



**2014-2015  
CDBG Action Plan**

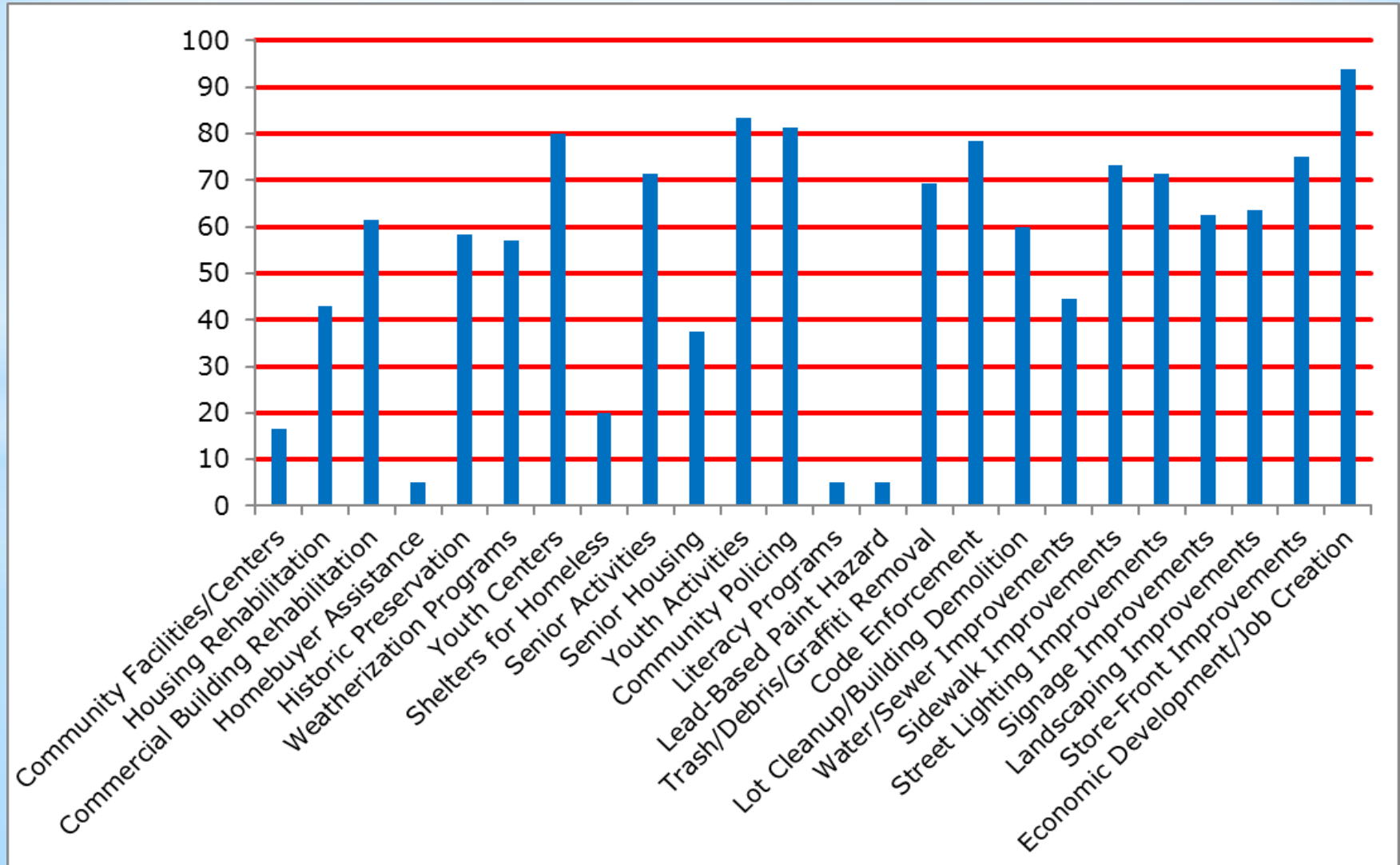
**Citizen and Public Service Organization  
Community Needs Assessment Survey  
Results**

# 2014-2015 CDBG Action Plan Community Needs Assessment Survey

- Surveys Available - May 5 through June 15, 2014  
(City Website, City Hall and via Mail and Email by Request)  
(Emailed to 23 local Public Service Agencies)
- Advertised in TC Palm and Hometown News
  - Citizen Responses 42
  - Public Service Agency Responses 9

# Citizen Survey

Please rate the level of need for the following in your neighborhood:



