

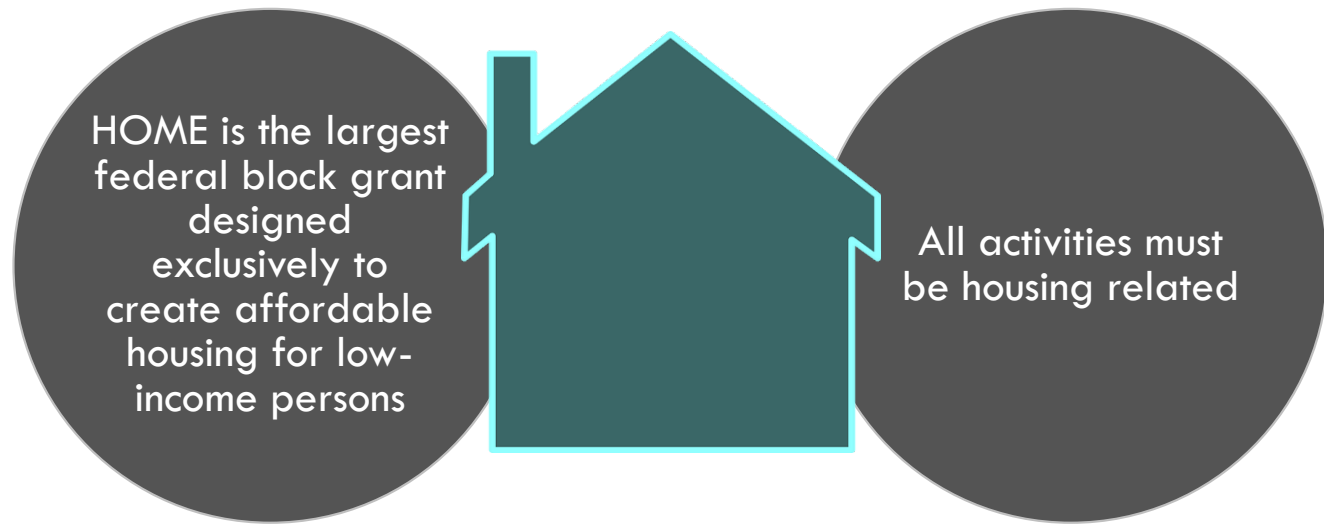
HOME Investment Partnerships

FY 2024 Application Workshop

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

October 6, 2023

HOME Overview



- The County participates in a Consortium with the cities of Massillon and Alliance
- HOME funds can be used in any area of Stark County except the city of Canton, Village of Hills and Dales and Village of Wilmot
- Applications will be accepted until **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st AT NOON**

