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Please circle which Target Neighborhood you live in:

North Alexandria A/B	Central Business C	Lower Third D	South Alexandria E	Samstown / Woodside F
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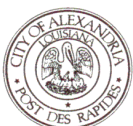
Below is an explanation of 2019-2020 programs currently being offered by the City of Alexandria Community Development Department. Upon completion, please return to your group president. Your input is greatly appreciated!

Please read the descriptions of each program and rank them in what you believe to be the order of importance to your Target Neighborhood. Rank them from 1 as most important to 6 as least important.

	<p><u>Minor Rehab Program (CDBG)</u> This program combined the old Weatherization and Senior Minor Repair Programs into one new program. Half of all participants will be awarded to qualified applicants ages 55 and older. Qualified applicants may receive up to \$5,000.00 for various deferred maintenance issues to their home. Examples of some repairs could be to install storm windows, insulated entry doors, attic insulation, new roof, electrical repairs, plumbing repairs and carpentry repairs such as handicap ramps.</p>
	<p><u>Code Enforcement (CDBG)</u> This program is designed to investigate abandoned property and reach out to the property owner to try to get the structure rehabilitated or demolished. The goal is to bring these properties back into use to help surrounding values and keep our children and vandals out of these dangerous structures.</p>
	<p><u>Demolition Program (CDBG)</u> This program assesses the condition of vacant, abandoned and deteriorated structures to determine which structures should be demolished in an order of priority, to eliminate blight or physical decay within neighborhoods.</p>
	<p><u>Major Rehab Program (HOME)</u> This program is designed to assist low to moderate income families to keep their houses in good working condition to extend their useful life. Qualified applicants may receive up to \$35,000.00 to make various code compliant improvements. Houses in the flood plain and that test positive for lead are not qualified.</p>
	<p><u>Legal Succession Services (CDBG)</u> This program provides a family with attorney services to obtain a clear title on heir property that needs a legal succession. Once the property has clear title, the new owners can more readily sell, donate or develop property because title companies will be able to ensure the title chain. Qualified applicants may receive up to \$5,000.00 towards attorney and filing fees.</p>
	<p><u>Other – please describe:</u></p>
	<p><u>Other – please describe:</u></p>

Signature: _____

Meeting Date:
 November 1, 2018



Jacques M. Roy
 Mayor

Ranking Scores by Area:

2019-2020 Proposed Program Description	Each Target Neighborhood Survey Average					Overall Average	Program Rank
	A/B	C	D	E	F		
Minor Rehab	3.00	2.75	2.52	1.00	2.67	2.39	1
Code Enforcement	3.89	3.00	3.39	4.00	2.17	3.29	4
Demolition	3.11	3.00	3.13	3.00	3.67	3.18	3
Major Rehab	2.22	2.25	3.03	2.00	3.00	2.50	2
Legal Succession	4.44	4.00	3.29	5.00	3.50	4.05	5
Bus Transportation	7.00	9.00	5.77	7.00	5.17	6.79	7
Tenant Rental Assistance	4.33	7.00	8.00	6.00	7.00	6.47	6
Credit Repair	8.00	6.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	7.80	8
Street Lighting / Road Repair	10.00	10.00	6.87	10.00	10.00	9.37	10
Homebuyer Assistance	9.00	8.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9

Cumulative Summary:

2019-2020 Proposed Program Description	Program Rank
Minor Rehab	1
Major Rehab	2
Demolition	3
Code Enforcement	4
Legal Succession	5
Tenant Rental Assistance	6
Bus Transportation	7
Credit Repair Counseling	8
Homebuyer Assistance	9
Street Lighting / Road Repair	10

City of Alexandria - 5 Target Neighborhood Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 1, 2018 – 6:00 PM
Bolton Avenue Community Center at 315 Bolton Avenue

A. OPENING PRAYER

B. INTRODUCTIONS

1. Welcome all attendants. Your input is important!
2. Introduce the Community Development staff and discuss purpose of CmDv.
3. Review 5 Target Neighborhood Area Map.

