

**City of Wichita
District Advisory Board Meeting, District III
December 7, 2011**

TO: James Clendenin, City Council Representative
District Advisory Board Members

SUBJECT: Recommendations for FY 2012-2013 Funding Allocations:
CDBG, HOME, ESG Funds

INITIATED BY: Housing and Community Services Department

AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Provide recommendations for funding priorities for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Background: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers the City of Wichita to be an entitlement city and as such Wichita receives annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. In order to receive these funds the City is required to prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan. Then each year the City is required to submit an annual spending plan which addresses the priorities identified in the five year plan.

Analysis: The City submitted a Consolidated Plan for 2009-2013 and staff is soliciting input from the community, as to funding priorities for the fiscal year which starts July 1, 2012 and ends on June 30, 2013. HUD has not announced the City's allocations however in order to meet regulatory dates and deadlines, City staff is soliciting public input into funding priorities so that when the allocations are announced staff will know how to budget the funds to meet the community's priorities.

All District Advisory Board members and the general public are being asked to identify spending priorities CDBG, HOME and ESG. Comments may be submitted in writing at 332 N. Riverview, by email at communityhousing@wichita.gov or in person at DAB meetings. Citizens will also be able to comment at City Hall when the Council considers and approves the priorities, and later the allocations. Each DAB will be guided in discussion by City staff who will later summarize all input received, and develop a priority matrix. The priority percentages will be presented to the City Council for approval and later applied to the actual funding allocation which HUD will announce in early spring, 2012.

Note: There will be changes in the Emergency Shelter Grant program, including a name change: Emergency Solutions Grant. The release of regulations is pending.

Financial Considerations: City staff will initially apply the priority percentages to the current levels of funding which are: CDBG - \$2,579,615; HOME - \$1,605,229; and ESG - \$124,982.

Goal Impact: Funded projects contribute to the City Council goals of Core Area and Neighborhoods, Economic Vitality and Affordable Living, Efficient Infrastructure, Safe and Secure Community and Quality of Life.

Legal Considerations: The priorities which citizens will identify will be used to develop spending plans, as required by HUD for CDBG, HOME and ESG funds.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the District Advisory Board provide recommendations for funding priorities for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Attachment: Eligible activities for HUD funding.