

# Town of Union Consolidated Plan Priorities (2015-2019)

## **PRIORITY 1**

Provide extremely low, very low, and low-income renters with rental assistance to alleviate rent cost burden (paying more than 30% of gross income for rent) and excessive rent cost burden (paying more than 50% of gross income for rent and provide all renters with a choice of affordable decent, safe, and sanitary rental units.

## **Priority 2**

Promote homeownership as the preferred form of housing tenure by maintaining the existing affordable housing stock and by providing financial assistance for the purchase and/or rehabilitation of existing housing.

## **Priority 3**

Provide the elderly with housing opportunities and support services necessary to maintain their independence.

## **Priority 4**

Provide additional affordable housing units and support services for persons with a wide range of special needs.

## **Priority 5**

Promote the provision of additional outreach services, supportive housing, and permanent housing for the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

## **Priority 6**

Preserve and enhance the quality of life in older neighborhoods by providing high quality public amenities such as parks, public facilities, and infrastructure to eliminate blight, reduce the number of deteriorated and deteriorating housing units, and create an environment conducive to attracting additional public and private investment. Additional emphasis will be placed on flood control and remediation.

## **Priority 7**

Provide services and support for the elderly, youth, disabled, and other extremely low-, very low-, and low-income people in a manner that encourages public, private, and non-profit sector collaboration and reduces program duplication

## **Priority 8**

Promote accessibility to public facilities and places by removal of architectural barriers.

## **Priority 9**

Preserve buildings and neighborhoods of local, state, and national historic importance and/or architectural significance.

## **Priority 10**

Enhance job creation/retention for low and moderate-income persons by improving the viability of target area neighborhood business districts, promoting the rehabilitation of commercial/industrial structures, improving target area infrastructure such as street amenities and parking facilities in order to stimulate private investment, and providing technical assistance to new and established businesses.

## **Priority 11**

Provide administrative and planning activities necessary for the implementation of the objectives, actions, and programs outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.