



## Community Needs Survey

Thank you for sharing your priorities on how our region should invest millions of federal dollars on a wide range of activities that promote decent housing, viable communities, and economic opportunities!

Kent County, the City of Grand Rapids and the City of Wyoming are working together to develop a Regional Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan for the next 5 years. Your participation in this short survey will help your city and county officials better understand the types of services that are needed in **your** community. It should only take about 10 minutes of your time – we value your input and thank you for your participation!

**Please mail or drop off the completed survey by Friday, September 4, 2015 to the community in which you live:**

- City of Wyoming: Community Development, 1155 28<sup>th</sup> St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
- Kent County: 82 Ionia, Suite 309, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- City of Grand Rapids: 300 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 460, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

If you have a disability and need help completing this survey, please contact the Community Development Department for the community in which you live:

- City of Wyoming: (616) 530-7285
- Kent County: (616) 456-3677
- City of Grand Rapids: (616) 632-7400

1. Please select where you live:

- ☐ City of Wyoming
- ☐ City of Grand Rapids
- ☐ Kent County but not Wyoming or Grand Rapids

2. Based upon your answer to Question 1 above, please answer Questions a, b, c depending upon where you live:

a. If you live in the City of Wyoming, please select your school district:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> NA             | <input type="radio"/> Grandville    |
| <input type="radio"/> Byron Center   | <input type="radio"/> Kelloggsville |
| <input type="radio"/> Godfrey-Lee    | <input type="radio"/> Kentwood      |
| <input type="radio"/> Godwin Heights | <input type="radio"/> Wyoming       |

b. If you live in the City of Grand Rapids, please select your neighborhood:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> NA              | <input type="radio"/> John Ball Park                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Alger Heights   | <input type="radio"/> Madison Area                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Auburn Hills    | <input type="radio"/> Michigan Oaks                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Baxter          | <input type="radio"/> Midtown                          |
| <input type="radio"/> Belknap Lookout | <input type="radio"/> Millbrook                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Black Hills     | <input type="radio"/> North East Citizen Action        |
| <input type="radio"/> Cherry Run      | <input type="radio"/> Oakdale                          |
| <input type="radio"/> Creston         | <input type="radio"/> Ottawa Hills                     |
| <input type="radio"/> East Hills      | <input type="radio"/> Ridgemoor                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Eastgate        | <input type="radio"/> Roosevelt Park                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Easttown        | <input type="radio"/> South East Community Association |
| <input type="radio"/> Fuller Avenue   | <input type="radio"/> South East End                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Fulton Heights  | <input type="radio"/> South Hill                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Garfield Park   | <input type="radio"/> South West Area Neighbors        |
| <input type="radio"/> Heartside       | <input type="radio"/> West Grand                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Heritage Hill   | <input type="radio"/> Westside Connection              |
| <input type="radio"/> Highland Park   |  |

c. If you live in another Kent County municipality besides Wyoming or Grand Rapids, please select your township, village or city from the list below:

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| <input type="radio"/> NA                            | <input type="radio"/> Grattan Township                                       |
| <input type="radio"/> City of East Grand Rapids     | <input type="radio"/> Lowell Charter Township                                |
| <input type="radio"/> City of Kentwood              | <input type="radio"/> Nelson Township  |
| <input type="radio"/> City of Cedar Springs         | <input type="radio"/> Oakfield Township                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> City of Grandville            | <input type="radio"/> Plainfield Charter Township                            |
| <input type="radio"/> City of Lowell                | <input type="radio"/> Solon Township   |
| <input type="radio"/> City of Rockford              | <input type="radio"/> Sparta Township  |
| <input type="radio"/> City of Walker                | <input type="radio"/> Spencer  |
| <input type="radio"/> Ada Township                  | <input type="radio"/> Tyrone Township  |
| <input type="radio"/> Algoma Township               | <input type="radio"/> Vergennes Township                                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Alpine Township               | <input type="radio"/> Byron Township   |
| <input type="radio"/> Bowne Township                | <input type="radio"/> Gaines Charter Township (Division & 60 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| <input type="radio"/> Caledonia Charter Township    | <input type="radio"/> Village Caledonia                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Cannon Township               | <input type="radio"/> Casnovia Village                                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Cascade Charter Township      | <input type="radio"/> Village Kent City                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Courtland Township            | <input type="radio"/> Village of Sand Lake                                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Grand Rapids Charter Township | <input type="radio"/> Sparta Village   |

