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Five Target Neighborhood Public Hearing

The City of Alexandria will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM, in the Bolton Avenue Community Center at 315 Bolton Avenue. The City of Alexandria is seeking public comment concerning the needs of the five (5) Target Neighborhoods for its proposed use of 2018-2019 fiscal year HUD funds that are to be used for various activities that principally benefit low and moderate imcome persons. Information regarding Fair Housing and Lead Paint Hazards will also be distributed.

The City expects to receive approximately \$174,000 of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds and approximately \$408,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Proposed programs are: CDBG Minor Rehab, CDBG Credit Counselling, CDBG Code Enforcement, CDBG Demolition, CDBG Street Overlays and HOME Major Rehab. The five (5) Target Neighborhoods are: North Alexandria (A/B), Central Business (C), Lower Third (D), South Alexandria (E) and Samstown/Woodside (F). All Alexandria citizens are welcome to attend.

For persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation, please contact our office by November 1st to make arrangements. Persons who wish to comment, but cannot attend the public hearing, can do so by submitting a completed survey to our office via postal mail or email.

Interested persons can download the survey questionaire from the City's website: www.cityofalexandriala.com, under the heading "Services", then "Community Development", then "Neighborhood Meeting Survey". A copy may also be provided by visiting our office during normal business hours. All comments will be given careful consideration prior to any further action on the part of the City towards project implementation.

Contact the Community Development Office at 318-449-5072; visit at 625 Murray Street, Third Floor; postal mail to PO Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309; or email to cda@cityofalex.com.

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Please circle which Target Neighborhood you live in:

North Alexandria	Central Business	Lower Third	South Alexandria	Samstown / Woodside
A/B	С	D	E	F

Below is an explanation of 2017-2018 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!

Ranking Survey Questionaire

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.

Minor Rehab Program (CDBG) 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 new roof, electrical repairs, plumbing repairs and carpentry repairs such as handicap ramps, storm windows, insulated entry doors, attic insulation.
Code Enforcement (CDBG) 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.
<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.
<u>Credit Counselling (CDBG)</u> This program provides one-on-one credit repair counselling for low to moderate income persons to improve their credit score. The higher your credit score, the more opportunities you have to borrow money!
Street Overlay (CDBG) This program would provide funds to other federal and local funds to address flooding in low lying areas within the 5 Target Neighborhoods. This program would span years of work and be financially expensive.
Major Rehab Program (HOME) 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.
Other – please describe:



Meeting Date: November 2, 2017