

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2024-2028 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

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WHY A CONSOLIDATED PLAN?

- Required to guide funding priorities
- Identify priority needs and plan to address those needs

 Annual update to outline specific projects and encourage public participation



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (PP)

- Feedback from 28 public and private organizations
- Gathered community feedback 6 surveys
- 2 Public Hearings
- Block Party Outreach
- CDBG Advisory Group

Over 200 responses from residents reflected ConPlan





SCORING METHODOLOGY

Goal: to determine how the City of Walla Walla community members prioritize different CDBG activity funding possibilities, generating quantitative results

- Initial survey was sent out to community agencies, organizations, the Nonprofit Confluence, and shared in a City Newsletter to the CDBG List.
 - Prioritize activities as high, medium, low, or not a priority.
 - Weighted score of each priority (high 3, medium 2, low 1, and not a priority 0).
- **Top five** from were included in a consolidated community survey, through a QR code, at block parties, and in City Hall.
- Block party (3/4) participants were given 4 stickers and asked to vote on the top five taken from the consolidated community survey.
- Final score multiplied initial survey results by 2 and added remaining scores
- Top five of each category shared in the following slides



PUBLIC SERVICES

- Mental health services (381)
- Services for abused/neglected children (348)
- Childcare (327)
- Youth services (323)
- Substance abuse services (302)





- Utilize neglected or abandoned properties (199)
- Acquisition of property for permanent housing (143)
- Home-owner occupied Rehab (139)
- Renter occupied Rehab (123)
- Downpayment assistance (125)

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

- Childcare (306)
- Food (330)
- Apartment deposit (273)
- Rent-partial (242)
- Utility deposit (236)



SURVEY TO HOMELESS OR IN DANGER OF

Housing Needs

- 70% Permanent housing
- 37% Help paying rent
- 34% A safe place to live

Other Needs

- 63% Help getting food
- 23% A job
- 17% Help with Transportation



PUBLIC FACILITIES

- Childcare Center (292)
- Youth Center (274)
- Domestic Violence Shelter (267)
- Homeless Shelter (253)
- Group home for developmentally disabled (227)



INFRASTRUCTURE

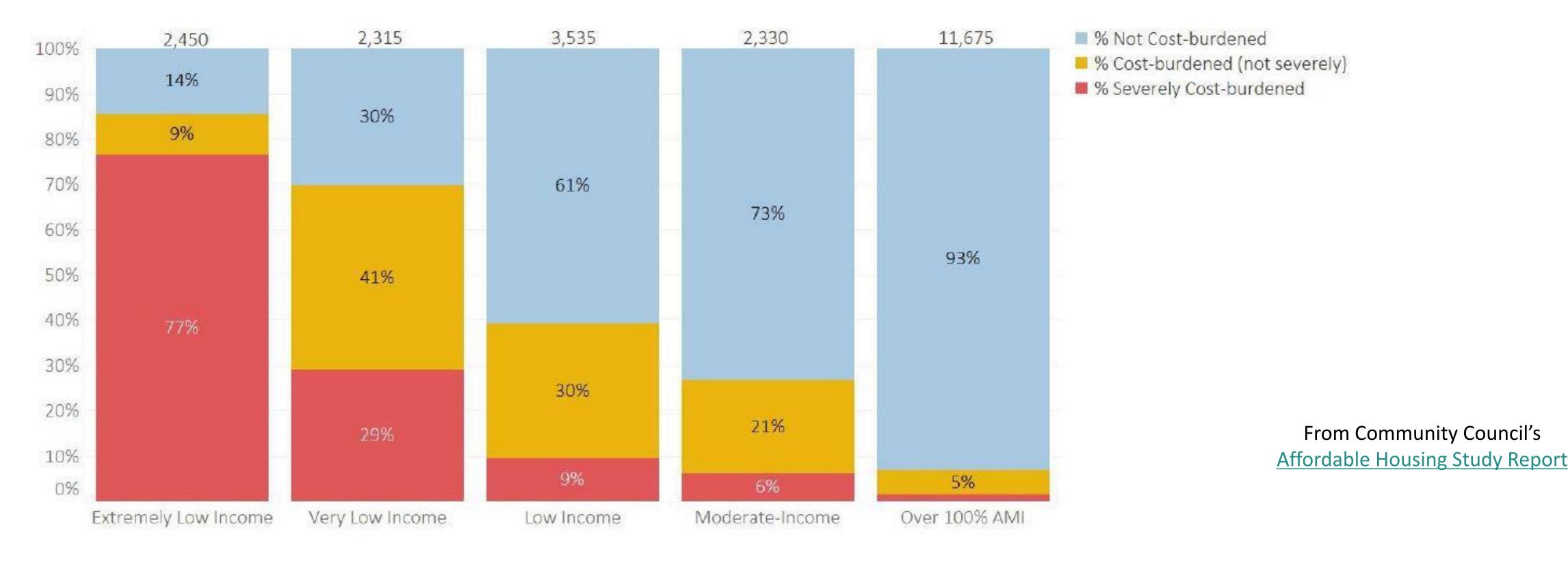
- Streets (336)
- Sewer line (328)
- Waterlines (324)
- Sidewalks (319)
- Playground (275)