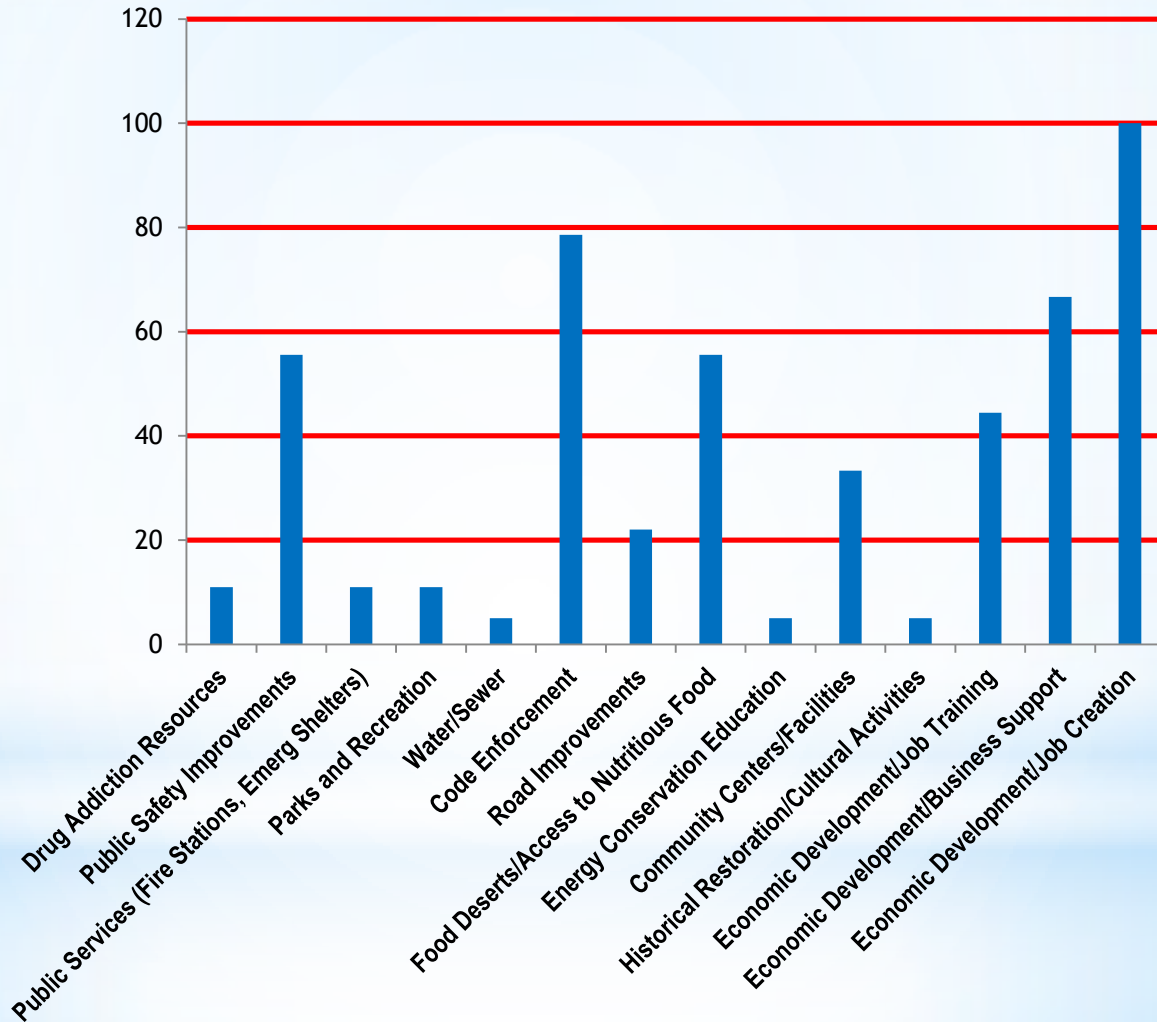
## Citizen Comments:

**How can the City improve services for you and/or your neighborhood? How would these improvements help you and/or make your neighborhood a more desirable place to live?**

- Stop the crime and violence please.
- Stop the crime.
- Help the police. Stop the violence.
- Please don't let our store fronts continue to deteriorate. Code enforcement!
- Revitalize our neighborhoods.
- Repair our streets and sidewalks and add lighting and landscapes.
- Improve our streets, lighting and sidewalks so people can get around easier.
- Remove gangs and violence will stop.
- Help senior citizens.
- Stop crime.
- Get rid of gangs.
- Help address crime and gangs.
- Improve Public Safety.
- Crime Prevention, home improvements, and pedestrian access improvements,
- Get someone with new ideas to help stop the violence. We keep doing what we have always done so the results remain the same.
- Our neighborhood is doing great. The city needs to focus WEST of the railroad tracks. The city also needs to review and streamline its departments and wait times for permits and inspections.
- Create bulb-outs at intersections to slow traffic and make residents more comfortable parking on the street so they stop blocking sidewalks with their cars.
- Stay out of the way. Privatize most of the business the city runs which is a drag on us but a revenue source for the scum in city hall.

