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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2019

TO: Finance Committee

Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Chair Supervisor John Gioia, Vice Chair

FROM: Gabriel Lemus, CDBG Program Manager

By: Kristin Sherk, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Draft 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan Priorities

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. APPROVE recommendations for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan priorities as recommended by staff or amended by the Committee.

2. DIRECT the Department of Conservation and Development to prepare a staff report on the Committee's recommendations. The staff report will be submitted and considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 19, 2019 as a "Consent" item.

BACKGROUND

2020-2025 Consolidated Plan Priorities: The Contra Costa County Consortium, a partnership of four cities (Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek) and Contra Costa County, receives funds each year from the federal government for housing and community development activities¹. To receive federal funds, the Consortium must submit a strategic plan – the

¹ The Federal Programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program; and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program.

Consolidated Plan – every five years to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that identifies local needs and how these needs will be addressed. The Consolidated Plan must also demonstrate how the Consortium will meet national goals set by the U.S. Congress to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, principally for persons of extremely-low, very-low, and low income.

The preparation of the FY 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan began with holding three public community meetings and two service provider (housing and non-housing) group meetings during the months of March through June 2019. Individuals and representatives of various public agencies, community organizations, and service providers throughout the County were invited to attend these meetings. These meetings covered various topics, including but not limited to:

- Affordable housing;
- Persons with disabilities;
- Single parents/female-headed households;
- Homelessness;
- Economic Development (business assistance and job creation/retention);
- Seniors; and
- Youth and Families

The Consortium also solicited input from community organizations, public agencies, and the general public through an on-line survey that was accessible beginning in the month of March through the end of July 2019. A hard copy of the survey is attached (Attachment A). Consortium staff and a housing data consultant compiled and analyzed the survey data to come to the following observations:

- 1. Services to homeless populations or to those at imminent risk of homelessness ranked high as a priority for continued CDBG support.
- Affordable Housing activities are also a high priority. Of the eligible activities for affordable housing, the following were the highest ranking; 1) housing for "Special Needs Populations" (especially seniors/elderly), 2) preservation of existing affordable housing, 3) rehabilitation assistance to existing housing, and 4) emergency repairs for low-income homeowners.
- 3. Job Development/Creation and Pollution/Property Cleanup ranked the highest of the Economic Development services.
- 4. General Infrastructure and Public Facilities Improvements are also a priority with the following rankings; 1) improvements and/or construction of streets and sidewalks, 2) senior centers, 3) youth/neighborhood centers, 4) park and recreational centers, and 5) childcare centers ranking the highest.

Although the Consolidated Plan is still underway, County CDBG staff substantially completed the Needs Assessment section. Taking in to consideration the information collected from individual consultations, community meetings, focus group meetings and the survey

information, County CDBG staff proposes to continue the four main priorities for the next fiveyear period, as follows:

- 1) Affordable Housing (New unit Development and Rehabilitation of existing units);
- 2) Homelessness (Providing Housing and Services);
- 3) Non-Housing Community Development (Public Services, Infrastructure/Public Facilities, Economic Development); and
- 4) Administration (Administration of the various Federal Programs).

Public Hearing and Transmittal of Recommendations: The Committee's recommendations on the Consolidated Plan priorities will be forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors prior to the public hearing that is scheduled for November 19, 2019. The final Consolidated Plan will be brought to the Committee in April 2020 along with the CDBG funding recommendations for FY 2020/21.

Attachment: Community Needs Survey

CC: John Kopchik, Director – Department of Conservation and Development

Survey of Needs for Development of the 2020-25 Contra Costa Consortium Consolidated Plan

Help create the future of YOUR community!

The Cities of Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek, and the County of Contra Costa (on behalf of all the other towns and cities in Contra Costa) receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) funding every year. Over a five- year period, these funds are expected to total over \$60 million!!



