

How will you use my input?

The CD Committee will consider public input as they finalize their Community Development Program funding recommendations for the City Council. The Committee may revise their funding recommendations based on your input.

Your input will be recorded in the 2016 Action Plan document the City submits to HUD. It will help shape the Community Development Program goals and guide how the City prioritizes community development needs.

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN ACTION

The projects funded through the Community Development Program serve some of Duluth's most vulnerable community members. Public input helps the City determine Duluth's most pressing community development needs and guides funding recommendations for projects. Some ongoing projects recommended for funding again this year include:

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is building **The Center for Changing Lives** in Duluth. The Center will provide a safe environment for youth experiencing homelessness. It will offer permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and support services to youth. LSS currently helps over 600 local youth each year with basic needs services, educational and outreach programs. The Center will allow LSS to expand its services and help more youth access services from one, central location.



Source: www.lssmn.org

Duluth at Work is a collaborative economic development program from SOAR Career Solutions, Churches United in Ministry (CHUM), Life House, and Community Action Duluth. The program provides pathways out of poverty for 41 Duluth residents at or below 50% of Area Median Income. It offers workforce training, support, case management, job placement, and job retention help.



Source: www.chumduluth.org

CHUM Emergency Shelter provides emergency shelter and stabilization services to 900 individuals including at least 50 families each year. The program offers basic needs, including food and shelter, to people experiencing homelessness. CHUM also offers referral and advocacy services to help community members overcome the barriers that lead to homelessness.

OVERVIEW OF THE ACTION PLAN AND CITY OF DULUTH'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

How can I give you my input?

1) Attend the CD Committee Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in the Council Chambers - 3rd Floor - City Hall.

2) Submit comments, by December 1, 2015, to

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The 2016 Action Plan explains and evaluates the City's second year of progress towards the goals in the current Consolidated Plan. It also provides recommendations for funding community development and housing projects. The Consolidated Plan is a five year planning document. It lays out the goals for the City of Duluth's Community Development program. Based on a collaborative process involving community members and local organizations, the City establishes a unified vision for effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. The current Consolidated Plan outlines the community's goals and objectives for 2015 through 2019. Each year the City's Action Plan shows how it will pursue these goals for all community development and housing programs. The City submits the annual Action Plan to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the monitoring process for HUD funds.

Major community needs addressed by the goals and objectives in the Action Plan include decent, affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for all community members. The projects funded through the Community Development Program address these community needs by creating and maintaining affordable housing, providing economic opportunities, offering public services to community members in need, and providing access to quality public facilities.

The City of Duluth expects to receive almost \$3,000,000 in funds from HUD. The City disperses these funds to meet the goals and objectives in the Consolidated Plan. HUD provides three types of funds: \$2,210,210 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$480,896 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and \$198,305 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). CDBG funds support community development projects including affordable housing, public services, public facilities, and economic development. HOME funds support programs that create affordable housing for low-income households. ESG funds support projects that offer basic needs and housing stabilization services to community members experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Local organizations apply to the Community Development Program requesting these HUD funds for their projects.

The Community Development Committee (CDC) has reviewed the applications and recommended funding amounts for the 2016 Community Development Program applications. The CDC will hear public input on their 2016 recommendations at the Public Hearing on December 1, 2015 and then make their final funding recommendations to the City Council. The Action Plan, detailed funding recommendations, and information about the Public Hearing are available on the City's website at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/community-development/>