



Charlotte County

2026 – 2030 Consolidated Plan Overview

June 23, 2026



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Consolidated Plan: Major Components & Allocation

Five Major Components

1. Community Needs Assessment
2. Housing Market Analysis
3. 5-Year Strategic Plan
4. Annual Action Plan
5. Citizen Participation

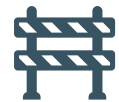
HUD 2026 Fund Allocation

Source	Amount
CDBG	\$1,022,073



HUD Programs – Eligible Activities

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)



Public Improvements



Public Facilities



Rehabilitation



Economic Development



Acquisition



Public Services

Citizen Participation and Consultations

Public Comment Review Period	The draft 2026-2030 ConPlan and PY 2026 AAP will be available for public review and comment from June 24, 2026 through July 23, 2026 . Written comments may be submitted by email to CDBG@charlottecountyfl.gov .
Public Hearings	<p>Charlotte County held a public hearing on April 22, 2026, to gather input during development of the plan. The public hearing was held at 6:00 PM at the Charlotte County Human Services Department, 21 500 Gibraltar Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33952.</p> <p>A second public hearing is being held today, June 23, 2026, at 9:00 AM during the Board of County Commissioners meeting to review the draft plan and receive comments.</p>
Stakeholder & Nonprofit Input	Development of the plan was also informed by community and stakeholder surveys, a nonprofit stakeholder meeting, County department consultations, and coordination with the PHA, CoC, Gulf Coast Partnership, City of Punta Gorda, and service providers.

Community Survey Overview

#1 Issue: Affordable Housing

- New Affordable Rental or Homeownership Housing
- Rehab of Owner-Occupied Housing
- Down Payment Assistance

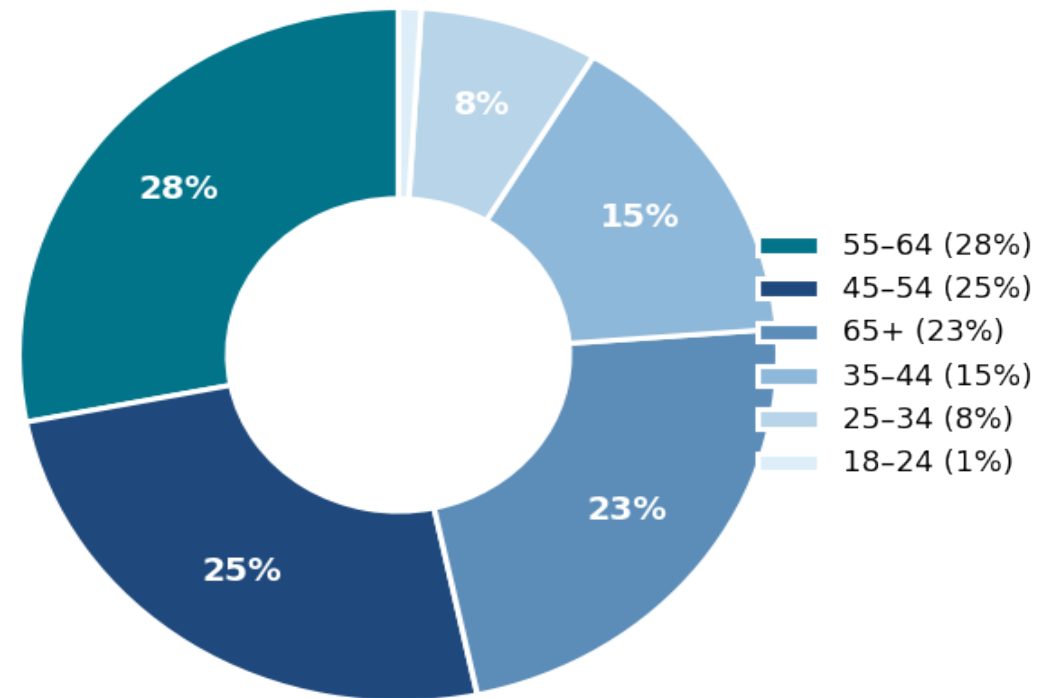
212 Total Responses

- Income ranges across spectrum
- Countywide demographics
- Some responders did not complete

