



City of Zanesville
Community Development
Implementation Strategy
Public Meeting

Wednesday, February 20th, 2019
4:00-5:00pm

Agenda

- Welcome/ overview
- Purpose of meeting
- Available Programs
 - Community Development
 - Residential Infrastructure
 - Economic Development
- Group discussion regarding priorities and projects
- Fair Housing Requirements
- Timeline/process
- Closing remarks/ Adjourn

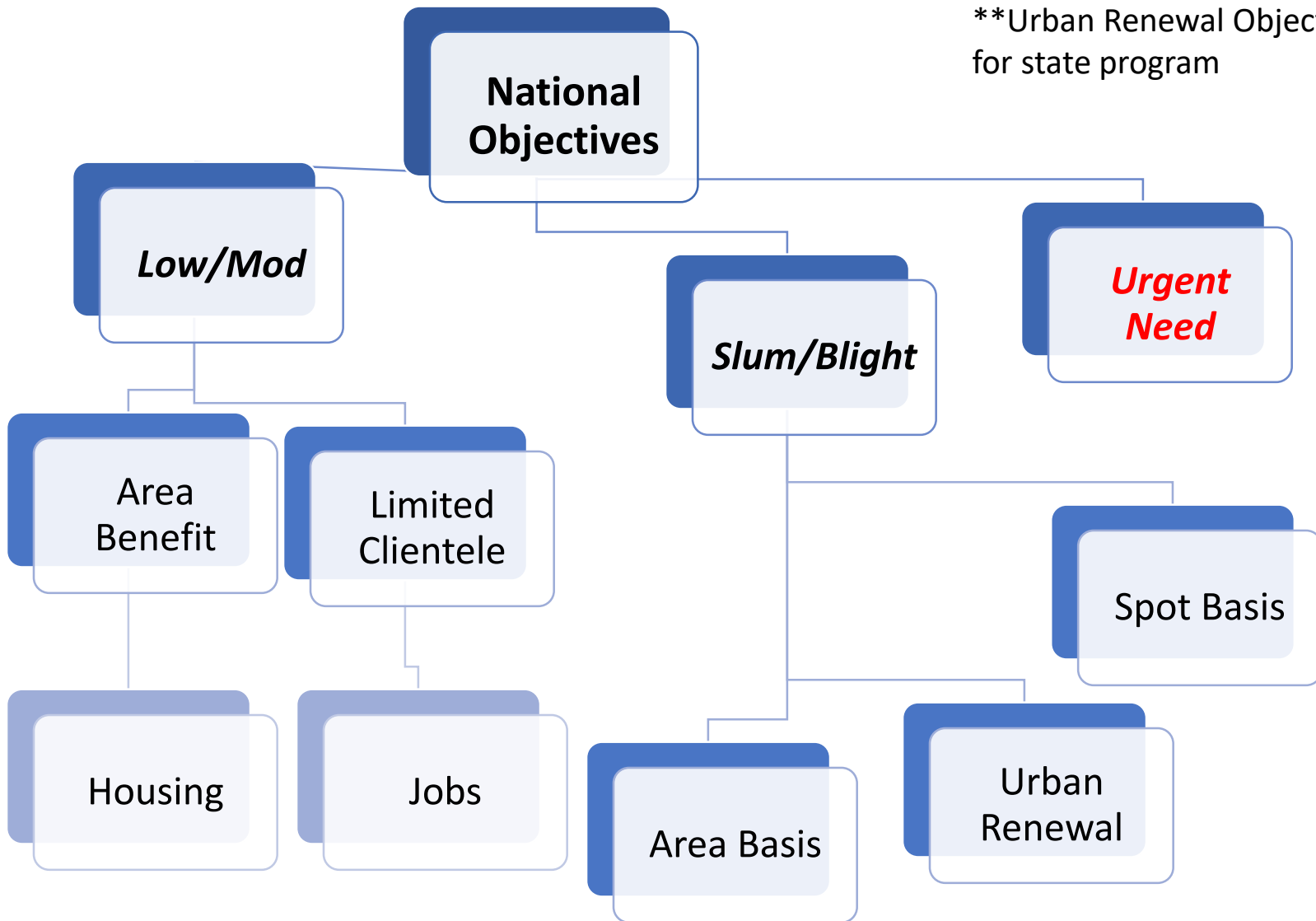
Purpose of Today's Meeting

To discuss the Community Development Block Grant and identify projects in the city for potential assistance.