These federal funds, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can be used to build new affordable rental housing, provide first-time homebuyer assistance, rehabilitate existing housing, rehabilitate homes for lower income and senior households, build new supportive housing for people with special needs, improve or construct public facilities including community centers and parks, improve infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, etc.) in lower income neighborhoods, provide employment training and training to small business owners, and provide a wide variety of services for lower income families and individuals, and homeless persons, and SO MUCH MORE!

Every five years, YOU, your friends, your neighbors, and your community have the opportunity to help identify your community's greatest needs, and determine how these funds are spent to help address those needs. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes, so please be prepared to give it your thoughtful consideration. THANK YOU for caring about your community by providing feedback to help direct the funding of federal programs over the next five years.

NOTICE: Reasonable accommodation or other assistance and/or support services needed to complete this survey may be provided upon request. Please call 925-779-7037 to request reasonable accommodations.

	Let's get started with some basic questions:		
1.	How did you hear about this survey? Check all that apply		
	□ Newspaper □ Website □ Email □ Word of mouth □ Other		
2.	Have you ever heard of CDBG, HOME, ESG or HOPWA before? Check one □ Yes □ No		
3.	. Please tell us about yourself (check all that apply):		
	☐ I'm a resident of a city, town or neighborhood in Contra Costa County		
	I work for a nonprofit agency, including affordable housing developersI work in business		
	□ I work for local government		
	$\ \square$ I am a current consumer or client of affordable housing or social services		
	☐ I am a former consumer or client of affordable housing or social services		
4	4. In which age group are you? □ Under 18 □ 18-24 □ 25-61 □ 62+		

5. What city(s) or town(s) are you going to be making comments on today? Select one only: □ Antioch □ Concord □ Pittsburg □ Walnut Creek □ Urban County (all other communities)					
□ Bay Point □ Discovery Bay □ Bethel Island □ El Cerrito □ Brentwood □ El Sobrante □ Byron □ Hercules □ Clayton □ Knightsen	Martinez				
Thank you for that introduction – this information will help us ensure that the data you provide helps to improve YOUR city or area of concern.					
Homelessness in	Contra Costa				
Let's begin the survey by getting your view of what people who are experiencing homelessness or those who are at risk of homelessness in your community may need. 8. What level of need is there for HOUSING and SERVICES for homeless individuals in your					
• •	□ High				
9. First we'll focus on the <u>HOUSING</u> options for need you see in your community. Please rate	•				
Emergency Shelters for: Men: □No Need □Low □Medium □High Women: □No Need □Low □Medium □High Families: □No Need □Low □Medium □High Couples only: □No Need □Low □Medium □High Unaccompanied Youth under age 18 □No Need □Low □Medium □High Transitional age youth (age 18-24): □No Need □Low □Medium □High Permanent Rental Support Plus Services (that help them stay housed, live independently)	Transitional Housing (up to 2 yrs) for: Victims of domestic violence: □No Need □Low □Medium □High Transition age youth (age 18-24): □No Need □Low □Medium □High Persons re-entering community from institutions like prison, jail, hospitals, mental facilities □No Need □Low □Medium □High Persons completing drug treatment programs □ No Need □Low □Medium □High Board & Care: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
□No Need □Low □Medium □High Permanent Rental Support Plus Services	Persons completing drug treatment programs ☐ No Need ☐ Low ☐ Medium ☐ High				

