

2019-20 CDBG FUNDED PROJECTS AND AAP SURVEY COMMENTS:

Are there any projects mentioned in this survey or ideas regarding where the City should focus their attention & funding to improve access to and provide more affordable housing?

1. *I think focusing on more affordable for younger/single people would be great. It would encourage people to spend and live in town as opposed to taking our business to ABQ.*
2. *low interest loans for rehab for low income homeowners, for ADU's, acquisition and rehab of existing apartment complexes.*
3. *more projects like siler - make aesthetics and pattern language part of the equation mixed use and live work.*
4. *Raise the Minimum annual income requirement.*
5. *What an interesting way to get input.*
6. *Stop spending so much money and the homeless. Housing should be going to the elderly and the low income families.*
7. *Santa Fe is costly to live in and the young generation move to where they can afford to live taking their hard earned dollars with them. if they can afford to live here they will stay and spend their money here keeping the GRT here in Santa Fe.*
8. *Make Santa Fe more attractive to land developers*
9. *I'm not sure this is answering the questions. How about attempting to increase house hold spendable income by lowering electric costs. Perhaps you could provide opportunities for all income and credit ranges to renewable energy like solar energy.*
10. *affordable housing developments for lower income purchasers*
11. *Infill development! Need more dense housing close to the core areas.*
12. *The challenge is that Santa Fe is not "affordable" anymore. Building "affordable" housing for people who can't afford to live in Santa Fe regardless of housing opportunity is a waste of resources. Also, actual affordable housing always comes up against stiff resistance from NIMBY's and maybe rightfully so because it does increase incidence crime. So first, we must make Santa Fe affordable again, but Santa Fe is in a Class war. I'm a middle class professional and I can hardly afford Santa Fe now. I've been here for most of my life and this was not the case 20-25 years ago.*
13. *concentrate support for lower middle income families*
14. *rental housing made more affordable by access to bus, bike trails, shared cars, along with solar provided and paid off on monthly bills*
15. *Financial assistance for credit rebuilding, lower home loan interest rates for low to moderate income families, cap on housing costs throughout Santa Fe.*
16. *Seniors and disabled are immobilized by lack of affordable and accessible housing in the city limits. Housing first before everything else is needed. it is becoming an emergency for everyone i know.*
17. *Mold mitigation, roof replacement and repair, first time home owning*
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19. *Southside housing assistance and repair.*
20. *Set aside City land for housing development. Partner with not punish developers
Increase allowed densities and relax zoning requirements. Fast track pilot project for tiny houses
for sale, rent and transitional housing. Keep the momentum moving forward.*
21. *The shelters need to completely change the security and image. they need to set boundaries
that have consequences for those who do not respect the area in and around the shelters or they
will always meet resistance and be denied funding*
22. *The city should provide shelters for victims of domestic violence*
23. *not just on the south side*
24. *I support home ownership and repair programs over rental projects because I think that home
ownership provides a longer term benefit to families and the community.*
25. *Assisting those that are willing to help themselves would benefit everyone not only those that
are considered to be in the lower tax bracket. I know many families that have requested
assistance but have been denied because of how much they make. (meaning over the
recommended according to guideline standards)*
26. *day care for single parents.*
27. *For the homeless programs, I feel that if there were experienced people providing case
management that little*
28. *by little our homelessness population would decrease. Also if money was used for subsidies for
rent that would be great!*
29. *Incentivize construction of affordable starter homes <200K. Lower caps on short term rentals
(fewer permits, and fewer rentals per year). The majority of people working in Santa Fe need to
be able to afford to live in Santa Fe. The town doesn't need more Airbnb's and vacation homes
for the super rich.*
30. *not all of us that need assistance with housing are low life drug addicts and lazy. I think we need
to help those in need with home ownership that is one of the most important goals people have,
is to own their own home. to be able and come home to their own home and be able to afford it.
so much emphasis is placed on bringing in out-of-towners, part-timers, what about our own
people? where can we afford to live? Then rental assistance and lastly parks and rec. we need to
have opportunities and projects that get our kids outside again and moving, being active. Get
their heads out of technology and social media and actually giving them opportunities to be
socially interactive human to human.*
31. *This doesn't involve funding. But the City of Santa Fe needs to reign in the abundance of short-
term rentals. Wealthy people and companies are buying up housing inventory for the sole
purpose of short-term rentals. This is limiting the supply of available housing which has
increased the cost of renting or buying a house in Santa Fe. Although this would have a small
impact I think that anytime the government (city, county, state, or federal) are involved in
developing or improving a housing development then the deeds of those homes should be
restricted in a way that the houses/apartments cannot ever be used for short-term rentals.*
32. *A new, larger and better Interfaith Shelter. Crowding is not conducive to helping the homeless.
They need to restore dignity and this requires a bit more privacy than is currently offered.*

