient submitted a current copy of its Certificate of Insurance?

2. Is the City named as an additional insured?

F. Procurement

1. Procurement Procedures – Do the procedures the subrecipient uses for procurement of goods and services meet CDBG requirements? Review a sample number of procurements.

2. Conflict of Interest – How does the subrecipient assure there was no conflict of interest, real or apparent? Review the process and comment.

G. Equipment and Real Property

1. Has the subrecipient acquired or improved any property it owns in whole or in part with CDBG funds in excess of $25,000? If yes, review for compliance with 570.503(b)(7).

2. Has the subrecipient purchased equipment with CDBG funds in excess of $1,000? Does the subrecipient maintain the records required at 84.34?

3. Has a physical inventory taken place and the results reconciled with property records within the last two years?

4. If the subrecipient disposed of equipment/property that was purchased with Federal funds within the last five years:

    a. Were proceeds from the sale reported as program income?
    b. Did the grantee approve expenditure of program income?
    c. Was the program income returned to the grantee?

H. Non-Discrimination and Actions to Further Fair Housing

1. Equal Employment Opportunity – Refer to 570.506, 601 and 602. Note any deficiencies.

2. Section 3 – Opportunities for Training and Employment for Local Residents – Refer to 570.506(g)(5) and 570.607(a) (affirmative action). Note any deficiencies.

3. Fair Housing Compliance – Refer to 570.904 and 570.601(b). Note any deficiencies.

4. Requirements for Disabled Persons – Refer to 8.6. Note any concerns.

5. Women and Minority Business Enterprises – Refer to 570.506(g), 85.36(e), and 84.44, affirmative steps documentation. Note any concerns.

I. Conclusion and Follow-up

1. Is the subrecipient meeting the terms of the Subrecipient Agreement and HUD regulations? Discuss both positive conclusions and any weaknesses identified.

2. Identify any follow-up measures to be taken by the grantee and/or the subrecipient as a result of this monitoring review.

    a. List the required schedule for implementing corrective actions or making improvements.

    b. List the schedule for any needed technical assistance or training and identify who will provide the training.

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Project Monitor Date

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Grantee Unique Appendices for Additional Information

Article entitled *First Impressions*, by Leigh Jones, HUD Public Relations Specialist

Press Release for Idaho Fall Redevelopment Agency (Urban Renewal Agency) - Request for Release of Proposals for two Downtown Revitalization projects for multi-story property with commercial and residential uses.

First Impressions

IDAHO FALLS - "You can always tell a man by the shoes he wears," my father used to tell me. "If you take pride in how you look, you probably take pride in the work you do. That's who I want to hire."

What's true for people is true for cities. First impressions matter. Drive through a downtown with unswept sidewalks, empty storefronts and poorly-maintained facades and you'll probably keep on driving. Spruce it up and folks will probably start stopping.

It's a lesson not lost on Idaho Falls, a city of almost 60,000 residents on the upper Snake River, home to the Idaho National Laboratory and a gateway to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The fourth-largest city Idaho, it is the commercial hub of eastern Idaho and western Wyoming. Its downtown, no surprise, is critical to the future of both the city and the region.

HUD funds are at play in its downtown. The City of Idaho Falls has been entitled to receive allocations of HUD Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, funds since 2004. Now in its 50th year, the national CDBG program has provided much-needed Federal resources to states, metropolitan counties and cities and towns of all sizes. CDBG's not a blank check. Its authorizing legislation specifies that CDBG can be used for one of three and only three purposes - to principally benefit low- and moderate-income residents, to meet urgent community development needs and to eliminate conditions of slums and blight.

Decisions on the what's, where's and how's a community spends CDBG funds and meets these three objectives are made by that community. CDBG's flexible, from-the-ground-up approach is why it's one of the most popular Federal government's programs. Just ask a local official. Like Julián Castro, now HUD's 16th Secretary but who previously served for three terms as Mayor of San Antonio.

"CDBG is a program that actually matters where we live," he's said. "It enjoys bi-partisan support primarily because it is inherently flexible, allowing states and local communities (and their residents) to decide for themselves how to invest in their local priorities."

Idaho Falls is a case study in CDBG's flexibility. Annually it receives from $340,000 to $450,000 in CDBG funds. It uses the funds to meet a host of priorities, from code enforcement to paving streets, making the homes of income-eligible families ADA accessible and to upgrading senior centers. From providing supportive services to the homeless to offering affordable legal aid to grandparents raising grandkids and victims of domestic violence. From replacing sidewalks to acquiring sites for Habitat for Humanity to build affordable homes.