10. Now please rate the need for <u>SERVICES</u> to help people experiencing homelessness:

More outreach to streets & encampment ☐ No Need ☐ Low ☐ Medium ☐ High	ts Childcare services □No Need □Low □Medium □High
More multi-service centers/programs □No Need □Low □Medium □High	Legal services □No Need □Low □Medium □High
Life skills training □No Need □Low □Medium □High	Food services □No Need □Low □Medium □High
Job training □No Need □Low □Medium □High	Money management □No Need □Low □Medium □High
Alcohol & drug addiction treatment □No Need □Low □Medium □High	Eviction prevention counseling □No Need □Low □Medium □High
Mental health services □No Need □Low □Medium □High	Diversion services (financial & services assistance to help
Physical health services □No Need □Low □Medium □High	divert people from emergency shelter) □No Need □Low □Medium □High
Education services □No Need □Low □Medium □High	Prevention services (financial & service assistance for people AT RISK of homelessness) □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Other:
11. What do you see as barriers for peop access housing and services? Transportation □No Need □Low □Medium □Hig	Agencies lack sufficient capacity/ resources No Need □Low □Medium □High
No telephone □No Need □Low □Medium □Hig	Lack of services in my community th □No Need □Low □Medium □High
People don't know who to call ☐No Need ☐Low ☐Medium ☐Hig	Fear of arrest gh □No Need □Low □Medium □High
Lack of housing in my community □No Need □Low □Medium □Hig	Fear of deportation gh □No Need □Low □Medium □High
The eligibility criteria can be too narrow ☐No Need ☐Low ☐Medium ☐Hig	Other barriers

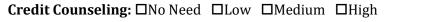
If you would like to know more about efforts in Contra Costa County to serve people experiencing homelessness, please visit the County Homeless Program's website at http://cchealth.org/homeless.

Services for Lower Income Persons

Now let's talk about *other* **groups of people in your community and the services that they may need.** In this question, we will **NOT** be talking about people experiencing homelessness, homeless housing, or homeless services, which were discussed in the previous section. We will also **NOT** discuss Economic Development efforts and Housing, which are coming up soon!

12. Please rate the need for SERVICES in your community in these categories:

GENERAL Crisis intervention/emergency services: □No Need □Low □Medium □High Information & referral (connecting people with resources): □No Need □Low □Medium □High Food & Hunger (like food banks and feeding programs): □No Need □Low □Medium □High



Foreclosure counseling: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Crime awareness/prevention: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Landlord and tenant counseling: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Fair Housing counseling, advocacy, legal representation (to combat discrimination):

□No Need □Low □Medium □High





 Legal services:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Senior grocery & food programs:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Senior Center-based programs/services:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Adult Day health care (disabled seniors):
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Care management and assessment:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Transportation:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Wellness calls and home visits:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

YOUTH FROM LOWER INCOME FAMILIES

Recreation, sports, classes, camps, arts: \square No Need \square Low \square Medium \square High

After School Programs , Recreation: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

After School Programs, Educational (like tutoring): □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Child Care: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Transportation: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Mental health and support services: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

ABUSED AND NEGLECTED YOUTH



 Services for sexually assaulted children: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

 Services for child victims of domestic violence: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

 Services for foster youth/wards of the court: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

 Services for at-risk youth/gang prevention: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES INCLUDING HIV/AIDS

Independent living skills training/aids: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Outreach/information & referral/socialization: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Adult day health care for non-seniors with disabilities: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

Advocacy/investigation in nursing homes and care facilities: □No Need □Low □Medium □High



VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

 Emergency shelter:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Transitional housing:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Counseling & services:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Other:
 □
 □
 □
 □
 □High

MIGRANT FARM WORKERS

Job training and support services: □No Need □Low □Medium □High

English literacy training: □No Need □Low □Medium □High





ILLITERATE ADULTS (teaching adults to read) □No Need □Low □Medium □High

HEALTH- related services:

 Mental Health services:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Alcohol addiction services:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Drug abuse services:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 HIV/AIDs services:
 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High

 Healthy homes testing & remediation (lead-based paint, carbon monoxide, etc.)

 □No Need
 □Low
 □Medium
 □High





13. Moving on to PUBLIC FACILITIES, tell us about the needs of your community following, either because you don't have one and need it, or because it needs renovation or improvements:					
	Senior Center: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Youth Center: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Child Care Centers/Preschool Daycare: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
Community Centers: □No Need □Low □Medium □High					
Parks and Recreation Facilities: □No Need □Low □Medium □High					
Library: □No Need □Low □Medium □High					
Nonprofit facilities: □No Need □Low □Medium □High					
	Facilities for persons with Disabilities: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
Improve the accessibility to public facilities for disabled: □No Need □Low □No					
	Other Public Facility Improvements: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Other/Comments:				
14.	Now let's talk briefly about the PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, which is so often overlooked but is an important part of what makes a community feel safe, secure, and an attractive place to visit. Please rate the needs you have for the following:				
	Street improvements: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Street Lighting: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Sidewalk improvements: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Flood control/drainage/water improvements, etc.: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Curb cuts for disabled, strollers, etc.: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Beautification/enhanced public space : □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Historic preservation : □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Attractive downtown business district: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				
	Accessibility/Safety for disabled: □No Need □Low □Medium □High				

