

Appendix A – Norwalk Public Meetings and Notifications

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Los Angeles)

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8/16/19

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Norwalk, California
this **16th** day of **August, 2019**.



Signature

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THE NORWALK PATRIOT
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NORWALK, CA 90650
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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS
2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR
HOUSING CHOICE**

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Meeting Details
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Public Comment
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11/22/19

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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2020/21**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk is inviting Social Service Agencies and/or interested non-profit groups who provide support services to residents of the City of Norwalk to submit applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for fiscal year 2020/2021. Applications are available at the City of Norwalk - CDBG, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650.

CDBG funds may be used for the provision of social services (including labor, supplies, and materials), for activities such as job training, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education programs, energy conservation, senior citizens programs, or services for homeless persons. Certain types of activities may receive funding priority. **Please check the application instructions for information about the City's priorities.**

To be eligible for CDBG assistance, the service must be a new service, continuation of a program funded by the City of Norwalk's CDBG program in the previous program year, or quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above which has been provided with State or Local funds in the previous twelve (12) calendar months.

Applications must be completed and returned **no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2019** to the City of Norwalk, Community Development Department, Attn: Carolina Moreno, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Please contact the City of Norwalk Community Development Block Grant program at (562) 929-5951 for additional information.

Dated this 22nd day of November 2019.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

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To be eligible for CDBG assistance, the service must be a continuation of a social service program funded by the City of Norwalk's CDBG program in the previous program year, new service, or quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above which has been provided with State or Local funds in the previous 12 calendar months.

Applications must be completed and returned **no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 4, 2019** to the City of Norwalk, Community Development Department, Attn: Carolina Moreno, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Please contact the City of Norwalk Community Development Block Grant program at (562) 929-5951 for additional information.

Dated this 4th day of January 2019.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS FUND CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.
Place: Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: Each year, the City of Norwalk (City) develops an Annual Action Plan describing the activities that will be funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. These programs are designed to address a variety of housing, non-housing and community development needs. On February 6, the Social Services Commission will discuss community needs, the development of proposed activities, and review program performance. The public is encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and provide comments on the development of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME programs.

For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not released the City's final funding amounts. Therefore, the City will prepare a Plan using estimates based on funding received during prior Program Year. The City expects to receive approximately \$1,235,346 of CDBG funds and approximately \$319,185 of HOME funds. HUD may approve greater or lesser amounts of CDBG and HOME funds. The City uses CDBG and HOME funds to promote housing rehabilitation, affordable housing, social service programs, homeless services, economic development programs, capital improvements, such as street and curb replacement, and other similar services and facilities for the benefit of low to moderate income persons.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: Nicole Amescua at 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 11, Norwalk, CA 90650 or at namescua@norwalkca.gov.

More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Nicole Amescua, Management Analyst, Community Development Department at (562) 929-5769 or by email at namescua@norwalkca.gov.

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Dated this 17th of January 2020.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED FIVE YEAR 2020 – 2025 AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER AND FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Date: February 18, 2020
Time: 5:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed Five Year and Fiscal Year 2020/21 Public Housing Agency Plans. The proposed plans include:

- Five-year goals for the Housing Authority;
- Continued implementation of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Family Self Sufficiency Programs and intent to use Project-Based assistance; and
- Progress in meeting goals described in the 2015 – 2020 Five-Year Plan.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter or submit written comments. The proposed Plan is available to the public for examination January 3, 2020 through February 18, 2020 on the City's website at <http://www.norwalkca.gov/section8> or during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Housing Authority, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 11, Norwalk, CA
- Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA
- Norwalk Regional Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA

More Information: Written comments should be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on February 18, 2020 to Nicole Amescua, City of Norwalk, P.O. Box 1030, Norwalk, CA 90651-1030 or emailed to: namescua@norwalkca.gov. Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Nicole Amescua at (562) 929-5769 or namescua@norwalkca.gov.

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Dated this 3rd day of January 2020.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR 2020-2025, 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: The proposed Consolidated Plan for 2020-2025, Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 Annual Action Plan (AAP), and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is available for public review and comment from March 30 to April 30, 2020. On May 5, 2020, the public is also invited to attend a public hearing of the City Council to consider the Consolidated Plan and the AAP. The Consolidated Plan sets for the City's overall priorities and five-year strategy for the expenditure of funds received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2020-2021 AAP establishes strategies for the next program year and identifies specific projects and activities that will be undertaken with CDBG and HOME funds.

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Allocation of adjustments, carry-over and program income:

As stated above, the funding amounts are estimates. The draft AAP contains a detailed policy describing how activity funding levels will be adjusted based upon the final funding amounts provided.

The City Council, at the conclusion of the public hearing, may increase, decrease, or eliminate funding to the listed activities within the parameters established by HUD.

Availability: The public is invited to review the Consolidated Plan and AAP and submit written comments to the City. The AAP is available for review on the City's website at <http://www.norwalkca.gov/city-hall/departments/community-development/housing> or during normal business hours at the following locations:



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- City of Norwalk, Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA
- City of Norwalk, Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr., Norwalk, CA
- Norwalk Regional Library, 12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA

Early submission of written comments: The public is encouraged to submit written comments about the Consolidated Plan and AAP in advance of the public hearing so that the comments may be considered in preparation for the public hearing. Early submission of comments are due by April 27, 2020 and should be addressed to City of Norwalk, Attention: Stephanie Ruiz-Fender, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650 or emailed to: sruiz@norwalkca.gov

Public Hearing: The City Council will hold a public hearing on May 5, 2020. Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter and/or submit written comments to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments for the public hearing to: City of Norwalk, Attn: City Clerk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 10, Norwalk, CA 90650.

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Dated this 13th day of March 2020.

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City Council Agenda Report
November 19, 2019

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager

BY: Michael L. Garcia, Director of Community Development
Kristin Maithonis, Housing Manager

**SUBJECT: POLICY DIRECTION FOR THE 2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Background:

The City receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a recipient of these funds, the City is required to submit to HUD a Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice every five years and an Annual Action Plan each year. The Consolidated Plan outlines the City's housing, infrastructure, economic development and social service needs and the programs and activities the City plans to carry out to address those needs. The Annual Action Plan details the specific activities that will be implemented during the fiscal year, the funds allocated to each activity, and the anticipated outcomes or accomplishments.

The Consolidated Plan submission must also include an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The AI focuses on actions, omissions and decisions made which restrict, or have the effect of restricting, housing choices or the availability of housing choices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the City of Norwalk. Such actions may include lending decisions, real estate advertising, discrimination in rental housing, hate crimes and zoning requirements.

The City's next 5-year Consolidated Plan covers the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 and the Annual Action Plan is for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21. Both plans must be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2020. A critical part of the Consolidated Plan process is the identification of needs through community participation. The findings from these community participation efforts are summarized in this report and detailed in the attachments. Before drafting the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan and

releasing the annual social service agency funding applications, the community needs, priorities, and possible initiatives are being presented to City Council for policy direction.

Program Objectives and Eligible Uses

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities for persons of low and moderate income. Under certain conditions an activity may qualify if it eliminates blighted conditions or alleviates an urgent need, such as conditions caused by a natural disaster. The HOME program objective is to increase the availability and accessibility of affordable housing for low income households. HUD requires that each activity funded with CDBG and HOME funds meet at least one of these Federal objectives.

The CDBG regulations dictate eligible uses and funding caps for certain activities. Some eligible uses of CDBG funding include:

Category	Types of Eligible Activities
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homeownership assistance ▪ Housing rehabilitation ▪ Energy improvements ▪ Water efficiency improvements ▪ Connection to water and sewer lines ▪ Lead based paint testing and abatement ▪ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements
Other Real Property Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquisition ▪ Disposition ▪ Clearance and demolition ▪ Rehabilitation of commercial buildings
Public Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public improvements to streets, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, and parks ▪ Public facilities includes neighborhood/community facilities and facilities for persons with special needs (homeless shelters, groups homes and halfway houses)
Public Services (Social Services) 15% cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job training and employment services ▪ Health care and substance abuse services ▪ Homeless services ▪ Domestic violence counseling ▪ Emergency assistance, such food, short-term rental assistance

Category	Types of Eligible Activities
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Microenterprise assistance ▪ Commercial rehabilitation ▪ Special economic activities
Planning & Administration (20% cap)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General operations of CDBG & HOME programs ▪ Fair housing activities ▪ Community development plans

The HOME regulations dictate eligible uses and funding caps for certain activities. Some eligible uses of HOME funding include:

Category	Types of Eligible Activities
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homeownership assistance ▪ Tenant-based rental assistance and security deposits ▪ Housing rehabilitation ▪ Acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of affordable housing ▪ Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) affordable housing projects (15% minimum set-aside)
Administration (10% cap)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost of program operations (personnel and supplies) ▪ Fair housing activities

Within the eligible uses above, there are additional restrictions on the nature of the activity and who the activity benefits. For example, a property acquisition using CDBG funds would be eligible if the property will be used for a public facility serving low to moderate income residents. However, a property acquired for a commercial use that will not create jobs for low-income residents would not be an eligible use of CDBG funds. Generally, most activities must either directly benefit a person of low to moderate income or be located in a low to moderate income area (see Attachment 1 for CDBG eligible areas).

The 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan outlined the following goals:

- To preserve, rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
- Support of Community Housing Development Organization
- Provide support services to residents
- To preserve, rehabilitate and enhance existing public facilities and infrastructure
- Neighborhood Revitalization in San Antonio Village
- Program Administration

Over the past five years, the following activities have been implemented:

- Residential rehabilitation (CDBG & HOME)
- Social service agency funding
- Job Training Program
- Emergency Assistance Program
- Security Deposit Assistance
- Public facility/infrastructure improvements, including ADA ramp at City Hall, ADA ramps for public sidewalks, and local street rehabilitation
- Graffiti Removal (not funded in FY 2019/20)
- San Antonio Village Target Area – Commercial façade and homeowner rehabilitation
- Affordable rental housing (Community Housing Development Organization)
- Fair housing program
- Program Administration

Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment

As a part of the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments, the City is required to assess community needs and seek participation from residents, community organizations, and other stakeholders. Staff held three (3) community meetings concerning the proposed plans and conducted a survey. Additionally, City Council members were interviewed about the community needs. Summaries of the survey, community meetings, and City Council interviews are provided in Attachments 2 – 5.

