

Town of Union 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment Survey

Welcome to the Town of Union Needs Assessment Survey...

In August of 2024, the Town of Union is required to submit a new five-year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The plan will cover federal fiscal years 2025 through 2029 and will identify the priorities for allocating funds to address needs in the town, including the villages of Endicott and Johnson City. The CDBG program allows the town to provide funding for many programs, services, and infrastructure improvements.

The Town of Union Department of Planning has been designated as the Lead Agency for the creation of the new plan. Creating an effective Consolidated Plan requires citizen and community input and the Planning Department is asking residents, non-profit organizations, and businesses to rate specific priorities as they relate to broad CDBG eligible activity categories.

Your input will help create a Townwide perspective of critical needs in the community and prioritize future funding.

The survey identifies a wide range of eligible CDBG Infrastructure, Public Facility, Public Service, Housing, and Economic Development activities and provides a more specific definition of each activity.

In addition to being an eligible activity, all funded activities must meet at least one of three National Objectives established for the CDBG program:

1. The activity must benefit low - and moderate - income persons;
2. The activity must prevent or eliminate slums or blight;
3. The activity must meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to much such needs.

Please answer as many, or as few, questions as you feel comfortable.

If you have specific questions about the CDBG program please send them via e-mail to: cdbg@townofunion.com

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your feedback is important.

Special thanks to the Dakota County (MN) Community Development Agency for design concepts for portions of this survey.

LET'S GET STARTED!

1. Which category best represents you?

- A Town of Union (including the Villages of Endicott and Johnson City) resident
- A non-Town of Union resident
- An advocacy group
- A non-profit service provider
- A faith based organization
- A housing organization
- An institution of higher learning
- A unit of local government
- An elected official
- A town/village employee
- A property manager/landlord
- A for profit developer
- A Town of Union business owner (including the villages of Endicott and Johnson City)

Other (please specify)

TELL US ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE OR OWN A BUSINESS!

2. Please identify the zip code of your residence or place of business?

- 13760 Outside of the Village of Endicott
- 13760 Within the incorporated Village of Endicott
- 13790 Outside the Village of Johnson City
- 13790 Within the incorporated Village of Johnson City

Other (please specify)

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LET'S TALK ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE!

Please rank the needs as High, Low, or No Need for your neighborhood. A ranking of **No Need** does not mean that there is not a need for this activity in the community, it means that you do not suggest that CDBG funds be utilized for that activity.

3. Public Infrastructure (See activity descriptions below)

	High	Low	No Need
Street Improvements	JJ	J	J
Sidewalk Improvements	J		J
Tree Planting	J	J	JJ
Fire Stations/Equipment	JJ	JJ	JJ
Asbestos Removal	J	J	JJ
Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	J	J	J
Flood Drainage Improvements	J	J	J
Water/Sewer improvements	JJ	JJ	J

Public Infrastructure (All activities must still meet a CDBG program National Objective)

Street Improvements: Installation or reconstruction of streets, storm drains, curbs and gutters, etc. May include the installation of trash receptacles, lighting, benches, and trees as part of the overall project.

Sidewalk Improvements: Improvements to sidewalks.

Tree Planting: Activities related to tree planting only (not part of an overall street reconstruction project).

Fire Stations/Equipment: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of fire stations and/or the purchase of fire trucks and emergency rescue equipment.

Asbestos Removal: Rehabilitation of any public facility undertaken primarily to remove asbestos.

Solid Waste Disposal Improvements: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of solid waste disposal facilities.

Flood Drainage Improvements: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of flood drainage facilities such as retention/detention ponds or catch basins.

Water/Sewer Improvements: Installation or replacement of water lines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and fire hydrants. Costs of street repairs (typically repaving) made necessary by water/sewer improvements are included.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT PUBLIC FACILITIES!

Please rank the needs as High, Low, or No Need for your neighborhood. A ranking of **No Need** does not mean that there is not a need for this activity in the community, it means that you do not suggest that CDBG funds be utilized for that activity.

4. Public Facilities (See activity descriptions below)

	High	Low	No Need
Senior Citizen Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Youth Centers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child Care Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handicapped Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeless Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks, Recreational Facilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities for Abused and Neglected Children	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Public Facilities (All activities must still meet a CDBG program National Objective)

Senior Citizen Centers: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities for seniors. Does not include permanent housing.

