** CHEROKEE COUNTY – CDBG/HOME PROGRAMS**

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

**Residents Survey**

Cherokee Count receives Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds each year. Cherokee County wants you to have a voice in how the money is invested. Please assist us by filling out this survey.

CDBG funds must meet one of three national objectives: benefit low and moderate income citizens, aid in the elimination of slums and blight, and meet an urgent need [i.e. national disaster]. HOME funds must benefit low and moderate income citizens.

Part I: (1) Consider the needs in your community and how they can be improved. (2) Rate the need level for each of the following items and circle the one that best applies with the number “1” being the lowest need and “4” being the highest need.

*Using the range from 1-4, 1 indicates lowest need, 4 indicates the highest need*

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| **Community Services Lowest Highest** | **Community Facilities Lowest Highest** |
| Senior Activities 1 2 3 4 | Senior Centers 1 2 3 4 |
| Youth Activities 1 2 3 4 | Youth Centers 1 2 3 4 |
| Child Care Services 1 2 3 4 | Child Care Centers 1 2 3 4 |
| Transportation Services 1 2 3 4 | Parks and Recreational Facilities 1 2 3 4 |
| Anti-Crime Programs 1 2 3 4 | Health Care Facilities 1 2 3 4 |
| Health Services 1 2 3 4 | Community Centers 1 2 3 4 |
| Mental Health Services 1 2 3 4 | Fire Stations & Equipment 1 2 3 4 |
| Legal Services 1 2 3 4 | Libraries 1 2 3 4 |
| **Neighborhood Services Lowest Highest** | **Infrastructure Lowest Highest** |
| Trash & Debris Removal 1 2 3 4 | Drainage Improvement 1 2 3 4 |
| Tree Planting 1 2 3 4 | Water/Sewer Improvement 1 2 3 4 |
| Graffiti Removal 1 2 3 4 | Street Improvement 1 2 3 4 |
| Code Enforcement 1 2 3 4 | Street Lighting 1 2 3 4 |
| Cleanup of Abandoned Lots and Buildings 1 2 3 4 |  |
| **Business & Jobs Lowest Highest** | **Special Needs Services Lowest Highest** |
| Start Up Business Assistance 1 2 3 4 | Centers/Services for Disabled 1 2 3 4 |
| Small Business Loans 1 2 3 4 | Accessibility Improvements 1 2 3 4 |
| Job Creation/Retention 1 2 3 4 | Domestic Violence Services 1 2 3 4 |
| Employment Training 1 2 3 4 | Substance Abuse Services 1 2 3 4 |
| Commercial/Industrial  Rehabilitation 1 2 3 4 | Homeless Shelters/Services 1 2 3 4HIV/AIDS Centers & Services 1 2 3 4 |
| Facade Improvements 1 2 3 4Business Mentoring 1 2 3 4 | Neglected/Abused Children Centers & Services 1 2 3 4 |



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| **Housing Lowest Highest** |  **Lowest Highest** |
| Residential Rehabilitation 1 2 3 4 | Homeownership Assistance 1 2 3 4 |
| Housing for Disabled 1 2 3 4 | Senior Housing 1 2 3 4 |
| Single Family Housing 1 2 3 4 | Large Family Housing 1 2 3 4 |
| Affordable Rental Housing 1 2 3 4 | Fair Housing 1 2 3 4 |
| Lead-Based Paint Test/Abatement 1 2 3 4 | Residential Historic Preservation 1 2 3 4 |
| Energy Efficient Improvements 1 2 3 4 |  |

Please write in any additional needs that you feel are important and are not listed above:

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Part II: As part of the planning process, the Cherokee County CDBG program analyzes factors that limit fair housing choice in the County. Your own experiences will contribute to the efforts to research obstacles such as the nature and extent of housing discrimination in the County.

This information will be used to assist in developing strategies to overcome impediments to fair housing choice. This survey is for information gathering purposes only.

1. Do you believe discrimination is an issue in your neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_ No
2. Have you ever experienced discrimination in housing? Yes No

(If Yes, please proceed to Questions 3, 4, and 5)

1. Who do you believe discriminated against you?

 Landlord/property manager Real estate agent

 Mortgage Lender Mortgage Insurer

1. On what basis do you believe you were discriminated against?

 Race Color National Origin Religion

 Gender Disability (either you or someone close to you)

 Familial Status (single-parent with children, family with children or expecting a child)

1. If you believe you have been discriminated against, have you reported the incident? Yes No

If **No – Why?**  don’t know where to report afraid of retaliation

 don’t believe it makes any difference too much trouble

If you feel you may have been discriminated against, please contact the Fair Housing Division of Georgia Commission of Equal Opportunity at (404) 656-1736 or at www.gceo.state.ga.us or by phone 404-656-1736.

Once you have completed the survey, please return the document to the CDBG Program, Cherokee County, 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114.

*Thank you for your assistance!*

