



Social Services Committee

September 12, 2024 - Meeting Overview



Agenda

- Call to order/declaration of a quorum
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
- 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Overview & Community Needs Assessment
- Mental Health Provider Program
- Nomination of Chair & Vice Chair
- Staff Report - Work Plans
- Adjournment



2025-2029 Consolidated Plan



Purpose

- 5-year plan outlining use of federal funds (CDBG, HOME) to support low/moderate income households
- Very structured plan with specific asks/topics
- Community Needs Assessments : Input from community stakeholders & residents; assess priority needs
- Investment Area Maps
- Holistic review of programs and sources of funding to ensure best use of restricted and non restricted fund in optimal ways



Data

American Community Survey

- What it is
- Frequency of reports
- Challenges

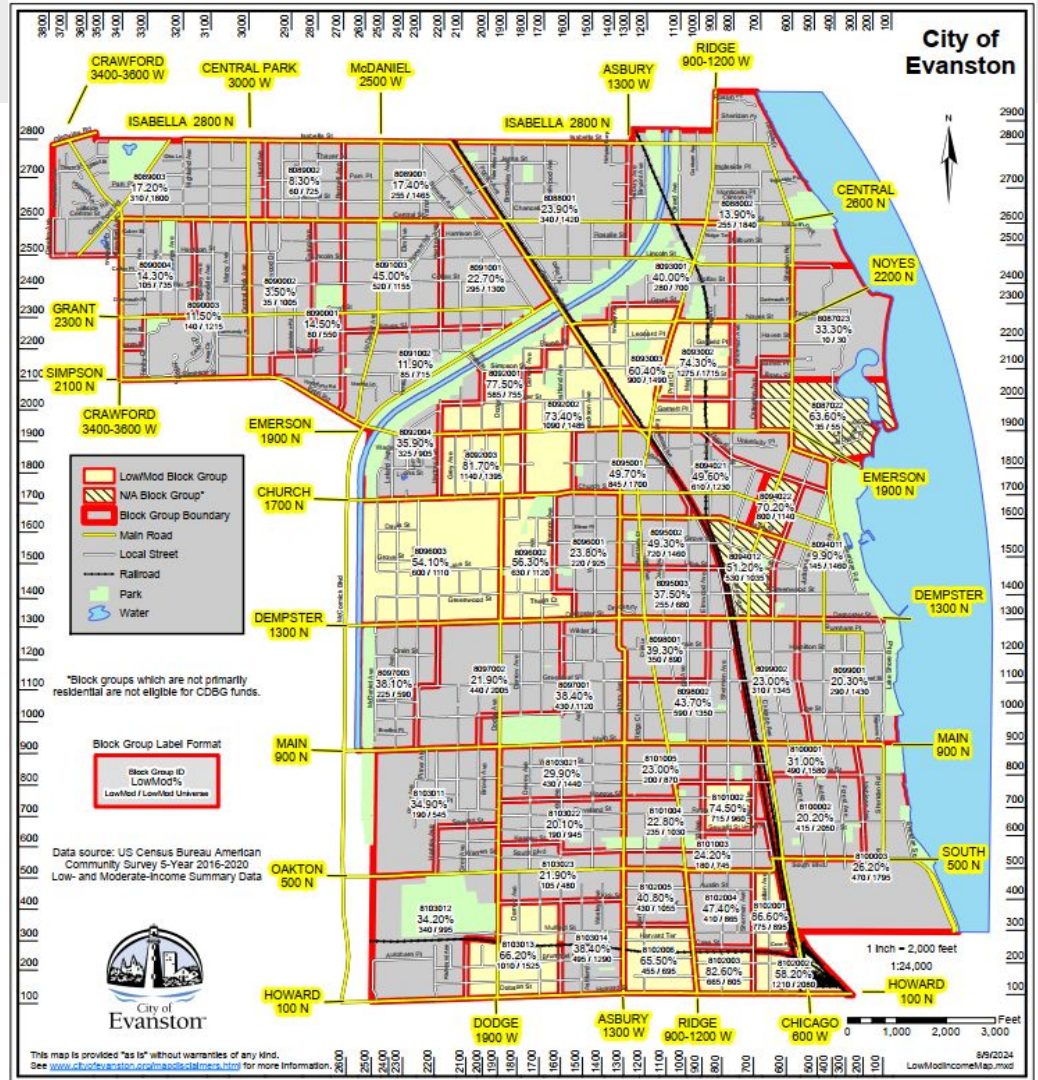
CHAS

- Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data
- Pulled for Evanston & Cook County/based on ACS data

