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Input Requested for Community Needs Planning

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The City of Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department, in partnership with the Dubuque Community Development Advisory Commission, is seeking community input as part of a citywide planning effort to identify community needs.

Input received will be considered in the development of a five-year consolidated plan identifying how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and other federal funds should be spent in Dubuque over the next five years.

The CDBG program was established 40 years ago in August 1974 when seven individual competitive grant programs were merged into a flexible block grant to meet community development needs. The City of Dubuque receives approximately \$1.2 million each year in federal CDBG funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are used for eligible activities in the areas of housing, economic development, neighborhood and public services, public facilities, and planning/administration. Eligible recipients include city departments and non-profit agencies that deliver activities or services to Dubuque residents. Dubuque's housing and community development department is responsible for administering and coordinating activities related to the use of CDBG funds. Dubuque's community

development advisory commission receives public input and makes recommendations to the city council on the allocation of CDBG funds through the development of a five-year consolidated plan and an annual action plan.

Dubuque community members are encouraged to have a voice in how the City invests CDBG funds. Input is being accepted through a community needs survey, available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/cdbg. Paper copies of the survey will be available at the following locations through October 2014:

- Housing & Community Development Department, Suite 312, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. Sixth St.
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library Reference Desk, 360 W. 11th St.
- City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 50 W. 13th St.

The survey is designed to assist in identifying community needs and priorities, with an emphasis on public services, housing, and economic and community development.

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