

## **FY 2017-18 Community Development Block Grant Priority Needs & Objectives**

### Priority: Affordable Housing\*

- Increase the availability of affordable rental housing for extremely low (30% AMI), very-low (50% AMI), and low (80% AMI), income households.
- Preserve existing affordable rental and ownership for households at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI)
- Reduce housing discrimination
- Assist low and moderate income first time homebuyers

### Priority: Homelessness\*

- Prevent homelessness and other housing crises.
- Increase housing opportunities for homeless and extremely low-income households.
- Deliver support services to promote stability and independence.
- Measure success and report outcomes.

### Priority: Other Special Needs\*

- Increase the availability of service-enriched housing for persons with special needs.

### Priority: Non- Housing Community Development\*

#### *Public Services*

- Programs directed to services for families and individuals who are vulnerable and in crisis (including domestic violence survivors, seniors, and other groups faced with challenges to meet basic needs) that provide food and shelter for all residents, with particular attention toward programs that address providing shelter to currently unsheltered homeless.
- Address homeless prevention, including, but not limited to short-term rental assistance support utility assistance, and support for those in need of rapid relocation as a direct result of an eviction.

#### *Economic Development*

- Provide Economic Development and entrepreneurship opportunities to low-income residents.
- Increase the capacity of local economic development agencies and other community based initiatives
- Increase the availability of capital to businesses to benefit low income persons

*Public Facilities and Infrastructure*

- Improve public facilities that serve low-income clients and neighborhoods and the disabled
- Improve the accessibility Improve health and safety and reduce blight by removing hazardous structure

***\*These need areas are uniformly set by Federal program regulations, published by HUD.***