



CITY OF KALAMAZOO Consolidated Plan Community Needs Survey

In order to receive funding from the federal government, the City of Kalamazoo must prepare a five year Consolidated Plan to identify needs in the community which can be addressed through grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan is designed to guide the City's funding decisions over the next five years. These decisions must take into account the national objectives of these grant programs relevant to the City of Kalamazoo, which are benefiting low- and moderate- income persons and aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight.

Due to the ever decreasing amounts of federal funds received by the City, it is more important than ever that spending be prioritized with the community's unmet needs. To help us understand what is most important, the City has begun with community outreach. The public input received will be evaluated against the data gathered for the Plan; the City's current funding and budget realities; and outside community resources that may already be addressing a need.

The survey includes categories of goals that the City might wish to address in the Consolidated Plan over the next five years. While the survey is intended to be anonymous, the City would like to have a better understanding of who has completed the survey.

Which of the following best describes your status as it relates to this survey:

- ☐ Nonprofit Service Provider ☐ For-profit Service Provider
☐ Citizen ☐ Funder

For service providers:

1. What target population does your organization serve? _____
2. What is your service area? _____
3. What services do you provide?

4. How can we engage your staff in this conversation around community development and housing needs?
 - a. Circle all that apply:
☐ Survey ☐ Meeting ☐ Email ☐ Individual interviews
 - b. Who should we contact to facilitate this engagement _____

5. Would you be willing to have your clients/participants take the housing need and discrimination survey or post the survey on your website? Yes No

Goal Categories with Activity Priorities

Please pick **your top 3 most important categories**. Then, please pick **your top 3 most important activities** within each main category you already selected that you believe represent an unmet need in Kalamazoo.

Single Family Housing _____

- _____ New construction/Infill
- _____ Homeowner rehabilitation
- _____ Homeowner minor/emergency repair
- _____ First time home buyer assistance
- _____ Vacant housing rehabilitation
- _____ Energy efficiency Improvements
- _____ Lead based paint abatement
- _____ Historic preservation

Multi-Family Housing _____

- _____ New construction
- _____ Rehabilitation
- _____ Conversion of closed building from one use to residential housing
- _____ Energy efficiency improvements
- _____ Rental assistance
- _____ Eviction diversion programs
- _____ Lead based paint abatement
- _____ Historic preservation

Specialized Housing _____

- _____ Housing for seniors
- _____ Supportive housing for persons with disabilities
- _____ Supportive housing for persons with HIV/AIDS

- _____ Minor/emergency home repair programs directed to seniors
- _____ Accessible housing

Neighborhood Services _____

- _____ Code enforcement
- _____ Public safety enforcement
- _____ Building demolition
- _____ Graffiti removal
- _____ Abandon lot clean-up

Community Facilities _____

- _____ Senior centers
- _____ Youth centers
- _____ Child care centers
- _____ Park and recreational facilities
- _____ Community centers
- _____ Public safety stations
- _____ Health care facilities
- _____ Facilities for special needs populations

Infrastructure Improvements _____

- _____ Street/alley improvements
- _____ Sidewalk improvements
- _____ Water/sewer line improvements
- _____ Flood drainage improvements
- _____ Street lighting
- _____ Parking facilities
- _____ Public landscaping

Homeless Assistance _____

- _____ Support shelters
- _____ Supportive service activities
- _____ Rapid re-housing
- _____ Street outreach
- _____ Homeless prevention

Economic Development _____

- _____ Start-up business assistance
- _____ Microenterprise/small business loans
- _____ Technical assistance/training
- _____ Business mentoring
- _____ Commercial rehabilitation/façade improvements
- _____ Neighborhood investment incentives

Community Services _____

- _____ Senior services
- _____ Youth activities/after school programs
- _____ Child care services
- _____ Anti-crime programs
- _____ Legal services
- _____ Transportation services
- _____ Health services
- _____ Homebuyer counseling

Special Needs Services _____

- _____ Domestic violence services
- _____ Literacy counseling
- _____ Services for persons with English as a second language
- _____ Services for neglected/abused children
- _____ AIDS/HIV patient programs
- _____ Services for persons with physical disabilities
- _____ Services for persons with mental disabilities
- _____ Substance abuse services