And, yes, to spruce-up downtown. "Say what you will about downtown Idaho Falls," The Associated Press once observed, "but there's no denying its character." Indeed, almost as soon as you drive up Yellowstone Avenue, down Broadway or along Memorial Drive in downtown, you can't miss the "character".

Idaho Falls, in fact, is a treasure trove of historically-significant buildings with more than a dozen former banks, hotels, government office buildings and even a former five-and-dime on the National Registry of Historic Places. They're the "building blocks" in a strategy developed by the City and the Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation to make downtown "a more vibrant place for businesses, shopping, entertainment, and social gatherings." Which is why the City allocates about 30 percent of its CDBG funds - more than $700,000 since 2005 - to addressing blight and slum conditions through a downtown façade improvement program.

Downtown businesses have responded. So far 83 projects - 27 new or refurbished facades, 9 roof and 7 awning replacements and 27 signage projects - have been completed. No, a building does not need to be historically-significant to qualify. But its owner must contribute a match of at least 25 percent and be a little patient since grants are approved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

An "old" downtown is getting a big-time facelift. That's been a boost for the economy, not just during The Great Recession when facade renovation was about the only game in town for out-of-work construction workers, but also as the economy's recovered. New stores, services and restaurants have opened. Idahoan Foods even relocated its headquarters downtown, adding 75 jobs.

Thanks to the support of three Mayors, the City Council, the city's Historic Preservation Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Office and lots of private businesses the vibrancy's back and downtown Idaho Falls is enjoying an economic renaissance. That's good for the city, good for the region it serves.

When Idaho Falls, then Eagle Rock, was first settled in the 1860's there wasn't much more to downtown than a ferry that, transported fortune-seekers across the Snake on their journey north to the goldfields of Idaho and Montana. 150 years later it appears the goldfields now are in downtown Idaho Falls.

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Redevelopment Agency Releases Request for Proposals

Idaho Falls, ID – On February 7, the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency, the urban renewal agency for Idaho Falls, released its Request for Proposals for two major downtown revitalization projects. Proposals are due to the Agency by May 2.

Full RFP packets can be obtained by contacting Agency Executive Director, Brad Cramer. The Requests for Proposals invite developers to come forward with proposals for two key projects.

The first project is for the property at the intersection of Broadway and Memorial Drive. The property is the former site of the Savings Center, and is owned by the family of Vern Kelsch, who owned and operated the store for many years.

Under this RFP, the Agency offers this prime site to potential developers as a location for a multi-story property with commercial and residential uses. The Agency's objective is to develop the property in a way that would enhance the Idaho Falls downtown and the River Walk. The Agency calls this project the "Kelsch Memorial Project."

The second project is the renovation of the Bonneville Hotel, located on the corner of Constitution Way and Park Avenue. The RFP for the Bonneville Hotel encourages developers to consider using the building for housing on the upper floors and office or retail uses on the first floor. The Bonneville Hotel was originally constructed as a hotel and convention center and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Developers could likely be assisted by historic preservation tax credits, low income housing tax credits, and Community Development Block Grants available from other sources.

According to Lee Radford, the Chair of the Agency, "We hope that creative developers will come forward with innovative ideas and exciting plans for buildings that will encourage further development of downtown Idaho Falls." He also said, "We hope that these projects will spur further investment in downtown Idaho Falls so that this critical core of our community can be even better in the future than it is now."

The Agency expressed its appreciation to the owners of both of these key properties. Both owners have shown a desire to make sure that these properties are developed in the best interests of the community.

The Agency also appreciates the comments and input it has received from stakeholders regarding the RFPs and the scope and criteria to follow in considering the proposals.

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***About the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency**: The Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency began work in the Snake River Urban Renewal District in 1988 and reconstructed Lindsay Boulevard, Utah Avenue, Wardell Avenue, a portion of Milligan Road, and Memorial Drive with the tax proceeds from new development. As part of this street reconstruction, the Agency installed water and sewer lines and storm drainage. The Agency also financed the relocation of transmission lines to spur development east of I-15. With the efforts of the Agency and others, the assessed valuation of the district has increased by over $140 million. The Snake River district will end on December 31, 2018, although the Agency may continue to receive the increment into 2019.*