



Hall County Regional Planning Commission

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Regular Meeting**

Item 1

Community Needs Assessment Survey

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Agenda Item #14

PLANNING DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION TO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

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SUBJECT: City of Grand Island Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Community Needs Assessment as part of the Consolidated Plan Process.

PROPOSAL:

Charley Falmlen, Community Development Specialist for the City of Grand Island, will present an overview of the Community Needs Assessment that is currently being conducted as part of the Consolidated Planning process for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG Program. Community Development Block Grants fund a variety of projects that are focused on low to moderate income individuals and families. This year, the City of Grand Island became an Entitlement Community, which changes the format in which the City receives CDBG funds. This new format requires the creation of a Three-Five Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan. Both of these plans require consultation with local, county, state and federal government. This Community Needs Assessment has been created as a method of gaining the required consultation. The Community Development Division has organized data from the Grow Grand Island Initiative and the 2014 Housing Study and aligned it with the National Objectives of the CDBG Program; this organization of data has led to the five priorities listed on the Community Needs Assessment. The consultation process involves asking multiple entities, including the Regional Planning Commission, to rank the priority of these needs. This aggregated data will be used to assign more or less funding to a specific priority.

OVERVIEW:

This presentation is intended to inform the Planning Commission about the City's CDBG Funding Priorities. Planning Commissioners are invited to review the priorities listed and participate in the Community Needs Assessment by ranking the priorities with a ranking of 1 being the most urgent need in Grand Island, to a ranking of 5 being the least urgent need in Grand Island. The completed assessment can be returned to Charley Falmlen personally or by mail with the enclosed envelope.

_____ Chad Nabity AICP, Planning Director