

Community Needs & Priorities for CDBG Consolidated Plan
2023-2027

Community-Wide SURVEY RESULTS

Survey Participants: 87 CDA residents

1. 20 from these cities:

- 1 Boise
- 6 Post Falls
- 9 Hayden
- 1 Harrison
- 1 Blanchard
- 2 Rathdrum

The responses below are from the 87 Coeur d'Alene residents and representatives of organizations serving the LMI population that may live in one of the other cities listed above.

Organizations Represented

Do you represent an organization that serves the low-to-moderate income residents of Coeur d'Alene?

Yes 24

No 83

If yes, which organization do you represent and what types of services are offered by this organization?

Responses

North Idaho College - Economic Development / Entrepreneurship

Intermountain Fair Housing Council

North Idaho College Head Start

Disability Action Center

Plumbing and Remodeling Contractor

Community Development volunteer.

CDAFD

CDAIDE serves Coeur d'Alene-area hospitality workers by meeting their immediate needs, connecting them with resources for long term self-sufficiency, and ensuring they feel valued, respected, and loved.

Faith Walk Community Fitness Park

HomeShare Kootenai County

I work for the Coeur d'Alene School District.

Responses Continued

Children's Village: we provide free respite for youth, emergency shelter for youth, case management for families, and therapy for families

CDAIDE

CDAIDE - assists with housing, living, and medical expenses for those in the hospitality industry. We also connect them with other resources. Priest River Women's Ministries- emergency shelter, short term housing, and support for women who are abused, assaulted, or trafficked.

Cdaide non profit---help with rent & other financial needs in time of crisis--we assist only hospitality workers

St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho - housing, services and referrals for the homeless and ALICE populations.

St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho- Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, Utility Assistance, basic needs, clothing vouchers, food assistance, parenting classes, payee services, Case Management, Veterans Services, Women's Shelter, Men's Shelter, Winter Warming Shelter, Shower and Laundry Facilities, Food Kitchen, Mail services,

CDAIDE - Offer emergency financial support to hospitality workers in the CDA area who need help with rent, utilities, transportation and medical/dental expenses.

Museum of North Idaho We offer free field trips and educational programming to students at Title I schools. We provide discounted and free admission to adults and youth who are EBT cardholders. We partner with other organizations who provide direct services to individuals who are low income to create programs and engagement to the Museum when it would otherwise be inaccessible.

208 Recovery North, Inc. - Peer Recovery Support Services GEO Re-Entry - Cognitive Behavioral Change for individuals with criminal justice involvement ILED (Idaho Law Enforcement Diversion) Program - Diversion Program for individuals to engage into recovery and treatment

2nd Chance Discipleship Ministries. We offer a breakfast and sack lunch to the homeless every Monday through Saturday. We also offer services for families in crisis (clothing, diapers, etc.) and are a branch of the national Strengthening Families program.

SVDP North Idaho. Emergency Shelter, Homeless and ALICE services, residency for precariously housed individuals, Winter Warming Shelter, Commercial Kitchen, Shower, Laundry, Thrift Retail, Parenting support programs, Veteran Services, Payee Services, general case management for housing, health, recovery and employment,

Willamette Valley Bank. We participate in the Freddie Mac Home Possible program, the Fannie Mae Home Ready program. The Home Possible program and the Home Ready program offers very low -to low-income borrowers a low, 3% down payment option, flexible funding and rental income from

Responses

roommates can count as qualifying income. We also offer financial literacy training for kids, teens, adults and the elderly and also firm time home buyers' workshops. We are looking for ways to serve our community,

GOALS

Based on the above listed possible goals, would you agree that these five goals should be included in the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan?

76 % of survey participants said they would agree that the 5 goals should be included in the plan, 16% said No, and 11% said something other, or made a comment. These comments can be found below:

GOAL Priorities

Based upon the information above, how should the city prioritize these goals with CDBG funding over the next five (5) years?