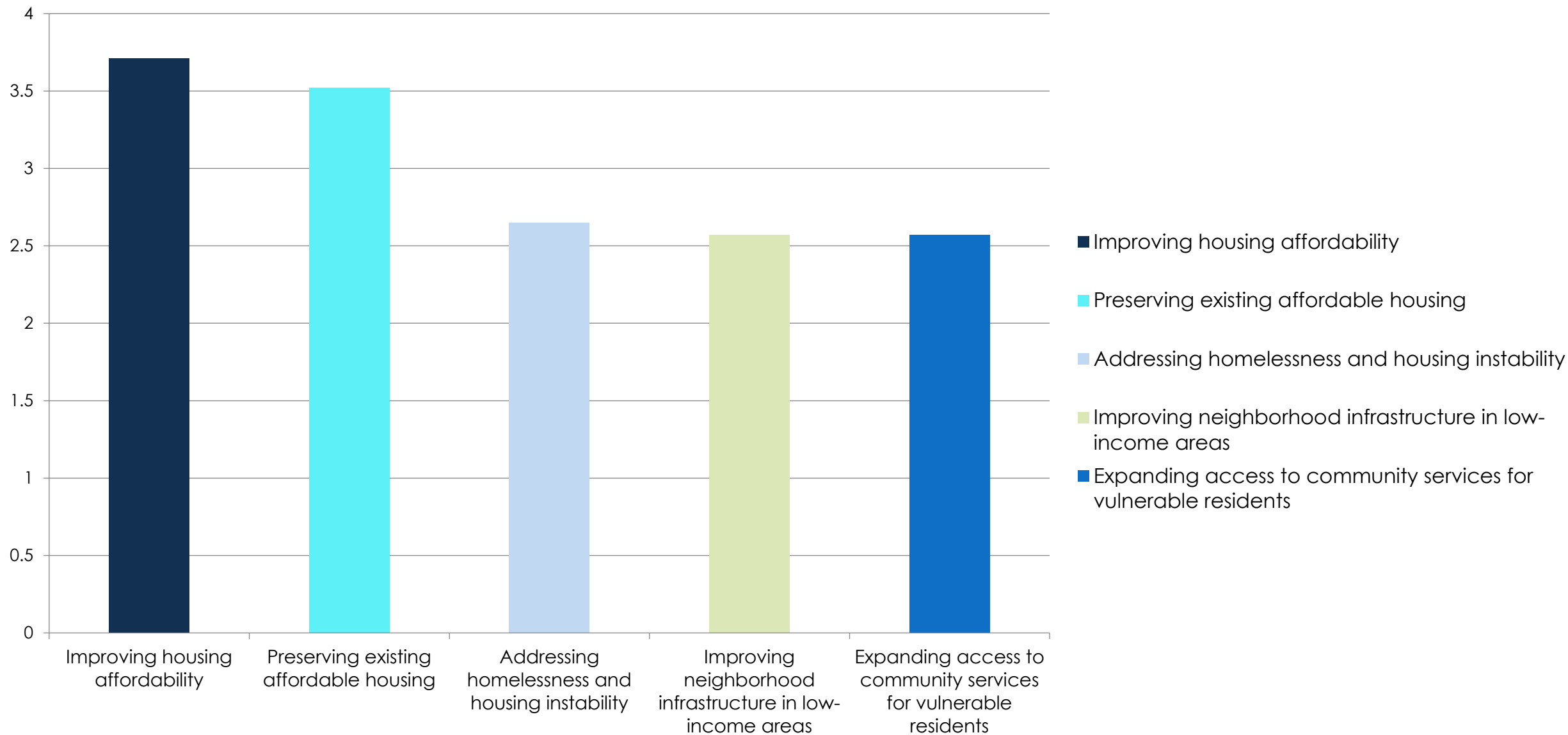
Overlapping themes of need

- Infrastructure, economy and public services also noted. Multiple needs beyond the CDBG program allocation can fully address