Low/Moderate Income Map

New maps as of 8/1/24

Low/Moderate Income Areas (LMA): $\geq 51\%$ of residents are LMI



Consolidated Plan Sections





Overview

- **Housing Stock:** public housing, housing for vulnerable populations and affordable housing/fair housing challenges
- **Non-housing Community Development:**
 - Economic development/workforce development
 - Public facilities/Infrastructure
 - Public services
 - Broadband
 - Environmental impact goals



Executive Summary & Outreach

- Past Performance
- Citizen Participation Plan (any updates - public review)
- Outreach Process
 - Outreach Components
 - Consulting Partners



Needs Assessment & Housing Market Analysis

- Housing Overview & Condition of Housing Stock
 - *Vulnerable households*
 - *Safety hazards & overcrowding*
 - *Cost burdened/severe cost burdened*
 - *Substandard definition & conditions*
- Public Housing Supply
- Homeless Needs Assessment & Summary of Shelters
 - *Estimate of homeless by categories*
- Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment (*target populations*)
- Non-Housing Community Development Needs



Strategic Plan/Action Plan

- Priority needs
- Anticipated resources
- Institutional delivery
- Goals
- Public Housing involvement
- Barriers to affordable housing
- Homelessness
- Lead based paint
- Anti-poverty strategies
- Monitoring

Community Needs Reports





City Plans Reviewed (by Department)

City Manager's Office

- Sustainability - Climate Action Resiliency Plan: Carbon Neutral by 2050
- Equity & Empowerment and Reparations surveys
- 2022 ADA Transition Plan
- Economic Development
 - Putting Assets to Work
 - Evanston Thrives Retail Action Plan

Community Development

- Preserve 2040
- PRO Housing
- Envision Evanston 2040 (inc. Community Engagement)



City Plans by Department

Health & Human Services

- 2022 EPLAN

Parks & Recreation

- 2023 Parks & Green Spaces Community Survey

Public Works

- [Capital Improvement Program Projects](#)
- Source Water Protection Plan



Stakeholder Plans

Housing/Community Needs

- *Joining Forces: Equitable Zoning Project*
- *Connections for the Homeless: Strategic Plan*
- *Parents of Evanston Advocating for Change & Equity (P.E.A.C.E)*

Education

- *District 65: Schools Reports*
- *Evanston Township High School: Year in Review Reports*

Health

- *Endeavor/North Shore: CHNA & Implementation Study*
- *Ascension: Community Benefits Report*



Local Partners

Housing

- *HACC: 5-Year & Annual PHA Plans*
- *Cook County: Moving to Implementation (20/24 ConPlan & Economic Development Strategy Report)*
- *Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County: CoC Registration/Application*

Additional

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Evanston Community Data Snapshot)

National Risk Index Community Report for Cook County

Cook County SNAP Benefits Analysis

Affordable Housing Planning & Appeal Act (2023 Statewide Report)

Community Needs Assessment Survey





Survey Overview

- Targeted Outreach:
 - Online through partners orgs working with low-mod households
 - In person: HACC residents and Advocates for Action (paper surveys)
- 275 Responses
 - English: 127, Spanish: 148
 - Paper surveys: 192, Online: 83
- Survey focused on key questions to minimize outreach fatigue on similar topics



Questions

- 4 Sections:
Housing Programs, Public Facilities, Public Services, Economic Development
- Questions included:
Type of housing challenges encountered
Ranking the importance/need for specific type of housing assistance/services, public assistance/services, and public facilities needs/importance, as well as economic development services
- Opportunity for open comments