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Percentage of Households that are Severely Cost-burdened, Cost-burdened, and Not Cost-burdened by Income Level, Walla Walla County

Source: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2014-2018, Department of Housing and Urban Development



2022 Data show that the cost of housing has gone up 42% since 2017



Housing cost burden (30% of income spent on housing) 18% of homeowners 39% of renters.

Severe housing cost burden (50% of income spent on housing) 9% of homeowners 21% of renters

From Community Council's

Affordable Housing Study Report

Rental Market

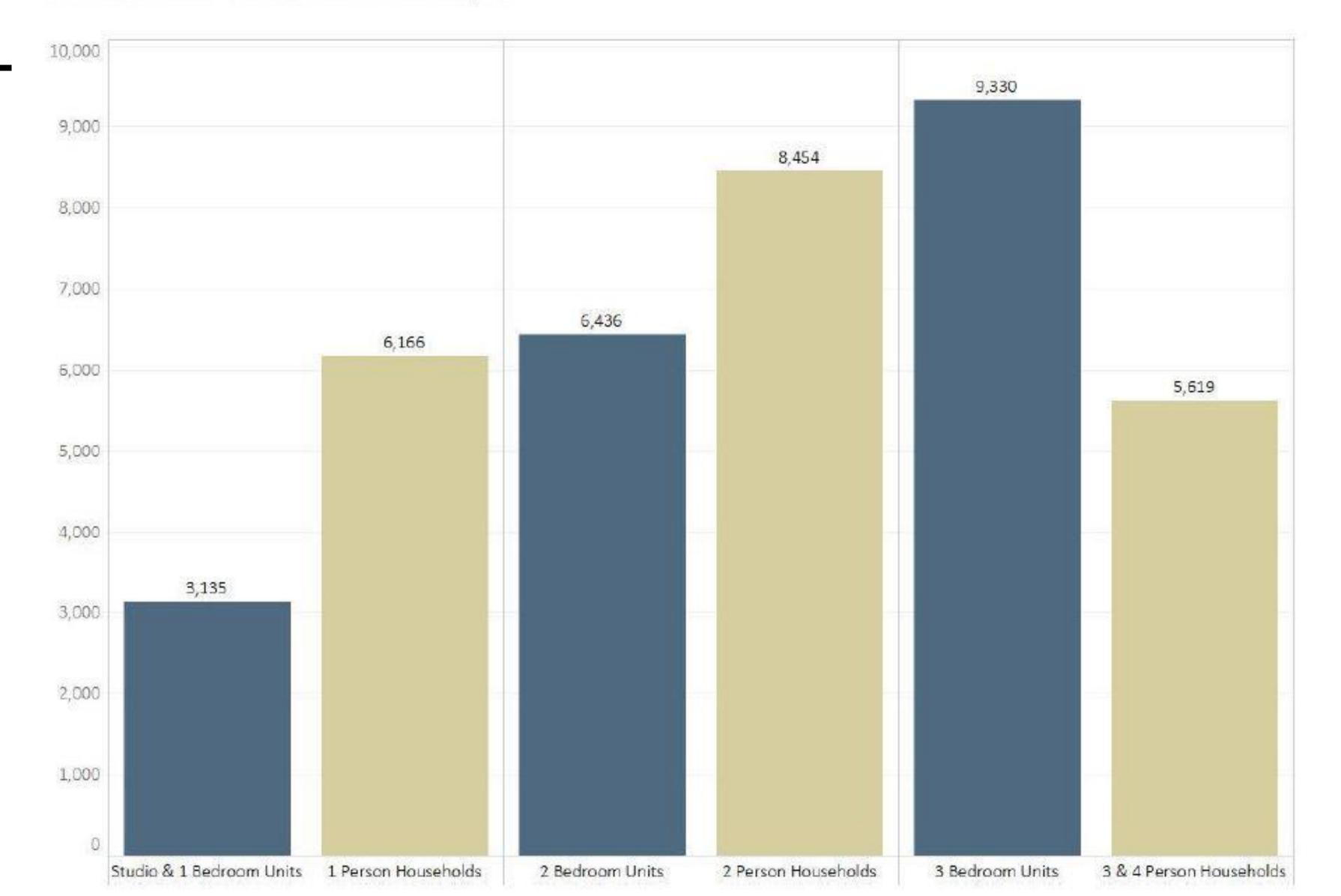
Rental Vacancy Rate, Walla Walla County
Source: Apartment Market Survey, Spring 2014-2021. Washington Center for Real Estate Research