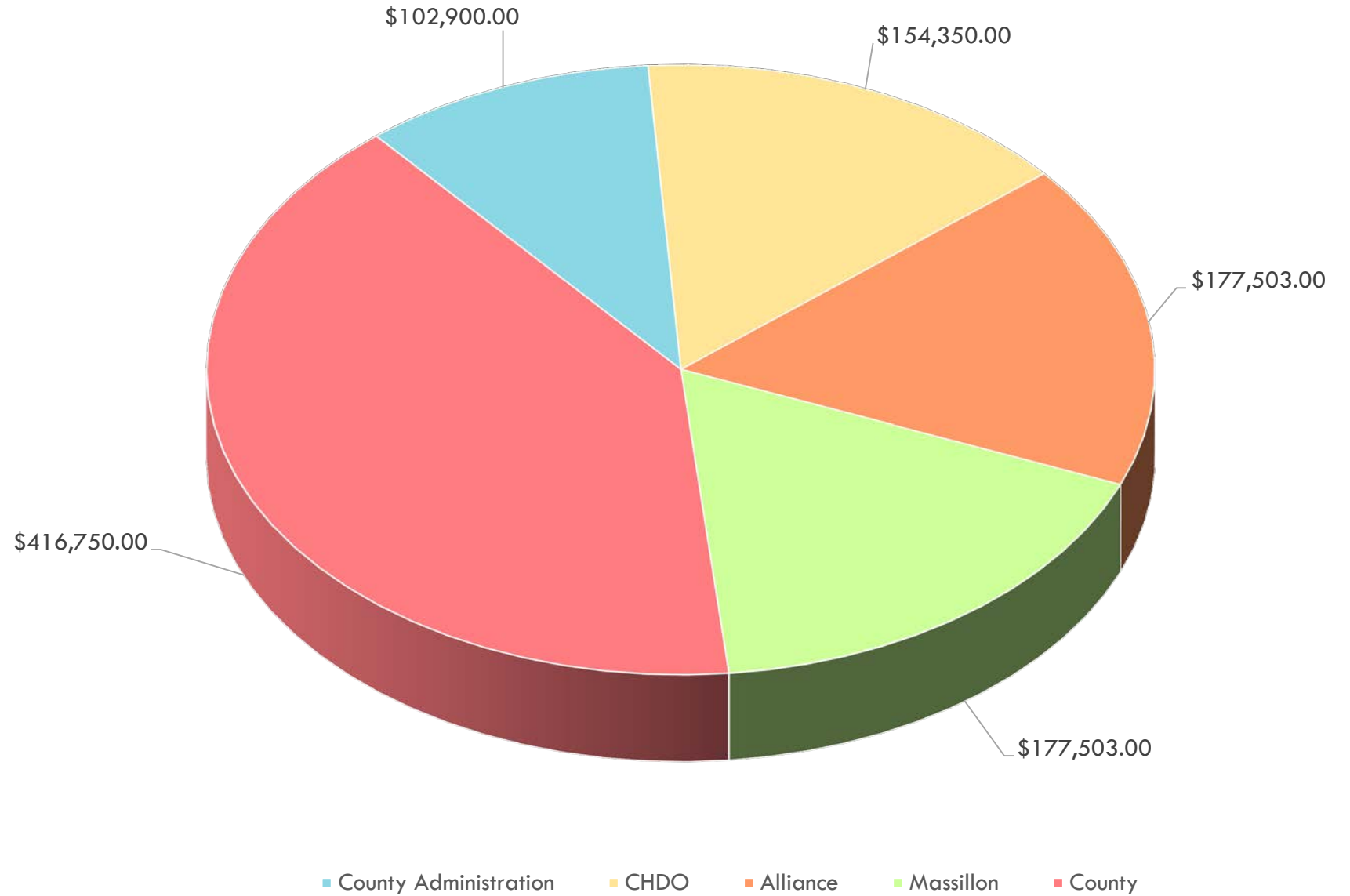
Eligible Activities

New construction

Rehabilitation

Down payment assistance

FY'24 Estimated Funding



Threshold Criteria

What makes a viable project?

- Contributes to the goals of the Stark County Consolidated Plan
- **Proof of site control**
- Financially feasible project (pro-forma)
- Reasonable project time frame
- Leverage of HOME Funds
- **Capacity of development team**

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

- A CHDO is a private non-profit, community-based, service organization that develops affordable housing for the community it serves
- At least 15% of the HOME allocation must be set-aside for CHDO eligible project(s)
- Funding can be utilized by the CHDO to acquire, rehab, or construct rental or homebuyer properties
- Up to 5% of the annual allocation may be used for CHDO operating expenses
- CHDO application must be completed at the same time funding application is submitted

HOME Requirements

Reporting

Monthly status reports

Annual reporting

Affordability period

Project specific

Minimum subsidy per unit

Maximum subsidy per unit

Rent limits

Homeownership limits

Regulations

Match requirement

Section 504 and the Fair Housing Act

Expenditure deadlines

Cross cutting requirements

Environmental Considerations

- At time of application submission, applicant must have site control if the activity involves new construction or rehabilitation
- Upon submission of your application, any and all associated activities must cease immediately until environmental clearance has been given
- Environmental review process will take 30-90 days depending on environmental factors
- If there are any environmental changes, those must be disclosed to RPC immediately
- Project cannot begin until environmental clearance has been given to RPC by HUD and the contract is executed by the Board of Stark County Commissioners

Timeline

Timeframe for County HOME funds

Plan project accordingly and remain flexible. Funding could be available as early as July or as late as October. Timeframe is subject to change.