Survey responses are in order of priority below:

1. Maintain and Increase Affordable Housing (ownership and rentals)
2. Other (if you answered that you would add a goal, please prioritize that goal here.)
3. Public Facilities and Infrastructure Projects
4. Public Services
5. Economic Development
6. Homelessness Assistance

Priority Needs Ranking

Priority Needs are listed below in order of priority ranking per the survey results in each section:

Top 3 Affordable Housing Needs

- Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (EMRAP)
- Homeowner Assistance (Down Payment Assistance)
- Activities that support construction of Affordable Housing including acquisition, clearance and demolition.

Top 3 priorities for Public Facility needs serving the LMI population in the city

- Childcare Centers
- Youth Centers
- Facilities for Disabled LMI

Top 3 priorities for Public Service needs

- Healthcare Services
- Mental Health Services
- Employment Training

Top 3 priorities for Homelessness Assistance

- Homelessness Prevention
- Emergency Shelter
- Re-housing services (relocation and stabilization of housing)

Top 3 priorities for Economic Development

- Assistance to for-profit agencies serving LMI residents
- Commercial infrastructure development
- Commercial building acquisition, construction and rehabilitation

Housing Affordability

Do you feel you have the financial resources for adequate housing?

If you are representing an organization, do you feel the majority of the demographic you are working with has the financial resources for adequate housing?

Results: 51% No, 50% Yes

Do you need financial assistance to maintain or obtain stable housing?

If you are representing an organization, do you feel the majority of clients or those you represent need financial assistance to maintain or obtain stable housing?

Results: 57% No, 44% Yes

Do you feel you have equal access to housing?

If you are representing an organization, do you feel the majority of clients or those you represent have equal access to housing?

Results: 56% Yes, 42% No

Fair Housing

Do you feel you have equal access to housing choice?

If you are representing an organization, do you feel the majority of clients or those you represent have equal access to housing choice?

Fair housing choice is **the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination**. Federal, state and local fair housing laws protect people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance

Comments related to Fair Housing

If you do not feel you or those you represent have equal access to housing or housing choice, why not?

Responses

n/a

1) There are not enough resources dedicated to holding landlord and property managers accountable by government so individuals feel despondent trying to survive in a system that does not uphold their rights, that prioritizes profit over people, and allows predatory housing transactors to operate which gives license to even more bad actors. 2) Cities should not rely on the private for-profit market for housing since it only builds what is more profitable and manipulates the market to keep rents high and ever growing and vacancy by willfully holding units off the market. The city must enact stronger laws to regulate the market, control speculation, and leverage the city's desirability to require MORE from those profiting off them. 3) Cities need to examine their land use decisions through a racial equity lens and enact strong affordability mandates, anti-displacement measures, and affirmatively further fair housing to close the growing wealth inequality gap.

There is a lot of predatory and illegal activities happening around rentals, including scams, high application fees, lack of ANY affordable housing for LMI

The people I work with are all on disability or social security. There is no AFFORDABLE housing anywhere so, no it's not equal. These people cannot compete with those that are able to \$1800.00 - \$2,000.00 a month for a rental.

Low income financial

Economically, a lot of us are just priced out of the market for any kind of housing in the area.

Low wages that are not in alignment with the available housing

Senior citizens on fixed income. We have nowhere to go. Cannot afford basic repairs.

They are prohibited in their choice by cost of housing and income.

Why in the world are we taking HUD money? Anyone with three brain cells knows government money--which is OUR money, by the way--comes with strings attached. Don't take our money for such useless purposes in the first place. Government's job is to punish evil, not regulate the economy! I didn't leave my crappy blue state just to end up living under more government regulation.

There's too much need for what is offered. There is also little support for those who are transitioning from a traumatic time that need to establish themselves with a job, especially if they have children to care for.

have several homeless clients that can't find housing, if they have impaired social skills the rental agencies are not good at assistance

We serve hospitality workers who often struggle with drug and alcohol addiction and also have a huge ebb and flow of income depending on the season. They often have money for rent in the summer, but struggle in the winter.