Other: _

Housing

In this section, let us know about needs for housing for persons with special needs, affordable rental housing, and the homeownership needs of lower income residents. *Please rate the need for:*

15.	Housing for Persons with Special Needs
	Seniors/Elderly: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Frail Elderly: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Persons with HIV/AIDS: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Victims of domestic violence: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Large households (5 or more persons): □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Single parent households: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Persons with alcohol or other drug addictions : □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Persons with mental illness : □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Persons with developmental disabilities : □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Persons with significant physical disabilities : □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Persons who are homeless : □No Need □Low □Medium □High
16.	Affordable Rental Housing
10.	-
	Rehabilitation of existing housing developments: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Preservation of existing affordable rental housing: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Lead-based paint screening & abatement of rentals: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Energy efficiency improvements: No Need Low Medium High
	Construction of new affordable rental housing: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	New construction near mass transit: □No Need □Low □Medium □High New construction of work force begging: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	New construction of work-force housing: □No Need □Low □Medium □High One time rental aggistance for struggling rentary. □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	One-time rental assistance for struggling renters: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
17.	Help for lower income homeowners. Please rate the need for:
	Foreclosure counseling: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Home purchase counseling: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	First time homebuyer financial assistance: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Modifications for persons with disabilities: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Emergency repairs for lower income homeowners: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Rehabilitation assistance for lower income homeowners: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Energy efficiency improvements: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Lead-based paint screening and abatement: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	New construction of below market rate homes: □No Need □Low □Medium □High
	Other housing needs:

Economic Development

Finally, let's discuss your thoughts on the needs of businesses and employees.

18. Here is a list of common types of Economic Development activities. Please check all the needs that you see in your community.

Job training with placement services and follow-up: □No Need □Low □Medium □H			
	Technical assistance to small businesses: □No Need □Low □Medium □High		
	Training for small business owners/start-ups: □No Need □Low □Medium □High		
	Job development and creation: □No Need □Low □Medium □High		
	Banking/lending for commercial development: □No Need □Low □Medium □High		
	Retail development: □No Need □Low □Medium □High		
Small business loans: □No Need □Low □Medium □High			
	Storefront improvements in low income areas: □No Need □Low □Medium □High		
	Pollution/property cleanup: □No Need □Low □Medium □High		
	Other economic development needs:		
19.	Any final thoughts or comments you would like to leave us with?		



That's it – you are done! Thank you SO much for the time you have spent in completing this survey. If you would like to receive the results of survey, want to be included in future notices regarding the development of the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan, and/or want to receive a copy of the completed plan, include your email here:



Please mail your survey to City of Antioch, below, or drop off at any of these locations:

City of Antioch Community Development Dept. c/o Teri House 200 H St. Antioch, CA 94509	City of Concord Community & Economic Development Dept. c/o Brenda Kain 1950 Parkside Dr. Concord, CA 94519	City of Pittsburg Community Access Dept. c/o Melaine Venenciano 65 Civic Ave. Pittsburg, CA 94565
City of Walnut Creek Community & Economic Development Dept. c/o Cara Bautista-Rao 1666 N. Main St., Flr 2 Walnut Creek, CA 94596	Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation & Development c/o Kristin Sherk 30 Muir Rd. Martinez, CA 94553	Contra Costa Health, Housing & Homeless Services c/o Jaime Jenett 2400 Bisso Lane, Suite D, 2nd Floor Concord, CA 94520