Task	Timeframe
Application workshop	October (TBD)
Applications open for projects. Must have site control at time of application. Submit proof to demonstrate site control (deed, lease agreement)	October-November
Application deadline	December (TBD)
Application clarification	1-2 weeks
Planning work occurs by RPC December – March. NO ACTION or changes can occur related to potential project. This includes property acquisition, demolition, pulling permits, purchase of materials and ground disturbing activity.	
Proposed budgets are released which include project recommendations	March (TBD)
Environmental review of project	30-90 days depending on environmental factors
Contract and all documents sent to applicant, required to sign and return to the office	April-May (TBD)
Provide title search and corporate resolution	April-May (TBD)
Contracts are held until funding is released by HUD, can occur anytime from July- October	
Contracts executed by final party (BOC)	July-October, dependent on above
Executed contracts are provided to applicant	Dependent on above
Project can begin	Dependent on above

Keep in mind your project cannot begin until the environmental clearance has been provided to RPC by HUD and the contract is executed by the Board of Stark County Commissioners.

Application and Supporting Materials

- Application and materials can be found [online](#)
- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed

Application Updates

- Applications will only be accepted through the platform *Neighborly*
- You must create an account with *Neighborly*
- You are encouraged to begin the application early in order to become familiar with *Neighborly*. There are required application fields and documents
- Applications will be timestamped by *Neighborly* at submission
- If you are a CHDO, the fillable CHDO application remains and must be submitted separately from the *Neighborly* application

Additional Updates

- Contract (funding agreement) and legal documents are undergoing revisions
- Draw process for new construction activities will be different
- Additional documents likely to be added

FY 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029

Consolidated Plan (CP) Overview

- Covers period from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029

Federal Regulations requires the CP to discuss how the County will:	Create, retain and expand economic opportunities for LMI
	Create and maintain a safe and suitable living environment for LMI
	Create, retain and expand decent affordable housing for LMI and the homeless

- The CP is utilized to prioritize needs and determine annual CDBG and HOME funding allocations
- The CP is generally due on or before May 17

Needs Assessment Survey #1 - Results

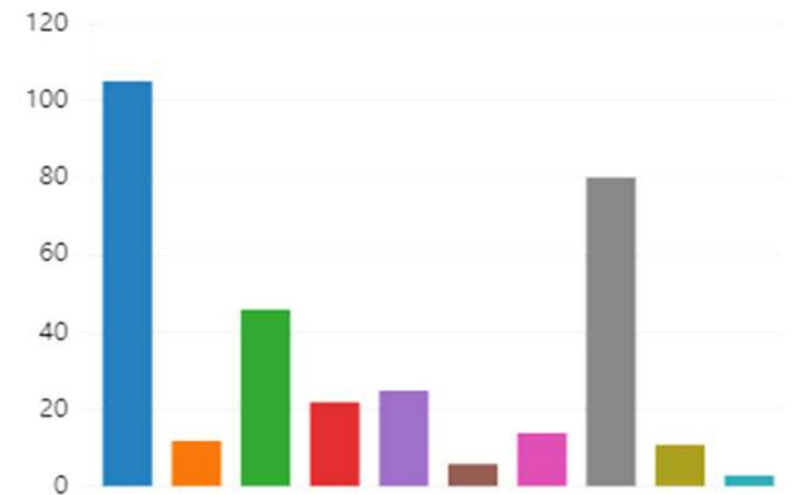
- Survey was live during the months of June and July 2023
- The web-based survey was emailed via MS Forms to over 1,500 stakeholders
- 171 responses or a 11.4% response rate
- Survey #1 focused on identifying housing, economic and community development needs in Stark County