Our city is allowing too many investors to purchase houses as rental income - both short term and long term. Stop allowing investors to inflate the price of housing and take any kind of affordable housing available. Rentals should not be a solution for housing - they keep LMI persons in poverty by preventing them from building assets. Our community needs more opportunities for its residents to be homeowners, not renters and definitely not homeless.

Criminal History is a huge barrier for individuals seeking housing

A lot of the people we serve are stuck in a cycle of homelessness due to previous life choices (drug abuse, incarceration, etc.) and there is not a lot of opportunity for these marginalized people in our city.

Cost of housing. Wages to support rents. Supply and demand (low supply) is driving up cost.

The house I bought for \$123k in 2013, sold for \$480k in 2020 with no updates. We are being out priced of our own area.

Economy & prices of housing

It is not the government's job to provide housing.

City of Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho seems to think affordable housing equals 2-3x the average wage. As an engineer, one whole paycheck goes to rent an old, tiny house in a bad neighborhood. I don't have any debt, yet due to the rent price in the area, I'll never be able to save for a down payment on a house. This area isn't affordable and granting subsidies to rich developers to create "affordable housing" that none of the locals can afford is a waste of our taxpayer dollars. Incentivize true affordable housing, no matter what that looks like. This is homelessness prevention, drug addiction prevention, suicide prevention, etc. When people have shelter, they're able to make better choices and live healthier lives. Stop catering to developers who only see profit margins.

The ridiculous increase in property tax in the 30+ years I have owned my home in midtown is threatening to make continuation of living in my home unaffordable now that I have retired.

Due to income too low to qualify

Because property taxes are too high and too many out-of-state people are moving here. Also, short-term rentals are causing a huge problem with housing inventory.

I don't make enough money to rent or buy. If I pick up a second job or more hours my family would lose medicaid

Income is not increasing but housing costs are increasing.

I OWN MY (expletive) HOME BUT YOU (expletive) ARE DOING EVERYTHING YOU POSSIBLY CAN TO RAISE MY TAXES AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE WHO IS NOT RICH TO LIVE HERE. YOU HATE EVERYONE WHO MAKES UNDER 6 FIGURES...

Because nobody is offering affordable housing unless you make absolutely nothing. The normal wages disqualify you for low income housing but is not enough to buy a house, and often times forces you to live paycheck to paycheck with high rent prices

Subtle racism

No. Nothing in north Idaho is affordable

Rents have become higher than income for me and many senior friends. No money to move so we wait to see what happens

Housing Discrimination Responses

Do you believe any of the following types of housing discrimination are occurring in the Coeur d'Alene community? Results Below:

Refusing, discouraging or charging more to rent an apartment or buy a home for reasons listed above.	36
Discouraging a person from living where he or she wants to live, often by steering him or her to another apartment, complex or neighborhood.	19
Refusing or making it hard to get a loan to buy or refinance a house or take out home equity by doing things like charging more money or offering a worse deal than someone should be able to get if he or she shopped around.	20
Refusing, discouraging or charging more for home insurance.	11
Discrimination based on disability: Refusing to make a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability, refusing to allow a modification to make an apartment more accessible for a person with a disability or lack of accessible units.	24
Predatory lending: unfair, misleading, deceptive or fraudulent loan practices.	16
Other	3

Comments Related to Housing Discrimination

Comments Related to Housing Discrimination - If Other, please explain

Responses

n/a

Not really discrimination under this law, however, very low income people cannot afford anything in this area or there rent is increased so much that they are evicted!ppp

No consideration for low income senior citizen/fixed income long term residents. No mention at all in this survey at their distress. WHY?

We need to keep Idaho as it is. I am totally against setting up "safe houses, drug houses, homeless shelters, etc. It's the doom of a city.

There are already federal fair housing laws that landlords, realtors, etc. are required to abide by. It is not necessary for the city to intervene in fair housing issues.

What an idiotic questionnaire. Since when do I need the government's permission to rent or sell my property to a specific individual? It's my right not to sell or rent my property to a groomer or any other type of sexual pervert. These questions are disgusting.

People are discriminated against due to mental health issues and the belief that they are dangerous or risky to rent to.

Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders are considered disabilities

None of those are happening.

I do feel that there is an inner circle benefiting from their positions in government. It appears that each Cda Mayor leaves their position owning a considerable amount of real estate, especially high end rentals.

My lease was not renewed. They could not give a reason but a neighbor had posted on Facebook how they didn't like living in an apartment complex with "retards". A family member has a disability.

WHY IS IT NEVER GOVERNMENT'S FAULT??? YOU (expletive) KEEP RAISING PROPERTY TAXES, APPROVING INSANE UTILITY RATE INCREASES, AND INFINITE SCHOOL LEVY BALLOT VOTES...

None of these apply

Do you feel your (or your clients') housing choices are limited based on you (or your clients') or a family member's (check all that apply):

Race	12
Color	1
Religion	9
National Origin	5
Sex	7
Disability	1
Family Status	4
Age	8
Ancestry	1
Sexual Orientation	6
Gender Identity	4
Income	1
Source of Income (public benefits)	5
Veteran Status	2
Criminal Record	4

What would you do if you encountered housing discrimination?

Do nothing and seek other housing options	13
Tell the person that you believe they are discriminating	2
Report it	2
Would not know what to do	5
Other	4

Comments Related to Housing Choice
Responses

I'd grow up and realize that housing is a privilege and not a right. These questions are downright offensive.

I know my resources, but many people do not know the services offered. I think it needs to be discussed in high school. We did a poverty simulation that showed that even the people who work for nonprofit organization do not realize all the resources available out there for the public.

It is not happening.

Confront them with the facts of law then spend money elsewhere

I attempted to report but the landlord said if I complained they would give me a bad reference and I would not be able to rent anywhere in Coeur D Alene

It's disgusting how you're blaming home affordability on literally anything else instead of you ... bureaucrats

US Department of Housing and Urban Development	28
City or County Office	23
Idaho Attorney General's Office	27
Idaho Housing and Finance	23
Northwest Fair Housing Alliance	20
Don't know	32
Idaho Legal Aid	14
Other	7

If Other, please describe

Intermountain Fair Housing

There's no such thing as housing discrimination. If it's MY property, then I should be able to sell or rent to whomever I choose.

Intermountain Fair Housing

I don't know, but I'd find out.

It is not a problem.

What information regarding fair housing programs, laws, or enforcement have you seen or heard in your community?:

Fair housing flyers or pamphlets	20
Fair housing handbook	8
Fair housing public service announcement on the radio	4
Fair housing public service announcement on the television	4
Fair housing information at a public event	9
Fair housing information shared on websites and/or social media	25
None	51
Other	3

What do you feel would be the most effective way to inform residents about their fair housing rights and/or responsibilities?:

Public meeting(s)	9
Fair housing literature/information in public libraries and facilities	10
Television advertisements/announcements	3
Radio advertisements/announcements	0
Information on government and/or nonprofit websites	9
Social Media	31
Realtors, property managers and leasing agents sharing information with prospective tenants	24
Other	9

Comments Related to Fair Housing Information

Responses

Tried clicking Fair Housing literature etc. above bit wouldn't let me. Also, public housing events at a park with public figures.

I don't believe there needs to be any fair housing intervention by the city.

Residents don't have a housing "right"; they have a housing privilege. The premise of your question is fallacious.

I'd check literature, but can't. It only allowed me to check one box.

You can't choose more than one option above. I would choose literature in public libraries and facilities, and realtors, managers, and leasing agents sharing info with prospective tenants

Abolishing the wasteful and corrupt and blatant disgusting financial rapists that are Coeur d Alene City Hall

It would not let me chose multiple options, all apply depending on what your marketing budget allows.

Social media and tv ads, newspaper

Public Services

Do you feel there are adequate non-profits providing public services within Coeur d'Alene and surrounding communities?

Results: 50% Yes, 50% No

What services are working well?

Responses

Access point for homeless,

Community Development

Food banks

meals on wheels, food banks, boy and girls club

Our community has throngs of nonprofits wrapping people in services

St. Vincent De Paul

not familiar w/ the services enough to answer this.