CDBG Primary Objective

- Development of viable urban communities, principally for low/moderate persons, through:
 - Decent housing
 - Suitable living environment
 - Expanded economic opportunity

CDBG National Objectives



**Urban Renewal Objective not for state program

Eligible Activities

- Wide variety possible:
 - Housing and other real property activities
 - Public facilities
 - Economic development
 - Code enforcement
 - Public service activities
 - Planning and administration
 - Others

Ineligible Activities

- **Prohibit:**

- Buildings for conduct of government and general government expenses
- Political activities
- New housing construction (some exceptions)
- Income payments
- Purchase of equipment
- Operating and maintenance expenses

CDBG=Federal Dollars

- Environmental Review:
 - Must be conducted for ALL projects
- Federal Prevailing Wage:
 - All projects that require CDBG assistance require the payment of Federal prevailing wages
- Competitive Procurement:
 - Public, off-site infrastructure projects that include CDBG must be competitively procured according to federal regulations

Programs Available

- Community Development Program
 - Allocation
 - Competitive Set Asides
 - Critical Infrastructure
- Residential Infrastructure Program
- Economic Development Program

Community Development Program

CDBG Allocation Grant

- Provides flexible funding for housing and community development projects within the city
- Examples of potential activities:
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Community facilities
 - Public service programs
- Current Allocation Projects

*Note: The City can only apply for this pot of money in odd years. Grant amount is TBD.

Group Discussion (Allocation)

- Priority needs
 - Housing
 - Public Facilities
 - Public Infrastructure
 - Public Services

Community Development Program

Neighborhood Revitalization

(competitive application)

- Projects are designed to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed residential areas through a comprehensive strategy
- Examples of potential activities:
 - Construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public infrastructure, in a low-and moderate-income neighborhood
 - Demolition and clearance
 - Neighborhood facilities constructed/reconstructed
 - Parks
 - Safety

Group Discussion (NRG)

- Target Area
- Priority needs

Community Development Program

Downtown Revitalization

(competitive application)

- DRG projects are designed to improve Central Business Districts, aid in the elimination of slums or blight, create and retain permanent, private-sector job opportunities for LMI households
- Match requirement
- Examples of potential activities:
 - Façade improvements
 - Remediation of building code violations
 - Investment in streetscapes

Group Discussion (DRG)

- Priority needs
 - Public Infrastructure
 - Building/Code Corrections

Community Development Program

Critical Infrastructure

- Projects are designed to assist applicant communities with high-priority, single-component projects with high community wide impact
- Examples of potential activities:
 - Roads
 - Flood and drainage
 - Bridges
 - Other public infrastructure improvements

Group Discussion (CI)

- Priority needs

Residential Public Infrastructure Program

- The Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program helps local governments build, maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems in low- and moderate income communities.
- Purpose: To improve the safety and reliability of drinking water and sanitary sewer systems.

Group Discussion (RPIG)

- Priority needs

Economic Development

- Funds are granted to communities to help with improvements directly related to job creation for low/moderate income individuals
- Example of potential activities:
 - Low-interest, fixed asset, gap financing to Ohio Businesses
 - Grants to communities for public infrastructure improvements associated with for-profit business expansion and job creation

* If you know of anyone interested, please call the Community Development Office at 740-617-4909

Fair Housing Requirements

Local governments that receive federal funds distributed by the Ohio Development Service's Office of Community Development are subject to Civil Rights and Fair Housing laws, and are required to affirmatively further the purposes of the Fair Housing Act. The seven protected classes are race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin.

- Have a **Local Fair Housing Contact**.
- Design an **Educational** program for residents in the area of an organization that receives benefits; and 3 additional schools, organizations or civic groups.
- **Distribute** Fair Housing brochures, pamphlets or posters to 10 area agencies or public events.
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

Next Steps Timeline - Allocation

1. Public hearings (2/20) & (5/13)
2. Staff reviews proposals received by deadline (March 18th)
3. Advisory group meets to assist in project selection (April)
4. Ordinance goes before City Council (May 13th)
5. Grant is prepared and submitted to State of Ohio (June 14th)
6. State reviews and announces award (September/October)
7. Draft grant agreement is received
8. Conduct an environmental review (late 2019/early 2020)
9. Publish findings from completed environmental review allowing 15 days for public comment
10. Request a release of funds from the State of Ohio, allowing 15 days for public comment

Receive signed grant agreement and release of funds from the State

Questions??

- For further information contact:
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