Housing Mismatch

House Size and Household Size, Walla Walla County, 2020 Source: ACS Tables B25041 and B11016 5-Year Estimates, 2020

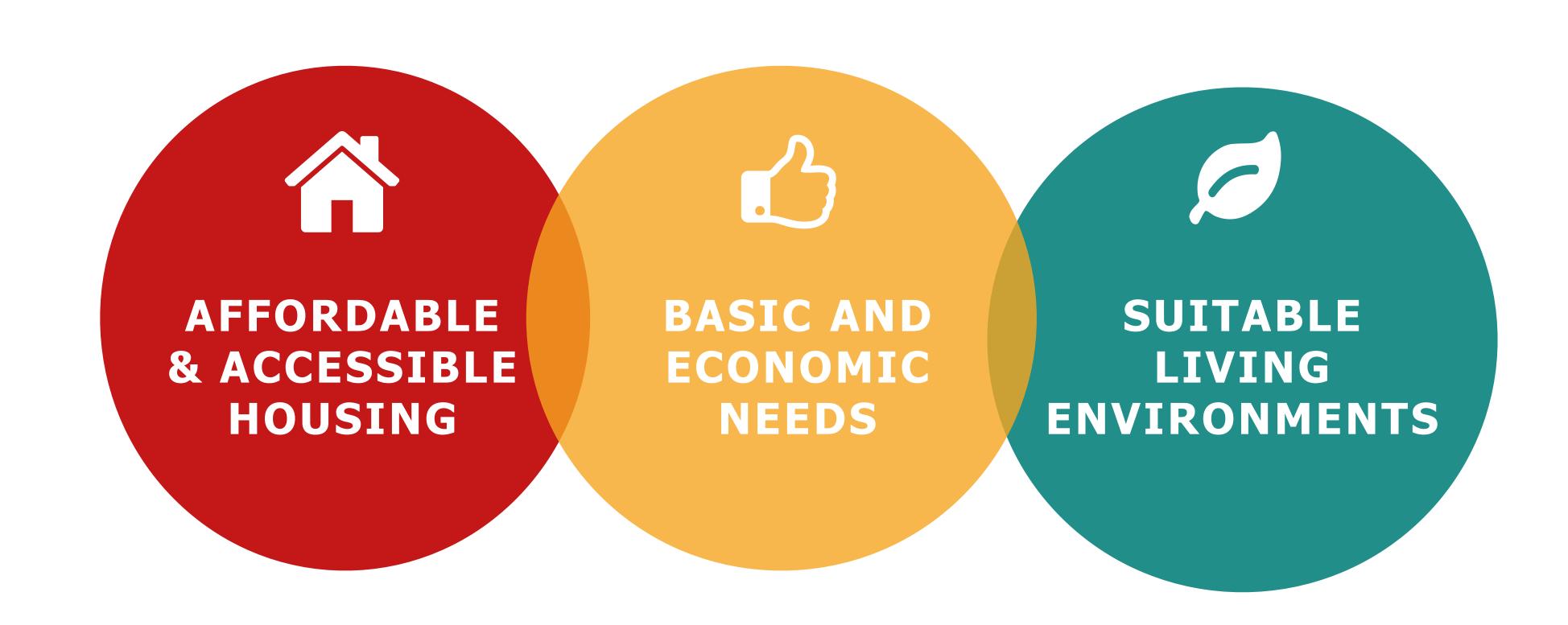


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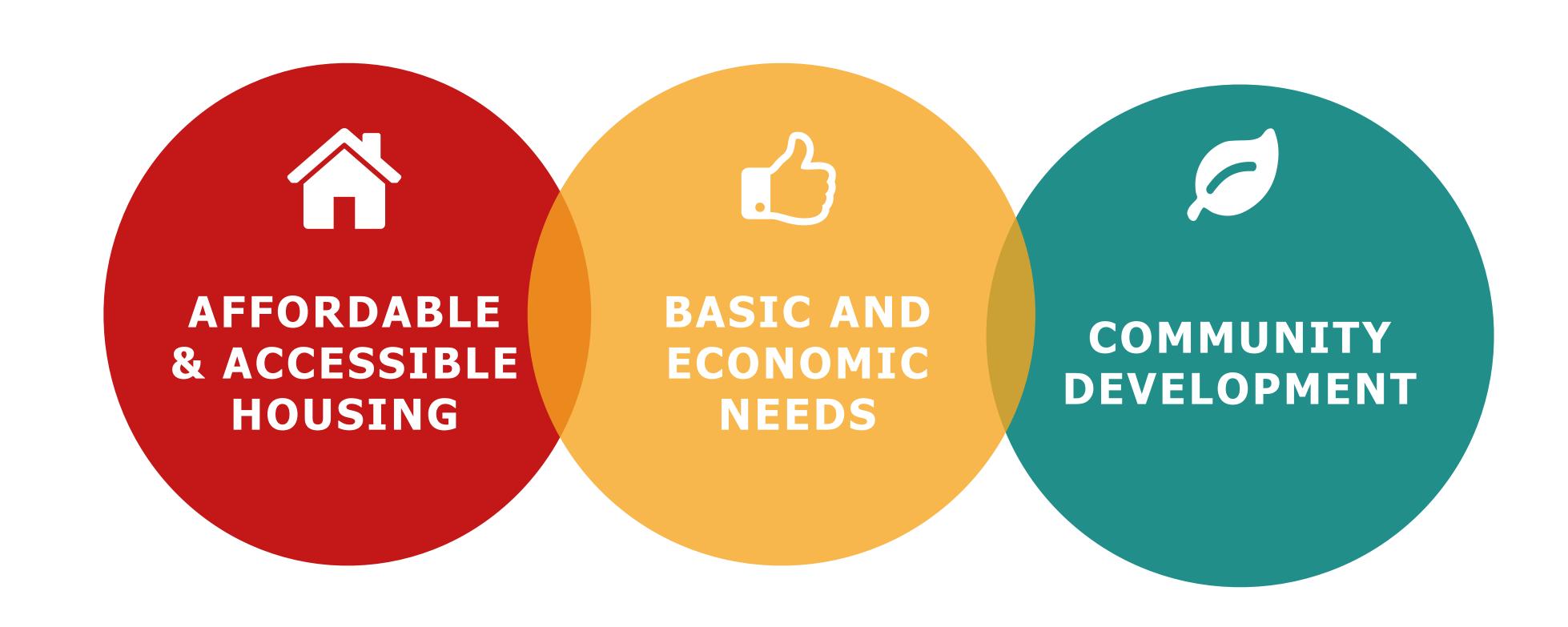