Responses

- 57% renters, 26% homeowners, 17% did not respond/ in other housing
- 65% from wards with higher percentage of low/mod households
23% from other wards
12% no response on location
- 80% of responses can be classified as low to mod income households
>90% of the renters that responded would classify as low-mod. 9% did not provide income
>47% of owners that responded would classify as low-mod. 18% did not provide income



Survey: Initial results

Availability of housing fitting their needs:

58% of did not think the availability of housing in Evanston meet their needs

72% of renters did not think the availability of housing in Evanston meet their needs

All HACC residents responded that the housing availability met their needs

Housing Programs

80-85% consider Rent assistance critical or important

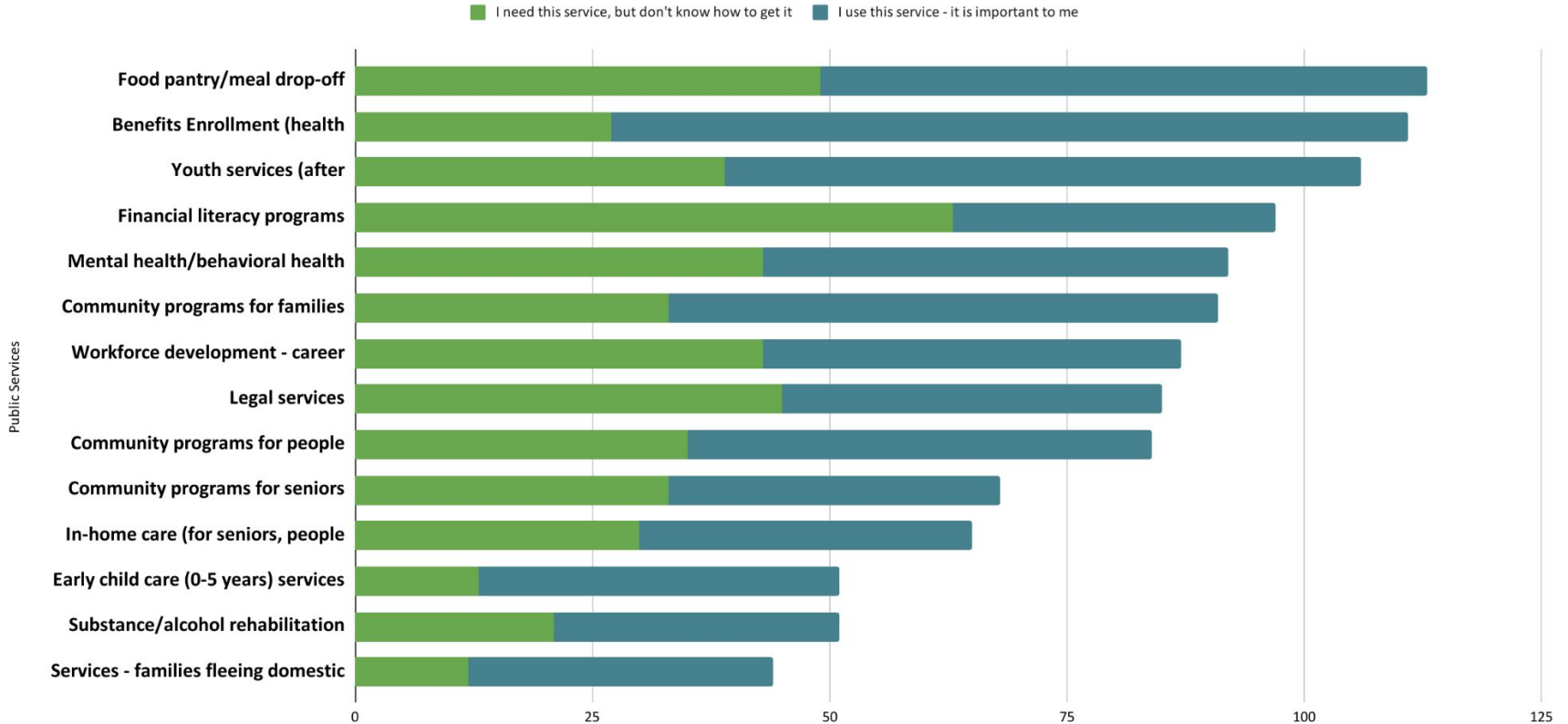
All housing programs were ranked critical or important by 65-80% of respondents

