

**Contra Costa Consortium
High Priority Needs List
2005-2009**

Housing Related Priority Needs

- H-1. Affordable Rental Housing - Expand housing opportunities for lower income households through an increase in the supply of decent, safe and affordable rental housing and of rental assistance.
- H-2. Affordable Ownership Housing - Increase homeownership opportunities for lower income households.
- H-3. Affordable Housing Preservation - Maintain and preserve the affordable housing stock.
- H-4. Public Housing - Improve the public housing stock.
- H-5. Continuum of Care - Adopt the Continuum of Care Plan and the “Ending Homelessness in Ten Years” plan as the overall approaches to addressing homelessness in the Consortium.
- H-6. Homeless Shelters/Housing - Assist the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless by helping to provide emergency and transitional housing, permanent affordable housing, and appropriate supportive services.
- H-7. Supportive Housing - Increase the supply of appropriate and supportive housing for special needs populations.
- H-8. Reduce Development Constraints - Remove constraints to affordable housing development.

Non-Housing Community Development Priority Needs

- CD-1. General Public Services - Ensure that opportunities and services are provided to improve the quality of life and independence for lower-income persons, and ensure access to programs that promote prevention and early intervention related to a variety of social concerns such as hunger, substance abuse and other issues.
- CD-2. Seniors - Enhance the quality of life of senior citizens and frail elderly and enable them to maintain independence.
- CD-3. Youth - Increase opportunities for children/youth to be healthy, succeed in school and prepare for productive adulthood.
- CD-4. Homeless Services - Reduce incidence of homelessness and assist in alleviating the needs of the homeless.
- CD-5. Non-Homeless Special Needs - Ensure that opportunities and services are provided to improve the quality of life and independence for persons with

special needs, such as disabled persons, battered spouses, abused children, and persons with HIV/AIDS, illiterate adults, and migrant farm workers.

- CD-6. Fair Housing - Continue to promote fair housing activities and affirmatively further fair housing.
- CD-7. Infrastructure and Accessibility - Maintain quality public facilities and adequate infrastructure, and ensure access for the mobility-impaired by addressing physical access barriers to public facilities.
- CD-8. Economic Development - Reduce the number of persons below the poverty level, expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, and increase the viability of neighborhood commercial areas.
- CD-9. Administration/Planning - Support development of viable urban communities through extending and strengthening partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector and administer federal grant programs in a fiscally prudent manner.