

COMMUNITY PRIORITY SURVEY RESULTS

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Thinking about their community, respondents were asked to rank four (4) categories from highest to lowest on the level of need for improvement. One (1) being the highest, and four (4) being the lowest. Based on 329 responses, those categories ranked as follows:

Category of Improvement	Rank
Create more affordable housing available to low income residents.	1
Improve city infrastructure (i.e. sidewalks, lighting, street improvements, water drainage).	2
Improve facilities providing public and community services (i.e. parks, libraries, senior centers, youth centers).	3
Create more jobs available to low income residents.	4

Based on knowledge of the needs in their community, respondents were asked to rate the priority of 52 activities (High Priority = 4, Medium Priority = 3, Low Priority = 2, No Priority = 1 or N/A = I Don't Know). The following are the overall top 25 priorities based on 375 responses.

Overall Top 20 Highest Rating	
Project Activity	Rating Average
Services for Abused and Neglected Children (Public Service)	3.38
Mental Health Services (Public Service)	3.38
Abused and Neglected Children Facilities (Public Facility Improvement)	3.28
Slum/Blighted Neighborhood Cleanup (Housing)	3.26
Homeless Facilities (Public Facility Improvements)	3.25
Permanent Housing for Homeless (Housing)	3.23
Services for Victims of Domestic Violence (Public Service)	3.20
Increase Affordable Rental Housing (Housing)	3.18
Street Improvements (Infrastructure Improvements)	3.16
Youth Services (Public Service)	3.14
Water/Sewer Improvements (Infrastructure Improvements)	3.14
Health Services (Public Service)	3.10
Youth Centers (Public Facility Improvements)	3.10
Food Banks (Public Services)	3.05
Neighborhood Facilities (Public Facility Improvements)	3.05
Child Care Services (Public Services)	3.04
Child Care Center (Public Facility Improvements)	3.04
Crime Awareness/Prevention Services (Public Services)	3.03
Disability Services (Public Service)	3.02
Health Facilities (Public Facility Improvements)	3.01

The following are the top 5 priorities for each project category that will receive scoring preference as part of the evaluation process throughout the 5-Year (2020-2024) Consolidated Plan.

Public Service	
Project Activity	Rating Average
Services for Abused and Neglected Children	3.38
Mental Health Services	3.38
Services for Victims of Domestic Violence	3.20
Youth Services	3.14
Health Services	3.10

Housing	
Project Activity	Rating Average
Slum/Blighted Neighborhood Cleanup	3.26
Permanent Housing for Homeless	3.23
Increase Affordable Rental Housing	3.18
Energy Efficiency	2.89
Housing Accessibility (ADA) Improvements	2.80

Infrastructure Improvements	
Project Activity	Rating Average
Street Improvements	3.16
Water/Sewer Improvements	3.14
Sidewalk Improvements	2.98
ADA Accessibility	2.83
Flood Drainage Improvements	2.81

Economic Development	
Project Activity	Rating Average
Micro-Enterprise Assistance	2.51
Publicly or Privately Owned Commercial/Industrial Rehabilitation	2.44
Commercial/Industrial Improvements	2.43
Store Front Improvements	2.36
Technical Assistance to Businesses	2.30

Public Facility Improvements	
Project Activity	Rating Average
Abused and Neglected Children Facilities	3.28
Homeless Facilities	3.25
Youth Centers	3.10
Neighborhood Facilities	3.05
Child Care Centers	3.04