



Housing & Community Development Department

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NOTICE OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY RESULTS

CITY OF AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN and 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

For

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The City of Augusta's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department, on behalf of the Mayor and the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, are hereby providing the results of the Community Needs Assessments for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for public review. The results of these surveys inform the strategies and priorities implemented with Federal funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) within the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the projects and activities to be undertaken in the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

The survey asked respondents to identify priority needs in the areas of Housing, Economic Development, Human Services and Neighborhood Improvements. The surveys were made available online and through social media from July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019. Additional surveys were distributed in paper form to various community organizations, non-profit service providers, community stakeholders and interested citizens throughout Augusta-Richmond County. The results of these surveys are listed below.

What is an Annual Action Plan?

The Annual Action Plan is part of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan that is prepared as a prerequisite to receiving federal funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA programs. The Action Plan describes the City's existing housing conditions and how local, state, private and federal resources will be used to address the identified community needs.

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HOUSING NEEDS

	NO NEED	LITTLE NEED	SOME NEED	LARGE NEED	VERY LARGE NEED	TOTAL
Down payment/closing cost assistance	6.31% 7	1.80% 2	21.62% 24	36.04% 40	34.23% 38	111
Housing repair and rehabilitation assistance	5.31% 6	4.42% 5	13.27% 15	38.05% 43	38.94% 44	113
Affordable housing for home buyers	6.90% 8	2.59% 3	14.66% 17	27.59% 32	48.28% 56	116
Affordable housing for renters	5.79% 7	1.65% 2	10.74% 13	22.31% 27	59.50% 72	121
Energy efficiency improvements	6.90% 8	5.17% 6	24.14% 28	32.76% 38	31.03% 36	116
Home modifications for persons with disabilities	6.96% 8	2.61% 3	21.74% 25	35.65% 41	33.04% 38	115
Lead based paint testing/removal	8.70% 10	11.30% 13	32.17% 37	31.30% 36	16.52% 19	115
Homebuyer education/credit counseling	6.96% 8	3.48% 4	16.52% 19	32.17% 37	40.87% 47	115

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

	NO NEED	LITTLE NEED	SOME NEED	LARGE NEED	VERY LARGE NEED	TOTAL
Land/sites for business development	7.96% 9	8.85% 10	41.59% 47	21.24% 24	20.35% 23	113
Buildings for business development	8.77% 10	8.77% 10	35.96% 41	24.56% 28	21.93% 25	114
Small business loans	6.90% 8	6.03% 7	24.14% 28	30.17% 35	32.76% 38	116
Small business training	4.42% 5	6.19% 7	23.89% 27	29.20% 33	36.28% 41	113
Job training and employment assistance programs	3.42% 4	0.85% 1	11.97% 14	34.19% 40	49.57% 58	117
Job development/job creation	3.45% 4	0.86% 1	12.93% 15	33.62% 39	49.14% 57	116
Public transportation to job centers	3.48% 4	2.61% 3	6.96% 8	23.48% 27	63.48% 73	115

HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS

	NO NEED	LITTLE NEED	SOME NEED	LARGE NEED	VERY LARGE NEED	TOTAL
Homeless Services	1.77% 2	0.00% 0	9.73% 11	28.32% 32	60.18% 68	113
Childcare services	4.27% 5	1.71% 2	11.11% 13	33.33% 39	49.57% 58	117
Youth services	3.57% 4	0.00% 0	17.86% 20	27.68% 31	50.89% 57	112
(Counseling, mentoring, afterschool programs, etc.)	5.22% 6	2.61% 3	16.52% 19	31.30% 36	44.35% 51	115
Programs/services for persons with special needs	5.36% 6	0.00% 0	16.07% 18	35.71% 40	42.86% 48	112
(Elderly, persons with disabilities, etc.)	4.35% 5	0.87% 1	13.91% 16	35.65% 41	45.22% 52	115
Health services	2.65% 3	3.54% 4	17.70% 20	29.20% 33	46.90% 53	113
Mental health, substance abuse, behavioral health services	4.27% 5	1.71% 2	12.82% 15	25.64% 30	55.56% 65	117
Domestic violence/child abuse services	4.39% 5	0.88% 1	21.93% 25	26.32% 30	46.49% 53	114
Expanded access to public transportation	2.59% 3	0.86% 1	6.03% 7	23.28% 27	67.24% 78	116

NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS

	NO NEED	LITTLE NEED	SOME NEED	LARGE NEED	VERY LARGE NEED	TOTAL
Water, sewer, and drainage improvements	6.19% 7	4.42% 5	27.43% 31	36.28% 41	25.66% 29	113
Street or sidewalk improvements	3.57% 4	2.68% 3	23.21% 26	34.82% 39	35.71% 40	112
Street lighting improvements	3.54% 4	8.85% 10	27.43% 31	30.97% 35	29.20% 33	113
Public facilities(Parks, open space, community centers, etc.)	1.75% 2	7.02% 8	29.82% 34	25.44% 29	35.96% 41	114
Community Activities (Recreation, senior programs, after school programs, etc.)	1.74% 2	5.22% 6	22.61% 26	32.17% 37	38.26% 44	115
Public safety enforcement/awareness	3.48% 4	2.61% 3	23.48% 27	28.70% 33	41.74% 48	115
Blight reduction and neighborhood beautification	2.56% 3	1.71% 2	17.95% 21	33.33% 39	44.44% 52	117
Blight reduction and neighborhood beautification	1.04% 1	5.21% 5	14.58% 14	32.29% 31	46.88% 45	96
Property/building code enforcement	3.81% 4	4.76% 5	17.14% 18	28.57% 30	45.71% 48	105