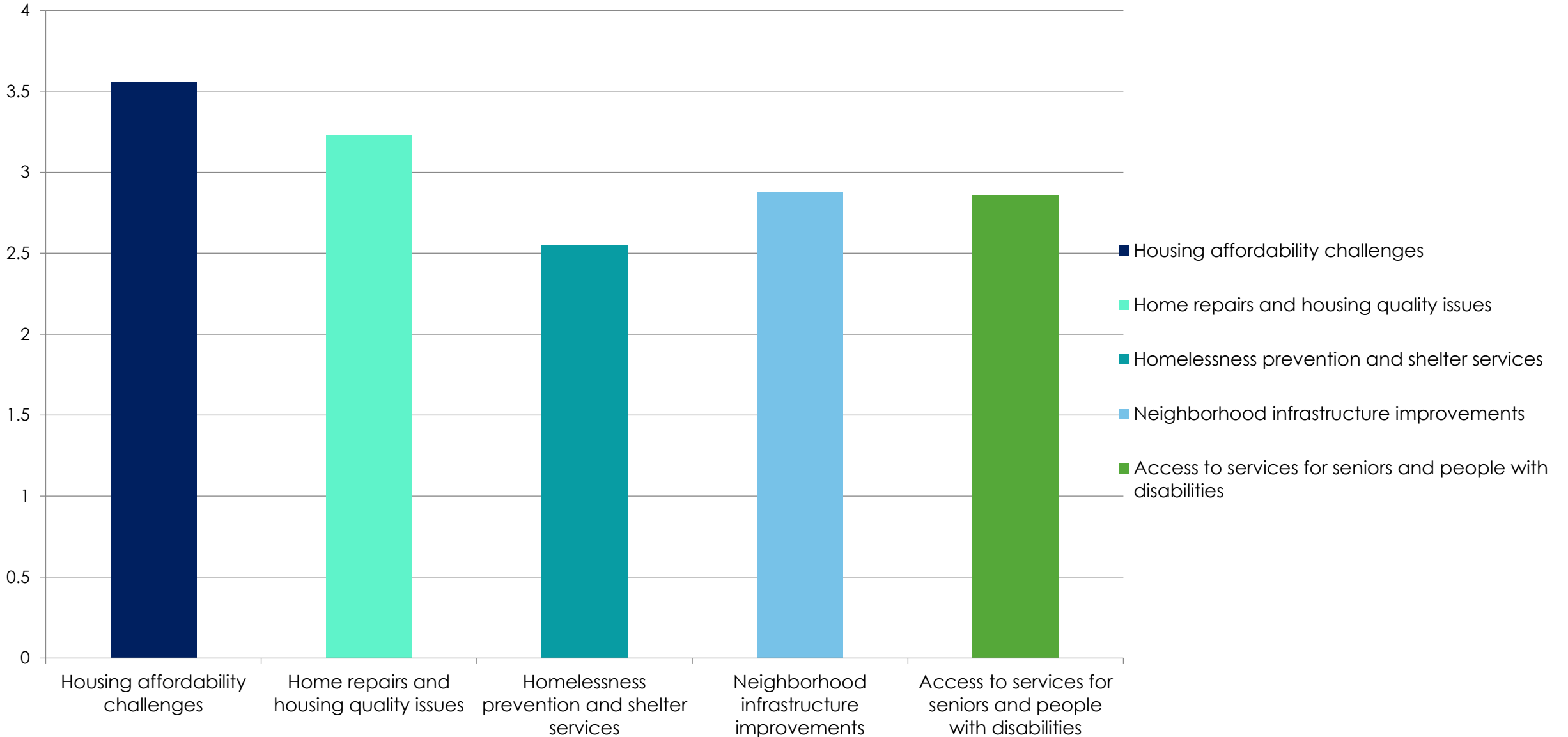
Respondent Age Profile



Community Input – Prioritizing Community Needs

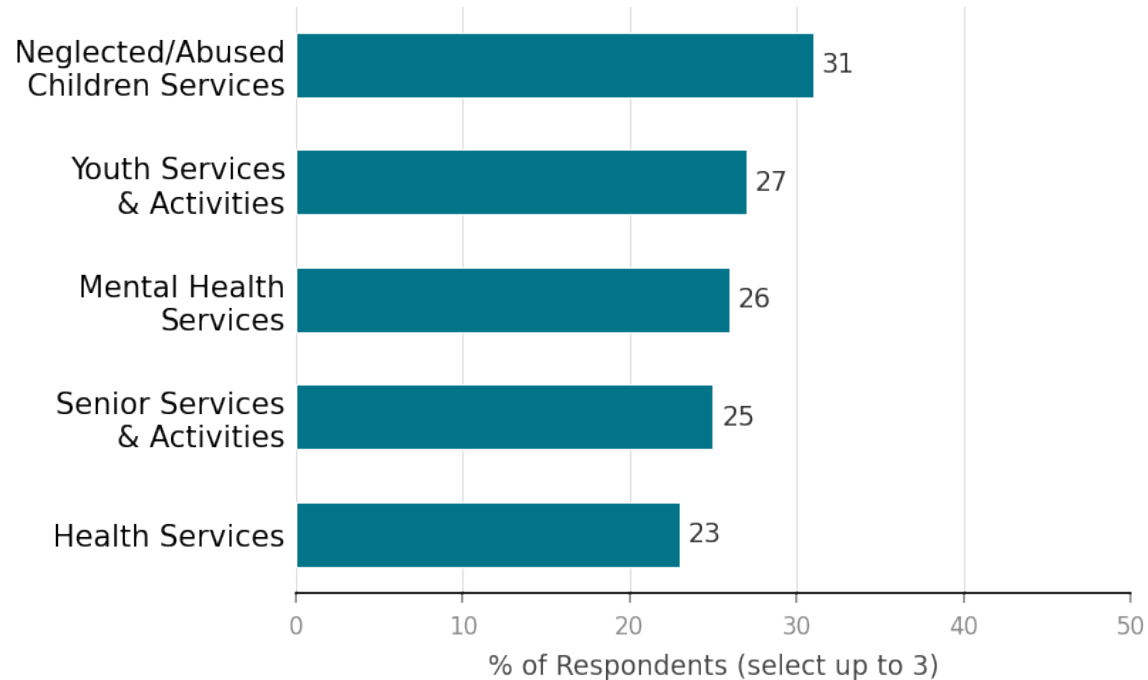


Ranking Allocation for Residents' Needs



Community Survey – Public Services Priorities and Comment Summary

Top-Ranked Public Services

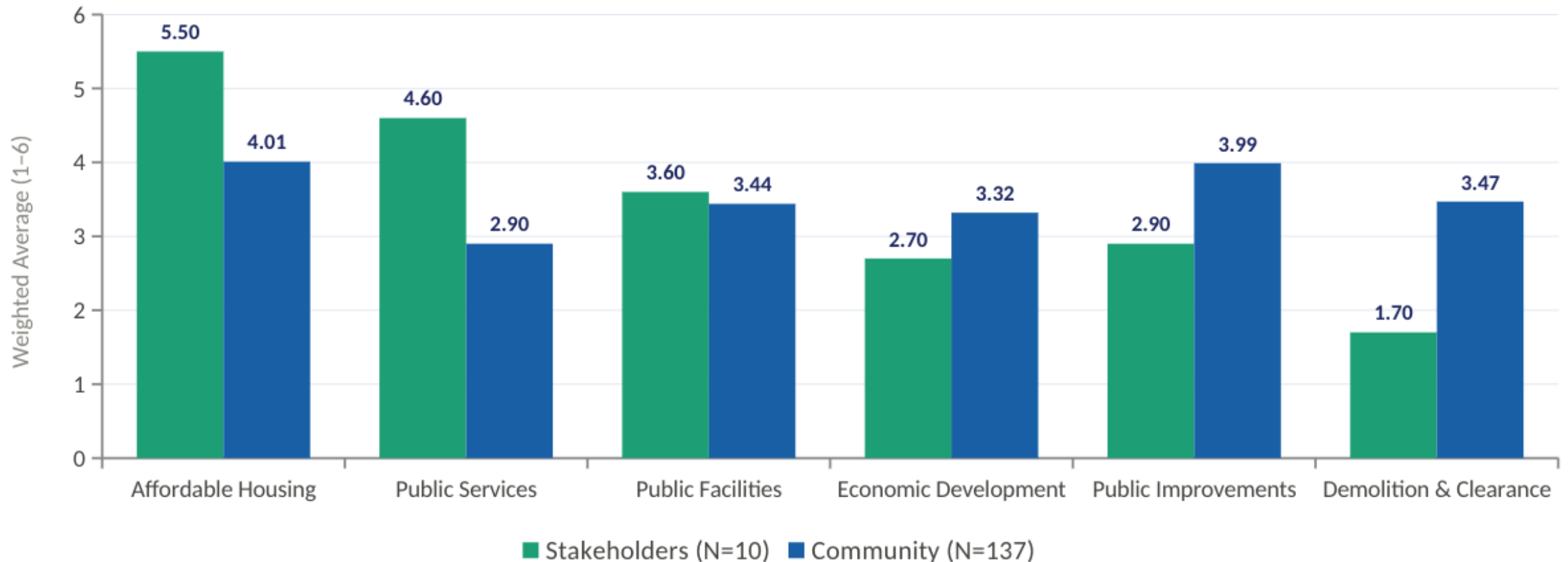


Summary of Comments