Youth Centers: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities for youths. May include playground and recreational facilities that are part of a youth center.

Child Care Centers: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities intended primarily for children aged 12 and under.

Handicapped Centers: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of centers, group homes, and other facilities for the handicapped. Does not include permanent housing.

Homeless Facilities: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of temporary shelters and transitional housing for the homeless, including but not limited to battered spouses, disaster victims, and runaway children.

Neighborhood Facilities: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities that are principally designed to serve a neighborhood and that will be used for social services or for multiple purposes (including recreation). Such facilities may include libraries and community centers

Parks, Recreational Facilities: Development of open space areas or facilities intended primarily for recreational use.

Health Facilities: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of physical or mental health facilities (i.e. neighborhood clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, and convalescent homes).

Facilities For Abused and Neglected Children: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of daycare centers, treatment facilities, or temporary housing for abused and neglected children.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICES

Please rank the needs as High, Low, or No Need for your neighborhood. A ranking of **No Need** does not mean that there is not a need for this activity in the community, it means that you do not suggest that CDBG funds be utilized for that activity.

5. Public Services (See activity descriptions below)

	High	Low	No Need
Senior Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child Care Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handicapped Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services for Battered and Abused Spouses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance Abuse Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services for Abused and Neglected Children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mental Health Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment Training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tenant/Landlord Counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing Counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food Banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Screening for Lead Poisoning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fair Housing Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Public Services (All activities must still meet a CDBG program National Objective)

Senior Citizen Services: Services for the elderly.

Youth Services: Services for young people typically aged 13-19. May include recreational and counseling programs.

Child Care Services: Services that will benefit children (generally under age 13), including parenting skills classes.

Handicapped Services: Services for the handicapped, regardless of age.

Legal Services: Services providing legal aid to low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons.

Transportation Services: General transportation services.

Substance Abuse Services: Substance abuse recovery programs and substance abuse prevention/education activities.

Services for Battered and Abused Spouses: Services for battered and abused spouses and their families.

Services for Abused and Neglected Children: Daycare and other services exclusively for abused and neglected children.

Mental Health Services: Services addressing the mental health needs of residents of the community.

Health Services: Services addressing the physical health needs of the community.

Employment Training: Assistance to increase self-sufficiency, including literacy, independent living skills, and job training.

Tenant/Landlord Counseling: Counseling to help prevent or settle disputes between tenants and landlords.

Housing Counseling: Housing counseling for renters, homeowners, and/or potential new homebuyers that is provided as an independent public service.

Food Banks: Costs associated with the operation of food banks, community kitchens, and food pantries such as staff costs, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and insurance.

Screening for Lead Poisoning: Activities undertaken primarily to provide screening for lead poisoning.

Fair Housing Activities: Fair housing services such as counseling on housing discrimination that meet a CDBG National Objective.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT RENTAL HOUSING!

Please rank the needs as High, Low, or No Need for your neighborhood. A ranking of **No Need** does not mean that there is not a need for this activity in the community, it means that you do not suggest that CDBG funds be utilized for that activity.

6. Rental Housing (See activity descriptions below)

	High	Low	No Need
Acquisition	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Construction of Affordable Rental Housing (General)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental Housing for Elderly	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental Housing for the Disabled	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental Housing for Single Persons	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental Housing for Small Families (2-4 persons)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental Housing for Large Families (5 or more persons)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental Assistance (Short Term, less than 3 months)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental Assistance (Long Term, more than 3 months)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Security Deposits	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Multi-Unit Rehabilitation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Energy Efficiency Improvements	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lead Based Paint Testing/Abatement	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Residential Historic Preservation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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Rental Housing (All activities must still meet a CDBG program National Objective)

Acquisition: Acquisition of real property for the development of rental housing.

Construction of Affordable Rental Housing: Hard and soft costs associated with construction of new rental housing.

Rental Housing for Elderly: Rental housing built and operated primarily for persons aged 62 or older.

