



2020 Update on HUD Program Grants and Planning for 2021

City of Rockford - HUD Funds

CDBG

Community & Economic
Development
Department

HOME

ESG

Human Services
Department

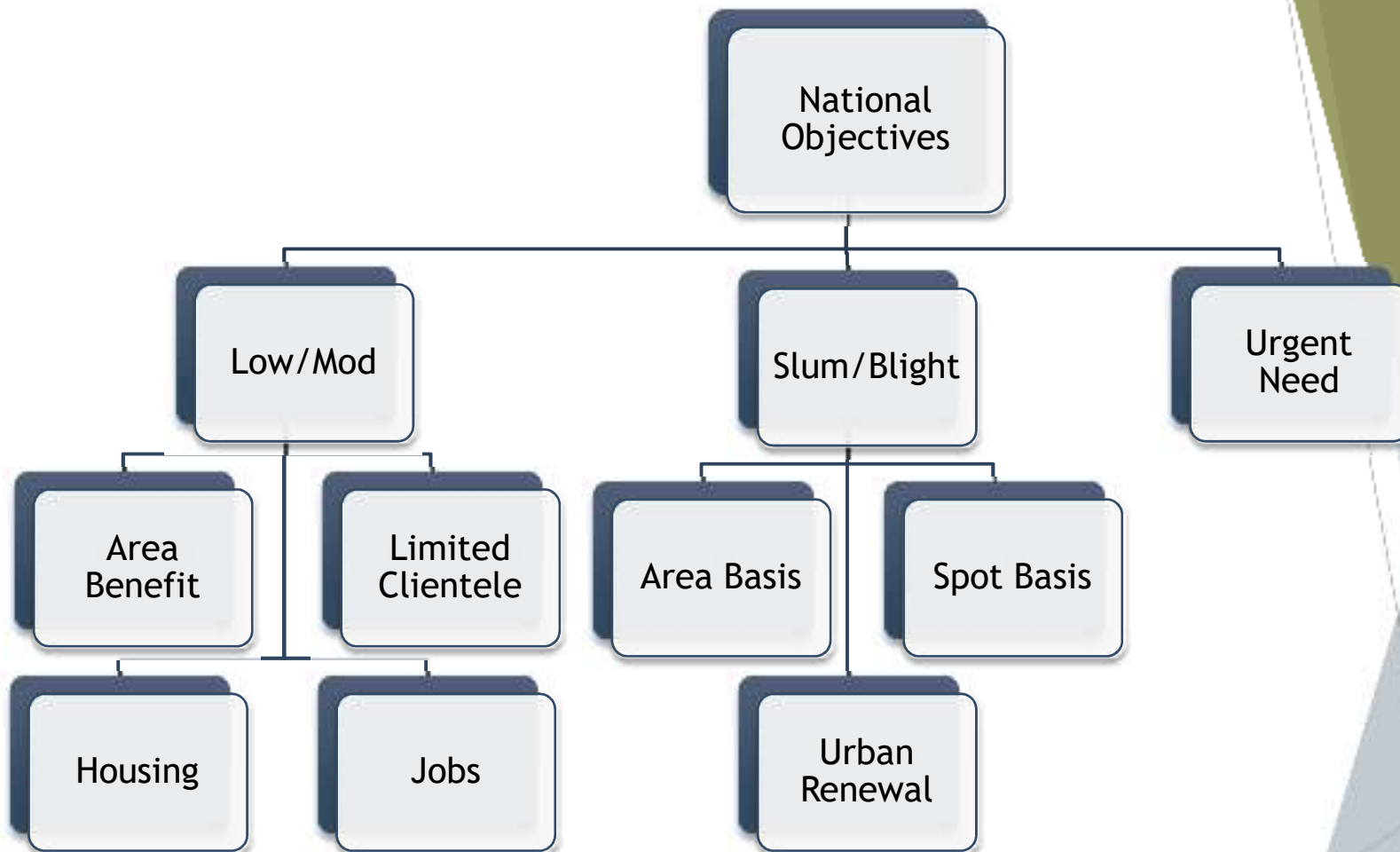


