

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES

Summary Statement:

Since the initial adoption of the first Town of Apple Valley five-year Consolidated Plan in 1997, the Town Council has established the practice of setting annual priorities to be used as a guideline for funding recommendations outlined in each year's Action Plan. Due to the formation of the HOME Consortium, the priorities established now will provide direction for both CDBG as well HOME funded activities.

Pursuant to CDBG regulations, all projects must meet one of three national objectives set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): (1) Benefit low and moderate income households, (2) Aid in the elimination/prevention of slum and blight, and (3) Meet an urgent need. Pursuant to HOME regulations, HOME funds are specifically focused on affordable housing activities and may be used to develop and support affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities. Recommended projects for funding should be consistent with addressing the needs identified, and priority strategy developed, in each five-year Consolidated Plan.

It is now appropriate for the Council to establish a list of priorities to be used as a guideline for funding CDBG and HOME projects during the 2011-2012 program year. Each year's Action Plan priorities should be consistent with the priorities established in the Five-Year Strategic Plan. Based upon the foregoing, staff recommends adoption of the form motion.

Recommended Action:

That the Town Council approve the following list of Community Development Block Grant and HOME priorities, as established in the Strategic Plan, to be used as a guideline by the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee in making funding recommendations to the Town Council for the 2011-2012 Action Plan.

1. Preserve the Existing Housing Stock (Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation)
2. Increase Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
3. Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing
4. Address Public Service Needs
5. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to Ensure Equal Access to Housing Lower Income, Ethnic Minorities and Special Needs Groups (Fair Housing Program)
6. Provision of Public Facilities and Park Improvements
7. Create safer, more attractive and more accessible neighborhoods and stimulate economic growth through the improvement of infrastructure

Proposed by: Economic Development & Housing Division **Item Number:** _____

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item** Yes No N/A

The priorities identified in the existing Five-Year Consolidated Plan are summarized below:

1. Preserve the Existing Housing Stock
2. Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing
3. Assist in Reducing Housing Costs for Extremely Low- and Low- Income Households
4. Increase Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
5. Eliminate Blighted Conditions and Substandard Housing Through Enhanced Code Enforcement Activities and Demolition
6. Provide Shelter and Related Services to Meet the Needs of the Homeless Population and Support the Development of a Continuum of Care System on a Region-Wide Basis
7. Assist Special Needs Persons with Reducing Housing Costs and with Meeting Their Rehabilitation Needs
8. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to Ensure Equal Access to Housing for Lower Income, Ethnic Minorities and Special Needs Groups
9. Coordinate Public and Private Efforts to Reduce Lead-Based Paint hazards and Protect Young Children
10. Create Safer, More Attractive and More Accessible Neighborhoods and Stimulate Economic Growth Through the Improvement of Infrastructure
11. Provision of Public Facilities and Park Improvements
12. Address Public Service Needs
13. Expand The Economic Base and Promote Greater Employment Opportunities for Residents

Although the Town has made progress in meeting some of the priorities established in the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan, it is far from addressing all of the needs identified. In particular, HUD requires cities to substantially address priorities outlined in their five-year housing strategy. Existing state requirements also create a need to develop more affordable housing.

On October 6, 2010, a Consultation Meeting was held to solicit input from non-profit entities and service providers as to the housing and community development needs of our community. For your information, a copy of the identified needs is included as "Attachment A."

The anticipated CDBG allocation for 2011-2012 is \$689,961. The estimated HOME Consortium allocation for 2011-2012 is \$689,961. Of that amount, Apple Valley and Victorville will receive an estimated \$305,335 and \$384,626 respectively.

Attachment A

Consolidated Plan Victor Valley/High Desert Regional Consultation Meeting Housing and Community Development Needs Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Needs Identified by Non-Profit Entities and Service Providers

Housing Needs:

Expand utility, rental and mortgage assistance services to include moderate-income individuals and families. Case management and financial counseling components should be a condition of receiving assistance.

Household budget management
Foreclosure prevention programs
Homebuyer education programs

Senior Services:

Transitional housing
Permanent housing
Home care services
Social activities

Healthcare Services

Hospice care facility
Make vaccines and medications available for low-income families and individuals for services not covered by medical insurance.
Shelter services for mental health patients to include case management
Permanent housing for mental health patients
Health services for single women

Education/Youth

Tutoring services
Literacy programs: ESL, math, science, computer, writing, vocational skills programs; job fairs and internship opportunities.

Education/Adult

Literacy, math, science, writing, computer and vocational skills programs, GED preparation, job training programs, green jobs and job fairs.

Special Needs/Disabled

Behavioral health facility
Permanent housing for disabled

Transportation

- Expand routes in the High Desert
- More frequent services
- More frequent services to Victor Valley College
- Sunday and late night services

Homeless Services

- Life skills programs for transitional housing candidates
- Mainstream services: assistance with obtaining state identification, Social Security cards.
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) follow-up

Youth Services

- After-school programs
- Internship programs

Other

- Job development/jobs
- Public safety
- Emergency preparedness
- Homeless nuisance
- Case management components built into existing public service programs
- Drug/gang prevention
- Nutrition/dietary/cooking healthy courses for low-income individuals and families



**Community and Housing Needs
Survey Results
Fifth-Year Action Plan 2010/2011**

PRIORITY NEED LEVEL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NONE
1.				
<i>Senior Services</i>	26	17	12	7
<i>Youth Services</i>	21	25	12	4
2.				
<i>Food Services</i>	9	16	15	22
<i>Emergency Services</i>	37	12	8	5
<i>Mental Health Services</i>	15	15	17	13
<i>Shelter Services</i>	23	14	15	10
<i>Assisted Housing</i>	8	17	14	23
3.				
<i>Recreation Services</i>	21	18	12	11
4.				
<i>Health Services</i>	18	19	12	13
<i>Handicap Services</i>	15	21	16	10
<i>Transportation Services</i>	14	19	16	13
<i>Transitional Housing</i>	10	12	19	21
<i>Job Training</i>	17	13	15	17
<i>Substance Abuse Prevention</i>	11	13	17	21
<i>Other – Small Business Training</i>	X			
<i>Other – Job Development</i>	X			
<i>Other – Creation of Affordable Housing</i>	X			