## Community Needs Assessment

Please answer each of the following questions based upon the community in which you live:

- a. For City of Wyoming - Community refers to the City as a whole
- a. For City of Grand Rapids - Community refers the neighborhood in which you live
- b. For Kent County - Community refers to the township, village or city in which you live

1. Do you believe the condition of the public streets, sidewalks, and facilities in your community is:

- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Improving
- ☐ Declining

2. Do you believe the condition or maintenance of housing in your community is:

- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Improving
- ☐ Declining

3. Do you believe abandoned or foreclosed properties are a significant issue in your community?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

4. Do you feel safe in your immediate community?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

5. Do you believe housing costs are affordable where you live?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Sure

6. Is adequate transportation available for you to get to/from work, shopping and services?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Sure

7. Please rank the level of need for the following types of Public Services in your community:

Service	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion
Child Care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crime Prevention Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Domestic Violence Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeless/Housing Crisis Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job Training/Readiness Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medical/Mental Health Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Citizen Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services for Persons with Disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tenant/Landlord Counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veterans Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Please rank the level of need for the following types of Neighborhood Services in your community:

Service	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion
Code Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Demolition of Abandoned Buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood Organizing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Please rank the level of need for the following types of services needed in your community:

Service	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion
Disability Accessibility Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fair Housing Education/Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homebuyer Education/Financial Literacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation/Repair	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance/Closing Costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lead-based Paint Testing/Abatement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental Housing Rehabilitation/Repair	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental Housing for People who are Homeless	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Service	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion
Rental Housing for People with Disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental Housing for Seniors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental Payment Assistance/Vouchers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weatherization/Energy Efficiency Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Please rank the level of need for the following types of Public Infrastructure in your community:

Infrastructure Type	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion
Access to Curb Cuts and Sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional Parks and Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to Existing Parks/Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalk Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street Lighting Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street Tree Plantings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Please rank the level of need for the following types of Economic Development Services in your community:

Service	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion
Commercial Rehabilitation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment Training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small Business Loans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small Business Technical Assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Respondent Profile

1. What is your gender?
  - ☐ Male
  - ☐ Female
2. Please provide your race (check all that apply):
  - ☐ Caucasian
  - ☐ Black or African American
  - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
  - ☐ Asian
  - ☐ Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
  - ☐ Other
3. Please provide your ethnicity:
  - ☐ Hispanic or Latino
  - ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
4. Please describe your household (check all that apply):
  - ☐ Single person
  - ☐ Small household (2-4 people)
  - ☐ Large household (more than 4 people)
  - ☐ Single parent
  - ☐ Household with children under 6 years of age
  - ☐ Elderly household with at least one person between the ages of 62 and 74
  - ☐ Elderly household with at least one person age 75 or older
5. Please provide your employment status:
  - ☐ Employed full-time
  - ☐ Employed part-time
  - ☐ Self-employed
  - ☐ Disabled, not able to work
  - ☐ Work in home (caregiver, homemaker)
  - ☐ Student
  - ☐ Retired
  - ☐ Not employed, looking for work
  - ☐ Not employed, NOT looking for work

6. If you work in Kent County, please select where you work:

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| <input type="radio"/> NA                         | <input type="radio"/> Grand Rapids Charter Township                          |
| <input type="radio"/> City of Grand Rapids       | <input type="radio"/> Grattan Township                                       |
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7. What category does your total household income fall (include income from all sources)?

- ☐ Less than \$10,000
- ☐ \$10,000 - \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,001 - \$35,000
- ☐ \$35,001 - \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,001 - \$75,000
- ☐ \$75,001 - \$100,000
- ☐ More than \$100,000

8. Please provide your housing status (check all that apply)

- ☐ Rent
- ☐ Own home
- ☐ Homeless
- ☐ Living doubled up/with friends, family
- ☐ Have another person/family living in my home
- ☐ Receive a housing subsidy
- ☐ Have difficulty making monthly housing expenses
- ☐ Have been late on rent or mortgage payments at least twice in the past six months