

**2012-2013**  
**Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program**  
**Preliminary Funding Recommendations Based on Citizen Survey Results**

Citizens were asked to rank programs eligible for CDBG and HOME funding, by responding to a survey in December, 2011. The survey was presented and distributed at District Advisory Board meetings. It was also promoted on City Channel 7 and in the Wichita Eagle. Surveys could be completed in hard copy or online. Although the window was short, 240 persons responded to the survey and the results are listed below.

There were two parts to the survey: 1) respondents were asked to rank each of the nine major funding categories in priority order; and 2) they were asked to rank programs within each category in priority order.

**Part 1. General Category Ranking**

1. Public Services
2. Housing
3. Community Development
4. Infrastructure
5. Economic Development
6. Public Facilities
7. Homeless Services
8. Historic Preservation
9. Other

Staff recommendations for general allocations will focus on the top three categories, due to limited funding available. However the other categories will be considered for funding opportunities which may arise in the future.

**Part 2. Program ranking within the top three general categories:**

**Public Services**

1. Crime prevention activities
2. Job training programs
3. Youth recreation and enrichment programs
4. Domestic violence shelters
5. Violence prevention/victim services
6. Homeless program support
7. Summer youth employment
8. Health-wellness programs
9. Child care services
10. Substance abuse treatment
11. Fair housing activities
12. Neighborhood association support
13. Neighborhood City Hall programs/services

### Housing

1. Residential home repair programs
2. Homeowner rehabilitation assistance
3. Homebuyer assistance programs
4. Single-family construction assistance
5. Multi-family construction assistance

### Community Development

1. Neighborhood clean ups
2. Neighborhood revitalization activities
3. Neighborhood inspection/code enforcement
4. Dangerous building demolition
5. Energy conservation activities

Following are preliminary staff funding recommendations which very closely follow citizen priority recommendations.

### **Public Services**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Citizen Priority</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Youth Crime Prevention and Enrichment	\$125,000 CDBG	1	This will fund initiatives which emphasize youth crime prevention programming and/or services for youth with disabilities. Crime prevention was a top citizen priority and staff will therefore seek proposals which include successful youth crime prevention models in such areas as academic skills enhancement, community awareness, gender-specific programming, leadership and youth development. In addition, citizen comments on the surveys stressed the need for services for persons with disabilities. Proposals will also be considered for enrichment programs which serve this population of youth.
Job Training	\$50,000 CDBG	2	The recommendation is to designate these funds to enhance the Career Development Office Youth Employment and Training Program (YETP). The YETP provides life skills training and job search support, followed by paid work experience. The program pays half the minimum wage salary for students who are placed.
Youth Recreation and Enrichment		3	See above.
Women's Services	\$275,000 CDBG	4, 5	This program is recommended at current year funding level. It will provide shelter and services for victims of domestic violence.

Housing First	\$67,000 CDBG	6	This provides funding for one staff person who is responsible for this program which was identified by the City Council as a priority program following the work of the Task Force to End Chronic Homelessness. This allocation also includes operational costs such as computer equipment, etc. No other funds are available for this purpose.
Summer Youth Employment	\$100,000 CDBG	7	Funding is designated for summer youth employment programs which will target crime prevention and/or job training.
Neighborhood Assistants	\$330,000 CDBG	13	Although this was ranked low on the citizen surveys funding is recommended because the Neighborhood Assistants will be expected to implement the other priority programs identified by citizens.

### Housing

Activity	Amount	Citizen Priority	Discussion
Residential Home Repair/Rehabilitation	\$915,313 CDBG	1, 2	Staff recommends combining the top two priorities since they provide essentially the same service. Of the total amount, \$549,000 will be used for repair costs and \$366,313 will be designated for staff responsibilities associated with administering the program.
Homebuyer Assistance	\$428,045 HOME	3	This allocation will provide up to 27 homebuyers with downpayment and/or closing cost assistance to purchase homes in the City's targeted areas (\$427,641). All buyers must qualify for a standard mortgage and they must also meet income eligibility requirements. In addition, \$121,404 will be allocated for staff and operational costs to administer the program.
Single Family Housing Construction for Low to Moderate Income Families		4	A total of \$615,000 is recommended to fund construction of single family homes for low to moderate income buyers, in three programs as described below.
	\$280,000 HOME	4	<i>Program #1: CHDO Set-Aside.</i> HUD requires that cities designate a minimum of 15% of HOME funds for Community Housing Development Organizations (CDDOs) to develop housing. This CHDO set-aside will produce 8 homes within the City's targeted areas. Staff will consider lease-to-own projects under this activity. All housing will be affordable for persons who meet low to moderate income guidelines.

	\$235,000 HOME	4	<i>Program #2: Housing Development Loan Program.</i> These funds will be available to any developer (for profit or non-profit) to create housing affordable for persons who meet low to moderate income guidelines.
	\$100,000 HOME	4	<i>Program #3: Boarded Up Structure.</i> The recommended funding will include a revised boarded up home program which will be paired with CDBG demolition and perhaps with delinquent tax foreclosure properties. The goal is to create new affordable housing for persons who meet low to moderate income guidelines.

### Community Development

Activity	Amount	Citizen Priority	Discussion
Neighborhood Clean Ups	\$50,000 CDBG	1	This is recommended at the current CDBG funding level. Funds are also proposed in the Community Services Block Grant budget, to pay for dumpsters and tipping fees for neighborhood cleanups.
Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies	\$100,000 CDBG \$75,000 CDBG	2	Revitalization strategies will be realized in the following ways: \$100,000 for demolition of dangerous buildings and \$75,000 for infrastructure improvements (sidewalks or street improvements in areas designated as low-moderate income).
Neighborhood Inspection and Code Enforcement		3	Funds are not recommended for neighborhood inspection staff costs, due to limited funds.

### Other required expenditures

Activity	Amount	Discussion
Program Management	\$376,259	This will fund staff and overhead costs required to assure compliance with all federal funding requirements. (Includes full salaries for 2 positions and partial salaries of 3 positions with responsibility for managing CDBG-funded programs.) Responsibilities include budget management, contract monitoring, and mandatory reporting requirements.
Indirect Costs	\$77,386	This expenditure is required by the City
Fair Housing	\$5,000	These funds will be used to provide information regarding fair housing rules and regulations.
Planning	\$25,000	HUD requires that all projects funded with CDBG and HOME funds, be subject to an environmental review. These funds will pay for those reviews which are conducted by a City employee in the Planning Department.