Food banks and health services

rental assistance medical/dental

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

St. Vincent de Paul provides shelter, emergency/transitional housing, and subsidized housing

It seems there is a good network for homelessness through the Help Center at SVDP. We have adequate food banks and clothes closets.

All of our community's nonprofits do tremendous work, they just need more support. St Vincent de Paul Children's Village Safe Passage Tesh Habitat for Humanity Fosterful Orchard Ridge Museum of North Idaho

Not a lot of the current services are working well because of a lack of collaboration and communication.

I believe the network of services providing food and clothing to our homeless is working very well to serve our community in downtown CDA.

Our community nonprofits have the competency, but lacks the ability to handle demand.

Adequate # of nonprofits but most are underfunded.

Habitat for Humanity

Children's services, women's shelters, food banks,

TESH

Boys and Girl's Club

St. Vincent and Heritage Health programs work well, and need support to continue and improve their programs. Food banks work well and need support to continue and improve their programs. Community Action programs work well and need support as well.

No idea as I am not aware of services for the low income person who is working 2 jobs to provide & is nearly surviving thus does not qualify for anything due to surviving even though destroying health to work the multitude of jobs to provide basics

Children's village UGM

Literally nothing. Everything is stretched too thin. There are TOO MANY people and not enough infrastructure.

Business opportunities

All... No more needed

Churches

Food programs for students - backpack program

Current economy has upended everything

We are limited, UGM, St. Vincent. I do know they all have waiting lists.

St Vincent temp housing; TESH; food resources like CAP; etc.

None, not aware of any at all

Nonprofits

None

Food assistance, women's and children advocacy centers

What services are missing?

Enough affordable housing (all types), food insecurity is increasing, wages do not support a living wage

Senior low income

Social help for seniors with low income

Any involving health, mental health, dental, vision, and childcare

Specific low income senior citizen category. We worked hard here all our lives. No accommodation to counter balance cities push for STVR's and growth.

childcare assistance, mental help assistance

Emergency relief for immigrants

Secular non-profits to help with substance abuse and homelessness.

I think there should be more for senior citizens.

Help with property taxes and utilities

HomeShare Kootenai County

None, none and none. Why is the government even involved in providing services? Your job is to punish evil..., you're obviously not doing your job.

Resources for low income including, health care dental care counseling needs help for home repairs

The threshold for some folks to get assistance is too high.....so they make too much to qualify for programs but not enough to live.

Mental health services, more housing

enough shelters

Mental Health, housing, youth mental health services, healthcare services- for Medicaid patients

Adult Protective Services, Affordable Daycare

more support for mental health and emergency housing for seniors

There is always a dearth of help for mental illness and counseling.

Substance Use, Mental Health treatment, Youth and Elderly Services, and Housing

We need more emergency housing opportunities for our marginalized society that finds themselves experiencing homelessness.

For LMI, it's not all about a roof over a person's head. Intervention, or case management, is important to provide in addition to housing. 1) Men's shelter and a 2) better supported through CDBG Winter Warming Shelter and 3) sliding scale child care is imarative.

All of them.

Homeless shelters

Mental health, financial education

Childcare resources, senior care resources, and LMI health services

Mental Heath services for youths

More food banks

Need more police

Child care, teen mental health

More Childcare options

Help for people on the edge—information for how to find help

Mental health services

Health services and city works. And stop allowing kootenai health to single handedly ruin all healthcare in the city.

Financial assistance to help.lower.incomehomeowners repair, maintain, bring homes up.tp safety codes.

Non faith based services

Alcoholism and addiction recovery.

Affordable housing

Long term mental health service facilities. Adult behavioral health and youth behavioral health services (we need more and better).

Service for the elderly

And fair and equitable City Hall

I don't know enough of the community needs to answer this question.

All

Autism related help

Financial literacy training and life skills training.

Do you feel there is equal access to services?

Results: 59% Yes, 37% No

Comments Related to Access to Public Services

If no, why not?

