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On July 31, 2014 the Idaho Department of Commerce sent out this survey (pages 2 – 5) to approximately 180 cities and 44 counties throughout the State of Idaho. As identified in the survey, it was conducted to help develop the five year consolidated plan. Specifically the survey was used to better understand the non-housing community development needs of Idaho’s cities and counties (or CDBG grantees).

Ninety-eight (98) surveys were received by the end of August 2014. The result of the survey are available, on the same webpage, at the document identified as – CDBG survey results 2014.

The survey results identify the level of need (low to high) for individual public systems, facilities, or activities.

The survey results also identify CDBG’s current allocation per set-aside with the needs and demands of Idaho’s cities and counties.

Dear Mayor or County Commissioner:

Over the next five years, the Idaho Department of Commerce (Commerce) anticipates receiving nearly \$37.5 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars. Commerce is in the process of developing a five-year consolidated plan on how to target these funds. The funds are eligible for Idaho cities and counties to construct public facilities and infrastructure that serve low-to-moderate income residents; prevent/eliminate slum and blight conditions; or alleviate an immediate threat to the safety of a community. CDBG funds can also be used to improve public services that serve low-to-moderate income residents.

Your completion of this survey (the following four pages) will help Commerce facilitate the planning and guidance of the 2015-19 CDBG Consolidated Plan.

Please return the survey in the self-addressed stamped envelope by **August 22nd**. If you have any questions, please contact CDBG Manager, Dennis Porter at (208) 287-0782.

I (we) represent a ___ City - or - ___ County

City of _____ - or - County of _____

For the last five years, Commerce has allocated the following annual spending percentage goals for the CDBG funds.

- 45% (approx. \$3,400,000 annually) for public facilities / infrastructure (i.e. – sewer systems, water systems, fire stations, health care facilities)
- 45% (approx. \$3,400,000 annually) for economic development projects
 - job creation (infrastructure improvements that allow for business job creation)
 - downtown revitalization (i.e. –sidewalk accessibility (ADA) improvements, storm water drainage, parking facilities, and lighting.)
- 6% (approx. \$450,000 annually) for senior or community centers (new construction or rehab)
- 3% (approx. \$300,000 annually) for imminent threat (repair public infrastructure damaged from a natural catastrophe such as flood or fire)

Do you feel the goals line up with the needs of your city or county? _____ yes _____ no

If no, what would be your recommendation? _____

The following is a list of funding set-asides that can be funded from CDBG funds. Please indicate (circle) the level of need for each set-aside for your city or county on a scale of 1 = (LOW) to 5 = (HIGH).

CDBG funding Set Asides

	<u>Need</u>				
	Low				High
➤ Public Facility/Infrastructure (i.e.-sewer, water, fire stations, health care facilities)	1	2	3	4	5
➤ Economic Development					
▪ Job Creation (infrastructure improvements that allow for business job creation)	1	2	3	4	5
▪ Downtown Revitalization (i.e. – sidewalk accessibility (ADA) improvements, storm water drainage, parking facilities, lighting)	1	2	3	4	5
➤ Senior or Community Centers (new construction or rehab)	1	2	3	4	5
➤ Imminent Threat (alleviate public damaged property from a natural catastrophe such as flood or fire)	1	2	3	4	5

The following is a list of systems, facilities or activities that can be funded from CDBG funds. Please indicate (circle) the level of need for your city or county on a scale of 1 = (LOW) to 5 = (HIGH).

Systems, Facilities or Activities

Need

1) Public Facilities Improvements (rehab or new construction)

	Low				High
a) Health facilities (hospitals, medical clinics)	1	2	3	4	5
b) Fire and/or EMT stations	1	2	3	4	5
c) Acquisition of fire trucks/engines	1	2	3	4	5
d) Senior centers	1	2	3	4	5
e) Community centers	1	2	3	4	5
f) Homeless shelters	1	2	3	4	5
g) Child care centers	1	2	3	4	5
h) Parks and/or recreation facilities	1	2	3	4	5
i) Youth centers	1	2	3	4	5
j) Non-residential historic preservation	1	2	3	4	5

2) Economic Development

	Low				High
a) Public infrastructure improvement for business expansion	1	2	3	4	5
b) Downtown revitalization	1	2	3	4	5
c) Business loans	1	2	3	4	5

3) Public Infrastructure Improvements (rehab or new construction)	Low				High
a) Water systems	1	2	3	4	5
b) Sewer systems	1	2	3	4	5
c) Streets	1	2	3	4	5
d) Sidewalks	1	2	3	4	5
e) Solid waste disposal	1	2	3	4	5
f) Surface and storm water drainage	1	2	3	4	5
g) Public parking facilities	1	2	3	4	5
4) Blighted Public Property	Low				High
a) Cleanup of contaminated sites (Brownfield)	1	2	3	4	5
b) Clearance and demolition	1	2	3	4	5
5) Housing related activities	Low				High
a) Water/sewer hookups (low to moderate income only)	1	2	3	4	5
b) Public infrastructure expansion that serves affordable housing units	1	2	3	4	5
c) Acquisition of property to construct affordable housing units housing units.	1	2	3	4	5
d) Acquisition and/or rehab of existing rental housing	1	2	3	4	5
e) Subordinated loans for homeownership	1	2	3	4	5
6) Planning, Studies and Capacity Building	Low				High
a) Comprehensive plan (land use)	1	2	3	4	5
b) Facility plan or preliminary engineering reports	1	2	3	4	5
c) Environmental studies	1	2	3	4	5
d) Economic development plan	1	2	3	4	5
e) Energy conservation plan	1	2	3	4	5
7) Public Services	Low				High
a) Senior services	1	2	3	4	5
b) Youth services	1	2	3	4	5
c) Child care services	1	2	3	4	5
d) Transportation services	1	2	3	4	5
e) Substance abuse services	1	2	3	4	5
f) Crime awareness	1	2	3	4	5
g) Fair Housing activities	1	2	3	4	5

For the next series of questions, keep in mind there is only \$7,500,000 available on an annual basis.

1) The maximum grant amount for **public facilities and infrastructure** is \$500,000. Please indicate if the grant amount should:

INCREASE DECREASE REMAIN THE SAME.

2) The maximum grant amount for **downtown revitalization** is \$500,000. Please indicate if the grant amount should:

INCREASE DECREASE REMAIN THE SAME.

3) The maximum grant amount for **job creation** projects is \$500,000. Please indicate if the grant amount should:

INCREASE DECREASE REMAIN THE SAME.

4) The maximum for **senior/community centers** is \$150,000. Please indicate if the grant amount should:

INCREASE DECREASE REMAIN THE SAME.

5) The maximum for **imminent threat** projects is \$100,000. Please indicate if the grant amount should:

INCREASE DECREASE REMAIN THE SAME.

Other Recommendations or Comments for the CDBG Program:

Commerce appreciates your help and cooperation in completing this survey. Thank you.