

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

5 Year Consolidated Plan for HUD Federal Grants and the Citizen Participation Plan

**Staff presentation
Council discussion and direction**

Presentation Overview

HUD Federal Grants

Citizen Participation Plan

- **Any Comments?**

Consolidated Plan

Purpose

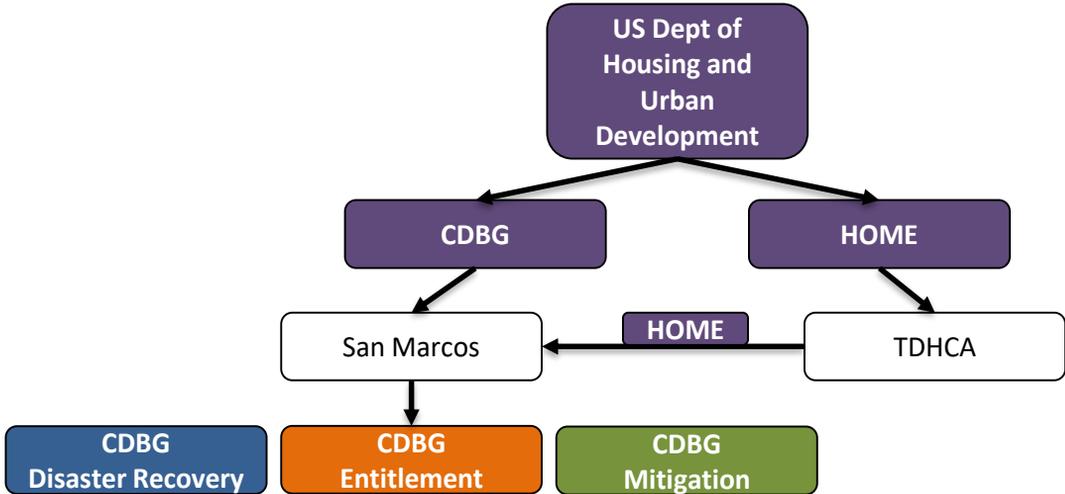
Ties to Other Studies and Policies

Citizen Comments Received

Past Priorities

Funding and Accomplishments

- **What are our priorities for the next 5 years?**



**CDBG
Disaster Recovery**

**CDBG
Entitlement**

**CDBG
Mitigation**

Citizen Participation Plan

CDBG
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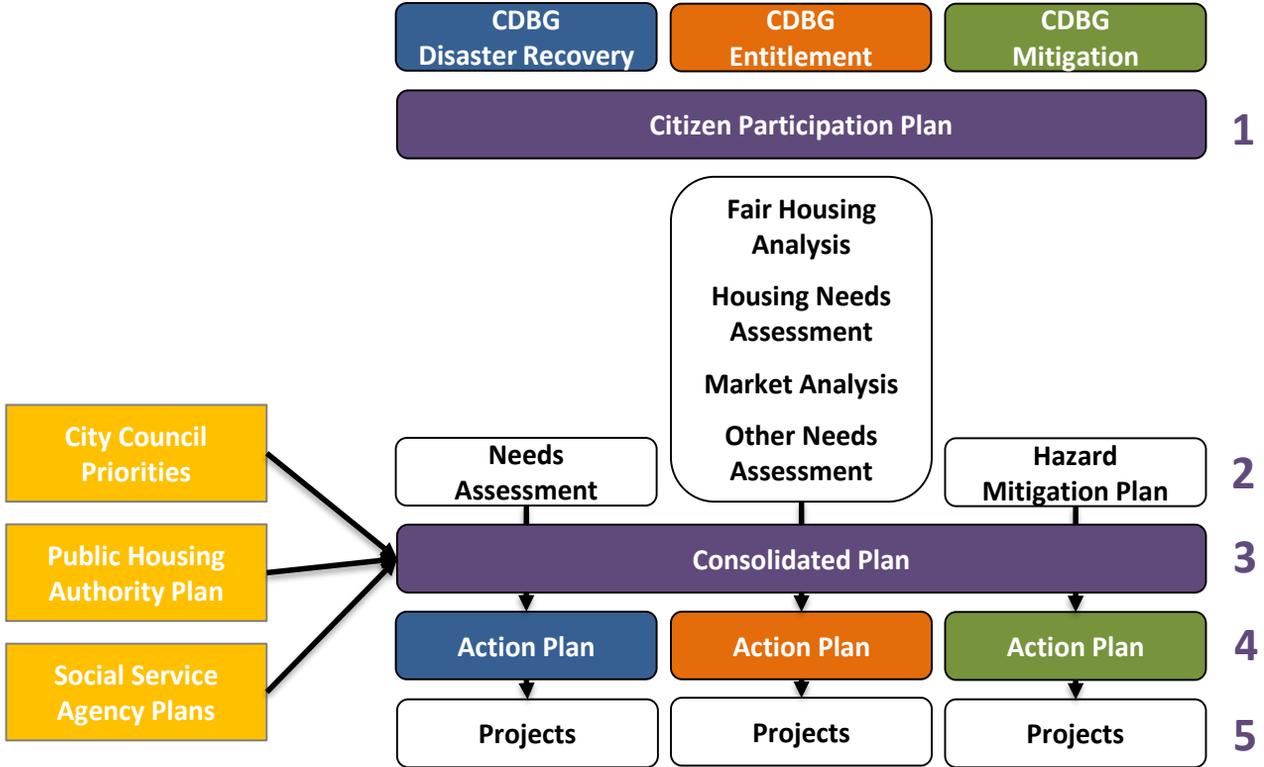
CDBG
Mitigation

