

## **FIVE YEAR (2015-20) CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS**

The City's adopted 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan provides policy guidance for the administration of the City's HUD funded activities. The following is a brief summary of the HUD funded Goals as identified in the summary of the specific HUD funded activities that align with each of the Goals within the Consolidated Plan.

➤ **Goal One: Affordable Housing**

The Consolidated Plan's affordable housing goal will be addressed through:

- a) Expansion of the City's Neighborhood Conservation and Improvement Program (NCIP) to provide loans and grants to low and moderate income homeowners;
- b) Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) rental subsidies to up to 65 households and;
- c) Rental rehabilitation of at least 50 housing units occupied/ to be occupied by low income tenants.

➤ **Goal Two: Homelessness**

The City partners with the County of Santa Clara to provide case management services to the chronically homeless in the City of Santa Clara through the Care Coordination Project (CCP). The CCP operates under the leadership of the County's Office of Supportive Housing, which partners with public and private agencies in coordinating care for the county's most vulnerable, long-term homeless residents. The County provides case management on an ongoing basis for up to 20 homeless and chronically homeless individuals that are referred to the County by the City of Santa Clara Police Department's (SCPD) Nuisance Suppression Unit. The SCPD Nuisance Suppression Unit maintains a list of homeless and chronic homeless street people considered to be the City's most vulnerable to incidences of both personal and public safety and makes referrals to the County based on this list.

To further the goal of ending homelessness in Santa Clara, the City seeks to prevent homelessness through a partnership with the County's Homeless Prevention Program (HPP). This program is a countywide initiative in which several jurisdictions participate to provide eligible households with emergency assistance such as rent, security deposits, food, work related transportation, medical assistance, and utilities assistance in order to prevent homelessness.

➤ **Goal Three: Public Services**

The City supports the efforts of local non-profit organizations that provide basic needs to lower income households and special needs populations, including seniors, through Public Service Grant Agreements, which is the means for providing grants to Public Service Agencies. Typically, Public Service Agencies provide community assistance in the areas of family/adolescent counseling, senior nutrition, training for physically challenged individuals, provision of supplemental food, senior legal service, and assistance to victims of domestic violence through CDBG awards. Public services that explicitly address the homeless or those at risk of homelessness are included under Goal Two, which includes victims of domestic violence.

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### ➤ Goal Four: Fair Housing

The City promotes Fair Housing choice through funding informational and investigative services for tenants and landlords, including the City's Tenant-Landlord Mediation program administered by Project Sentinel. As part of a recent federal requirement, the City is working with other jurisdictions in the area to prepare an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Analysis. The City anticipates timely completion of the AFFH Analysis in compliance with HUD standards.

### ➤ Goal Five: Economic Development

Funds for economic development may be targeted to the low income census blocks of the El Camino Real Focus Area of the City's Housing Element and to low income jobs.

### ➤ Goal Six: Public Facilities

The City's emphasis on improving public facilities will be accomplished through accessibility improvements for persons with physical disabilities by identifying and repairing intersections for accessibility. The American Community Survey for 2011-2013 identified 7,933 disabled persons in the City of Santa Clara. Stakeholder input provided a series of outreach meetings conducted prior to adoption of the Consolidated Plan identified the following needs related to accessibility:

- a) Promoting complete streets to accommodate multiple transportation modes.
- b) Focusing on pedestrian safety by improving crosswalk visibility and enhancing sidewalks.
- c) Expanding ADA curb improvements.