Responses

Not everyone is open to these issues because of the overwhelming need for outreach face to face and not Zoom meetings They do not understand the issues or the solution

Because we know that there are a lot of service calls from the CdA area: people living precariously, being treated unfairly by LL/PM, constructively evicted due to lack of repairs and other issues, unable to find new housing they can afford, and who are homeless.

Community growth has put a huge strain on all support services

Because everyone who can't afford them should still have access.

Lack of information that is available and easily accessible

As an individual, community agencies take priority with the city. NO community agency represents... specifically, low income seniors on fixed income. Again, we worked here for decades... only the city's push for STVR's and growth is pushing us out of our homes... with nowhere to go.

I believe there to be pocket communities of undocumented immigrants, and they don't have equal access to services.

Income threshold is too low.

Too many services are not located on the City Link bus route. this is a barrier for many trying to get to services in our area.

Access may be equal, but it doesn't matter if you do not realize the services that are available.

Some are turned away from health services due to insurance plans or lack of insurance.

Many people cannot access the services they need because they work.

Affordability and not enough knowledge of how to refer and who to refer to.

Major Lack of Resources, Housing and Treatment for substance use and mental health for adults and youth

Although yes to above, there's a insufficient supply or lack altogether.

It remains a Huge problem

Transportation, knowledge of available resources, saturation of non-profits in certain sectors

There is a housing crisis right now. There are not enough homes available for a price that is manageable for a majority of residents. Folks with college degrees and professional jobs cannot afford to buy a home here. It's a crisis.

not sure what is available

The community has grown too fast to keep up.

We need more free afterschool activities for children.

Most non profit organizations cater to elite white

Unless one is living on the state, we know nothing about where or how to get help

Services are not adequately supported financially in the community.

Many faith based service have additional criteria or expectations for those they serve. E.G. requiring them to attend service

Not enough available to evaluate this.

If you work most services are not available due to income and service hours

It's based on severity or crisis. Prevention is better and having access for services all ages of people .

If people do not know about a service, then it cannot be equally accessed.

A person must have transportation

Not aware of any to use

Limited and scarce resources

Demographics

What age bracket do you fit within?

18-24	2
25-34	11
35-44	28
45-54	20
55-64	24
65 and older	

With which gender do you most identify?

Woman	76
Man	20
Non-binary	0
Transgender	0
Prefer not to say	7

What is the number of persons living in your household?

One	20
Two	44
Three	8
Four	14
Five	9
Six or more	5

What is your household income bracket? (This is the total of all income earners)

\$0-\$41,550	24
\$41,551 - \$47,449	3
\$47,450 - \$53,400	3
\$53,401-\$59,299	5
\$59,301-\$64,049	5
\$64,050-\$68,799	0
\$68,800-\$73,550	5
\$73,551-\$78,300	2
\$78,301-\$82,199	2
\$82,200 and up	44

Are you a person with a disability?

Yes	17
No	75
Prefer not to say	10

Which applies to your housing situation?

Rent	24
Own	69
Do not have permanent housing	2
Prefer not to say	7

COMMENTS

Goals Comments

2	anonymous	I am not in agreement with the offering rentals within homes as a solution to the housing issue Vetting and background checks are not infallible because of the caliber of person applying I would not participate in that especially for seniors and those with families It is a fine line to walk
27	anonymous	No, Public Facility and Infrastructure Projects (serving LMI residents) should not be part of this process.
30	anonymous	Keeping historic areas intact to keep the character of the town. Help paying property taxes for the retired to stay in their homes. Help for retired people to get repairs on their homes. Police department that is proactive with traffic concerns in residential areas downtown.
32	anonymous	I agree these should be included, but I think that there should be an incentive to save for down payments. Maybe like some sort of match. If people are able to save more for a larger down payment they they are able to set goals and will have a be more likely to take care of their homes due to being financially invested. I also think that there needs to be a plan for better internet availability within the city in public locations without having to purchase anything. Technology is essential to every child and is important when finding a job.
35	anonymous	I do not believe that any funds should be used for new housing construction
42	anonymous	I don't see any goals that address the problem of affordable housing options for workers, who at the present time, cannot afford rent and are not in the position to purchase a house.

