

FY16-17 COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) encourages jurisdictions that receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to solicit input from residents in a number of different ways. While the Needs Hearing is a program requirement, staff also utilizes other techniques to promote community involvement in the planning process and to generate new ideas about programs and services. All CDBG programs and activities must benefit low- and moderate-income persons and households (80% Area Median Income and below), while helping prevent or eliminate slums and blight. To receive CDBG funding, the City must address the housing and community development needs that have been identified in the Five-Year Strategic Plan for FY's 2015-20.

The following survey was made distributed to a large set of service agencies and providers within Alameda and program participants were invited to participate in the survey. Fifty-six residents, three service providers and three business associations responded to the survey.

Within each category, respondents were asked to rank from 1 to 5. The first column (Ranking) indicates how each of the five alternate areas was ranked and the second column (Score) represents the numerical average for all responses within that category.

1. Please check one of the following:

- ☐ Are you a resident in the City of Alameda **(56)**
- ☐ Are you a service provider in the City of Alameda (3)
- ☐ Are you a business or business association located in the City of Alameda (3)

2. Please rank numerically, **with 1 being the highest priority**, the following priority needs objectives as defined in the City's Five Year Strategic Plan:

Ranking	Score	Category
1	3.89	Housing
5	2.25	Homelessness
4	2.85	Public Services
3	3.04	Economic Development
2	3.13	Public Facilities/Infrastructure

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3. Please rank numerically, **with 1 being the highest priority**, the following priority **HOUSING** needs

Ranking	Score	Category
1	3.75	Increase the availability of affordable rental housing for extremely low-income (30% AMI), very low-income (50% AMI), and low-income (80% AMI) households.
2	3.60	Preserve existing affordable rental housing and ownership for households at or below 80 percent area median income (AMI).
4	2.76	Assist low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers.
5	2.00	Reduce housing discrimination.
3	3.08	Sustain and improve access to affordable housing in Alameda through programs such as fair housing.

4. Please rank numerically, **with 1 being the highest priority**, the following priority **HOMELESS** needs

Ranking	Score	Category
3	3.53	Prevent homelessness and other housing crises.
2	3.63	Increase housing opportunities for homeless and extremely low-income households.
1	3.69	Deliver flexible services to support stability and independence.
4	2.23	Measure success and report outcomes.
5	2.06	Develop long-term leadership and build political will.

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5. Please rank numerically, **with 1 being the highest priority**, the following priority **PUBLIC SERVICES** needs

Ranking	Score	Category
2	2.51	Preserve and strengthen Alameda's safety net for families and individuals who are in crisis or vulnerable.
3	2.22	Empower Alamedans to improve their economic and social self-sufficiency and stability.
1	3.15	Ensure that people with disabilities, seniors, single parents, and culturally and linguistically isolated populations have awareness of and access to services.
4	2.18	Provide education, recreation, childcare, and other support services for low-and moderate-income families and individuals

6. Please rank numerically, **with 1 being the highest priority**, the following priority **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** needs

Ranking	Score	Category
2	1.91	Provide economic development and entrepreneurship opportunities to low-income residents
1	2.38	Increase the capacity of local economic development agencies and other community-based initiatives
3	1.73	Increase the availability of capital to business to benefit low-income persons and areas.

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7. Please rank numerically, **with 1 being the highest priority**, the following priority **PUBLIC FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE** needs

Ranking	Score	Category
3	1.94	Improve public facilities that serve low-income clients and neighborhoods, and the disabled.
2	1.96	Improve the accessibility of public facilities for disabled persons.
1	2.13	Improve health and safety and reduce blight by removing hazardous structures.