



2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Amendment

This amendment is to outline CDBG Slum & Blight Removal, which was already an approved activity, as its own goal at the request of HUD. There are no changes in the already approved goals or funding allocations as Slum & Blight Removal was already included in Public Facilities and Improvements as well as Affordable Housing. CDBG Slum & Blight is now identified as its own goal which is associated with the Public Facilities and Improvements and Affordable Housing Priorities. All changes are outlined in **RED** below.

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

Based on data contained in this report as well as input the City has received from the community, the City of Great Falls chose **eight (8)** objectives or goals to implement the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The goals identified in relation to community needs are: Public Services, Housing Rehabilitation, Economic Development, Affordable Housing, Fair Housing, Public Facilities and Improvements, Planning and Administration, and **CDBG Slum & Blight Removal**.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 1 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	municipality
	Associated Goals	Public Services

	Description	Provide support to public service agencies' operating programs that benefit low to moderate income persons. The City of Great Falls will provide CDBG funds to social service agencies for activities that service low to moderate income people or areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priority needs were determined by consideration of the needs assessment, housing and homeless inventory, as well as consideration of the City of Great Falls community needs assessment survey and focus group results.
2	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	municipality
	Associated Goals	Affordable Housing CDBG Slum & Blight Removal

	Description	Increase and preserve affordable housing opportunities for very low to moderate income renters, homeowners, first-time homebuyers, and those experiencing homelessness. This includes affordable housing efforts that require funding to remediate properties negatively affected by slum and blighted conditions.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priority needs were determined by consideration of the needs assessment, housing and homeless inventory, as well as consideration of the City of Great Falls community needs assessment survey and focus group results.
3	Priority Need Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	municipality
	Associated Goals	Housing Rehabilitation

	Description	Provide construction and rehabilitation assistance for very low to moderate income homeowners, property owners and the Public Housing Authority. The City will focus on upgrading the City's housing stock to meet standard building codes to provide and sustain safe, affordable housing through its revolving loan fund. The City of Great Falls will address Public Housing Authority rehabilitation or modernization with the use of CDBG funding.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priority needs were determined by consideration of the needs assessment, housing and homeless inventory, as well as consideration of the City of Great Falls community needs assessment survey and focus group results.
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	Priority Need Name	Fair Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence

	Geographic Areas Affected	municipality
	Associated Goals	Fair Housing
	Description	Provide funding for activities that affirmatively further fair housing. The City of Great Falls will fund activities that include but are not limited to fair housing education, counseling, outreach, and referrals pertaining to the laws, rights, and responsibilities related to housing and housing-related transactions, as well as service activities that reduce and remove barriers to fair housing choice.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priority needs were determined by consideration of the needs assessment, housing and homeless inventory, as well as consideration of the City of Great Falls community needs assessment survey and focus group results.
5	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Public Housing Residents Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	municipality
	Associated Goals	Economic Development
	Description	Provide funding for projects which create decent paying jobs with benefits for persons from low to moderate income households. The City of Great Falls will fund economic development projects which will result in the creation and retention of jobs for low to moderate income people.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priority needs were determined by consideration of the needs assessment, housing and homeless inventory, as well as consideration of the City of Great Falls community needs assessment survey and focus group results.
6	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	municipality
	Associated Goals	Public Facilities and Improvements CDBG Slum & Blight Removal

	Description	Provide public facility and infrastructure assistance, including but not limited to handicap accessibility, energy efficiency improvements, and removal of slum and blighted properties to provide a suitable living environment. The City of Great Falls will prioritize meeting handicap accessibility requirements in public facilities and infrastructure.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priority needs were determined by consideration of the needs assessment, housing and homeless inventory, as well as consideration of the City of Great Falls community needs assessment survey and focus group results.
7	Priority Need Name	Planning and Administration
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle
	Geographic Areas Affected	municipality
	Associated Goals	Planning and Administration
	Description	City staff to administer, manage, and monitor CDBG and HOME funded activities.
	Basis for Relative Priority	City staff to administer, manage, and monitor CDBG and HOME funded activities.

Narrative (Optional)

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Great Falls	Public Services	CDBG: \$475,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
2	Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Great Falls	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,000,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 10 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 35 Households Assisted
3	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Great Falls	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$700,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 40 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
4	Fair Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Great Falls	Fair Housing	CDBG: \$125,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 600 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development	City of Great Falls	Economic Development	CDBG: \$300,000	Jobs created/retained: 15 Jobs Businesses assisted: 10 Businesses Assisted
6	Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Great Falls	Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: \$1,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted
7	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Planning and Administration	City of Great Falls	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$800,000 HOME: \$140,000	Other: 0 Other
8	CDBG Slum & Blight Removal	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	City of Great Falls	Affordable Housing Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: \$300,000	Buildings Demolished: 4 Buildings

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide support to public service agencies' operating programs that benefit low to moderate income persons. The City of Great Falls will provide CDBG funds to social service agencies for activities that service low to moderate income people or areas.
2	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Increase and preserve affordable housing opportunities for very low to moderate income renters, homeowners, first-time homebuyers, and those experiencing homelessness. This includes affordable housing efforts that require funding to <u>remediate properties negatively affected by slum and blighted conditions.</u>
3	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide construction and rehabilitation assistance for very low to moderate income homeowners, rental property owners and the Public Housing Authority. The City will focus on upgrading the City's housing stock to meet standard building codes to provide and sustain safe, affordable housing through its revolving loan fund. The City of Great Falls will address Public Housing Authority rehabilitation or modernization projects with the use of CDBG funding.
4	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Provide funding for activities that affirmatively further fair housing. The City of Great Falls will fund activities that include, but are not limited to fair housing education, counseling, outreach, and referrals pertaining to the laws, rights, and responsibilities related to housing and housing-related transactions, as well as service activities that reduce and remove barriers to fair housing choice.
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Provide funding for projects which create decent paying jobs with benefits for persons from low to moderate income households. The City of Great Falls will fund economic development projects which will result in the creation and retention of jobs for low to moderate income people.

6	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	Provide public facility and infrastructure assistance, including but not limited to handicap accessibility, energy efficiency improvements, and <u>removal of slum and blighted properties</u> to provide a suitable living environment. The City of Great Falls will prioritize meeting handicap accessibility requirements in public facilities and infrastructure.
7	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	City staff to administer, manage, and monitor CDBG and HOME funded activities.
8	Goal Name	CDBG Slum & Blight Removal
	Goal Description	The City will allocate funding to remediate properties negatively affected by slum and blighted conditions. This will include clearance with the end goal of providing affordable housing opportunities and/or public facility improvements.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The City of Great Falls estimates the number of LMI families to be as follows:

- Assistance to first-time home buyers (35 households served)
- Affordable Housing Construction & Rehab (10 households served)
- City's Revolving Loan Fund (30 households served)

This amounts to approximately 75 households served, not including current services provided in subsidized housing.