
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

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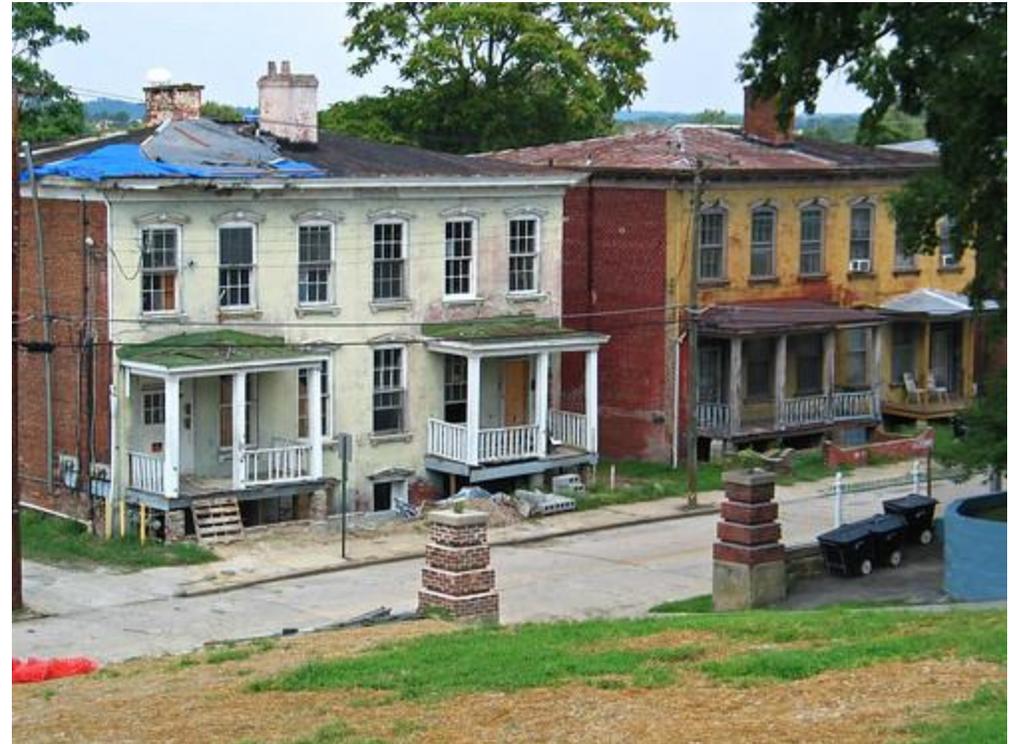
Presentation to City Council

Date: April 01, 2025



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CDBG ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

- The CDBG Advisory Board reported to City Council in October of 2024
 - Available CDBG COVID CARES Act funds averaged \$264K
 - \$132K was awarded to support critical home repair
 - The Board listened to public comments and understands the concern to address homelessness. HUD also mandates addressing the issue.
 - The PCD Director, CDBG Admin and Advisory Board Chair have conversed with various stakeholders, including (but not limited to) Pat Hines of the HUB, HSLS, and DSS
 - Information was shared with the CDBG Advisory Board on 2/12. On 2/28 the CDBG Advisory Board voted on a plan of action.
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UPDATE CONTINUED

HUD is requiring this City to address the unsheltered concern, as per Petersburg's 2020 to 2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan which indicated that homelessness is an area that will be remediated. On February 6 of 2024, at a Council meeting, citizens also requested that the city address the issue of the unhoused.

REQUEST

The CDBG Advisory Board requests support for the City of Petersburg Virginia Department of Social Services to address Homelessness Prevention & Remediation utilizing the remaining CDBG COVID Cares Act funds in the amount of \$132,090.00.

FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO BEING UNHOUSED

HOUSING COSTS

HIGH HOUSING COSTS AND HOUSING PRICE INFLATION HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE RISE IN HOMELESSNESS.

NATURAL DISASTERS

NATURAL DISASTERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE RISE IN HOMELESSNESS.

MIGRATION

INCREASED MIGRATION TO BIG CITIES HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE RISE IN HOMELESSNESS.

ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DOWNTURN HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE RISE IN HOMELESSNESS.

PETERSBURG VA CONSIDERATIONS

1

The Crater Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) counted 681 unsheltered people in 2024.

2

Petersburg has one of the highest eviction rates in the state for mid-sized cities.

3

According to a July 26, 2022 article in the Progress Index, Petersburg has a large homeless population but lacks a shelter nearby.

4

In 2022, the city of Petersburg Virginia hosted the first-ever housing summit

SORTING OUT SOLUTIONS

- Availability of Affordable Housing
- Programs that provide support for the transition to permanent housing. “#Housing First”
- Temporary Shelter
- Rent Subsidies
- A system of coordinated care



Effective Delivery of support services is possible through **potential collaborations** with the

Petersburg Department of Social Services as the umbrella:

- Crater Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH)
- Crater Planning District Commission (PDC)
- Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Petersburg Public Schools
- Nonprofit Service Providers (such as CCC, SJV, LHH, and the HUB)
- Health Services (such as CVHS, Bon Secours ...)
- VDH Crater Health District (CHD), Petersburg HD
 - COVID Care Resource Coordination Program & Healthy Start Loving Steps Home Visiting Program



With the Department of Social Services as the lead coordinator to support collective impact and effective communication among service providers, unhoused and at-risk individuals and families may receive targeted services such as outreach, intake, assessment, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and rent assistance ... The ultimate goal being permanent housing and stability.



IN CLOSING

The ask for the April 15 action meeting is that the remaining CDBG COVID CARES Act funds be used to support the Petersburg Department of Social Services coordination, collaboration and delivery of homeless prevention and remediation services.

Thank You.



*Award winning CDBG Projects are created
via collaborative efforts*