

# Item 31-B ADDED BACKUP

## Updated back up for Agenda Item # 31 B Strategic Direction Recommendations for the PY2014-2019 CDBG Consolidated Plan

As CDBG staff started to enter the information into HUD's eConPlan system, staff noticed that the option to prioritize categories as high, medium or low has changed. The Tool only allows a designation of a high or low priority resulting in a few changes to the back up for Tuesday's item. Please see below for revised recommendations.

### Background & Summary

As a part of the Consolidated Plan, a strategic plan must be created which considers community needs in the following categories: Infrastructure, Housing, Community Services, Public Buildings & Facilities, Populations with Specialized Needs, and Business & Jobs. Each of these categories is evaluated as a high, ~~medium~~ or low priority, and these rankings help guide the program goals over the five year Consolidated Planning period. Categories ranked as high indicate areas of certain investment over the next five years, while categories ranked ~~medium-low~~ indicate areas of possible investment. ~~Categories ranked as low priorities indicate areas the County will not likely spend CDBG funding during the next five years.~~

### Staff Recommendations

Prioritization of Categories for the PY 2014 – 2018 Consolidated Plan	
Category	Priority
Infrastructure	High
Housing	High
Community Services	High
Populations with Specialized Needs / Services	<del>Medium</del> <u>High</u>
Public Facilities	<del>Medium</del> <u>Low</u>
Business & Jobs	<del>Medium</del> <u>Low</u>

Staff recommends changing Populations with Specialized Needs/Services to a high priority because the needs of the elderly and disabled households in the CDBG service area are anticipated to continue to grow. Furthermore, data indicates that elderly and disabled households, in particular, are in need of more directed services. Additionally, isolation and lack of public transit compound access to services for some specialized populations living at or below 30% of Median Family Income.

Staff recommends identifying Public Facilities and Business & Jobs as low priorities. This change is in name only as staff has the discretion to define what a high and low priority means to the jurisdiction. Please note in the background and summary edits above, we have kept the Medium priority definition and are now calling it Low Priority. This designation would not prevent CDBG funds to be spent in these two categories during the next five years.