33. *Sometimes big families need affordable housing too, families that won't fit in two or three bedroom options.*
34. *Provide residents with the tools and resources they need to stay and thrive in the face of the affordable housing crisis. Make those resources more transparent, consolidated, and easy to access. Work with local organizations to access audiences in new ways - we need bold, creative new forms of communication and connection around the issue.*
35. *Yes, we need to do more in identifying why approved projects are not moving forward. What vacant properties/land are available, and who can move forward on either rehabilitating or building on those vacant lands.*
36. *I wish there were other players besides Homewise. They are the only affordable that the city supports. I would like to have both Habitat and SF Community Housing equally supported*
37. *Homewise uses public funds to over burden and take partial ownership of homes of those that it "helps" Just because itsw a non progfit does not mean it is good.*
38. *The "City" should get out of the way and stop regulating construction that add extra costs and let me Market provide the answers as to the needs in our community
For way to long Homewise has helped line their own pockets in the guise of providing affordable housing and look were we are, if they were really being effective then we should not be talking about it still in the manner in which we do and it should be improving.
Find real answers and solutions--like Jobs and a diversified economy in Santa Fe and all types of homes, large and small as well as rentals and support to upgrade homes and intervention when individuals need help improving their homes or acquiring shelter, as well as challenges with life. That would make Santa Fe a Model City and a great place to live!*
39. *Donating city-owned land, offering subsidies to developers to build affordable housing, losing zoning restrictions to allow for tiny homes or more units per acre.*
40. *Government subsidized apartments. Lower taxes for local long term home owners. Funding for home improvements to keep elders in the home.*
41. *Affordable rentals downtown, South capitol,northside*
42. *There are many buildings that seem to be abandoned throughout the city, that would be good for housing. Also, mental health care is extremely important to help the homeless get on their feet. It helped me! Plus more rehabs! Mental health issues, addiction and homelessness are tied together.*
43. *It used to be affordable rentals, but conditions have become grave. Focus on emergency and transitional support and shelters for the elderly, children and women. Project not mentioned that is critical and relates to every other aspect of overall community health: community behavioral health services. Thank you!*
44. *I'd like to see more of our empty retail spaces being converted into affordable housing. 2nd wish would be for more new home ownership assistance. 3rd wish would be state setting aside more funding to build 500 housing units in 3 years.*
45. *I think tiny house communities for the homeless to give them dignity and get them on the road to working and eventually paying rent*
46. *This is a tricky domain, to be sure. There seems to be a growing homeless population, a large segment of Santa Fe at risk of being homeless, and a middle-class that is increasingly at risk of*

being displaced. We do not want to lose the people of Santa Fe due to affordability AND have people who are on the streets as it is. So finding means to provide assistance across the spectrum is crucial. There is a lot of talk about "affordable housing" but always we need to ask the question of "affordable for whom?" I am deeply grateful for the hard work your team is providing to Santa Fe. We can crack this nut together!