The community needs survey requested that the respondent rate 42 services as “extremely important” to “least important” based on what the respondent felt was the level of need. The programs and activities are in the categories of housing, infrastructure, homeless services, economic development, community services, community facilities, and services for special needs. The City received 879 survey responses. A detailed summary of the community needs survey results are provided in Attachment 2.

Based upon the survey results, meetings, and interviews, the following community needs have emerged:

- Affordable rental housing for families, seniors, and disabled and homeownership opportunities
- Infrastructure improvements: Streets, safe routes to school, lighting, and graffiti removal
- Public facilities: Parks, youth centers, and community centers
- Homeless prevention
- Community services
- Assistance with home improvements

- Economic Development: Attract job generating businesses

Consolidated Plan Priorities and Activities

Staff estimates that it will receive approximately \$6.1 million in CDBG funds and \$1.6 million in HOME funds over the next five years. The City’s CDBG and HOME funds are not enough to address all of the City’s housing, infrastructure, economic development and social service needs. Therefore, the City must prioritize needs and determine the types of activities to be funded. Based upon the needs assessment, staff recommends the following priorities and activities for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan:

Priority Need	Possible Activities Over Next Five Years	Federal Objective
Provide decent affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support new affordable housing through acquisition, site clearance, and/or relocation • First-time homebuyer assistance • Tenant-based rental assistance • Security deposit assistance 	CDBG: Decent housing / affordability HOME: Decent housing / affordability
Preserve, rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing rehabilitation 	CDBG/HOME: Decent Housing / affordability
Improve existing public facilities and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street and sidewalk rehabilitation • Safe Routes to School (explore) • Playground equipment replacement 	CDBG: Suitable living environment / sustainability (Low/Mod areas only)
Support special needs and services to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Assistance Program • Job Training Program • Social services 	CDBG: Suitable living environment / sustainability
Attract and retain job generating businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance to private businesses 	CDBG: Economic opportunity / sustainability
Program Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Administration • Fair Housing Program • Safe Routes to School Plan (Explore) 	N/A

FY 2020/21 Annual Action Plan (Year 1)

Due to funding limitations, not all of the programs listed above can be funded in the first year of the Consolidated Plan. To support the priorities listed above, staff recommends funding the following activities in FY 2020/21:

CDBG

- Housing rehabilitation and lead testing and abatement
- Job training program (funded with 15% of prior year program income)
- Playground equipment at Holifield Park
- Program administration (20% cap)
 - Program operations
 - Safe routes to school plan
 - Fair housing program
 - Job generating business opportunities (program development/analysis)
- Community fund (15% cap)
 - Emergency assistance program
 - Social service agencies

HOME

- Housing rehabilitation
- Community Housing Development Organization (affordable housing)
- Security deposit assistance
- Program administration

Community Fund: Social service agencies

On December 4, 2018, the City Council directed staff to prioritize homeless services for funding under the social service agency funding application process. Additionally, staff was to develop methods to evaluate program outcomes and identify fewer programs to receive larger grants. Three (3) agencies are being funded in the FY 2019/20, which was a reduction from eight (8) previously funded agencies.

In FY 2019/20, the following organizations received CDBG funding:

Activity	Funding
Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence <i>Housing First – Counseling sessions at the Social Services Center and permanent housing placement with supportive services for domestic violence</i>	\$18,750
Jovenes, Inc. <i>Norwalk Safe Housing for Youth – Transitional housing with services and permanent housing placement for homeless transitional age youth (ages 18 -24)</i>	\$65,433

Activity	Funding
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse <i>Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment – Increase outreach in Norwalk concerning substance abuse services, coordinate with homeless service providers, accept direct referrals from City, and provide residential treatment and transitional housing with outpatient services</i>	\$15,000
Total	\$99,183

The above programs started July 1, 2019. Therefore, only three (3) months of data about the programs is available. The data is summarized in Attachment 6. Because the programs and data collection requirements are new, it is too soon to evaluate their effectiveness. Based upon the results of the community needs assessment, staff recommends that the City continue to prioritize programs serving residents who are homeless or at risk for homelessness. The above organizations would be required to reapply and compete for funding for next fiscal year. Staff plans to issue the application for social services funding on November 22, 2019.

Fiscal Impact:

No General Fund impact. The CDBG and HOME programs are funded solely by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Citizens Advised: N/A

Strategic Action Plan Implementation: N/A

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council direct staff to prepare the Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Action Plan for City Council adoption as proposed.

Attachments:

1. Low to Moderate Income Areas Map
2. Community Needs Survey Outreach Results
3. Stakeholder/Public Meetings Outreach Results
4. Housing Summit Summary Outreach Results
5. Councilmember Interviews Outreach Results
6. Summary of Social Service Program Outcomes



Housing Authority Staff Report
February 18, 2020

TO: City of Norwalk, City Council

BY: Michael L. Garcia, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: 2020 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE (AI) AND 2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Background: A presentation was given to Council on November 19th, 2019 that went into detail over the outreach and data collection efforts required for both the AI and the Consolidated Plan. The presentation described the purpose and intent of the required HUD planning documents. At the conclusion of the November 19th Meeting a Motion was made by Council for staff to further refine the direction of recipients of 2020-2021 CDBG funds then bring back to Council for an update presentation. The Plan should be provided well in advance of that council meeting.

The Draft AI was completed November 1, 2019. City Staff reviewed the submission and subsequent revisions to the Draft AI were completed. The 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan was submitted to the City on December 20th, 2019 by our consultant, Michael Baker International. Comments to the Draft Plan are still pending. Draft social service projects and programs were recommended for the 2020-2021 Action Plan were sent to the consultant January 27th, 2020. The Consolidated Plan's first public hearing is scheduled with the Social Services Commission for February 6th, 2020 to which consultant, Tina Roseberry will be attending. A presentation will be given that includes the final goals and recommendations of the Consolidated Plan.

A new adoption schedule is as follows:

Due date	Task
1/17/20 (at least 15 days prior)	Hearing #1 Publication. Social Services Commission
2/6/20	1st Public Hearing. Social Services Commission (Community Development & Social Services)
3/10/20	Final AI and ConPlan draft completed
3/20/20 (at least 15 days prior)	Hearing #2 Publication. City Council. Includes 30-day public review period.
3/20/20 - 4/20/20	30-day Public Review Period for AI and 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan
4/7/20	2nd Public Hearing. City Council-final presentation-AI and Con Plan
5/5/20	AAP Hearing. City Council Public Hearing- 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan
5/8/20	Submit 2020-2025 Con Plan and 20/21AAP to HUD through IDIS
5/15/20	Final Deadline for AAP submittal to HUD



Housing Authority Agenda Report
February 18, 2020

TO: Honorable Housing Authority

FROM: Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager

BY: Stephanie Ruiz Fender, Interim Housing Manager
Nicole Amescua, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2020 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE, AND FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Background:

A presentation was given to Council on November 19, 2019 that provided details regarding the outreach and data collection efforts required for both the AI and the Plan. The presentation described the purpose and intent of the required Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) planning documents. At the conclusion of the November 19th meeting a motion was made by Council for staff to further refine the direction of recipients of 2020-2021 CDBG funds then bring back to Council for an update presentation.

The Draft Analysis of Impediments (AI) was completed November 1, 2019. City Staff reviewed the submission and subsequent revisions to the Draft AI were completed. The 2020-2025 draft Consolidated Plan (Plan) was submitted to the City on December 20, 2019 by our consultant, Michael Baker International. The draft Plan was released for public review and comment on January 3, 2020. Comments to the Draft Plan are still pending. Draft social service projects and programs were recommended for the 2020-2021 Action Plan were sent to the consultant January 27, 2020. The Consolidated Plan's first public hearing was scheduled with the Social Services Commission on February 6, 2020. Consultant Tina Roseberry was in attendance and presented the goals and recommendations of the Consolidated Plan.

Analysis: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

The CDBG and HOME programs are funded solely by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Normally, there is no impact to the general fund.

Citizens Advised:

A Notice of Public Hearing which also announced the availability of the plan for public review was posted at City Hall, Senior Center, and Social Services Center and published in *The Norwalk Patriot* on January 3, 2020.

Strategic Action Plan Implementation: N/A

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Housing Authority review the proposed activities for the draft FY 2020/25 Consolidated Plan and for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program.

Attachments: N/A



City Council Agenda Report
March 9, 2020

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager

BY: Richard A. Rojas, Jr., Deputy City Manager
Stephanie Ruiz-Fender, Interim Housing Manager
Nicole Amescua, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: 2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Background:

A presentation was given to City Council on November 19, 2019 providing information regarding outreach and data collection efforts required for both the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the Consolidated Plan. City Council requested staff to further discuss direction and comments provided regarding recipients of the 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (see Attachment) and provide the information to City Council at a meeting prior to the public hearing to adopt the plan. Additionally, City Council indicated the plan should be provided well in advance of the public hearing as a study session.

The purpose of this study session is to inform and receive input from City Council regarding the 2020 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 Annual Action Plan. City staff are seeking to obtain City Council authorization for public review of the Consolidated Plan and approval of the FY 2020/21 project work. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding recipients to submit a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Annual Action Plan each subsequent year. The FY 2020/21 Annual Action Plan lists the activities that the City will undertake with HUD in Year 1 of the Consolidated Plan. These activities are subject to federal rules and regulations, such as funding caps, public-private partnerships, requirements, and compliance with national objectives.

Community Engagement

A community engagement program was undertaken including engagement notifications, promotional flyers, email blasts, and multiple meeting reminders to residents, partners, social services and City staff:

- Stakeholder One-On-One Interviews (15)
- Community Needs Survey (879 respondents)
- Housing Summit (6 speakers; 57 attendees)
- Public Meetings (2)
- Public Hearing (1)

Stakeholder concerns included:

- Economic well-being, self-sufficiency and resiliency
- Housing needs and affordability
- Special population needs
- Smart decision-making – funds being spent on highest needs, spending on activities having the highest community benefit
- Attaining shared goals

Community Needs Survey Summary

The following information is a summary of the results from the Community Needs Survey. Additional information may be found in the Appendix of the 2020 Consolidated Plan.

