

Department of Community and Economic Development

Annually, the Department of Community and Economic Development identifies specific goals to be met each year and specific activities that will be supported using Community Development Block Grant and other funds, to achieve those goals.

The overall needs, identified through extensive community input, which will be addressed over the next five years include:

- Support a wide range of eligible public services and facilities, including mental health services, substance abuse and prevention, increasing access to food and assistance to the elderly; and,
- Improve existing housing stock, both rental and owner-occupied; and,
- Increase home ownership opportunities; and,
- Improve public spaces, including parks, streets and other infrastructure; and,
- Enhance public safety through services; and,
- Support neighborhood stabilization efforts and blight elimination initiatives.

More specifically, our funding has been grouped into the following categories:

Mental Health Prevention and Response

- Representative Payee

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

- Inpatient Rehab Assistance

Education and Recreation

- Mentoring Programs
- Educational Initiatives
- Elimination of Physical Barriers
- Capital Investment

Homeless Prevention and Housing Assistance

- Affordable Housing Initiatives
- Homebuyer Assistance
- Physical Rehabilitation

Other Programs

- Community Based Food Initiatives
- Elderly Assistance