- Many respondents emphasized housing affordability, affordable rentals, affordable homeownership, and rehabilitation of existing housing.
- Infrastructure comments frequently mentioned stormwater management, drainage, sidewalks, roads, flood mitigation, and water/sewer concerns.
- Several respondents raised concerns about overdevelopment, preservation of green space, natural resources, and impacts to existing neighborhoods.
- Other recurring comments referenced public transportation, senior services, parks and recreation, healthcare access, childcare, disaster preparedness, and community facilities.

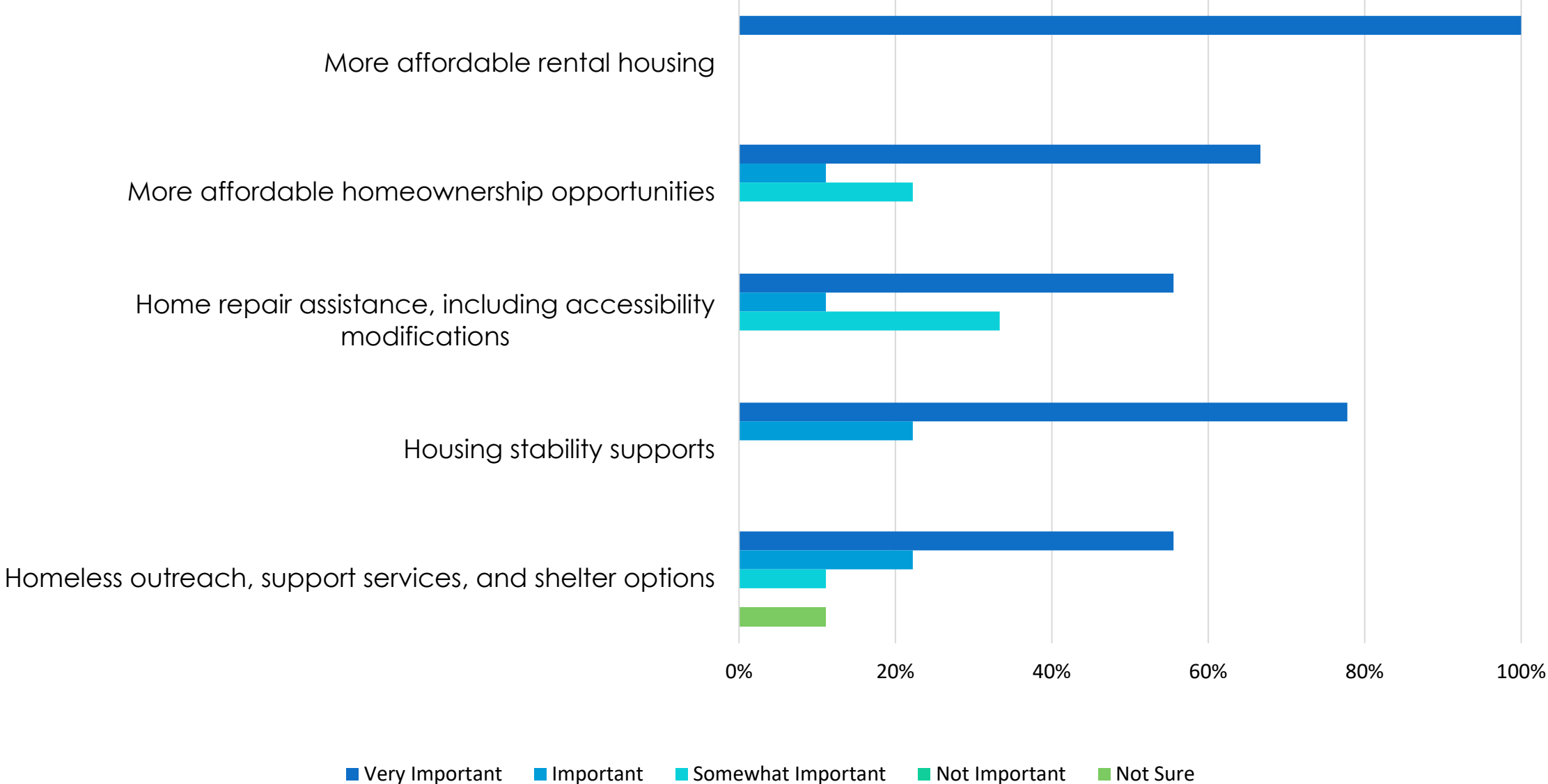
Stakeholder Input – Community Priority Rankings