- Top Housing Needs:
 - 63% of Spanish-speaking respondents and 50% of English-speaking respondents indicated senior housing as a priority
 - 58% of all respondents identified affordable rental housing as a priority
 - 63% of Spanish-speaking respondents indicated housing for disabled persons as a priority
- Top Affordability Needs:
 - 58% of all respondents indicated affordable rental housing as a priority
 - Jobs and housing make up a secondary theme and seen as a solution to affordability
- Top Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements Needs:
 - 55% of Spanish-speaking respondents and 60% of English-speaking respondents identified youth centers as a priority
 - 47% of Spanish-speaking respondents and 60% of English-speaking respondents identified parks and recreational facilities as a priority
 - 67% of all respondents identified safe routes to school as a priority
 - Neighborhood crime prevention programs was also identified as a coinciding theme and need

Funding and Proposed Activities

The City anticipates receiving \$1,270,803 in CDBG entitlement funds and \$288,000 in carryover funds and \$345,459 in HOME entitlement funds and \$239,388 in HOME carryover funds from HUD. The Consolidated Plan explains how the City will utilize these monies to improve community development needs, address affordable housing, and priorities for people experiencing homelessness. The Annual Action Plan (AAP) establishes strategies for the next program year and identifies specific projects and activities that will be undertaken with CDBG and HOME funds received from HUD.

The following table lists the proposed activities and expenditures for FY 2020/21:

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY CDBG	CDBG
Jovenes, Inc.*	\$66,000
Su Casa*	\$18,750
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA-CADA)*	\$15,000
Job Training – Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School	\$30,000
Emergency Services – Social Services Center	\$75,000
Residential Rehabilitation	\$640,997
New River Park – Park Playground Equipment – <i>not funded</i>	-
Program Administration – CDBG (20%)	\$300,000
Fair Housing – CDBG (20%)	\$13,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,158,747
Option: Business Incentive Program Loan Program	\$200,000
Option: First Time Home Buyers	\$200,000
CDBG TOTAL	\$1,558,747
* Applications submitted for CDBG funding for social service programs (15% cap of CDBG funds)	

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY HOME	HOME
TBRA – Security Deposit Assistance	\$60,000
CHDO Set-Aside – HOME (15%)	\$51,818
Program Administration – HOME (10%)	\$34,545
Residential Rehabilitation	\$438,484
HOME TOTAL	\$584,847

Social Service Agency Funding Information

On November 22, 2019, a notice of funding availability was published to announce that the City is accepting applications for CDBG funding for social service programs. The CDBG funding application is posted on the City’s website, published in *The Norwalk*

Patriot on November 22, 2019 and 23 organizations were notified directly. Applications were due December 20, 2019.

Currently, programs funded under the social services funding cap include:

- Emergency Assistance Program
- Job Training Program
- Three (3) organizations (Su Casa, Jovenes, and Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse)

The City received eight (8) applications for funding. A committee of city staff from the departments of Social Services and Community Development reviewed the applications and discussed which services would benefit the City’s goals of addressing homelessness and issues that may contribute to homelessness. The services would fill existing gaps in homeless services in the community and increase resources available to residents and city staff.

The table below shows staff-recommended agencies and proposed funding information. The following CDBG funding will be available in FY 2020/21 for social service programs:

Social Service Organization/Project*	Proposed Funding
Jovenes, Inc. Norwalk Safe House Project - Transitional housing with services to homeless transitional age youth (ages 18-24)	\$66,000
Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence Conduct counseling sessions at the Social Services Center and provide permanent housing placement with supportive services for domestic violence survivors.	\$18,750
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA-CADA) Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment – Increase outreach in Norwalk concerning substance abuse services, coordinate with homeless service providers, accept direct referrals from City, and provide residential treatment and transitional housing with outpatient services.	\$15,000
Subtotal	\$99,750
Emergency Services- Social Services Center	\$75,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$174,750
<i>*All social service programs/activities fall under 15% cap</i>	

For a complete list of agencies notified regarding this funding opportunity, please see Attachment.

Fiscal Impact:

The CDBG and HOME programs are funded solely by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Citizens Advised: N/A

Strategic Action Plan Implementation: N/A

Recommended Action:

Provided for City Council information for direction on the proposed activities for the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan.

Attachments:

CDBG Social Service Agency Funding Application Information

CDBG Social Service Funding Application Information

Agency Provided Funding Information	Application Received	Amount Requested	Proposed Award Amount
Jovenes, Inc.	Yes	\$66,000	\$66,000
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA)	Yes	\$15,000	\$15,000
Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence	Yes	\$18,750	\$18,750
The Children’s Clinic	Yes	\$10,000	-
Community Family Guidance Center	Yes	\$25,000	-
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Yes	\$15,000	-
Helpline Youth Counseling	Yes	\$10,000	-
The Whole Child – Mental and Housing Services	Yes	\$63,000	-
Center Pointe Villas	No	-	-
Children’s Dental Health Clinic	No	-	-
Fair Housing Foundation	No	-	-
Field of Dreams	No	-	-
Homes for Life	No	-	-
Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment (HOPE)	No	-	-
Kingdom Causes Bellflower	No	-	-
Legal Aid Society	No	-	-
Little House	No	-	-
Mercy Housing	No	-	-
Norwalk La-Mirada Unified School District	No	-	-
Partnership Housing, Inc.	No	-	-
People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	No	-	-
San Antonio Gardens	No	-	-
SELACO Workforce Development Board	No	-	-
Total			\$99,750



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**POLICY DIRECTION FOR
2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AND FY 2020/21 ANNUAL
ACTION PLAN**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 19, 2019

CDBG & HOME Programs

- City is a direct recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- CDBG funding is \$1.2 million per year
- HOME funding is \$320,000 per year
- City must prepare and submit certain plans to receive CDBG and HOME funds
- Funding is based on population and poverty data from the U.S. Census.

What are the Plans?

HUD requires participating jurisdictions to submit plans describing community needs, priorities and activities:

- Consolidated Plan (5 year plan)
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
- Annual Action Plan



2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Timeline

July - September	Community needs survey and community meetings
November 19	City Council direction
November 22	Release social services funding applications
December 20	Deadline for submittal of social services funding applications
February 6, 2020	First public hearing conducted by Social Services Commission and staff recommended funding levels
February 18, 2020	Proposed activities and funding presented at City Council meeting
March 20, 2020	Draft plans released to public
April 7, 2020	Draft plans presented at City Council meeting
May 5, 2020	Public hearing for adoption of plans conducted by City Council
May 15, 2020	Plans due to HUD

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CDBG – Federal Objectives

- Improve living environment
- Expand economic opportunity
- Provide decent housing
- Serve low and moderate income residents and areas



Eligible activities

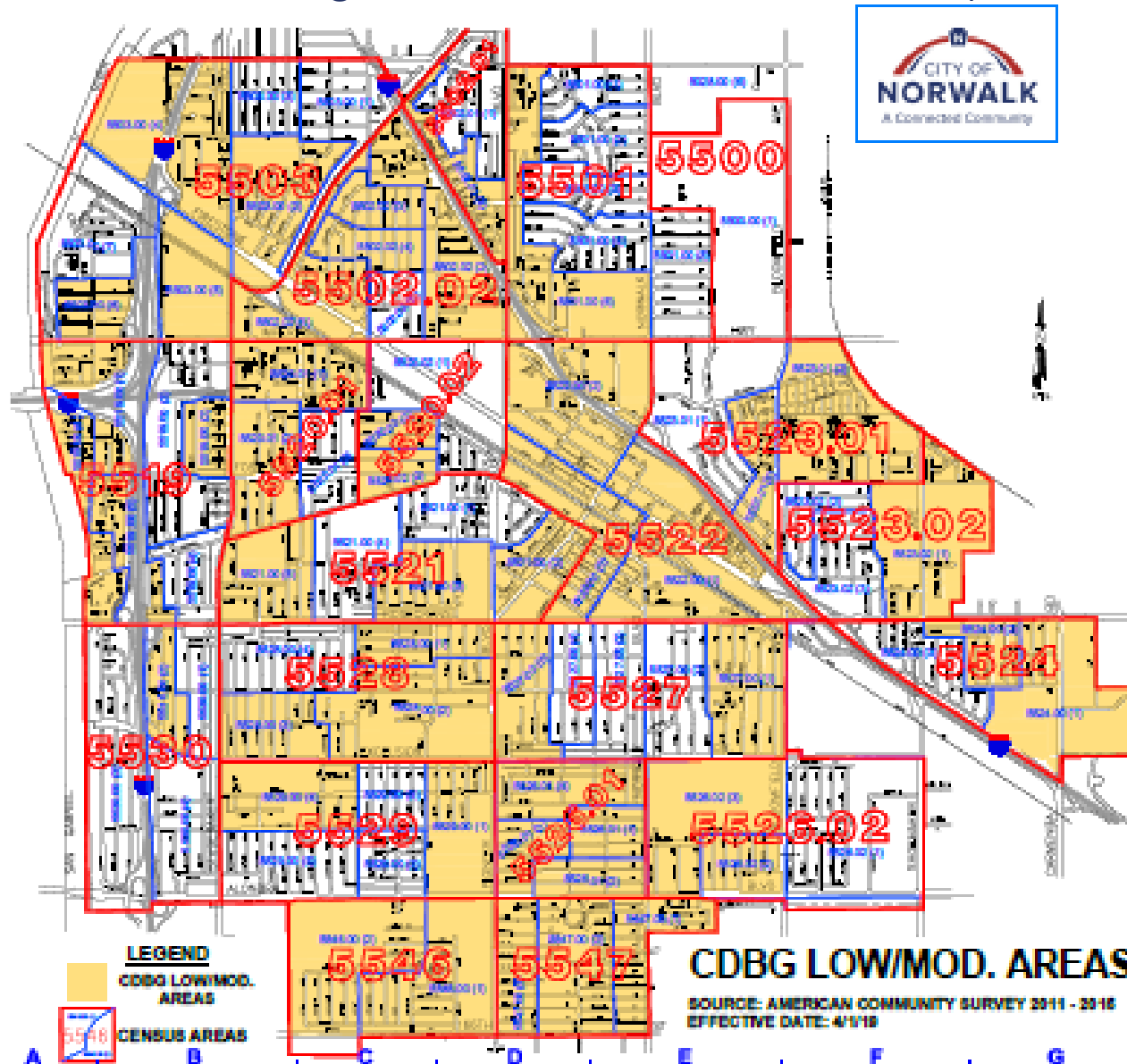
CDBG activities must:

- Meet a national objective; **and**
- Serve low to moderate income residents or low to moderate income areas; **or**
- Eliminate blight or address an urgent need



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CDBG Eligible Census Tracts/Block Groups



CDBG eligible activity types

- Housing – homeownership assistance, housing rehabilitation, site acquisition for affordable housing
- Other Real Property – acquisition, disposition, clearance and demolition, and rehabilitation of commercial buildings
- Public facilities – improvements to streets, water, sewer, parks, and community facilities

CDBG eligible activity types (continued)

- Public services (social services) – job training, health care, substance abuse, homeless services, emergency food or housing aid
- Economic Development – Microenterprise assistance, commercial rehabilitation, and other special economic development activities
- Planning & Administration – fair housing, program operations, and development of community plans

HOME – Federal Objectives

- Increase access to and availability of affordable housing
- Serve low and moderate income households



Eligible activities

HOME activities must:

- Meet a national objective;
- Provide housing; and
- Serve low to moderate income households



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HOME eligible activity types

- Housing Rehabilitation
- Affordable housing development
- Homebuyer assistance
- Rental assistance
- Program administration



2015 - 2020 Consolidated Plan priorities

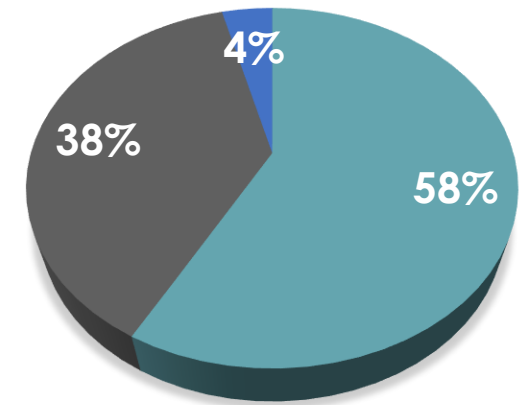
- To preserve, rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
- Support of Community Housing Development Organization
- Provide support services to residents
- To preserve, rehabilitate and enhance existing public facilities and infrastructure
- Neighborhood Revitalization in San Antonio Village
- Program Administration

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2015 - 2020 CDBG activities

- Housing Rehabilitation
- ADA ramp at City Hall
- ADA ramps for public sidewalks
- Local street rehabilitation
- Commercial façade

Housing Rehabilitation Grants/Rebates



■ Elderly ■ Families ■ Disabled



2015 - 2020 CDBG activities (continued)

- Job training program
- Emergency assistance program
- Social service agency funding
- Graffiti removal
- Fair Housing Program
- Program administration



Job training program: *“It’s a great program. It encouraged a mom like me to go back to school to have better job security for me and my family. Thank you very much for helping me.” Jakeline*

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2015 - 2020 HOME activities

- Community Housing Development Organization/affordable housing
- Security deposit assistance
- Housing rehabilitation
- Program administration



Determining goals and priorities

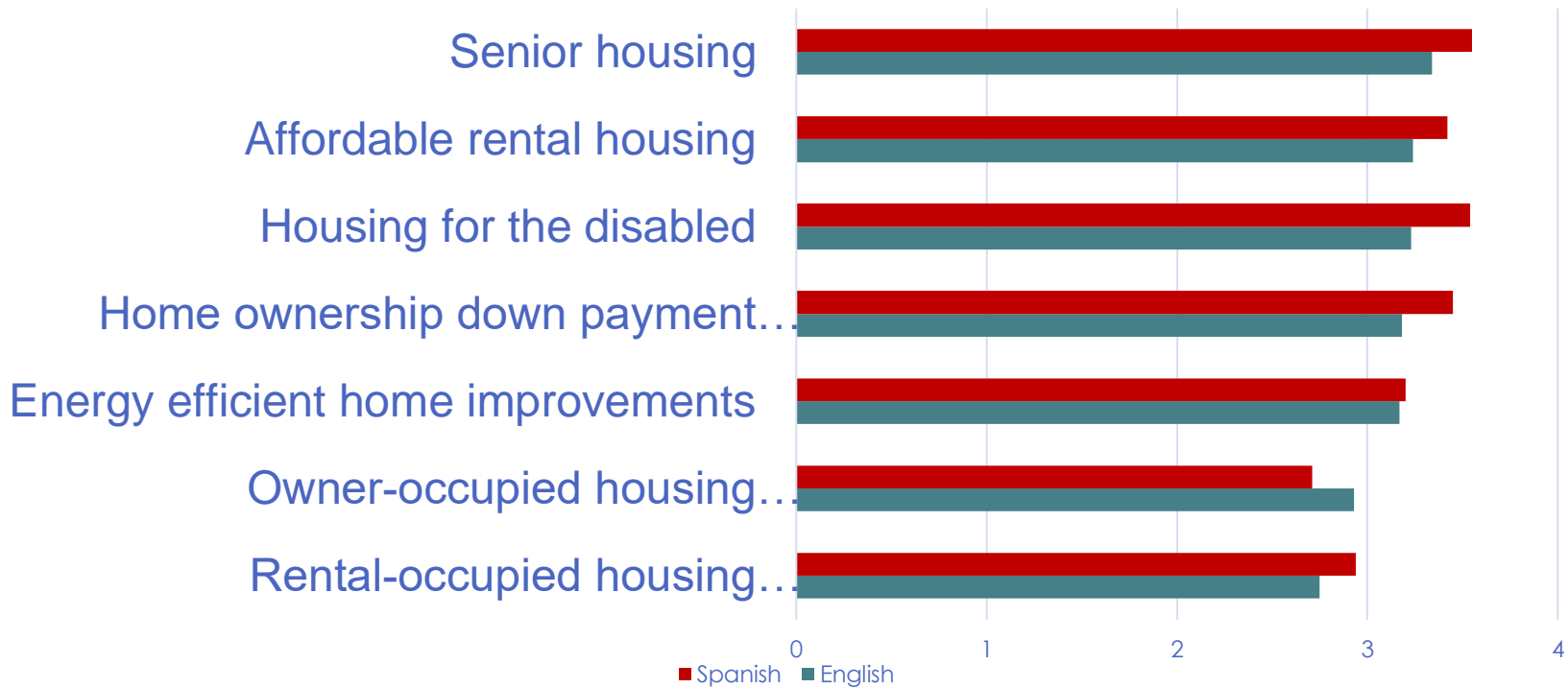
Resident & stakeholder input

- Community meetings
- Housing Summit
- Survey
- City Council Interviews



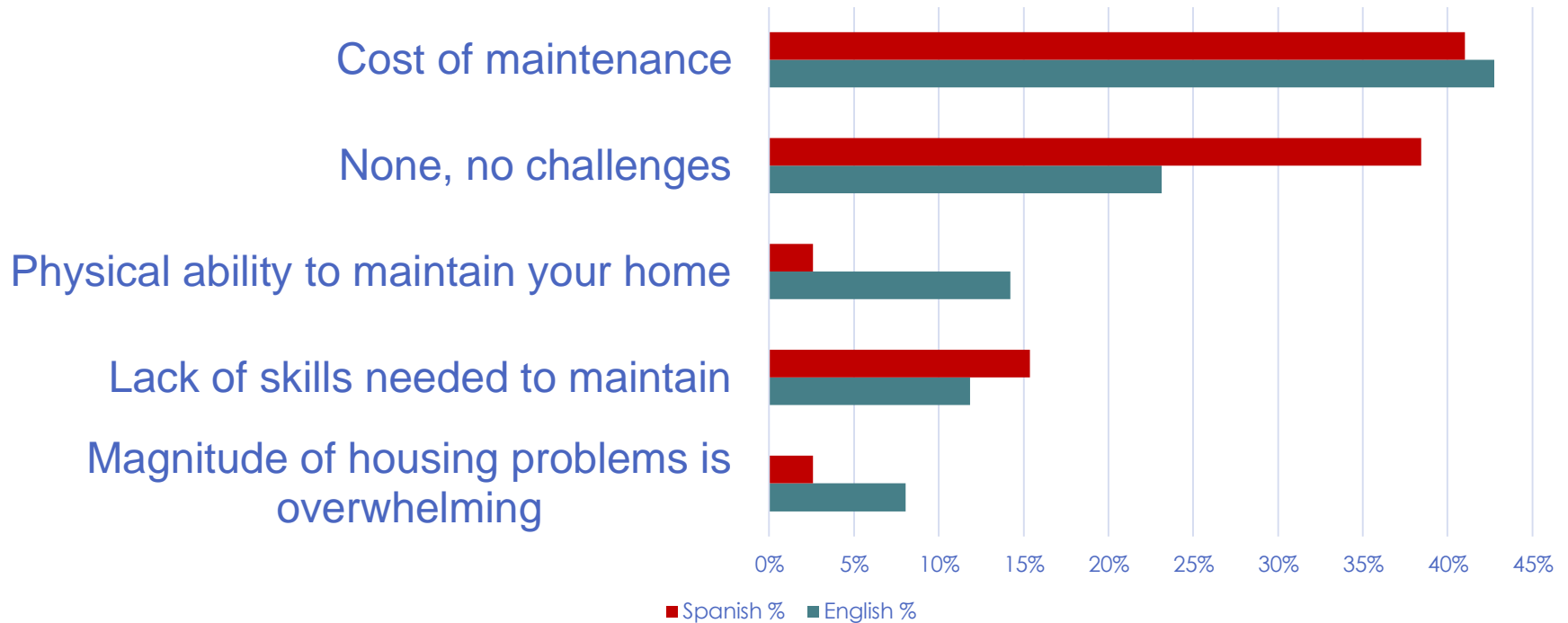
Housing Needs

Survey results: What types of housing are most needed?



