

SECTION 4 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development (91.215 (e))

Goals and Priorities for non-housing community development for this five-year Consolidated Plan are shown in Table 73 below.

TABLE 73

DESCRIPTION	NEED	DOLLARS NEEDED	PRIORITY	5 YEAR GOAL	ESTIMATED \$ AVAILABLE FOR 5 YEAR GOAL
NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - 2008 TO 2012				\$620,000	\$377,975
Infrastructure					
Water/Sewer Improvements Street Improvements			HIGH		
Removal of Architectural Barriers					
	20 homes/bldgs	\$100,000	HIGH		
Public Facilities & Improvements - General					
		\$500,000	HIGH		
Public Facilities & Improvements - Seniors Centers					
		\$100,000	HIGH		
Neighborhood Facilities					
		\$100,000	HIGH		
Parks & Recreational Facilities					
North Rapid - safe trails & a over the interstate ped/bike skywalk		\$300,000	HIGH		
PUBLIC SERVICES				Est amt available \$435,000	
General				\$1,535,050 Total	
Counseling services low income people	1669	\$236,000	HIGH		\$100,000
Deposits, utility hook-ups, car repairs	1,705 people	\$173,700			
People at risk	769 people	\$88,350			
Medication program	520 people	\$30,000			
Recreational Programs		\$10,000			
IDA Program	205 people	\$500,000			
Advocates- 4 positions	200 people	\$36,000			

Mental Health Services	2,776 people	\$461,000			
Education				\$53,100	
Financial Education (budget, credit, bankruptcy)	485	\$29,100	HIGH		\$10,000
Homebuyers education	600	\$24,000			
Handicap Services					
			HIGH		
Legal Services					
Legal services for low income, elderly, victims domestic violence and housing issues	2,000 people	\$100,000	HIGH		\$30,000
Transportation Services				\$488,100 Total	
Passes	12,100 passes	\$12,100	HIGH		\$100,000
Buses - 3	3 buses	\$135,000			
Transportation costs	10,000 youth	\$275,000			
Advocate Pick up truck	1 truck	\$28,000			
Advocate Van	1 van	\$24,000			
Transporation Expenses					
Maintenance - Insurance - Gas	2,400 youth	\$14,000			
Substance Abuse Services				\$50,000	
Adult outpatient Treatment Group	613	\$78,000	HIGH		\$50,000
Senior Programs				\$420,000	
Senior Programs - Services			HIGH		\$20,000
Senior Programs - Senior Centers					
Youth Programs				\$475,000 Total	
Youth Centers	300 children	\$150,000	HIGH		\$75,000
Child Care Centers	300 children	\$3,500,000			
Abused/Neglected Children					
Emotional/Behavioral problems	24 youth	\$145,000			
Medicaid match	56 youth	\$140,000			
Youth Services				\$125,000	
Suicide Prevention		\$160,900	HIGH		\$75,000
Youth Services	2,258 youth	\$530,000			
Juvenile delinquency	80 youth	\$90,000			
Couseling services	1,150 youth	\$262,000			

Counseling for incarcerated youth	60 youth	\$30,000			
Health Ed/Advocacy	200 youth	\$300,000			
Mentoring programs	120 youth	\$90,000			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB CREATION					\$377,975
Micro Enterprise Loans for low income people	50 people	\$350,000	HIGH	20 loans	
IDA's	50 people	\$90,000	HIGH	50 people	
Job Training Programs for low income people	200 people	\$150,000	HIGH	50 people	

The City has outlined the objectives and outcomes in Table 74 for activities to be conducted as a part of this Consolidated Plan.

TABLE 74				
NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES				
2008 through 2012				
Program	Objective	Outcomes Categories		
		Availability/ Accessibility	Affordability	Sustainability
Infrastructure	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	X
Removal Architectural Barriers	Suitable Living Environment	X		
Public Facilities – General	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Public Facilities – Seniors Centers	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Neighborhood Facilities	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Parks & Recreational Facilities	Suitable Living Environment	X		
Public Services – General	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Education	Suitable Living Environment	X		
Public Services - Handicap Services	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Public Services - Legal Services	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Public Services - Transportation	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	

Public Services – Substance Abuse Services	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Public Services - Senior Programs	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Public Services – Youth Programs	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Public Services – Youth Services	Suitable Living Environment	X	X	
Economic Development – Micro-enterprise loans	Economic Opportunity	X	X	
Economic Development – Job Training Programs	Economic Opportunity	X	X	
Economic Development – IDA's	Economic Opportunity	X	X	

Antipoverty Strategy (91.215 (h))

Community needs assessments and surveys have identified issues and needs affecting people living below the poverty level. At the root of all issues is the lack of adequate income and assets to meet the basic living needs of the person or family.

Rapid City supports a number of social service providers in the community that provide direct services to households with poverty or near poverty level incomes. Many of these services are geared to creating self-sufficiency and improving skills and employability. (See listing under Special Needs Facilities and Services – Special Needs) Rapid City will continue to support service providers in the City with funding for innovative programs that address the needs of low-income households, many of whom have incomes below the poverty level.

The City will support and give high priority for funding to asset building and self-sufficiency programs that encourage, educate and provide assistance to low-income people wishing to improve their financial situation such as individual savings accounts (IDA's), job training programs, and educational or vocational training for career advancement.

Welfare to Work Reform, which resulted in TANF, encourages households to find employment. While work is no assurance that household income will rise above poverty, supports are in place to supplement that income.

Rapid City will implement Section 3 Employment and Contracting policies on all

applicable contracts, ensuring outreach to low-income residents when job opportunities are created by Community Development Block Grant activities.

Because poverty is a function of income, its effect on housing opportunity and choice is apparent. Conversely, without adequate, stable housing, alleviating poverty is more difficult.

Pennington County Housing and Redevelopment Commission provides Section 8 vouchers to households, principally those at incomes below the 30 percent of the median household income of the County. Such supports stabilize housing and allow lower income households to expend resources for other necessities.

Black Hills Region Homeless Coalition is an umbrella organization of service providers linking emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing to service providers to address the needs of the homeless. Black Hills Region Homeless Coalition serves as a linking organization to the local communities and service providers ensuring that the region's goals and priorities are considered in the COC prepared by the South Dakota Homeless Consortium. With Support from McKinney Vento funding, after-shelter care programs are being developed to provide support to households that leave shelter and transitional housing to maintain independent living.

New job training and job skills programs will be encouraged to help low-income and homeless people acquire new skills in order to access better paying jobs. Career Learning Center provides job training programs and will work with employers to develop training programs for specific needs and skill sets. In addition, non-profit agencies will look at developing cottage industry training programs to provide on the job training as well as a funding stream for operating costs. For job training programs to work for single parents, there will need to be affordable child care services provided.

Micro-enterprise loan funds will be pursued to provide opportunities for small business start-ups or expansion of an existing small business for low-income persons. Enabling a low-income person to start a business in their home will provide them with the opportunity to supplement their income or stay at home with their children.

The City will continue to work with non-profit agencies wishing to pursue programs that help prevent homelessness and stabilize households by providing technical assistance and bringing partnerships together to achieve mutual goals.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Coordination (91.315(k)) -

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Coordination is handled through the State Housing Authority, South Dakota Housing Development Authority.