Needs Assessment Survey #1 - Results

Respondents included

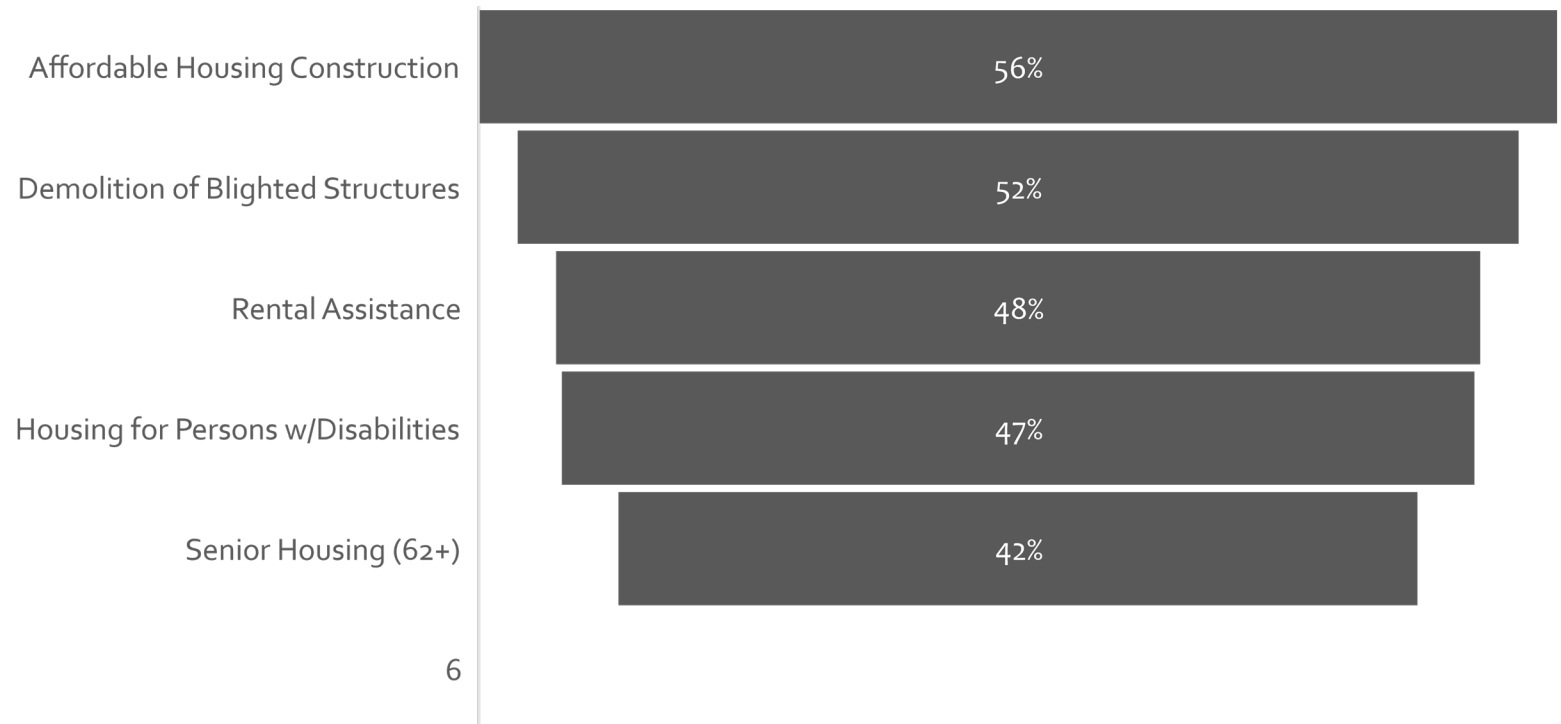
- Residents
- Elected officials
- Places of worship
- Private businesses