70	anonymous	Protect Our Aquifer
94	anonymous	Doesn't matter what the goals are, corrupt af city hall will make this plan work for their handlers first
95	anonymous	We need affordable housing but not MORE housss.

All of the above goals have limitations and ties to government agencies when the well runs dry its back to square one and the only alternative to lawmakers are Taxes

Expand the types of housing that is legal including tiny homes (both as moveable ADUs and to streamline tiny house village model), step up professionalization and code enforcement to require licences, inspections, and stepped up enforcement for bad actors to restrict predatory landlords, and create a one stop shop at city hall for tenants with all options and resources available to the over 1/3 of c

None at this time

Increase funds for EMRAP program for low income residents I have had more than six low income families including some handicap individuals that qualified and also didn't qualify for emergency home repairs. Requiring homeowners to have fire insurance is a definite issue. Most cannot afford the insurance Hiring licensed contractors with insurance should be looked at instead. Costs for material as well as labor costs have more than doubled in the last two years. \$5,000 isn't enough and needs to be increased for Emergency Home Repairs to help ones most in need in order to keep them in their homes.

L0w Low income senior assistance

Health Care support Mental Health support Public Transportation Services

Remove #2 and #5

I would be more macro on #2 Public Facility and Infrastructure Projects. It's cool that you did all the sidewalks in downtown, but this was too narrow of a goal and it left no room for other projects that closer align to HUD's purpose for CDBG (the elimination of blight in low-income neighborhoods and to mitigate health and safety threats).

Remove new housing construction and homeless assistance. I picked up a female hitchhiker. She said she was going back to Washington State (where she came from) because Idaho "doesn't give away free stuff." THAT'S the way I like it.

I don't agree with direct down payment assistance or the government getting too involved in housing stock. The free market does a better job of that. I think there should be more focus on helping seniors, veterans, and disabled, rather than just "low income". Not everyone is meant to be a home owner. I would like to see more senior housing built and incentives for that.

STRICT enforcement of current laws. Don't let violations slide such as for short term rentals.

Please add HomeShare Kootenai County as one of your projects.

Why is it the government's job to enforce "codes" on residents' private property? Our property is not private when some code enforcement policeman comes by and tells us what we can and cannot do WITH OUR OWN PROPERTY. Get rid of the code enforcement police. This is Coeur d'Alene freaking Idaho, not California! Also, it's not the government's job to provide affordable housing. Affordable housing is essentially a scam to enable rich business owners to pay their employees lower wages. If the government didn't step in and interfere with housing, it would force businesses to pay a fair wage to people who would couldn't afford to live in the area. By artificially regulating housing costs, government helps the corporations by enabling them to keep their wages down and hurts the laborers. Disgusting.

Stop using city funding for public services, it's never worked out well anywhere. Use your own money to setup a private institution to provide services.

Increase Housing Stock (both ownership and rentals): There needs to be more mixed use housing and light touch development. There are hardly any new triplex or Fourplex building being added to the housing stock. Lighter regulation is needed. And ADUs should be incentive to help add housing stock and reduce the continued sprawl of the city.

I mentioned technology above, but I think it could be its own category. Maybe even offer free public charging in certain locations as well. Again to help everyone stay connected and to give every child a way to get online. Also from the side of those in danger, it's a way to connect. A loss of basics like money and the ability to use a phone or internet is a way to control those in abusive relationships.

I do not believe that any funds should be used for new housing construction, this area is growing too rapidly and the schools, stores, roads, & more can not keep up with it. There is going to be a rise in all kinds of negative impacts for this area. Long-term residents here are upset.

Transportation - City Link needs to expand hours into evenings and weekends to provide transportation for local workers to get to their places of employment. Also develop concept of bike sharing programs.

no

On goal #3, having a viable bus system and bikeways that connect all parts of the city to businesses, in addition to sidewalks, would be helpful.