Rental Housing for the Disabled: Rental housing built and operated primarily for persons having a physical or cognitive disability.

Rental Housing for Single Persons: Rental housing designed for single person households, without age or impairment restrictions.

Rental Housing for Small Families (2-4): Rental housing designed for small families consisting of 2-4 persons without age or impairment restrictions.

Rental Housing for Large Families (5+): Rental housing designed for large families consisting of 5 or more persons without age or impairment restrictions.

Rental Assistance Short-Term: One-time or short-term (no more than 3 months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness. Examples include utility payments to prevent shutoff of service and rent payments to prevent eviction.

Rental Assistance Long-Term: Tenant subsidies exclusively for rental payments for more than three months.

Security Deposits: Tenant subsidies exclusively for payment of security deposits.

Multi-Unit Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation of privately owned buildings with two or more permanent residential units.

Energy Efficiency Improvements: Housing rehabilitation with the sole purpose of improving energy efficiency.

Lead Based Paint Testing/Abatement: Housing rehabilitation activities with the primary goal of evaluating and reducing lead-based paint/lead hazards.

Residential Historic Preservation: Rehabilitation of historic buildings for residential use.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING!

Please rank the needs as High, Low, or No Need for your neighborhood. A ranking of **No Need** does not mean that there is not a need for this activity in the community, it means that you do not suggest that CDBG funds be utilized for that activity.

7. Owner- Occupied Housing (See activity descriptions below)

	High	Low	No Need
Acquisition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Construction of Affordable Owner-Occupied Housing (General)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Single-Unit Rehabilitation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy Efficiency Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lead Based Paint Testing/Abatement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Payment Assistance (Short Term, less than 3 months)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeowner Assistance (Down payment/Closing Costs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Owner-Occupied Housing (All activities must still meet a CDBG program National Objective)

Acquisition: Acquisition of real property for the development of owner-occupied housing.

Construction of Affordable Owner-Occupied Housing: Hard and soft costs associated with construction of new rental housing.

Single-Unit Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation of privately owned, single-unit homes.

Energy Efficiency Improvements: Housing rehabilitation with the sole purpose of improving energy efficiency.

Lead Based Paint Testing/Abatement: Housing rehabilitation activities with the primary goal of evaluating and reducing lead-based paint/lead hazards.

Payment Assistance Short-Term: One-time or short-term (no more than 3 months) emergency mortgage payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing foreclosure.

Homeownership Assistance: Closing cost or downpayment assistance for first-time home buyers.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS!

Please rank the needs as High, Low, or No Need for your neighborhood. A ranking of **No Need** does not mean that there is not a need for this activity in the community, it means that you do not suggest that CDBG funds be utilized for that activity.

8. Homelessness (See activity descriptions below)

	High	Low	No Need
Operation/Maintenance of Existing Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Shelters for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Shelters for Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Shelters for Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Shelters for Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supportive Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Placement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Case Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Skills Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Training for the Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance Abuse Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Homeless Assistance (All activities must still meet a CDBG program National Objective)

Operation/Maintenance of Existing Facilities: Costs of maintaining and operating an emergency shelter.

Emergency Shelters for Families: Rehabilitation, conversion, or new construction of an emergency shelter facility to serve families experiencing homelessness.

Emergency Shelters for Men: Rehabilitation, conversion, or new construction of an emergency shelter facility to serve men experiencing homelessness.

Emergency Shelters for Women: Rehabilitation, conversion, or new construction of an emergency shelter facility to serve women experiencing homelessness.

Emergency Shelters for Youth: Rehabilitation, conversion, or new construction of an emergency shelter facility to serve unaccompanied youth under age 25 experiencing homelessness.

Street Outreach: Activities to meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services.

Supportive Housing: Acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing combined with services.

Housing Placement: Services to assist households in locating, obtaining, and retaining suitable permanent housing.

Case Management: Individualized services to facilitate housing stability.

Rental Assistance: Tenant subsidies exclusively for rental payments.

Life Skills Training: Costs of teaching critical life management skills.

Job training for the Homeless: Employment assistance and job training costs.

Substance Abuse Treatment: Services to prevent, reduce, eliminate, or deter relapse of substance abuse or addictive behaviors provided by licensed professionals.

