

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

## GOALS, PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

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### GOAL

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

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Consistent and Coordinated.** All projects and programs will be reviewed with respect to HUD requirements, city objectives, plans, goals, and other CDBG, and or HOME investments. Proposals should be coordinated with all relevant city departments and be directly connected to these objectives and plans.
- **Measurable Community Impact.** Applicants will be evaluated based on how well they create a significant and measurable community impact.
- **Location.** Projects and programs should focus on targeted locations within the eligible neighborhoods, for example: neighborhood commerce districts, proximity to new affordable housing development and identified troubled areas in the neighborhood.
- **Diversity and Inclusiveness.** We live in a community full of unique talents, beliefs, backgrounds, and capabilities, therefore projects and programs should address our diversity and be inclusive to engage differences and create a culture of belonging.
- **Priority to Lower Incomes.** Priority will be given to projects and programs that serve the lowest income persons.
- **Leveraged Funding.** CDBG cannot be the only source of funding for a program or project, leveraging other funds is essential.
- **Sustainability.** Projects and programs must determine whether they are good for the environment, economically sounds (financially feasible), and supportive of the community. In addition, energy efficiency will be rewarded.

### PRIORITY IMPACT INITIATIVES

- **Housing.** Maintaining persons living in their homes or creating places for persons to live in town.
- **Work and Shop.** Create or support places for people to work and shop within their neighborhoods as well as the means to gain and maintain employment.
- **Mobility and Accessibility.** Create the connection between home, work, shop, education and services.
- **Safe Neighborhoods.** Create safe and livable neighborhoods.