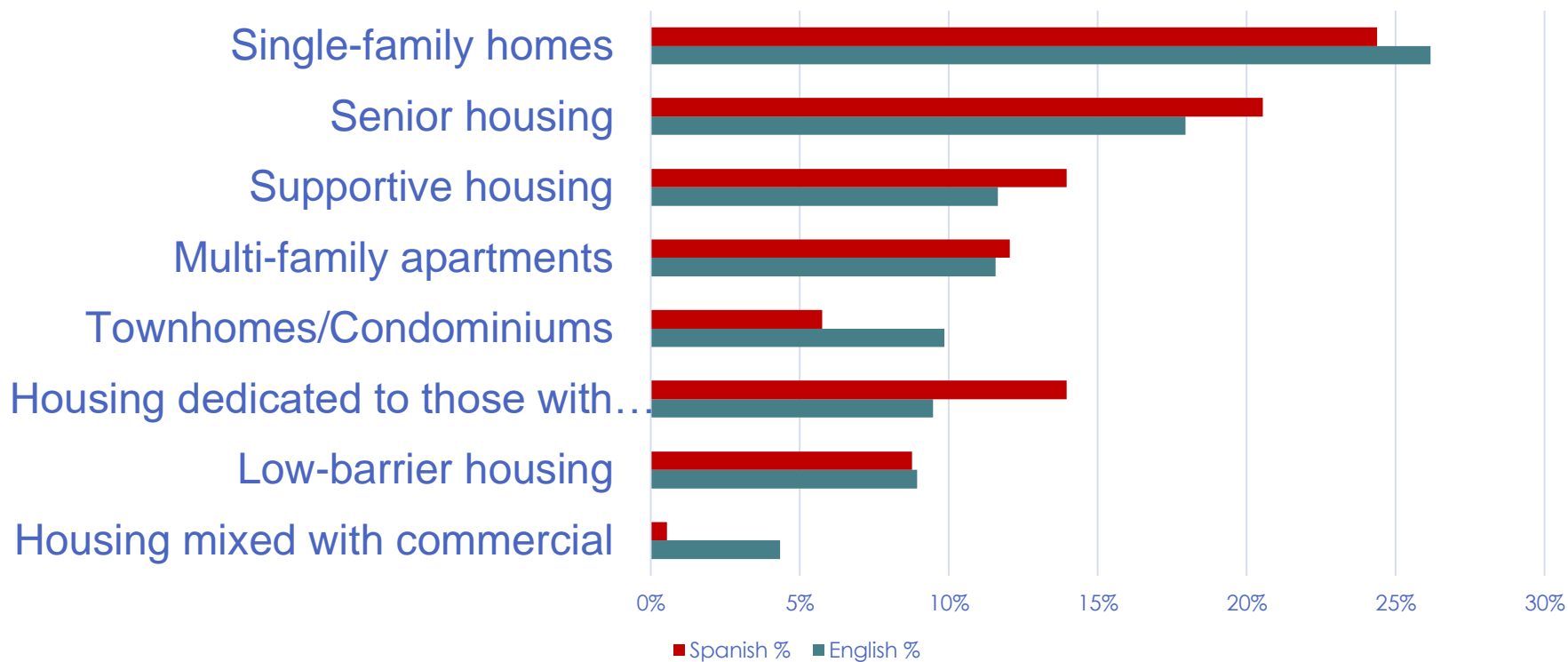
Housing Needs (continued)

Survey results: Most pressing problem with maintaining homes.



Housing Needs (continued)

Survey results: What housing types are most needed?



Housing Needs (continued)

Community meetings & interviews

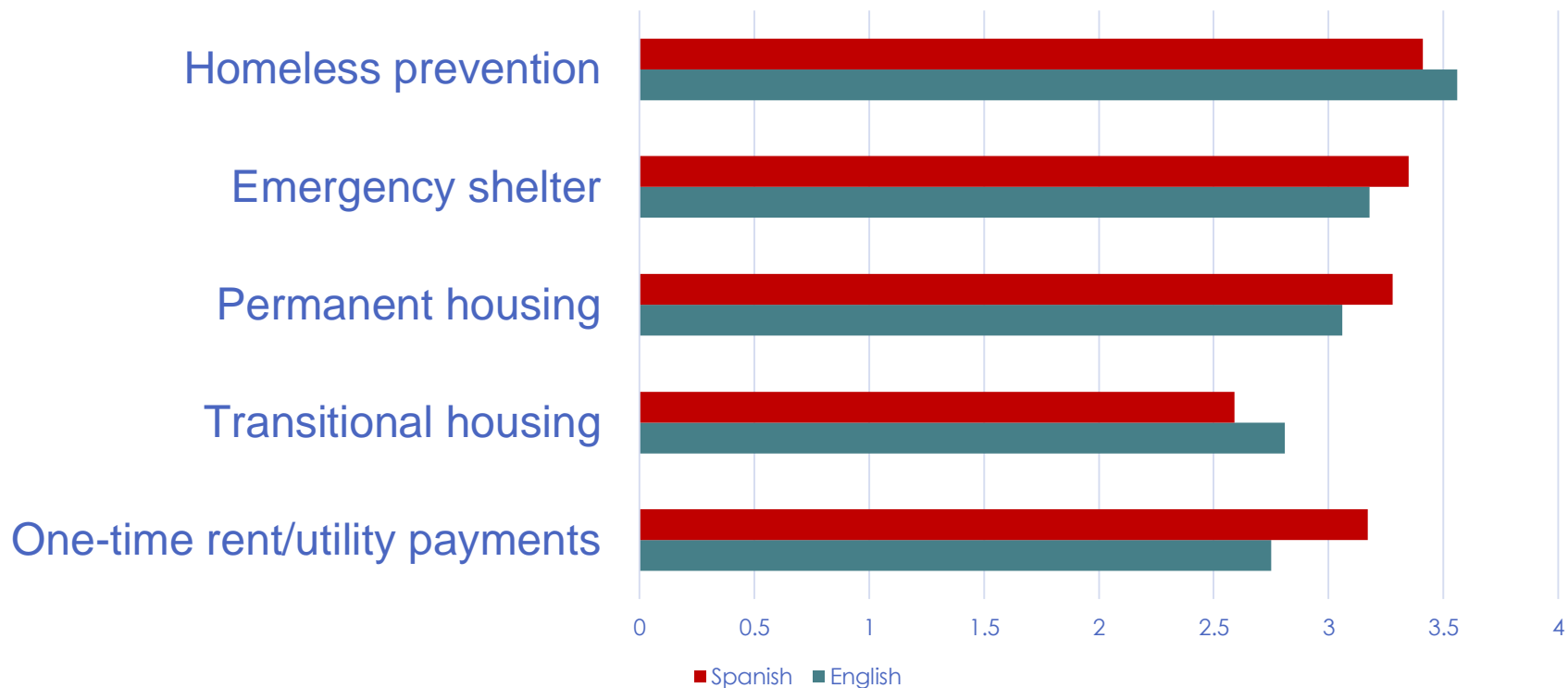
- Affordable housing
- Homeownership/down payment assistance
- Single-family homes
- Senior housing
- Housing rehabilitation

60% of
renters are
rent
burdened

Median
home price:
\$493,300

Homeless Needs

Survey results: What homeless services are most important?



Homeless Needs (continued)

Community meetings & interviews

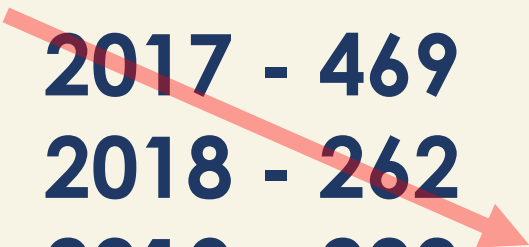
- Homeless prevention
- One-time rent/utility payments
- Homeless services

Homeless Count

2017 - 469

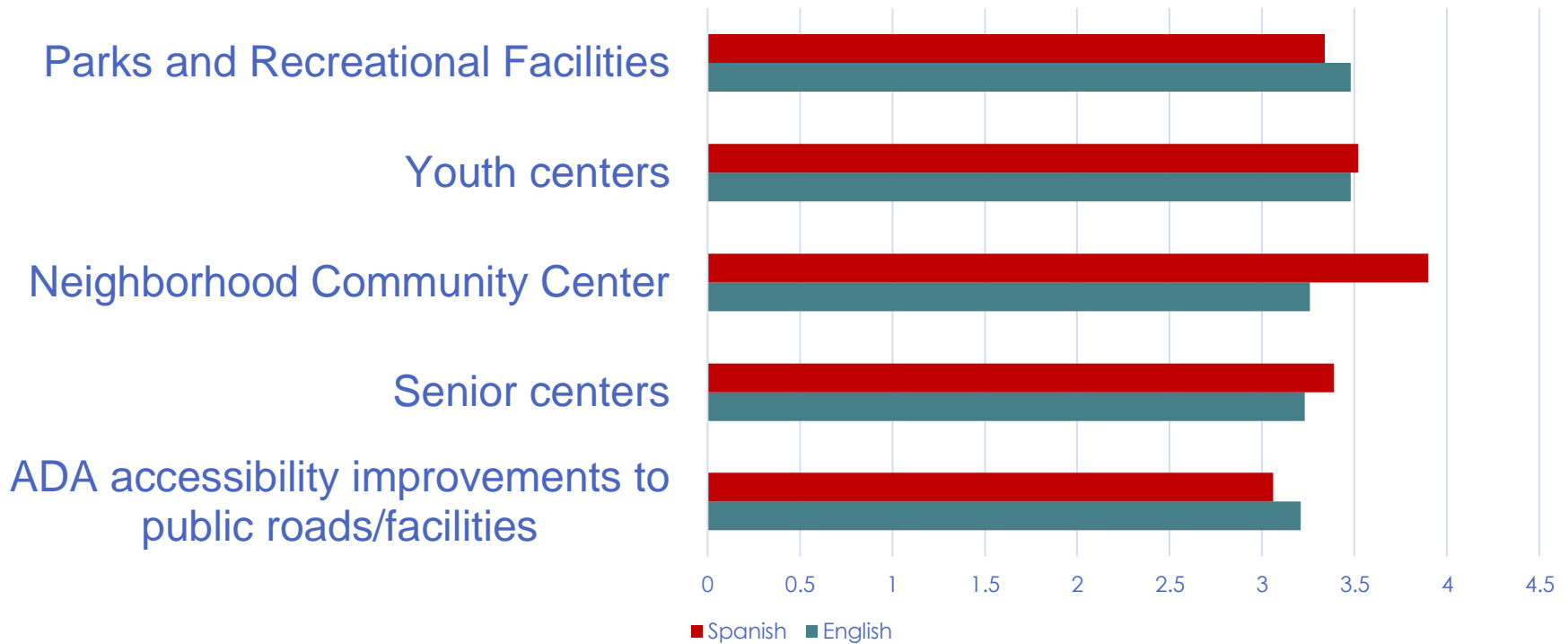
2018 - 262

2019 - 200



Community Facilities

Survey: What community facilities are most needed?