C. 2017-2020 PROGRAMS

4. Discuss 2017-2018 projects and accomplishments, finishing now:
 - a. CDBG Housing Code Enforcement = 61; Owner Demo's = 0; Owner Rehab's = 5; Owner Board-Ups = 1
 - b. CDBG Demolition = 28; City Demolition = 22
 - c. CDBG Minor Rehab = 17 + 20 pending
 - d. HOME Major Rehab = 7 pending
5. Review 2018 – 2019 Neighborhood Meeting input program rankings.
6. Review 2018-2019 Expenditure Summary and accomplishments, starting soon:
 - a. Explain similar funding amounts anticipated for 2019-2020
 - b. Transfer any unspent funds in older programs into new fiscal year programs
7. Review 2018-2019 Unexpected Events:
 - a. Did not receive 2017-2018 funds until 10/26/17 – which was 3 months late.
 - b. Have not received 2018-2019 funds – which is already 3 months late.
8. Review programming options for 2019-2020 & their vote matters:
 - a. CDBG Code Enforcement
 - b. CDBG Demolition
 - c. CDBG Minor Rehab
 - d. HOME Major Rehab
 - e. Legal Succession Services
9. Review proposed 2019-2020 Expenditure Summary, if we keep same 3 programs.
10. Review voting survey ballot / questionnaire.
12. 2019 Schedule
 - a. Accepting Rehab Applications from April 8th – April 12th
 - i. 9:am to 3:pm at 625 Murray Street
 - ii. First in, First out process for income limits and structure feasibility
 - b. Neighborhood Community Meeting will be November 7th
 - i. 6:pm to 7:pm at Bolton Avenue Community Center
 - c. United Way will be hosting a Super Saturday Tax Prep Day on February 2nd here!
10. Information Distributed:
 - a. Fair Housing Pamphlet
 - b. Lead Paint Pamphlet
 - c. Floodplain Pamphlet (x2)
 - d. FICO Credit Score Pamphlet
 - e. IPMC Property Standard Pamphlet
 - f. City of Alexandria's Planning Facebook page
 - g. City of Alexandria's Community Development webpage
11. Questions & Contact info

D. ADJOURNMENT

Community Development Block Grant Program
Target Neighborhoods Community Meeting
November 1, 2018 – 6:00 pm
Bolton Avenue Community Center
315 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana

Meeting Open: Shirley Branham, Administrator of Community Development for the City of Alexandria

Prayer: Mrs. Kenna Lavalais

Introductions: Welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introduced staff, and Mayoral Candidate Catherine Davidson.

Shirley: Stated that everyone's input is very important. Showed the shaded area of the 5 Target Neighborhoods. HUD requirements. HUD requires that we spend 70% of grants in CDBG target neighborhoods.

2017 Funding:

Shirley: We manage two programs. One is Code Enforcement that deals with unoccupied structures, Kenna Lavalais is the Program Manager.

Shirley: Gave examples on the blighted properties that no one is taking care of. This is where you will call Kenna to start the complaint process. Last year we processed 61 complaints.

Shirley: Stated, sometimes we have owners that will take care of their properties and some will not. See handout.

Shirley: If you see a house that someone is living in and see much traffic and not up to standard, you can call Construction Development for that, the number is on the screen. Also if you see illegal activities going on, you can call APD for that. We cannot do anything about that.

Shirley: Another program we did with 2017 CDBG funds was the Demolition Program. We had very limited amount of funds for this program. Was only able to demolish 28 structures. The city gave us \$80,000 and we were able to demolish 22 more structures.

The problem with demolition is if the city demolishes the structure the EPA regulations states we have to treat the property for Asbestos. If it has Asbestos, then we have to abate it. Then we put a lien on the property. Stated persons think the city is taking their property, but we are not. This is just for the amount charged to have it demolished. (Gave example). If a person wants to tear it down themselves, it might cost them \$1800. If the city does it, it might be \$8500 or more.

Shirley: One of the things we would like to talk with the new Administration is we have a big issue with blighted properties. 34 condemned structures waiting on funds. 118 structures we have to go back to Council on. There are a lot of Commercial structures also. Shirley talked about redevelopment of those vacant properties.

CDBG Minor Rehab:

Shirley: Krystal Wimbley is the Program Manager for this program. Talked about what can be done in the Minor Rehab: Roofing, plumbing, heating, electrical, insulation, windows, doors, handicapped ramp. This is for the \$5,000. There is no lien on this program. We did 17 homes and 20 pending.