Providing for citizen participation in creation and amendment of funding plans

- Public notice 14 days prior
- Materials available for review
- Information provided on website
- 30 day comment period
- A public meeting and a public hearing
- Accommodations for people with disabilities
- Translation to Spanish

Evaluated every 5 years

Comments?



CDBG
Disaster Recovery

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Purpose of the Consolidated Plan:

To set priority categories of needs for a HUD grant

✓ CDBG Disaster Recovery – done!

✓ CDBG Mitigation – in progress!

☐ CDBG Entitlement – now needed!

**CDBG
Entitlement**

CURRENT PROCESS – 5 Year Consolidated Plan

February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review data • Conduct outreach
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request City Council direction on priorities for CDBG Entitlement funds • Post draft Consolidated Plan for public comment
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request City Council approval of the Consolidated Plan

**CDBG
Entitlement**

NEXT STEPS – CDBG Entitlement Action Plan

April	Hold stakeholder workshop and citizen workshop
May	Review applications
June	Hold public hearing on possible funding allocations
July	Post draft action plan for public comment
August	Request City Council approval of Action Plan and project funding allocations

Part A: Review Data

2017 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

1. Housing affordability
2. Insufficient income
3. Awareness of fair housing rights
4. Predatory lending and foreclosures
5. Limited home maintenance resources
6. Concentrations of poverty

Part A: Review Data

2019 Housing Needs Analysis

Core Housing Needs:

1. Rentals for residents earning <\$25,000
2. Displacement prevention
3. Homes priced <\$200,000
4. Ownership product diversity
5. Improved condition and accessibility of existing housing stock

Part B: Conduct Outreach

2019 Council Strategic Initiatives

1. Downtown Vitality
2. Workforce Housing
3. City Facilities
4. Multi-Modal Transportation
5. Workforce Development

2015-2019 Priority Categories

- Affordable Housing
- Public Services
- Public Facilities
- Infrastructure, Transportation
- Demolition Activities

CDBG Mission

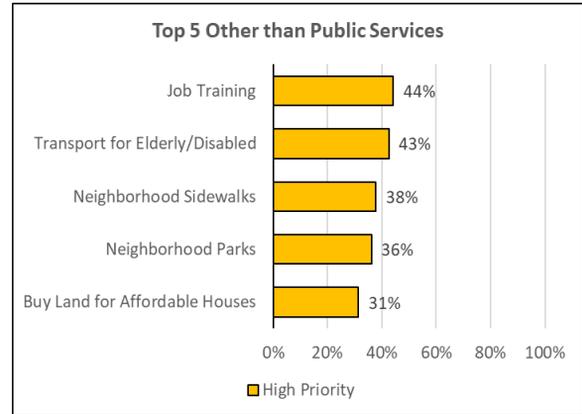
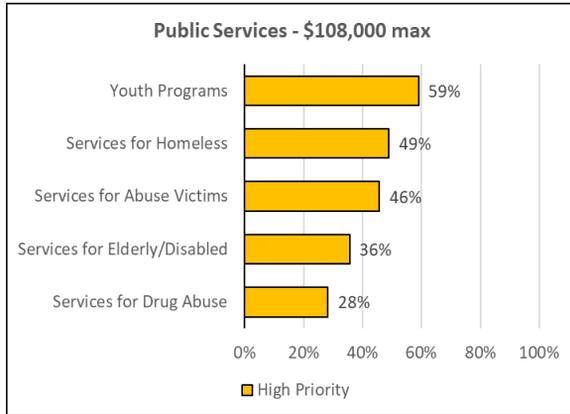
The mission of the CDBG Program is to promote the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment; and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate incomes.