Community Facilities (continued)

Community meetings & interviews

- Parks and recreation

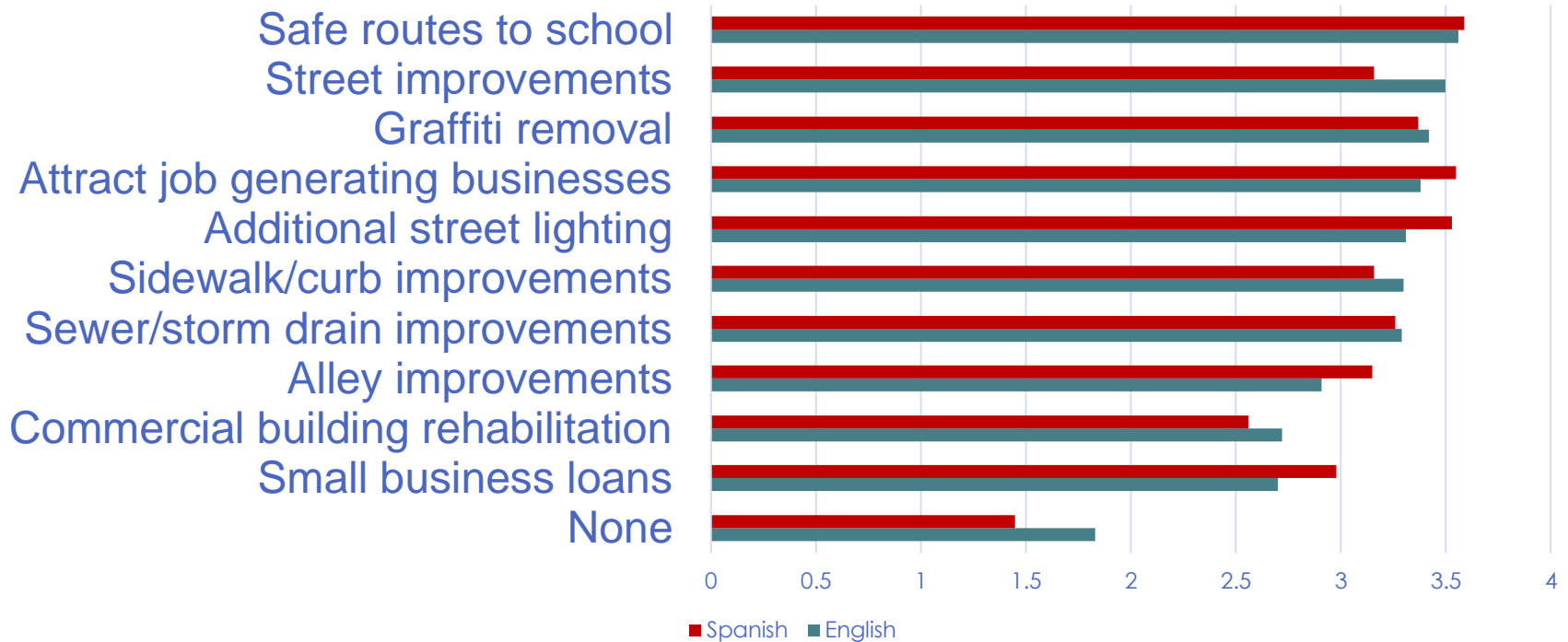


- Community centers



Neighborhood improvement needs

Survey: What type of neighborhood improvements are most important?



Neighborhood improvement needs (continued)

Community meetings & interviews

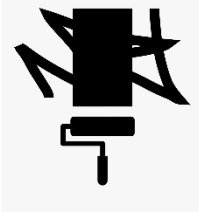
- Job generating businesses



- Commercial rehabilitation



- Graffiti removal



- Safe routes to school/better lighting around schools

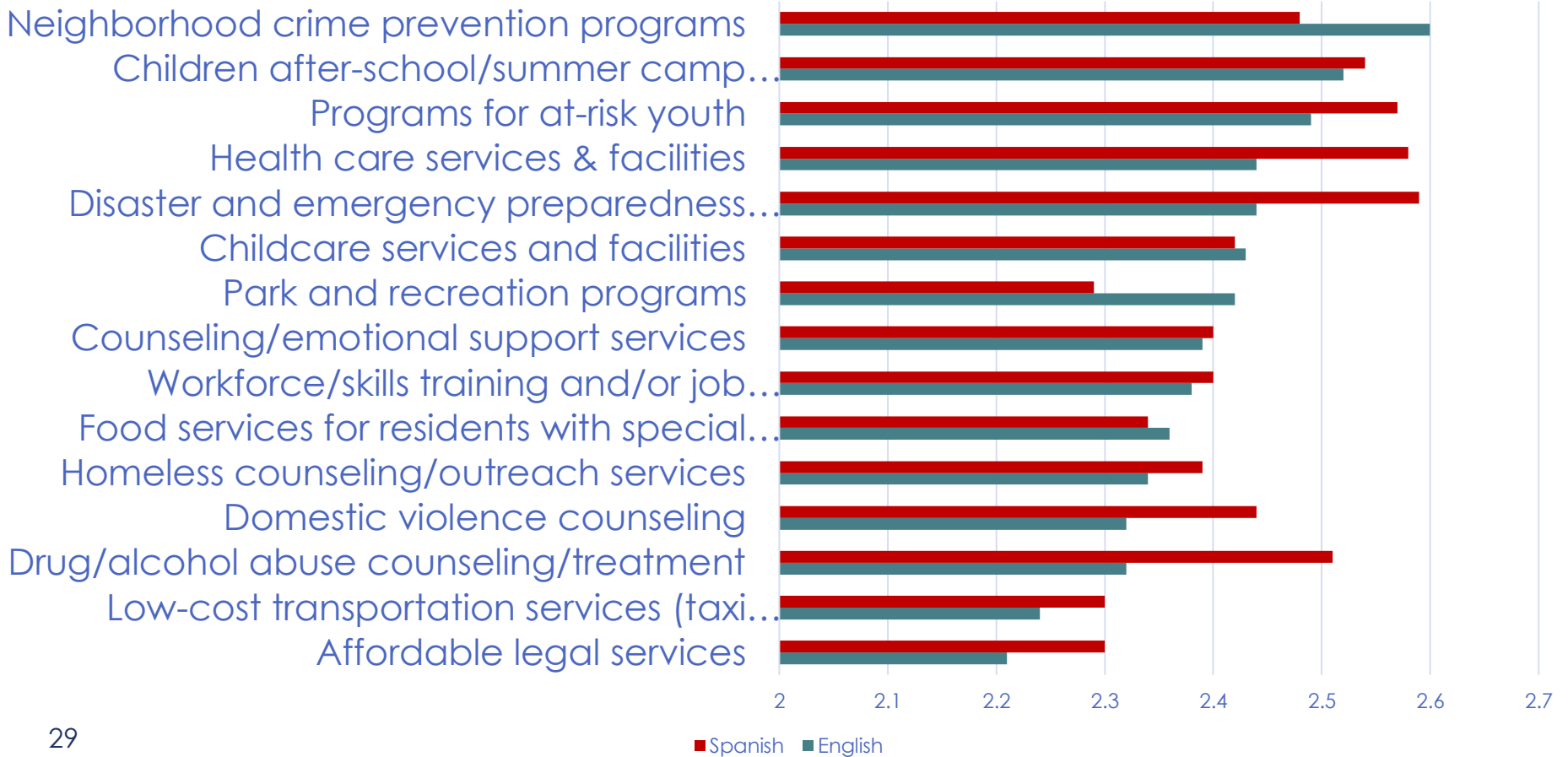


- Street improvements



Community services needs

Survey results: What community programs and services are most important?



Community services needs (continued)

Community meetings & interviews

- Mental health services
- Mental health services for youth in the schools
- Substance abuse treatment
- Domestic violence counseling
- Support services for seniors (meals, transportation)



Summary of Top Community Needs

- Affordable rental housing for families, seniors and disabled and homeownership housing opportunities
- Infrastructure improvements: streets/safe routes to school/lighting/graffiti removal
- Public facilities: parks/community centers/youth center
- Homeless prevention
- Assistance with home improvements
- Economic development: Job generating businesses
- Community services

Recommended priorities and activities

Provide decent affordable housing

- Support new affordable housing development
- First-time homebuyer assistance
- Tenant-based rental assistance
- Security deposit assistance

Preserve, rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods

- Housing rehabilitation

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Recommended priorities and activities (continued)

Improve public facilities and infrastructure

- Street and sidewalk rehabilitation
- Safe routes to school (explore)
- Playground equipment replacement

**Low/Mod
Areas Only**

Support special needs and services

- Emergency assistance program
- Job training program
- Social services



Recommended priorities and activities (continued)

Attract and retain job generating businesses

- Financial assistance (loans, grants, loan guarantees, or technical assistance) to private businesses for construction, rehabilitation or expansion

Program Administration

- Program Administration
- Fair Housing Program
- Safe Routes to School Plan (explore)

Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Action Plan

Possible activities:

CDBG

- Housing rehabilitation*
- Job training program*
- Playground - Holifield
- Fair Housing*
- Program administration*
- Safe routes to school plan
- Explore economic development program

HOME

- Housing rehabilitation*
- Community Housing Development Organization*
- Security deposit assistance*
- Program administration*

Community Fund (15% cap)

Previously funded:

- **Eight (8) organizations: Various services**
- **Emergency Assistance Program**
- **Graffiti Removal**

Funded in FY 2019/20:

- **Three (3) organizations: Homeless services provided by Jovenes, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence**
- **Emergency Assistance Program**

Staff proposed recommendations

- Consolidated Plan priority needs and activities (page 5 of agenda report and slides 32-34)
- Proposed FY 2020/21 activities (page 6 of agenda report and slide 35)
- Prioritize Community Fund for homeless programs (page 7 of agenda report)

Recommended action

Direct staff to prepare the Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Action Plan for City Council adoption as proposed



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2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2020/21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

**Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Boulevard,
Norwalk, CA 90650**

Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

CDBG & HOME FUNDS

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CDBG Federal Objectives:

- Improve living environment
- Expand economic opportunity
- Provide decent housing

Plus...

