**LOWER SAVANNAH COG REGION NEEDS SURVEY**

**COUNTY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR POSITION:**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_**Elected Official \_\_\_\_\_\_Non-Profit \_\_\_\_\_\_Citizen

\_\_\_\_\_\_Other**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Listed below are general types of activities addressed by various South Carolina programs. Please rank how important these activities are to your COMMUNITY by checking the appropriate box.**

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| Affordable Housing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic Development |  |  |  |  |  |
| Infrastructure |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Homeless Assistance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eliminate Slum/Blight |  |  |  |  |  |
| Planning |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (describe)**

**Listed below are general types of activities addressed by various South Carolina programs. Please rank how important these activities are to the LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS in your community by checking the appropriate button.**

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**Other (please specify)**

**SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

Below please find a listing of various activities and program areas that meet HUD objectives. Please tell us how important each of the following is to you or your organization by checking the appropriate button. If you are not familiar with or not involved in an activity or program, you do to have to respond to that item.

1. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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|  | **VERY IMPORTANT** | **IMPORTANT** | **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT** | **NOT IMPORTANT** | **NOT NEEDED** |
| Build new affordable rental units |  |  |  |  |  |
| Build new affordable homeowner units |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rehabilitate existing affordable rental units |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rehabilitate existing affordable homeowner units |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial assistance for renters (vouchers, TBRA) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial assistance for homeownership |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing for persons with disabilities or special needs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accessibility improvements to existing affordable rental housing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing for seniors and the frail elderly |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weatherization and energy efficiency improvements for affordable housing |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (please specify)**

1. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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|  | **VERY IMPORTANT** | **IMPORTANT** | **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT** | **NOT IMPORTANT** | **NOT NEEDED** |
| Land (sites, business/industrial parks, etc.) for business development |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings for business development |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loan programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Job training programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Technical assistance for small businesses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Downtown revitalization |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (please specify)**

1. **INFRASTRUCTURE**

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|  | **VERY IMPORTANT** | **IMPORTANT** | **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT** | **NOT IMPORTANT** | **NOT NEEDED** |
| Water and Sewer to support business growth |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water and sewer to support affordable housing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve existing water and sewer lines |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expand or improve sewer treatment facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve water supply and treatment facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide or improve fire protection |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve telecommunications for business and residents |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve telecommunications for public services (public safety, education, health care) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve streets or sidewalks |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pave new roads |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve existing roads |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve existing storm drainage |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construct new storm drainage systems |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (please specify)**

**4. COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR LOW & MOD INCOME PERSONS**

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|  | **VERY IMPORTANT** | **IMPORTANT** | **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT** | **NOT IMPORTANT** | **NOT NEEDED** |
| Childcare services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Afterschool care |  |  |  |  |  |
| Youth counseling/mentoring programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Senior Programs (meals-on-wheels, in-home care) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adult daycare |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical health services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mental health services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drug/alcohol rehabilitation programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prescription drug assistance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic violence/child abuse services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foodbanks/nutritional support |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prenatal services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Job Training |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment Assistance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial training/counseling |  |  |  |  |  |
| Case management |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fair housing services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public safety programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation to human services or jobs/employment |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (please specify)**

1. **PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR LOW & MOD NEIGHBORHOODS**

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|  | **VERY IMPORTANT** | **IMPORTANT** | **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT** | **NOT IMPORTANT** | **NOT NEEDED** |
| Public Safety Facilities (fire stations, police substations, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Training Center |  |  |  |  |  |
| Libraries |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Centers |  |  |  |  |  |
| Childcare Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Senior Centers or Adult Daycare Centers |  |  |  |  |  |
| Playgrounds and green spaces |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accessibility of public buildings to the disabled |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public transportation |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (please specify)**

**6. HOMELESS ASSISTANCE**

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|  | **VERY IMPORTANT** | **IMPORTANT** | **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT** | **NOT IMPORTANT** | **NOT NEEDED** |
| Homeless Prevention |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency Shelters for women and children |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency shelters for men |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supportive services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transitional housing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shelter Operating Support |  |  |  |  |  |
| Case Management |  |  |  |  |  |
| Life Skills Training |  |  |  |  |  |
| Substance Abuse Treatment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency Financial Assistance |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (please specify)**

1. **ELIMINATION OF BLIGHT**

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|  | **VERY IMPORTANT** | **IMPORTANT** | **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT** | **NOT IMPORTANT** | **NOT NEEDED** |
| Building code enforcement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demolition of commercial or industrial structures |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demolition of residential structures |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other (please specify)**

**FAIR HOUSING**

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Please respond to the following questions based upon your knowledge and experience.

**1. How often do you believe housing discrimination is experienced in your community?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifOften  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifSometimes  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifRarely  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNever  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifDon’t know |

**2. In the past two years, housing discrimination in your community:**

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| Has become less of a concern  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifHas become more of a concern  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifIs not a concern |

**3. How well do you feel that buyers and sellers understand fair housing rights?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifWell  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifModerately well  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifPoorly  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNot at all |

**4. How well do you feel that real estate professionals in your community understand fair housing rights?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifWell  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifModerately well  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifPoorly  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNot at all |

**5. How well do you feel that lenders in your community understand fair housing and fair lending laws?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifWell  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifModerately well  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifPoorly  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNot at all |

**6. Have you received any training about fair housing requirements?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifYes  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNo  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNot applicable |

**7. If residents experienced housing discrimination, do you think they would know where or how to report it?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifYes  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNo  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifDon’t know |

**8. Does your community have a planning department?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifYes  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNo  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifDon’t know |

**9. Has your community developed a zoning ordinance?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifYes  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNo  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifDon’t know |

**10. Has your community examined its land use/zoning, building codes, or permitting process to identify administrative or regulatory barriers to fair, affordable or accessible housing?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifYes  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNo  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifUnderway or planned  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifDon’t know |
| If Yes, when completed? |

**11. Has your community implemented any of the following to address barriers and encourage development of affordable housing:**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifDensity bonus  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifSite or building design flexibility  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifAlternative building methods  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifor materials  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifStreamlined permitting  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifFee reductions |
| Other (please describe) |

**12. Has your community amended its zoning regulations to allow any of the above?**

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| http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifYes  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNo  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifNot applicable – no zoning  http://www.surveymonkey.com/i/t.gifDon’t know |



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