


COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2008-2011 HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES OBJECTIVES

Under each Objective are strategies, including policy statements found in the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan (the specific policy number is given in brackets, for example [HO-19]). The City's overarching policy which is applicable to all the objectives and strategies listed below is that all CDBG funds will be used for human service and housing assistance activities.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBJECTIVES
1. Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.
Strategies

- Work cooperatively with King County, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and other Eastside jurisdictions to assess the need for, and to create, affordable housing. [HO-22]
- Encourage preservation, maintenance and improvements to existing affordable housing. [HO-30]
- Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income residents for maintaining or repairing the health and safety features of their homes through the Housing Repair Program, or similar programs. [HO-7]

2. Provide a variety of appropriate housing options for individuals with special needs.
Strategies

- Encourage a variety of local incentives and support activities that help provide housing that is affordable and accommodates people with special needs. [HO-41]

3. Provide services and facilities to prevent homelessness and to address the needs of families and individuals when homelessness occurs.
Strategies

- Encourage and support social and health service organizations that offer programs and facilities for people with special needs, particularly those programs that address homelessness and help people remain in the community. [HO-38]
- Assist social service organizations in their efforts to obtain funds and to operate emergency and transitional housing in the community. [HO-39]

4. Support a broad mix of housing initiatives and programs designed to increase the supply of affordable housing and access to it.
Strategies

- Involve both public and private sectors in the provision of affordable housing. [HO-26]
- Provide incentives and work in partnership with not-for-profit and for-profit developers and agencies to build permanent low- and moderate-income housing. [HO-28]
- Ensure that all affordable housing created in the City with public funds or by regulation remains affordable for the longest possible term. [HO-35]

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- 5. Acquire, improve or repair public and non-profit facilities which benefit low- and moderate-income residents or remedy slum/blight conditions; improve access to public facilities for persons with disabilities by removal of architectural barriers.**

Strategies

- Support the development and operation of facilities housing human services agencies and, where appropriate, seek opportunities to achieve efficiencies through agency co-location and coordination. [HS-6]
- Encourage services to become accessible to all in the community by removing any barriers, including but not limited to architectural, cultural, language, communication or location. [HS-13]
- Evaluate existing parks and facilities, and renovate, where appropriate, to maximize efficient maintenance and operating practices, improve safety and accessibility for all users, and to reduce, where feasible, the impacts on adjacent properties. [PA-29]
- Support the city's capability to provide services to facilitate recovery and reconstruction in the event of a disaster. [CF-12]

- 6. Enhance quality of life for families and individuals by supporting health and human services which predominantly serve low- and moderate-income.**

Strategies

- Allocate funds and other resources for services that address the full spectrum of community needs and meet the City's funding criteria by requesting program proposals from community-based non-profit agencies providing direct services to low- and moderate-income residents. [HS-4]
- Encourage services that respect the diversity and dignity of individuals and families, and foster self-determination and self-sufficiency. [HS-11]

- 7. Assess community development needs and ensure compliance with applicable federal regulations.**

Strategies

- Anticipate human services needs and provide leadership in the development of community responses. [HS-1]
- Assess local human service needs and promote community awareness of needs and resources available to meet them. [HS-3]
- Maintain the City's role as a human services planner and facilitator for the community by continually engaging service providers and community organizations in dialogue regarding the functioning of the present service systems, the emerging needs of the community and the building of a complete system of services. [HS-5]

- 8. Increase employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents and help maintain or increase the economic viability of existing industrial and commercial areas.**

Strategies

- Encourage and promote employment opportunities for all residents, including youth. [ED-13]
- Facilitate efforts of businesses and institutions to train workers for the today's and tomorrow's jobs, and support continuing education in the community. [ED-10]
- Encourage services that support employees in maintaining or advancing their employment opportunities including, but not limited to, transportation and child care. [HS-16]

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan General Elements

HO = Housing

ED = Economic Development

CF = Capital Facilities

HS = Human Services

PA = Parks and Open Space & Recreation

The Comprehensive Plan is available online at www.bellevuewa.gov/comprehensive_plan.htm