- 47. Im a single father. No way can i afford rent anywhere in the city. Cost of living to high. Rent too high. No way to stay where i work, live and am happy*
- 48. Homeless shelters*
- 49. I want to see homes occupied. Too many wealthy own homes they only visit. I have no accurate insight into the problems they have regarding this matter but it's really a challenge to the local population.*
- 50. There are many hard working teachers in this community that are not only underpaid, but are also unable to afford housing in our city and either commute or move to other communities. I am one of those teachers and I'm so frustrated that an apartment I rented at Los Pinones (just an example) four years ago for \$1200 a month is now \$1900 a month. This is a standard increase across all available rentals in town. This is two thirds of my salary. My salary is certainly NOT increasing at the same rate! I'm going to have to move or take on another job. This is so sad.*
- 51. Younger people living with older people for free/low rent in exchange for helping out*
- 52. A few years back i owned a small condo in las vegas nv. The city offered a break on taxes if landlords kept monthly rents below certain levels. Maybe Santa fe could look into such a program*
- 53. 1. City Council should approve the proposed ADU ordinance including on-street parking as part of the original ordinance. 2. CDBG funds should go toward establishing a low or no interest fund for low to moderate home owners to build ADUs on their property. 3. City should require a fee for owners of second homes, who don't live in Santa Fe full time, that would go toward affordable housing projects or the fund mentioned in item #2. 4. Anti-displacement policies should be implemented in the midtown area in concert with new development on the midtown campus.*
- 54. SF needs to clean up the streets and parks. There is graffiti, drug debris, and homeless people everywhere. Housing prices are a joke way over priced considering the state of the community.*
- 55. Remove the developer buyout for affordable housing. We need actual home built.*
- 56. Review and revise current ordinances which may inhibit affordable rentals in north and eastside neighborhoods. Target specific 1st time homeowner dollars for graduates of SFPS and NM higher ed programs.*
- 57. Increase housing in general, that will lower all housing prices. Affordable programs distort prices. Increase density. Reduce regulation. Resist existing homeowners from prohibiting new projects.*
- 58. Infill areas.*
- 59. Changing the ADU law to allow people to build more ADU's as well as laws that encourage long term rentals of them would be a great start. This is much preferred to the as it infills the housing market rather than creating sprawl. Also, for the parking issues related to this, maybe allow long term renters and homeowners a specific number of street parking permits so there is no worry about over parking.*
- 60. childhood help. daycare and food, senior services, mental health care*

61. *There is a group of lower middle class persons (single people mostly) who do not fall into the housing assistance guidelines but who cannot afford market rate rents in Santa Fe. Down payment assistance is great, but not enough. I would like to see some new apartment projects with public/private partnership to keep building costs lower and allow lower rents to locally employed persons as part of the tenant base. Not low income rents, but a tier of rents based on a % of Median Income and employment eligibility. We need to keep local workers living here, not in ABQ.*
62. *The current homeless and victims of bf/gf/child abuse need protection and a safe place to live where they are protected from their abusers.*
63. *Housing here in Santa Fe is ridiculous and too high. Many of us who were born and raised here are feeling the heat, and are looking to move. Our mayor does not care about Santa Feans! Invest money in affordable housing!*
64. *crisis intervention/ emergency temporary housing, for example: immigrants to be assisted that are coming from las cruces, nm...Is it possible to use public schools that have closed due to low enrollment*
65. *The City should use vacant City Owned land to build a few affordable homes. If more land is needed, the city could purchase parcels that are various areas around town to build affordable homes within or near other established neighborhoods. The homes would need to be built and would provide people with lower incomes a way to rent to own for people who can't make a down payment. It could be another route for them to make a home purchase. The City would be able to make that money back over a certain period of time.*
66. *No*
67. *Affordable Child Care*
68. *Transitional housing for homeless*
69. *Housing in the city is still segregated along racial and class line in stark defiance to the values with the city's stated values and objectives.*