

Appendix 3.2.

City of Evanston Priority Needs Survey, 2004



2005 HUD Consolidated Plan

--Priority Needs Survey--

**Housing - Community Development - Public Buildings -
Open Space/Parks/Recreation - Environment/Community Appearance -
Economic Development**

The purpose of this survey is to get community input regarding priority housing and non-housing needs for the City of Evanston in the next five years. This will help guide the City in deciding how to allocate entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME program, and Emergency Shelter Grants. Priority needs, strategies, and ways to measure progress will be included in the City's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, which will be submitted to HUD. HUD specifies three statutory program goals for the Consolidated Plan: decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities.

Please rank each item: 1 for LOW priority, 2 for MEDIUM priority, and 3 for HIGH priority. There is space at the end of each category to write in needs that are not listed and/or additional comments. The terms very low, low, and moderate income refer to HUD breakdowns of the area median income (AMI). Very low income refers to households with income less than 50% of the AMI; Low income refers to households between 51 and 80% of the AMI; and Moderate Income refers to households between 80% and 120% of the AMI.

Thank you!

PRIORITY HOUSING NEEDS

1 = LOW priority

2 = MEDIUM priority

3 = HIGH priority

- ___ Assist low income renters with opportunities to live in affordable, safe, decent and sanitary housing.
- ___ Finance projects which create economically diverse housing
- ___ Facilitate first time home ownership opportunities for low income buyers
- ___ Provide low income single-family homeowners an opportunity to rehabilitate their homes.
- ___ Stimulate the creation of more effective regional partnerships to address housing related problems such as homelessness and housing options for persons with mental illness and developmental disabilities.
- ___ Participate in regional approaches to address the housing needs of victims of domestic violence.
- ___ Provide services and activities that will prevent homelessness.
- ___ Provide services and activities that will provide housing options for persons with special needs.
- ___ Evaluate the need for housing for persons who have AIDS or who are HIV infected.
- ___ Provide rental assistance to the following
 - ___ elderly,
 - ___ small families,
 - ___ large families,
 - ___ homeless,
 - ___ single individuals,
 - ___ persons with developmental disabilities, and
 - ___ persons with mental illness.
- ___ Develop a plan to evaluate and reduce lead based paint hazards in the community.

Other Housing Needs / Additional Comments: (write on the back of this page if needed)

PRIORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

1 = LOW priority

2 = MEDIUM priority

3 = HIGH priority

- ___ Help meet the day care needs of low income families.
- ___ Help meet the day care needs of moderate income families
- ___ Provide employment and training for Evanston's low and moderate income residents.
- ___ Provide for the basic needs of low income residents, including
 - ___ food,
 - ___ shelter,
 - ___ heat,
 - ___ clothing,
 - ___ safety,
 - ___ emergency shelter,
 - ___ access to employment
 - ___ and equal rights.
- ___ Cooperate with neighborhood organizations in developing programs that will meet the needs of low income persons.
- ___ Provide services to residents with disabilities in order to integrate them into the community.
- ___ Develop or increase recreational programs for low income residents.
- ___ Provide energy conservation and utility assistance to low income residents who are unable to pay for their home heating and/or electricity.
- ___ Provide maintenance of the street system in the CDBG target area
 - ___ curb and sidewalk replacement
 - ___ street resurfacing
 - ___ alley resurfacing

Other Community Development Needs / Additional Comments: (write on the back of this page if needed)

PRIORITY PUBLIC BUILDING NEEDS

1 = LOW priority

2 = MEDIUM priority

3 = HIGH priority

- _____ Improve energy efficiency of recreation buildings and other public buildings servicing low income residents.
- _____ Rehabilitate outdated and inadequate public buildings with special emphasis on making the buildings accessible to the physically disabled.
- _____ Repair and provide capital replacement at recreational buildings in the CDBG Target Area.

PRIORITY OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY NEEDS

1 = LOW priority

2 = MEDIUM priority

3 = HIGH priority

- _____ Improve the safety of CDBG Target Area Playgrounds to meet U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards.
- _____ Replace, develop or rehabilitate play equipment, park shelters, tennis and basketball courts servicing the CDBG Target Area.

PRIORITY ENVIRONMENT / COMMUNITY APPEARANCE NEEDS

1 = LOW priority

2 = MEDIUM priority

3 = HIGH priority

- _____ Improve the physical appearance of the community, especially the CDBG Target Area, through landscaping of parks, housing and commercial and neighborhood cleanup.
- _____ Continue the railroad embankment and station grounds improvement program.
- _____ Strengthen the image of the community by emphasizing appearance and design in development and rehabilitation of public and private facilities that primarily serve low income persons.

Other Public Buildings, Open Space/Parks/Recreational Facilities, or Environment/Community Appearance Needs/Additional Comments: (write on the back of this page if needed)

PRIORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

1 = LOW priority

2 = MEDIUM priority

3 = HIGH priority

- _____ Strengthen Evanston's economic position and enhance the physical quality and diversity of business services, particularly to low and moderate income persons.
- _____ Encourage façade renovation of commercial structures in the CDBG Target Area neighborhood business districts.
- _____ Attract and retain enterprises that strengthen Evanston's economic base.
- _____ Make technical/financial assistance available to minority, women-owned and small businesses.
- _____ Maintain and enhance the quality of the physical environment and streetscapes in neighborhood business districts.
- _____ Preserve existing employment and local job opportunities for low and moderate income persons and persons with disabilities.
- _____ Develop incentives such as land banking and provision of infrastructure improvements to stimulate private development.
- _____ Target low and moderate income Evanston residents for employment in neighborhood redevelopment projects.
- _____ Encourage cooperation and coordination of inter-suburban transportation systems.

Other Economic Development Needs/Additional Comments: (write on the back of this page if needed)