National Objectives: Allowed Activities

- Benefiting people with incomes below 80% of area median (70% of program funding)
 - Project that benefits an area where at least 51% meet the income limit
 - Public service where at least 51% of the clients meet the income limit
 - Housing – single family or apartments
 - Jobs created where at least 51% are held by people who meet the income limit
- Prevention and Elimination of Slum and Blight
- Urgent Need

Part B: Conduct Outreach

2020 Priority Needs Survey and Citizen Comments

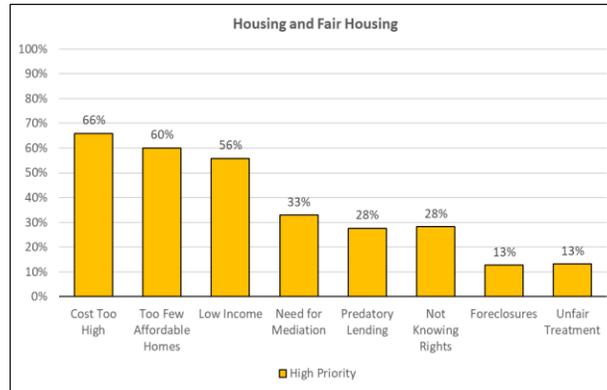


Comments on Priority Needs were received from 97 people, in the following categories:

Category	Public Services	Affordable Housing	Infrastr. or Transp.	Public Facilities	Econ Dev.	Demolition
# of comments	34	30	25	20	12	sancostx.gov

Part B: Conduct Outreach

2020 Fair Housing Survey and Citizen Comments



Comments on Fair and Affordable Housing issues were received from 78 people, in the following categories:

Cost Too High	Too Few Affordable Homes	Low Income	Unfair Treatment	Not Knowing Rights	Need for Mediation	Foreclosure
39	38	21	2	2	1	1

Part C: Determine Priorities

Data and Outreach So Far: Common Themes

1. Lack of housing affordability compared to income
2. Need for home maintenance and accessibility in existing stock
3. Desire for workforce development to increase income

Past 4 Years Accomplishments

PRIORITY	ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY
Affordable Housing	Home Rehab	42
	Down Payments	16
	Land for a New Home	1
	Rental Assistance	6
Public Services	Parks & Rec Scholarships	363
	CASA	270
	Women's Shelter Renovation	516
Public Facilities	Park Improvements	3 parks
Demolition	Spot Slum and Blight	1

Past 4 Years Funding

2018	649,948
2017	562,799
2016	525,164
2015	517,077
TOTAL	\$2,254,988

Notes on Requirements

HUD Allocation for Program Year 2020-2021:
\$722,904

70% must benefit low-moderate income people.

No more than 15% can be used for Public Services.

No more than 20% can be used for Administration.

Which categories are priority needs for San Marcos?

Affordable Housing

Such as housing rehabilitation or reconstruction, land acquisition, accessibility improvements, homebuyer loans, weatherization, transitional housing

Public Services (no more than \$108,000)

Such as programs for senior citizens, abuse victims, youth, children, homeless, treatment of drug or alcohol abuse, workforce skills development

Public Facilities

Such as parks, community centers, community gardens

Infrastructure, Transportation

Such as neighborhood sidewalks, hike and bike trails, covered bus shelters

Demolition Activities

Such as spot blight removal or demolition of unsafe structures

Economic Development

Such as business incubator construction or microloans for small businesses

Staff Recommendation

- Affordable Housing
(such as rehab, repair, land acquisition)
- Public Services
(such as children, seniors, workforce development)
- Public Facilities
(such as parks)

Council Direction Needed