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3 MOST IMPORTANT HOUSING NEEDS
Extremely low-income households are at risk of homelessness
Current renters are cost-burdened due to high rental rates
Households are “doubling-up” with family/friends into overcrowded living arrangements

3 MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
Lack of jobs that pay sufficient wage to support a family/household
Existing public transit, pedestrian, and bicycling facilities are insufficient to meet the transportation needs of the population
Residents lack the training and job skills needed to access employment opportunities

PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
Homeless prevention ranked as the most important continuum of care activity
Rapid re-housing ranked as the second most important activity to support persons experiencing homelessness
Shelter operation ranked as the third most important activity to support persons experiencing homelessness

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
Rehabilitation assistance ranked as the most important activity to support affordable housing
Increased affordable rental housing ranked as the second most important activity
Senior housing ranked as the third most important activity to support affordable housing in Tennessee

FAIR HOUSING
Race and color ranked as the largest protected classes believed to experience housing discrimination
Persons with disabilities was the third largest protected class believed to experience housing discrimination
59% of residents do not believe there is housing discrimination in their region of Tennessee

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS/HIV
Supportive services ranked as the most important service to support persons living with AIDS/HIV
Permanent housing placement ranked as the second most important activity
Sort-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments ranked as the third most important activity

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**CITY & COUNTY MAYORS**
Water & Sewer System projects are the most important activities for CDBG funds

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program ranked as the program City & County Mayors would most likely use

City & County Mayors would like to see an increase in funding for Community Livability programs

**OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**
Community Livability projects are the most important activities for CDBG funds

Commercial Façade programs ranked as the program other elected officials would most likely use

Other elected officials would like to see an increase in funding for Community Livability programs

**LOCAL & STATE GOVERNMENT**
Community Livability projects are the most important activities for CDBG funds

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program ranked as the program local and state governing bodies would most likely use

Local and state governing bodies would like to see an increase in funding for Housing Rehabilitation programs

**TENNESSEE RESIDENTS**
Community Livability projects are the most important activities for CDBG funds

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program ranked as the program Tennessee residents would most likely use

Tennesseans would like to see an increase in funding for Housing Rehabilitation programs

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**Most Important Community Development Block Grant Activities from All Respondents**

- Water & Sewer Line Extensions
- Water & Sewer System Projects
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Community Livability

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**ABOUT HOUSING & COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY**

Local and regional service providers, community organizations, government entities, public and private housing providers, TN Continuum of Care agencies, and residents participated in the Housing and Community Needs Survey from February 4th through March 2nd, 2015. These responses helped the State of Tennessee ensure that federal funding is directed toward critical needs identified by the community including housing, public services, economic development, and infrastructure improvements.

Access the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and full Housing & Community Needs Survey results: www.thda.org

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