● Resident	105
● Business owner	12
● Social service provider or non-p...	46
● Place of worship	22
● Public agency	25
● Neighborhood/community orga...	6
● Government employee (not a re...	14
● Government employee (resident)	80
● Elected official	11
● Other	3



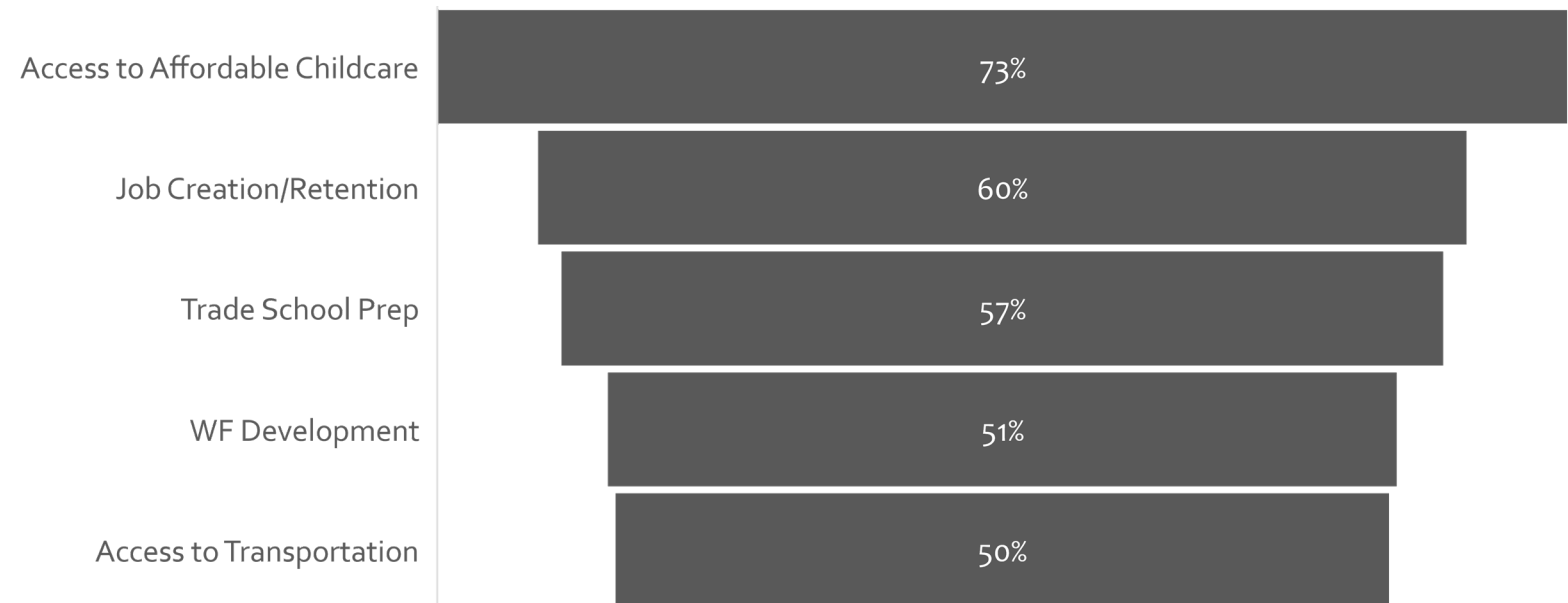
Needs Assessment Survey

According to the survey, the five highest housing priority needs in the County are:



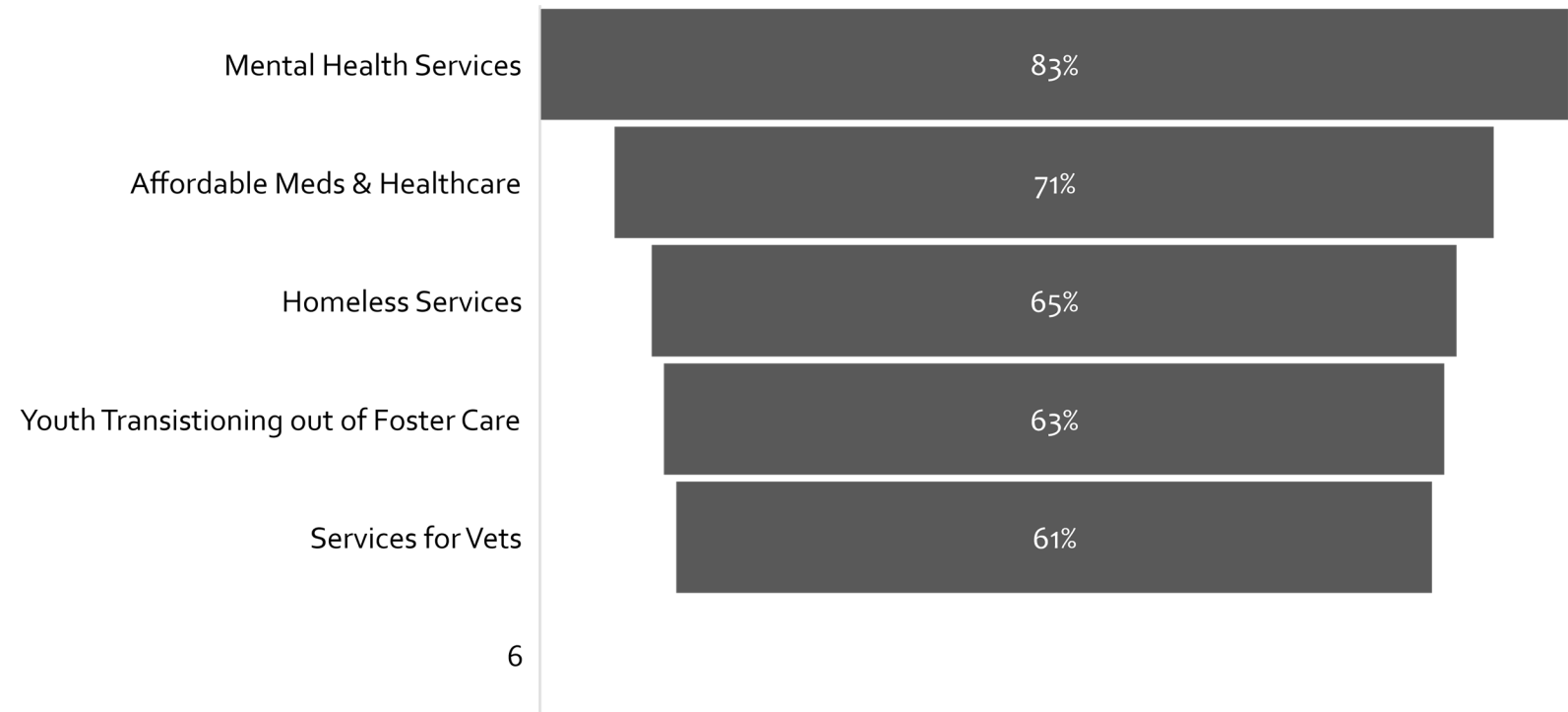
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According to the survey, the five highest economic development priority needs in the County are:



Needs Assessment Survey

According to the survey, the five highest special needs or service priority needs in the County are:



Needs Assessment Survey

According to the survey, the five highest infrastructure priority needs in the County are:



Future Public Meetings

Upcoming public meetings/hearings which will discuss the Plan to gather public input:

- November 2023 – TBD. Virtual with a focus on the Homeless Continuum of Care
- February 2024 – TBD – In person
- March 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm – In person
- March 2024 – TBD - In person

Needs
Assessment
Survey #2



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