CONPLAN PRIORITY NEEDS



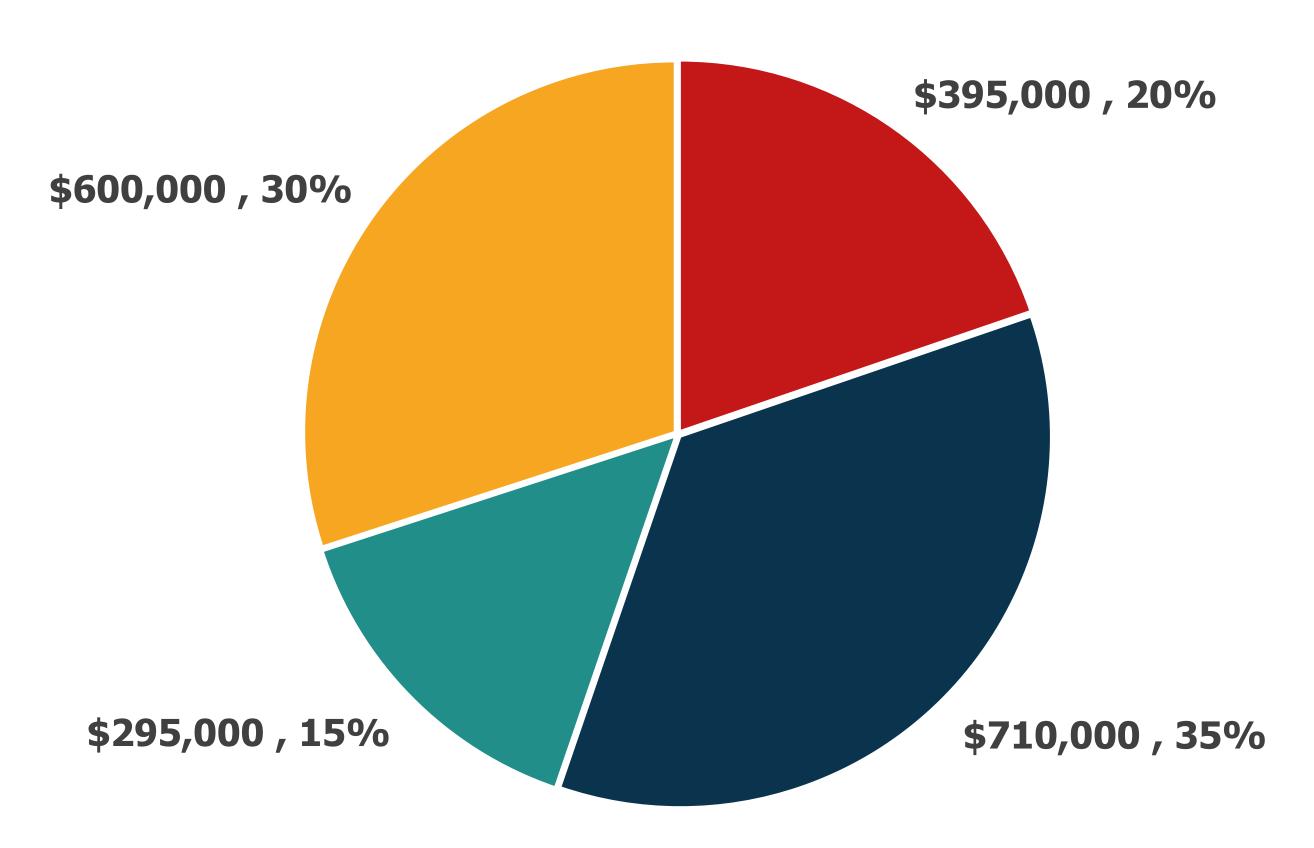


CONPLAN GOALS





5-YEAR BUDGET*



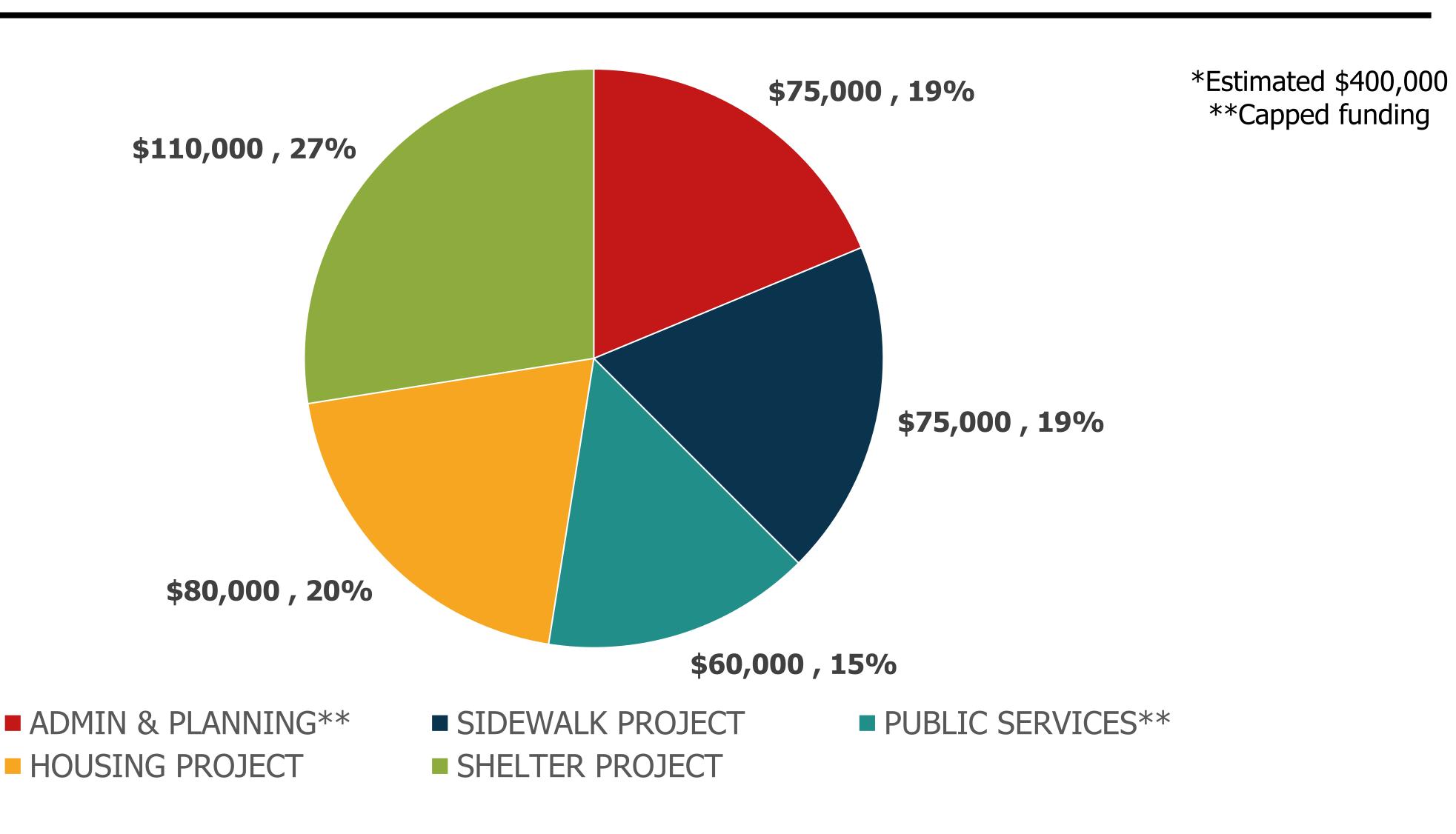
*Estimated \$400,000 per year, \$2,000,000 over 5-year period

- ADMIN & PLANNING
- BASIC AND ECONOMIC NEEDS

- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING



2024 ANNUAL BUDGET*





Affordable & Accessible Housing

ConPlan:

- 5 rental units rehabilitated
- 10 homeowner housing rehabilitated
- o 1 Building demolished
- o 1 Other

2024 Action Plan:

o 1,900 persons served through public services





BASIC AND ECONOMIC NEEDS

ConPlan:

 5,000 persons served through public services

2024 Action Plan:

o1,200 persons served through public services





Walla SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENTS

ConPlan

8,100 people served citywide through

-public infrastructure improvements (such as sidewalks)

-public facilities (including shelters)



2024 Action Plan

1100 people served by public infrastructure improvements



PLEASE SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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