Community Priority Rankings: Stakeholders vs. Community Survey

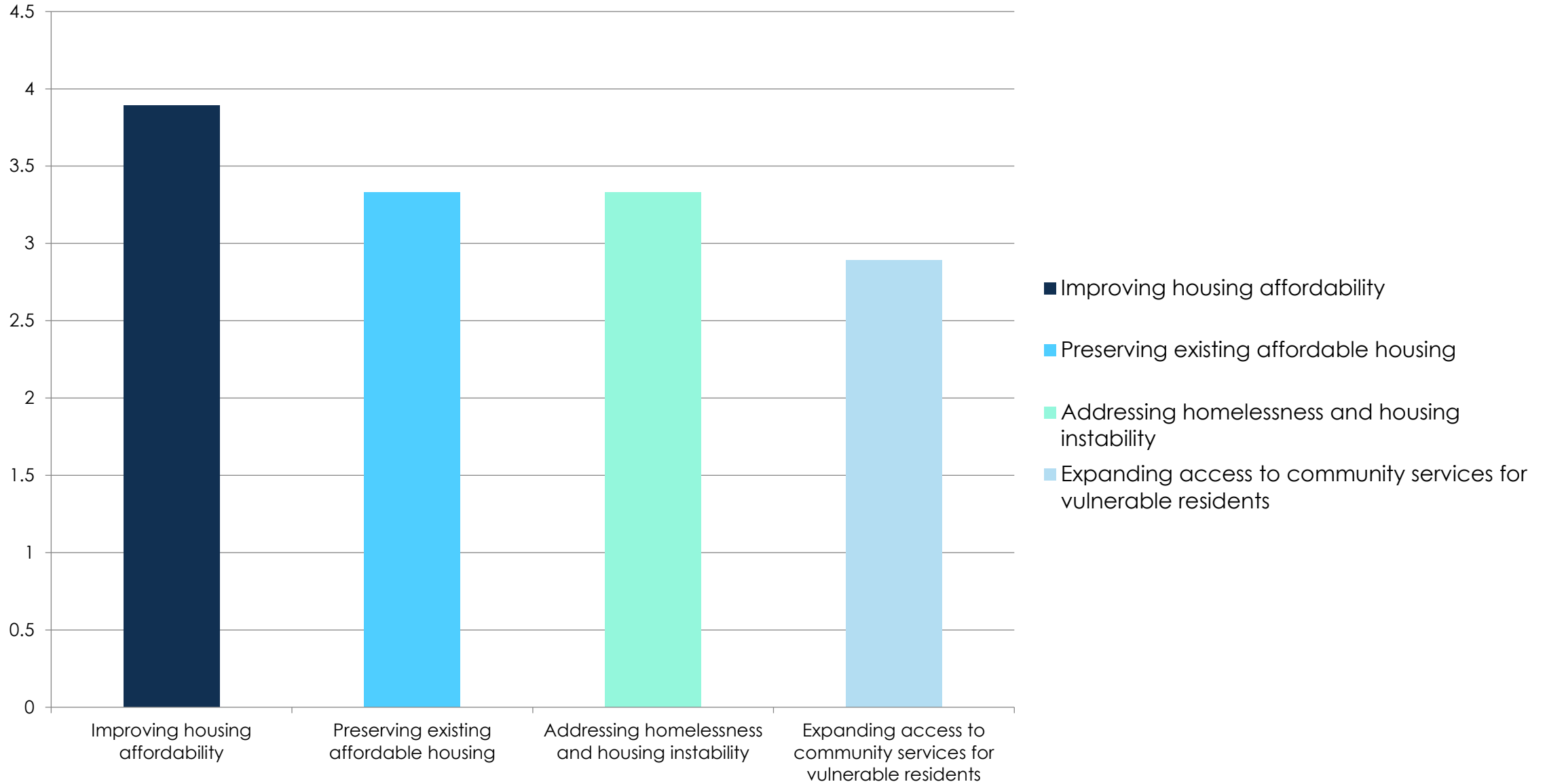


Key Finding: Both stakeholders (N=10) and community respondents (N=137) ranked Affordable Housing as the top priority. Stakeholders gave significantly higher weight to Public Services (4.6 vs. 2.9), while community respondents ranked Public Improvements (3.99 vs. 2.9) and Demolition & Clearance (3.47 vs. 1.7) notably higher than stakeholders.

