

TOWN COUNCIL



STAFF REPORT

Department of Engineering

MEETING DATE:	February 9, 2016
PROJECT:	Consideration of Community Development Block Grant Community Needs Assessment and Prioritization – Public Hearing
PROJECT MANAGER:	Kim Jones, Director of Engineering

REQUEST: Following the public hearing, Town Staff recommends Town Council approve a formal motion which prioritizes at least three of the community’s needs as established by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

BACKGROUND: Elected officials and Town Staff receive input periodically from citizens regarding community needs. Community Development Block Grant rules require the Town to hold a public hearing on Community Needs Assessment and this serves three purposes:

1. Provide a forum at which citizens can voice their suggestions for community needs;
2. Hear about the CDBG program and the types of projects eligible for grant funding; and
3. Identify formally at least three top priorities for community needs.

Town Staff continues to receive recommendations from citizens regarding community needs, and communications include phone calls, face-to-face discussions, and comments at public meetings. The following community needs were identified by multiple citizens as their key suggestions:

1. Infrastructure improvements including sewer, water and drainage
2. Transportation & Pedestrian Safety
3. Affordable Housing for Low to Moderate Income (LMI) individuals, families and seniors
4. Residential Rehabilitation of Housing for safe and dry housing
5. Restoration of Properties or facilities of special value to the community

Town Council prioritized community needs in prior years as follows:

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2015	2014	2013	2012
Infrastructure including sewer, water and drainage	Infrastructure to include Sewer, Water and Drainage	Sewer & Water	Sewer & Water
Transportation & pedestrian safety	Transportation & Pedestrian Safety	Stormwater & Drainage Improvements	Stormwater & Drainage Improvements
Restoration of properties or facilities of special value to the community	Housing Repairs, Energy Efficiency and Affordability	Housing Repairs, Energy Efficiency & Affordability	Housing Repairs, Demolition, Energy Efficiency & Affordability
		Transportation & Pedestrian Safety	Transportation & Pedestrian Safety