- ❖ Serve low and moderate income residents and areas
- ❖ Eliminate blight or address an urgent need

HOME Federal Objectives:

- Increase access to and availability of affordable housing
- Serve low and moderate income households

HUD Submissions

HUD requires the City to submit the following plans describing priority community needs and activities:

- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
- Consolidated Plan (5 year plan)
- Annual Action Plan

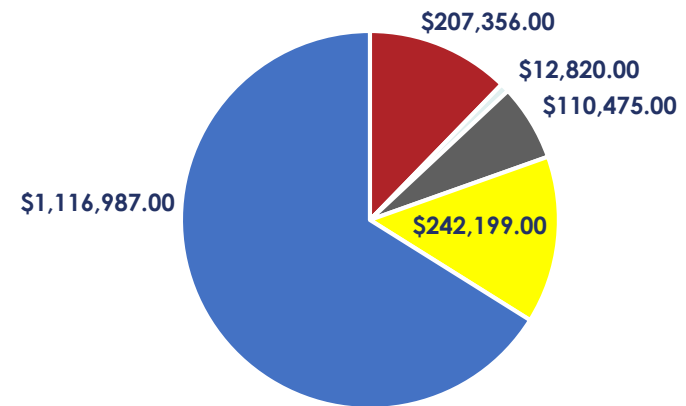
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2020-2025 EXPECTATIONS

- CDBG: \$6M or \$1.2 million/Year
- HOME: \$1.6M or \$320,000/Year

(Funding is based on population and poverty data from the U.S. Census.)

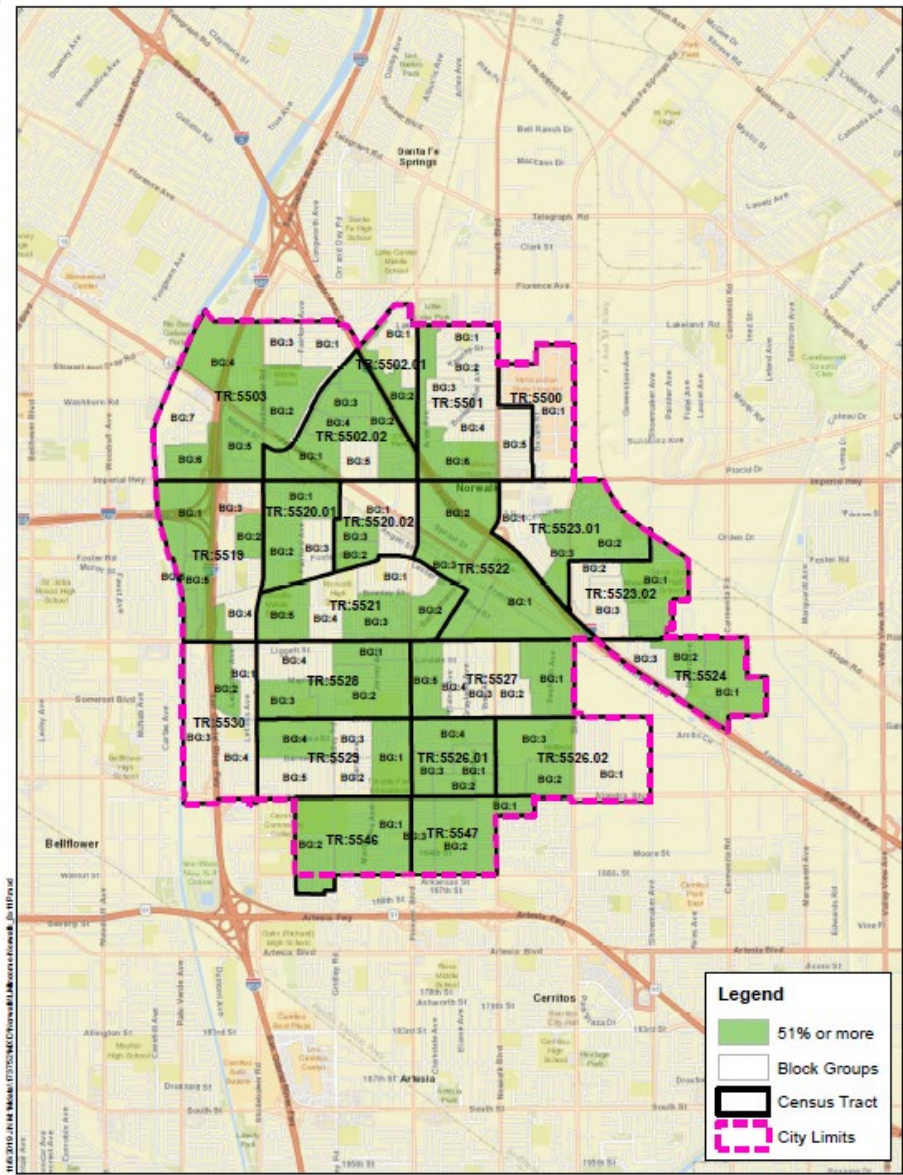
2019/2020 CDBG Funds



- CDBG/HOME Grant Administration
- Fair Housing
- Neighborhood Revitalization (NRSA)
- Provide support services for the City's residents
- To preserve rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods

2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

2020 CDBG Eligible
Census Tracts/Block
Groups



Legend

- 51% or more
- Block Groups
- Census Tract
- City Limits

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Community Engagement

- Resident & Stakeholder
- Community meetings
- Housing Summit
- Community Needs Survey
- City Council Interviews



Priority Needs

- Provide decent affordable housing
- Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation
- Support special needs populations
- Upgrade public facilities and infrastructure
- Fair housing awareness
- Create job generating businesses and job training

Homeless Count

2017 - 469

2018 - 262

2019 - 2020

❖ **Median home price: \$493,300**

❖ **60% of renters are cost burdened**

2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Goals:

Goal 1: Increase affordable housing opportunities

Goal 2: Preserve, rehabilitate and enhance neighborhoods

Goal 3: Provide vital support services

Goal 4: Enhance economic development opportunities

Goal 5: Enhance community facilities

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Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Action Plan (15% cap)

Social Service Activities Organization/Project	Proposed Funding
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Next Steps

- I. Input City community facilities projects into the 2020-2021 AAP
- II. Finalize the AAP
- III. Conduct a 30-day public review for the Consolidated Plan/AAP
- IV. Hold a final Council Hearing
- V. Adoption

2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Timeline

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5/15/20	Final Deadline for AAP submittal to HUD

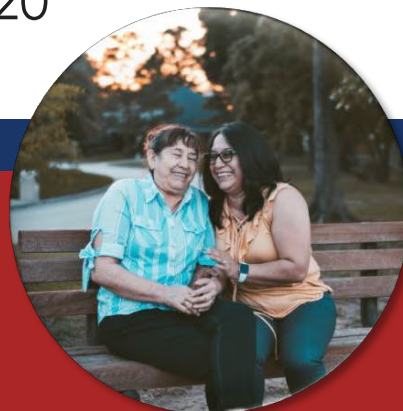
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Consolidated Plan Workshop

City of Norwalk

2020



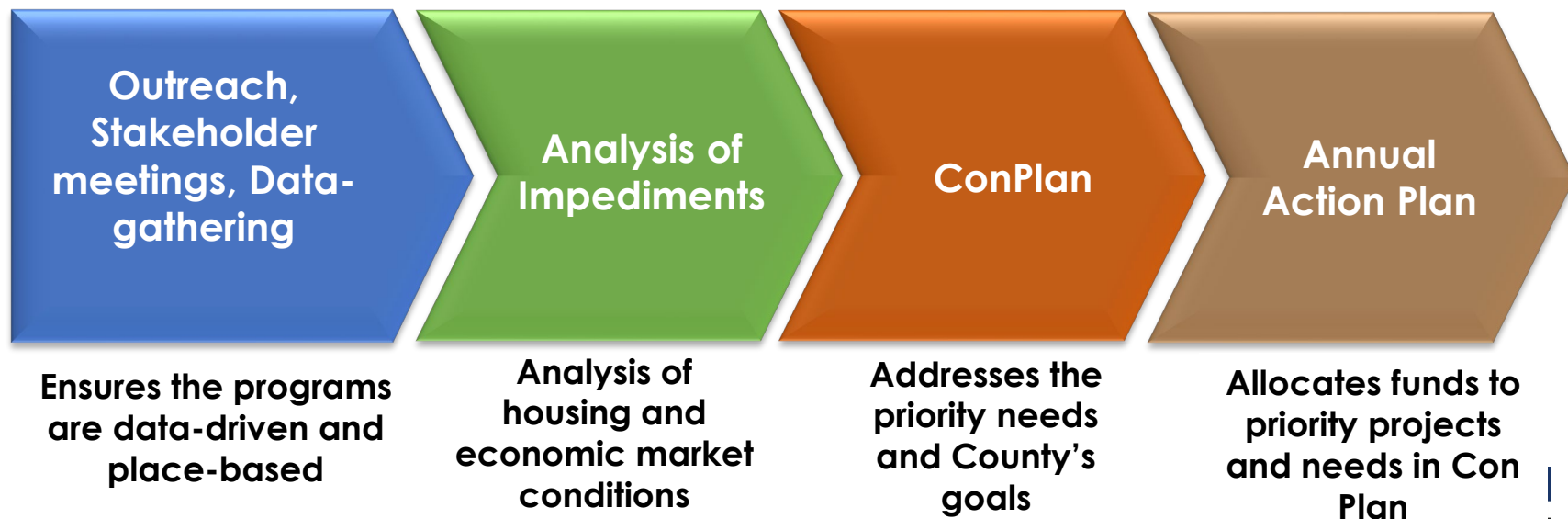
Entitlement Grants

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program authorized under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974.
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) gives the City of Norwalk Entitlement Grants under CDBG
- To receive these funds, the City must complete and submit to HUD a Consolidated Plan Document (CPD).



