

City of Oelwein

Community Development Needs Assessment

Community Development and Housing Needs of LMI Persons

- Sewer Improvements. Update needed sewer improvements to meet Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) compliance with state standards. (HIGH)
- Job Creation. Provide ongoing job creation and relocation opportunities for businesses within the city. The goal is to create and accommodate the right kind of jobs that strengthen the economy. (HIGH)
- Housing. Encourage rehabilitation that provides safe, sanitary, affordable, and accessible housing. (HIGH)
- Tourism. Support the development of programs, activities and facilities that increase tourism and recreation opportunities. Encourage and promote natural resource-based activities and industries that are consistent with natural resource goals. (MEDIUM)

Other Community Development and Housing Needs

- Childcare. Find affordable childcare spaces to meet the needs of families within Oelwein. (HIGH)
- Health Care. Maintain and support efforts to improve public health. (MEDIUM)
- Transportation. Protect critical facilities, infrastructure and other community assets from the impacts of hazards. (MEDIUM)

Planned or Potential Activities to Address Housing and Community Needs

- Expansions. Work to maximize available incentives and grants to attract new business and grow existing business. (HIGH)
- Public Infrastructure. Provide early warning system of hazards and protect residents from severe weather elements. (MEDIUM)
- Tourism. Continue to develop the city's parks and recreational areas and facilities to increase the number of visitors that come to our area. Continue to work with Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission for assistance with grants that enhance our regional resources and expand our marketing to a wide array of the populous. (MEDIUM)

Date of Public Hearing when assessment was prepared: _____

Number of local residents participating: _____