With all of the rampant growth, our community really needs to start prioritizing historical preservation. We will lose our sense of place and who we are as a community if we don't start valuing our heritage more.

None

Note, based on our interaction with LMI persons. Goal #2 above can take on a whole different meaning and drift from the intent of serving LMI citizens. For perspective, a person representing the LMI community would serve well in an advisory role. For example, sidewalk improvement where stated intent is to improve ADA access can frankly serve to beautify thoroughfares and address maintenance issues that come with age - tree root damage to sidewalks, snowplows tearing up curbs, etc. Albeit important, and a safety issue, property taxes should be used for such repairs. We state this because a handicap curb cutout was created at the corner of Spokane/1st Street that doesn't really serve the intended purpose. As a property owner of four lots between Spokane and Walnut, we were very happy a sidewalk was being installed. A sidewalk from Spokane St. to Fr. Bill's Commercial Kitchen would be a safe and welcome pathway for LMI shelter residents and others, especially during the winter. Although we're pleased that a sidewalk was poured from the corner to the Spokane house walkway, the neighborhood would have been better served to have extended the sidewalk another +/-80' to the Kitchen/Shower/Laundry. As it is, persons on foot walk in the street (not busy) to get to the Kitchen because there's no sidewalk, and the current earthen pathway cannot be easily shoveled in the winter.

Add to #5 living wage jobs.

Getting a handle on the conspiracy ridden population of this city. It is insane the power Fox has.

Funds to help with Habitat for Humanity 21 units being started in CdA.

Remove #1

Reducing gentrification of the downtown area. People of all income levels deserve to live in walkable neighborhoods close to the downtown core amenities.

sidewalks

Stop going after short term rental owners.

Remove Homelessness Assistance

Remove 4. And reorder the rest b highest priority: 1. Economic Development 2. Public Facilities 3. Public Services 4. Housing

Remove #4 replace it with continuing to enforce rules against panhandling and loitering/ illegal encampments. We moved here to escape this idiocracy of throwing money at a problem that will never go away. Remove #3 and adequately fund and support our police department. When I complained about speeding in our area I was told multiple times there are only 2 traffic enforcement officers, so they don't have the ability to enforce the laws.

I would certainly put some money aside to increase our mental illness programs. I know Kootenai Health cut back on that over the last six months. I am not sure what is still available to people. Most

people who find themselves homeless are either drug/alcohol dependent or Mentally unstable. I think attacking the issue from root is a bonus.

Establish growth parameters to maintain quality of life in CDA. Growth for growths sake is irresponsible.

Fix the sidewalks destroyed by the city's street trees at no cost to homeowner's impacted by the destruction of the sidewalks adjacent to their homes

1, 3, and 4 should go. Let's stabilize the infrastructure for the people we have and for the love please stop building apartments.

Do not let 'homelessness' become a habit. Give a hand UP, not constant handouts. The chronic 'homeless' will expect you to keep supportinh them instead of actually working to support themselves.

Under #2, add "connector bike paths to enhance commuting and shopping"

Choose slow growth! Before building, building, building; create the infrastructure to handle the growth. Don't just look at money! Look at the quality of life for the people already living here. Slow your roll!

Eliminate assistance based programs. I am tired of being taxed out of my own house. Include a goal to reduce property taxes. Quit spending frivolously in this economy.

First alcoholism and addiction services that are readily available to all who qualify.

Option number 1 maintain and increase house stock. Would like to see slower house developments - less high density housing.

The emphasis should be on home ownership for the working poor. This people group contributes to the community. If they can't afford housing they will move on or become homeless. Getting them into homeownership is a win!

Assist residences in creating more affordable housing, by reducing the extreme apartment creation

Literally anything that helps out the middle class, the goals laid out are exclusively so city hall can continue to (expletive) of business and developers while workers get the shaft

Remove adding houses, they are too expensive for anyone in low to middle income, so this plan would just cause more houses to go up in price

We don't need to build anything new. We have too much population for our aquifer and more population will just draw it down further creating more toxic algae and Lake CdA will die