What is a Consolidated Plan?

- The CPD covers a five-year period.
- The Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) is designed to aid the City in assessing affordable housing and community development needs
- The ConPlan determines how funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are used
- Priorities are determined through data analysis as well as a communitywide outreach program.



Engagement Activities

Engagement & Outreach Activities:

- Identify priorities
- Creates a dialogue
 - ✓ Community survey
 - ✓ Housing Summit
 - ✓ Stakeholder meetings
 - ✓ Focus Groups
 - ✓ Pop-Up Events

Housing Summit

Purpose

Inform area agencies on current priority issues and solutions to housing and homeless

1. Homeless prevention
2. Fair housing law and discrimination
3. Planning for affordable housing
4. Workforce development

Housing Summit

Keynote Speakers

- 1. Meredith Berkson**, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
- 2. Martha Torres**, Fair Housing Foundation
- 3. Jesse Ibarra**, Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County
- 4. Alexa Washburn**, National Community Renaissance
- 5. Tammy Ferranti-Lansdown and Corina Coronel**, SE Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board

Housing Summit

Breakout

Agencies participated in breakout groups

- Participants from Norwalk's key agencies: government officials, city departments, housing interest entities, affordable housing developers, workforce development organizations

Solutions:

1. Connecting to mental health services and trade school/training
2. Expungement programs
3. Job education
4. Job coaching/mentorship in high schools
5. Rent caps
6. Providing subsidized housing
7. Streamline development opportunities
8. Education to public about reducing homelessness

Surveys

Best method for capturing:

- Local data
- Housing needs
- Community needs
- Anonymous – allows for honest feedback

City of Norwalk
had a total of **879**
respondents.

Surveys

TOP HOUSING NEEDS:

- 63% of Spanish respondents and 50% of English respondents indicated **Senior Housing** as a priority
- 58% of all respondents identified **Affordable Rental Housing** as a priority
- 63% of Spanish respondents indicated **Housing for Disabled Persons** as a priority

Surveys

TOP AFFORDABILITY NEEDS:

- 58% of all respondents indicated **Affordable Rental Housing** as a priority
- **Jobs and Housing** make up a secondary theme and seen as a solution to affordability

Surveys

TOP FACILITIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS NEEDS:

- 55% of Spanish respondents and 60% of English respondents identified **Youth Centers** as a priority
- 47% of Spanish respondents and 60% of English respondents identified **Parks & Recreational Facilities** as a priority
- 67% of all respondents identified **Safe Routes to School** as a priority
- Notably, **Neighborhood Crime Prevention Programs** was also identified as a coinciding theme and need

Stakeholders

Consult with stakeholders

- Housing providers
- Health services
- Social services
- Organizations representing protected classes
- Fair housing
- Broadband internet providers
- Emergency management organizations
- Additional local and regional stakeholders

Stakeholders

Why consult with stakeholders?

- Needs Assessment for
 - Housing
 - Homelessness services
 - Disproportionate need
- Market Analysis
 - Number of units
 - Special needs services available
 - Non-housing community resources
 - Barriers to affordable housing

Stakeholders

Common Themes:

- Economic well-being, self-sufficiency, & resiliency
- Economic Development
- Housing Production & Affordability
- Special Populations
- Smart Decision-Making

Consolidated Plan Summary

Priority Needs:

- Provide decent affordable housing
 - Build new affordable housing units, continue to fund affordable housing program initiatives through the CHDO; continue to fund rental assistance programs; review and initiate a homebuyer program
- Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation
 - Fund residential façade improvement programs, housing acquisition and rehabilitation projects; remediate lead-based paint testing and abatement; and provide family preservation support services

Consolidated Plan Summary

Priority Needs:

- Support special needs programs and services
 - Support social service agencies that provide innovative and supportive services that address community-wide needs
- Construct/upgrade public facilities & infrastructure
 - Invest in City capital improvement projects, social service agency capital projects, and street infrastructure improvements such as: streets, sidewalks, curbing and other public facilities, safe routes to school, and addressing public safety concerns

Consolidated Plan Summary

Priority Needs:

- Create public awareness of fair housing
 - Provide ongoing assistance to combat discrimination through the promotion of fair housing education, legal representation, local support for affordable housing development projects, and counseling and financial training services

Consolidated Plan Summary

Priority Needs:

- Job-generating businesses and job training
 - Support businesses and assist commercial property owners with business operations and expansion loan programs, façade improvement grant and loan programs, and workforce training and development programs

Consolidated Plan Summary

GOALS

- Increase affordable housing opportunities
- Preserve, rehabilitate and enhance neighborhoods
- Provide vital support services
- Enhance economic development opportunities
- Enhance community facilities
- Planning and grant administration

Data/Outreach Collection

The results of the:



These identified needs are then used to prepare the Consolidated Plan's **Strategic Plan** which informs and guides the future projects and programs

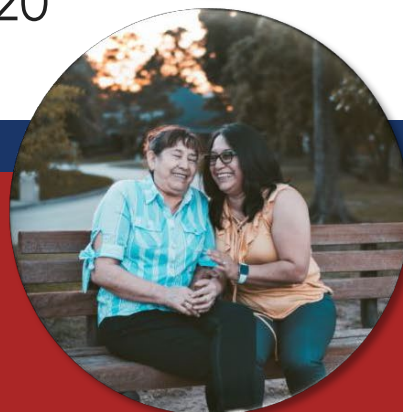
Thank You



Annual Action Plan

City of Norwalk

2020



Action Plan

Today's Action Plan discussion

- 2020-2021 HUD Allocated Funding
 - CDBG: \$1,270,803
 - Estimated carryover of \$288,000
 - HOME: \$345,459
 - Estimated carryover of \$239,388



Action Plan

- OPTION: Business Incentive Program: \$200,000
- OPTION: First Time Homebuyers Program: \$200,000
- Housing: \$1,131,299
 - CDBG Residential Rehab: \$640,997
 - HOME Residential Rehab: \$438,484
 - CHDO Set-Aside: \$51,818



Action Plan

- Program Administration: \$347,545
 - CDBG (20% cap): \$300,000
 - HOME (10% cap): \$34,545
 - Fair Housing: \$13,000



Action Plan

- Social Services: \$264,750
 - Su Casa (CDBG 15% cap): \$18,750
 - Jovenes, Inc. (CDBG 15% cap): \$66,000
 - LA-CADA (CDBG 15% cap): \$15,000
 - Job Training (CDBG 15% cap) – Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School: \$30,000
 - Emergency Services (CDBG 15% cap) – Social Services Center: \$75,000
 - TBRA – Security Deposit Assistance (HOME funds): \$60,000



2021 Action Plan Projects

Programs	CDBG	HOME
Public Services		
1. Jovenes, Inc. - Norwalk Safe House Project (Transitional housing with services to homeless transitional age youth (ages 18-24))	\$66,000	
2. Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence - conduct counseling sessions at the Social Services Center and provide permanent housing placement with supportive services for domestic violence survivors	\$18,750	
3. Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA-CADA) - Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment – Increase outreach in Norwalk concerning substance abuse services, coordinate with homeless service providers, accept direct referrals from City, and provide residential treatment and transitional housing with outpatient services	\$15,000	
4. Job Training- Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School at three campuses located at 12940 East Foster Road in Norwalk, 15920	\$30,000	
5. Emergency Services-Social Services Center	\$75,000	
6. TBRA – Security Deposit Assistance (not included in 15% cap)		\$60,000

2021 Action Plan Projects

Programs	CDBG	HOME
Housing		
1. Residential Rehabilitation	\$640,997	\$438,484
2. CHDO Set-Aside – HOME (15% cap)		\$51,818
3. First Time Home Buyers Assistance (OPTION) - \$200,000*		

2021 Action Plan Projects

Programs	CDBG	HOME
Public Facilities		
1. New River Park – Park Playground Equipment - \$300,000 - <i>not funded</i>	-	-
Economic Development		
1. Business Incentive Program (OPTION) – Loan Program - \$200,000*		

2021 Action Plan Projects

Programs	CDBG	HOME
Planning & Administration		
1. Program Administration - CDBG	\$300,000	
2. Program Administration - HOME		\$34,545
3. Fair Housing	\$13,000	
Totals	\$1,158,747	\$584,847
*Option will add for final total	\$1,558,747	\$584,847

Social Services Funding Application Information

Agency Provided Funding Information	Application Received	Amount Requested	Proposed Award Amount
Jovenes, Inc	Yes	\$66,000	\$66,000
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA)	Yes	\$15,000	\$15,000
Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence	Yes	\$18,750	\$18,750
The Children’s Clinic	Yes	\$10,000	-
Community Family Guidance Center	Yes	\$25,000	-
Helpline Youth Counseling	Yes	\$10,000	-
The Whole Child – Mental and Housing Services	Yes	\$10,000	-
Center Pointe Villas	No	-	-
Children’s Dental Health Clinic	No	-	-
Fair Housing Foundation	No	-	-
Field of Dreams	No	-	-
Homes for Life	No	-	-
Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment (HOPE)	No	-	-
Little House	No	-	-
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA)	No	-	-
Kingdom Causes Bellflower	No	-	-
Legal Aid Society	No	-	-
Little House	No	-	-
Mercy Housing	No	-	-
Norwalk La-Mirada Unified School Board	No	-	-
Partnership Housing, Inc.	No	-	-
People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	No	-	-
San Antonio Gardens	No	-	-
SELACO Workforce Development Board	No	-	-
Total			\$99,750