

20115-201520 DRAFT CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS

The goals listed below are intended to provide broad guidance in the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funds granted to the City by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the five years beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) supports the allocation of funds to achieve measurable results for both ~~public and non-public services~~ housing and non-housing goals.

The primary objective of the CDBG and HOME Program is to continue to develop viable urban communities through decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons; the City of Lynchburg supports assisting individuals with disabilities, substance abuse or addiction, persons with AIDS, persons that are homeless, and elderly persons.

Housing Goals

1. Increase the number of owner-occupied units.
2. Rehabilitate substandard housing units. Emphasis is to be placed on programs that require an investment of funds and/or labor on the part of the owner commensurate with the owner's resources.
3. Support initiatives to increase permanent affordable rental and housing ownership opportunities.
4. Promote programs that assist eligible individuals in retaining their homes.

Non-Housing Goals

1. Support efforts for the removal and redevelopment of dilapidated and condemned structures to eliminate neighborhood deterioration, blight and blighting influences.
2. Support the organized efforts in neighborhoods to leverage their resources to improve and sustain community liability and services. Support neighborhood partnerships that facilitate self-sufficiency and enable families and individuals to maintain their housing, remain in their neighborhoods, and age in place.
3. Support economic development ~~efforts~~ initiatives that improve the economic base, job skills, and health of the community ~~which will expand job opportunities and retention.~~
4. Promote public service activities which support the healthy development of the City's at-risk youth, adults, and families.
5. Support efforts to develop, sustain, and coordinate a comprehensive, seamless system of services for homeless citizens in order to move the homeless population toward obtaining permanent housing.
6. Support efforts to remove barriers to escape poverty and strengthen low-income households and families.