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## Charleston County Calls for Citizen Input through Survey for Community Needs

*County to use survey to create list of top priorities for federal funding*

[Charleston County Government's Community Development Department](#) is seeking input from citizens in order to identify community needs that are eligible for funding from the County's Urban Entitlement program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The public can provide input through October 9, 2015 on the County's survey located online at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CharlestonCountyConsolidatedPlan>.

The County currently receives annual funding from HUD through the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program.

Data gathered from the survey will assist County staff in ranking the needs eligible for funding, which will range from community infrastructure projects and rehabilitation of substandard housing to homeless shelter operations and affordable housing development.

"Citizen participation is essential to ensure that federal funding is directed to the most pressing community needs," said Johnna Murray, Charleston County's Community Development Director.

County staff is in the early stages of developing the five-year strategic plan, which is a HUD-required document that the County must submit every five years.

Anyone with questions on the survey may call Charleston County Government's Community Development Department at (843) 202-6986. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the survey to complete, please call 202-6960.

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