Home Major Program:

Shirley: We can go up to \$40,000 and there is a lien placed on the property. We are working on 9 homes now.

Shirley: Talked about how appreciative the home owners are.

Jonnease: Asked about putting out signs?

Shirley: We put out 20-25 signs and in 2 days they gone.

Shirley: Last year you did surveys as to what your rules were for your areas. Would like you again rank the needs for projects you would like to see for your neighborhoods with 2019-2020 funding. Any questions?

Velma Jordan: Asked about rental property?

Shirley: Explained

Shirley: Last year we talked about drainage, stated this is a very expensive project, and the Mayor felt this is a Capital project and the city should be doing this.

Last year you all ranked:

1. Minor Rehab
2. Major Rehab
3. Demolition
4. Code Enforcement
5. Street Overlay
6. Credit Counseling
7. Drainage
8. Legal Succession.

We took the top four. We did talk about credit counseling. It was offered before, but was not acceptable. Stated, we have to spend our money by a deadline. Talked about Legal Succession (Heir Property) and how we can help persons to put this property back on the tax roll. Donate to a Non-Profit (Habitat), Land Bank etc. When we do demolish, we can have a remodeled building or a new home. Further discussions were on this.

Winnie Marshall: Asked could the house be torn down without a succession.

Shirley: Yes, Further discussion were on this topic.

Shirley: If we had more money, we could tear down more houses and Kenna is working on this now.

Ronald Dejoie: Why go back to the council and ask for more money.

Shirley: We still have not renewed our funds for 2018-2019, which is about 3 months late. We are ready to go full force. Gave the amounts for each program, we expect to receive.

Unexpected Events 2018-2019.

Shirley: did not receive our HUD funds until this time last year. We are still in the same place. Might receive it November or December. Explained.

Potential Programs for Funding for 2019-2020

- A. CDBG Code Enforcement
- B. CDBG Demolition
- C. CDBG Minor Rehab
- D. HOME Major Rehab
- E. Legal Succession Services

Shirley: The surveys are in your bags, along with the print out of the area you live in. There is someone here to assist you in identifying your area. Would like you to sign and date the forms. Any questions?

2019 Schedule:

Accepting Rehab Applications – April 8 – April 12, 2019 – 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm. We are closed for lunch. 625 Murray Street – 3rd floor. First in, First out process for income limits and structure feasibility. Next Neighborhood Community Meeting, November 7 2019- 6pm – 7pm Bolton Avenue Community Center.

Shirley: United Way and VITA will be hosting a Super Saturday Tax Prep Day here, February 2nd 2019 – 8:00am – 5:00pm. Stated along with that there will be Credit Counseling and Services, helping low income individuals improve their credit score to purchase homes etc.

Shirley: Introduced Regina Austin from Mississippi, who is working with United Way. Any questions?

Velma Jordan: Do you have a program for lead testing?

Shirley: No, stated she is trying to get the Contractors to get their abatement certification. Further discussions were on this.

Velma Jordan: Are there any Contractors that will do this?

Shirley: Yes – Any questions?

Information Distributed:

Fair Housing Brochure, Lead Base Paint, Floodplain, (X2) FICO Credit Score, IPMC Property Standard Pamphlets were passed out along with City of Alexandria's Planning Facebook page and the City of Alexandria / Community Development Webpage. Any questions?

Velma Jordan: Who do you get in touch with for Safe Street?

Shirley: Safe Alex – ask for Charles Smith, Paul Smith or Milton Gordon.

Winnie Marshall: Your neighborhood watch group plays a big part in this also – Contact numbers were given.

Shirley: Thanked the group for coming.

Meeting: Adjourned.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018
Bolton Avenue Community Center
315 Bolton Avenue
6:00 PM

The City of Alexandria's Community Development Department will conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments concerning the needs of the neighborhoods and to distribute information regarding Fair Housing and Lead Base Paint hazards.

The City expects to receive approximately \$434,000 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds and \$236,000 of HOME (Home Investment Partnerships) funds from HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) during the fiscal year of 2019-2020. These funds may be used for activities that principally benefit low to moderate income persons. Proposed programs are: Minor Rehab Program (CDBG), Code Enforcement (CDBG), Demolition Program (CDBG), and Major Rehab Program (HOME).

All Alexandria citizens are encouraged to attend!