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## consolidated plan survey 2015

### **What is the purpose of this survey?**

We would like to get your input regarding New Bedford's most important housing and community development needs and priorities.

Every five years the City of New Bedford develops a Consolidated Plan, a document required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Our goal is to identify housing and community development needs in New Bedford, as well as strategies to address those priority needs. Right now the City is working to develop its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. These survey results will assist us.

*Your opinion is important to us!*

### **Section I: A Little Bit About You**

#### **1. I have lived in the city:**

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- Over 10 years
- I do not live in the city.

#### **2. If you do not live in the city (check all that apply):**

- I work in the city
- I grew up in the city
- I travel into the city for recreational, cultural or leisure activities

#### **3. My household is (check all that apply):**

- Single person
- Small family (2-4 people)
- Large family (more than 4 people)
- Single parent
- Family with children under 6 years of age
- Elderly Household

**If you do not live in the City, please skip to Page 4 (Section III: About the City)**



Section II: About Your Neighborhood

4. What neighborhood do you live in?

- Acushnet Heights       Arnold Street       Brooklaw       Bullard Street
- Clarks Point       Cove Street       Far North End       Foster Hill
- Goulart Square       Mt. Pleasant       South Central/South End       West End

Other (closest street & cross street) \_\_\_\_\_

5. I am (check one only):

- Homeowner
- Renter
- Renter receiving a housing subsidy
- Residential property owner of multiple units/properties
- Homeless

Please rank the needs in your neighborhood that you think should be funded by the City using federal community development and housing funds using the following: (No Need, Low Need, Medium Need, High Need).

Housing Needs	No Need	Low Need	Medium Need	High Need
Increase percentage of owner-occupied homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build more affordable rental housing (apartments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency Assistance (emergency repairs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeownership Assistance (down payment, low interest loans)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Major Home Improvement Assistance (structural, electrical, plumbing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Minor Home Improvement Assistance (paint, doors and windows, roof)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental Housing Repair (apartments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rent Subsidies (monthly subsidies, security deposit)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weatherization/Energy Efficiency/"Green" Building Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handicapped Accessibility Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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<b>Public Facilities</b>	No Need	Low Need	Medium Need	High Need
Community Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Libraries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks, Recreation and Beaches Facilities (playgrounds, parks, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Gardens/Pocket Green Spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child Care Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<b>Community Services</b>	No Need	Low Need	Medium Need	High Need
Child Care Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Credit Counseling (building equity, clearing bad debts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crime Awareness/Prevention (neighborhood watch)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fair Housing Services (discrimination complaints)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Services (dental, physical)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal Assistance (immigration, eviction, discrimination)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Services (meals on wheels, in-home care, shared housing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services for the Disabled (independent living, job training)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance Abuse Treatment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tenant/Landlord Dispute Resolution (rent increases, lack of maintenance)	<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"/>
Services for Victims of Domestic Violence/Child Abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Services (recreation activities, counseling, mentoring)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult Education Including ESL	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment Training/Job Readiness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After School Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Foreclosure Prevention	<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"/>
Mental Health Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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<b>Economic Development</b>	No Need	Low Need	Medium Need	High Need
Job Development/Creation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job Training	<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"/>
Technical Assistance to Small Businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rehabilitation of Commercial Buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storefront 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"/>
Sidewalk Improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street Lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**6. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your neighborhood?**

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### Section III: About the City

Based upon your recent experience, please rank the overall needs of the entire city.

**7. What are the highest priority community development needs? (check up to three)**

- Street Improvements
- Street Lighting
- Streetscape Beautification
- Building Facades/Frontage
- Neighborhood/Community Facilities
- Recreational Facilities
- Public Parks
- ADA/Handicapped Accessibility



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**8. What are the highest priority housing needs? (check up to three)**

- Increasing Homeownership
- Affordable Rental Housing
- Home Repairs for Existing Homeowners
- Lead-Free Housing
- Healthy Homes
- Energy Cost
- Foreclosure Issues
- Abandoned, Vacant Buildings
- Property Maintenance/Upkeep of Properties

**9. What are the highest priority public infrastructure needs? (check up to three)**

- Drainage
- Handicapped Access
- Sidewalks (paving, widening)
- Street Improvements
- Streetlights
- Street Beautification (trees, planters)
- Traffic Signals (stop lights, stop signs, better street signs)
- Sustainability Enhancements (stormwater management, alternative energy projects – municipal wind/solar/geothermal/biomass)
- Bike and Walking Paths

**10. What are the highest priority economic development needs? (check up to three)**

- Improve Appearance of Business Districts
- Job Training and Placement Services
- Rehabilitate Old Commercial Industrial Buildings (Brownfields Remediation)
- Small Loans to Businesses
- Technical Assistance to Businesses
- Storefront Improvements



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## 11. What are the highest priority homeless needs? (check up to three)

- Advocacy, Counseling and Referrals
- Emergency Food, Clothing, Furnishings
- Additional Emergency Shelters
- Employment Training for Those Experiencing Homelessness
- Life Skills Training for Those Experiencing Homelessness
- Mental Health Services for Those Experiencing Homelessness
- Substance Abuse Treatment for Those Experiencing Homelessness
- Transitional Housing (up to 24 months stay with support services)
- Utility Assistance (fuel bank)
- "Low Barrier" Permanent Housing

**Thank you for assisting us with this survey!**

### When and where do I turn it in?

Please return this form to the Office of Housing & Community Development, 608 Pleasant Street New Bedford, MA 02740 no later than Thursday, **January 15, 2015**. This survey is also available online at <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development>

If you would like more information about housing programs offered through the City, please contact us:

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New Bedford, MA 02740  
508.979.1581 508.979.1500

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