Downpayment Assistance, Mortgage assistance and homeless shelter were ranked less important

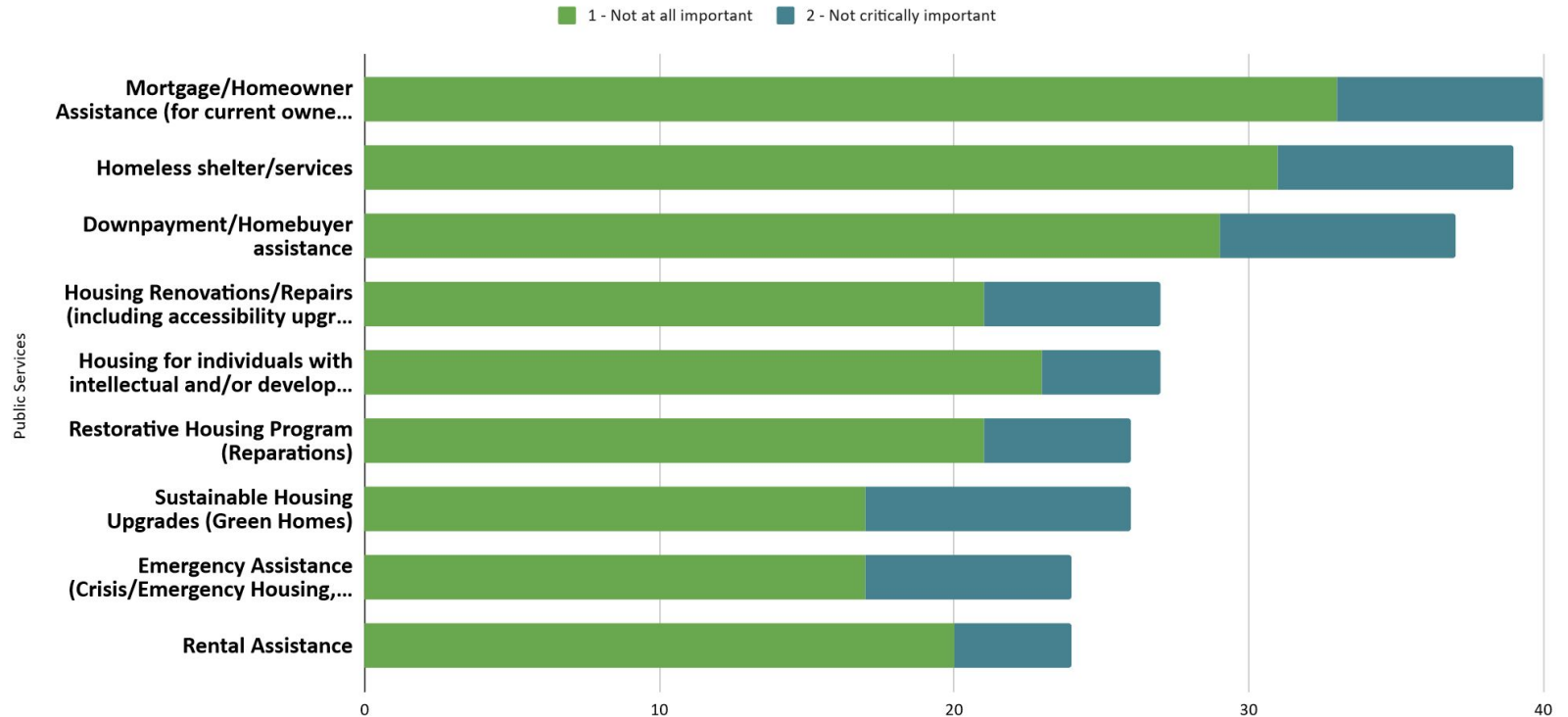
Internet:

32% have challenges accessing the internet. Most comments relating high costs.

Public Services Need: I need or I use the service (# of responses)



Housing Programs: Not at all or less important (# of responses)





Thank you!