Stakeholder Input – Ranking Housing and Homelessness Needs



Stakeholder Input – Prioritizing Needs



Stakeholder Consultations – Key Themes from In-Person Meetings

Housing & Homelessness

- Affordability issues seen countywide.
- Senior housing and workforce housing identified as primary gaps
- Elderly displacement driven by rising taxes, insurance, and service costs
- 150+ affordable units lost to Hurricane Milton; rental market pricing out seniors
- Punta Gorda HA: 600+ on wait lists; waitlists recently purged and still years-long
- St. Vincent de Paul shelter operating in deficit; staffing reduced
- CoC: Functional zero for chronic homelessness (2017) and veterans (2020)

Transportation & Accessibility

- Seniors and disabled residents isolated; walking to bus stops unsafe in heat
- Curb-to-curb transportation identified as critical need
- Potential pilot: micro-transit hubs in smaller LMI pocket areas
- Sidewalk improvements, ADA audio/visual crosswalk signals needed countywide
- Senior Friendship Centers: integrated mobility + access system as top priority

Infrastructure & Resilience

- Sewer tie-in program: \$20K/household assessments; affordability concern for LMI
- City of Punta Gorda: CDBG for clearance and site prep for Habitat builds
- Emergency Mgmt: hurricane readiness kits and preparedness workshops for LMI
- ADA accessibility study for county park assets underway
- Conservation Charlotte Renewal: land acquisition for green/stormwater spaces
- Existing CDBG-DR, CDBG-MIT, and FEMA funds partially address recovery needs

Services & Economic Opportunity

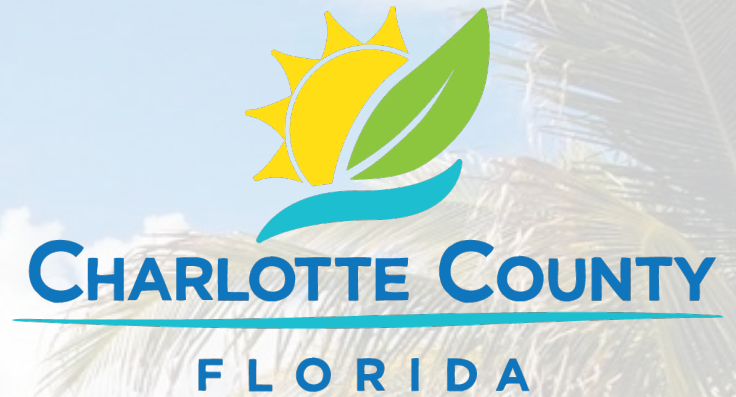
- Mental health services & substance use treatment cited by behavioral health orgs
- Homeless prevention (rent, utilities, food) is primary need per Human Services staff
- Affordable childcare and youth services noted in nonprofit stakeholder meeting
- Workforce development programming requested by City of Punta Gorda
- Section 3 / Family Self Sufficiency opportunities with Punta Gorda HA
- Public-private partnerships recommended to leverage limited CDBG resources

2026-2030 ConPlan – Priority Needs & Goals

Priority Needs	Goals
Affordable Housing	1A Housing Acquisition & Redevelopment 1B Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab
Public Facilities & Infrastructure	2A ADA Accessibility Improvements 2B Expand Public Infrastructure Access 2C Improve Access to Public Facilities
Public Services	3A Increase Access to Social Services 3B Expand Homeless Services
CDBG Administration & Planning	4A Effective Program Management

2026 Action Plan Projects – CDBG

Project Name	Funding
CDBG Program Administration (20%)	\$204,414
CDBG Public Services (15%)	\$153,310
CDBG Housing Programs (65%)	\$664,349
TOTAL 2026 Program Year Funds	\$1,022,073



Next Steps

- **Public Hearing – Today June 23, 2026**
- **30-day Comment Period (June 24 – July 23, 2026)**
- **HUD submission (August 15, 2026)**
- **Program year start date (October 1, 2026)**

Charlotte County CDBG Program

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Questions and Discussion?

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