# Supportive Service Organization Survey Responses:

What do you see as the prominent community development needs in Fort Pierce?



## **Public Service Organization Comments:**

**Use the space below to describe your ideas on ways we can work together to improve Fort Pierce.**

Provide supported housing for homeless individuals and families, job training and employment for individuals with disabilities, care for persons with disabilities in order for the family to stay employed.

# 2014-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

## CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Community Development Block Grant Program – Oct. 1, 2014 – Sept. 30, 2015

### Objectives, Projected Outcomes, Budget Overview:

1. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Provide salaries and fringe benefits for up to three (3) Code Enforcement officers to aid in the prevention of slum, blight and the promotion of safe, decent housing by inspecting properties to ensure at least minimum compliance with local codes. Total cost in PY2014-2015 CDBG funds - **\$100,000**
2. **COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS:** Allocate funds to the Lincoln Park and Fort Pierce Main Street Organizations to promote neighborhood and downtown revitalization, economic development, job creation, tourism and historic preservation. Total cost in PY2014-2015 CDBG funds - **\$100,000**
3. **MICRO BUSINESS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Provide a marketing/advertising and development campaign to increase the capacity and sustainability of micro-enterprises focused on tourism. Total cost in PY2014-2015 CDBG funds - **\$45,000**
4. **COMMERCIAL FACADE** – Allocate funds for matching grants to commercial property owners for façade improvements. Grants will be a 1:1 match, reimbursable, up to \$10,000. Applications will be scored by the Communitywide Council with final decision made by the City Commission. **\$52,162 (+ \$22,838-Rollover)**
5. **OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB ASSISTANCE:** Purchase paint, paint supplies and other materials needed for the World Changers organization to paint and repair homes of lower income citizens and therefore reduce the deteriorated housing stock in the City's older neighborhoods. **\$20,000 (Rollover)**
6. **INFRASTRUCTURE** – Allocate funds to improve/repair the infrastructure in lower-income neighborhoods, including, but not limited to: parkways, trees, traffic calming, parking, street and alley lighting, paving and improvements, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, signage, and landscaping. **\$100,000 (Rollover)**
7. **PUBLIC SERVICES:** Allocate funds via grants to nonprofit organizations that serve LMI citizens in the city. Grant applications will be scored by the Communitywide Council with final decision by the City Commission. Total cost in PY2014-2015 CDBG funds - **\$75,000**
8. **PROMOTION OF LOCAL ART AND CULTURAL HERITAGE:** Allocate funds to recognize, promote and celebrate Native and African American, Latino/Hispanic, Cuban and Haitian cultures throughout the city. Funds may be used as "match" for state and federal grant opportunities and to maintain and/or create new art and cultural heritage projects. Total cost in PY2014-2015 CDBG funds - **\$15,000**
9. **PUBLIC AMENITIES:** Allocate funds to resurface and improve the jogging/walking trail at Dan McCarty Middle School, which is freely used by citizens throughout Fort Pierce on a regular basis. Total cost in PY2014-2015 CDBG funds - **\$23,000**
10. **PUBLIC AMENITIES:** Allocate funds to cover the costs to purchase and install new playground equipment at a park located in a lower income neighborhood. **\$25,000 (Rollover) + \$2,121 (Re-allocate \$2,121, originally designated in the 2007 Action Plan to help cover the costs associated with lead based paint abatement and remediation to support this activity.**
11. **GRANT ADMINISTRATION:** Allocate funds to provide oversight, management, monitoring, fair housing compliance, and CDBG program coordination, budgeted at 20% of CDBG grant award. Total cost in PY2014-2015 CDBG funds - **\$100,540**

**2014-2015 FUNDS: \$510,702 ROLLOVER FUNDS: \$167,838 RE-ALLOCATED FUNDS: \$2,121 = \$680,661**