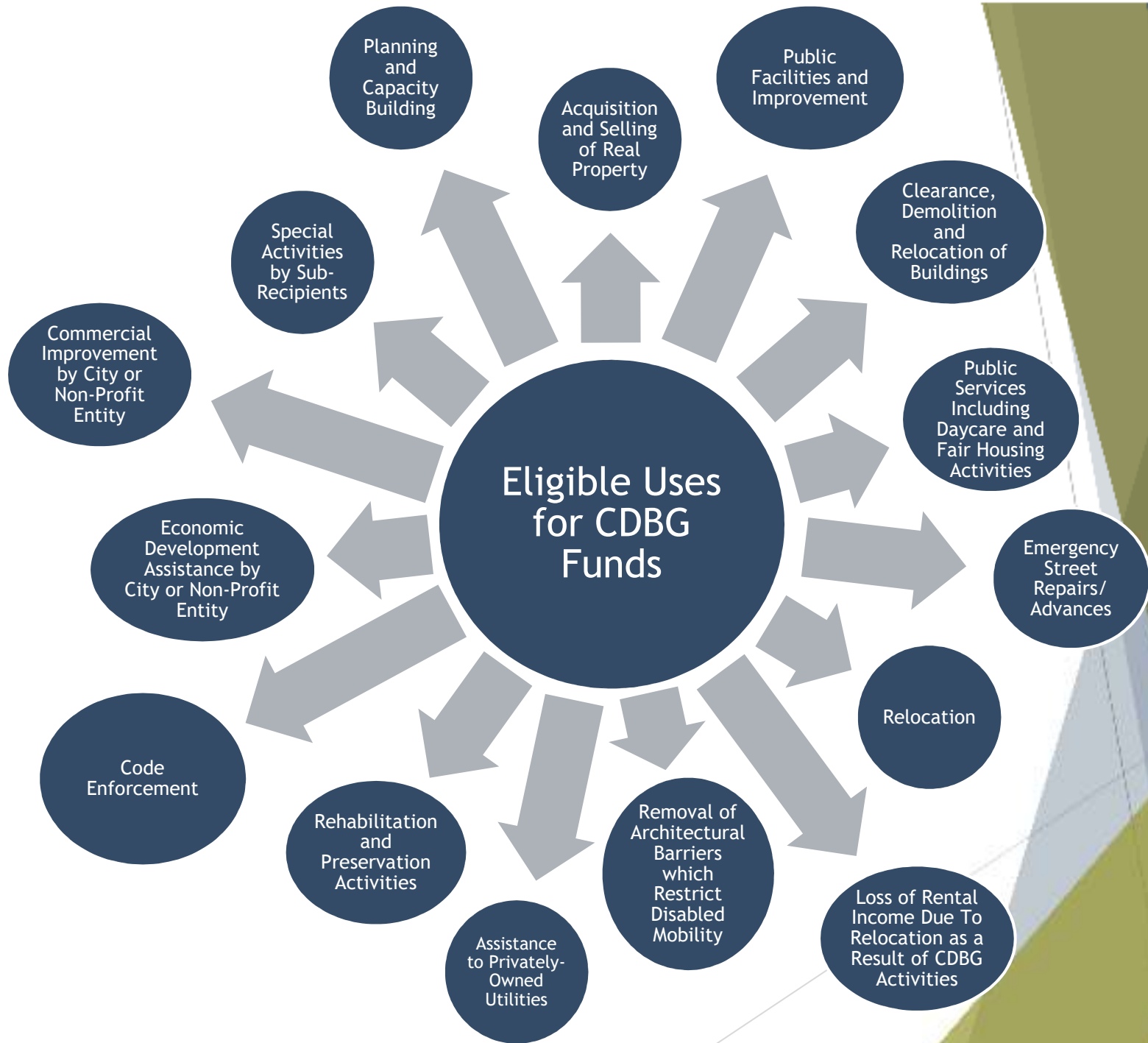
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The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and/or moderate income.

CDBG National Objectives



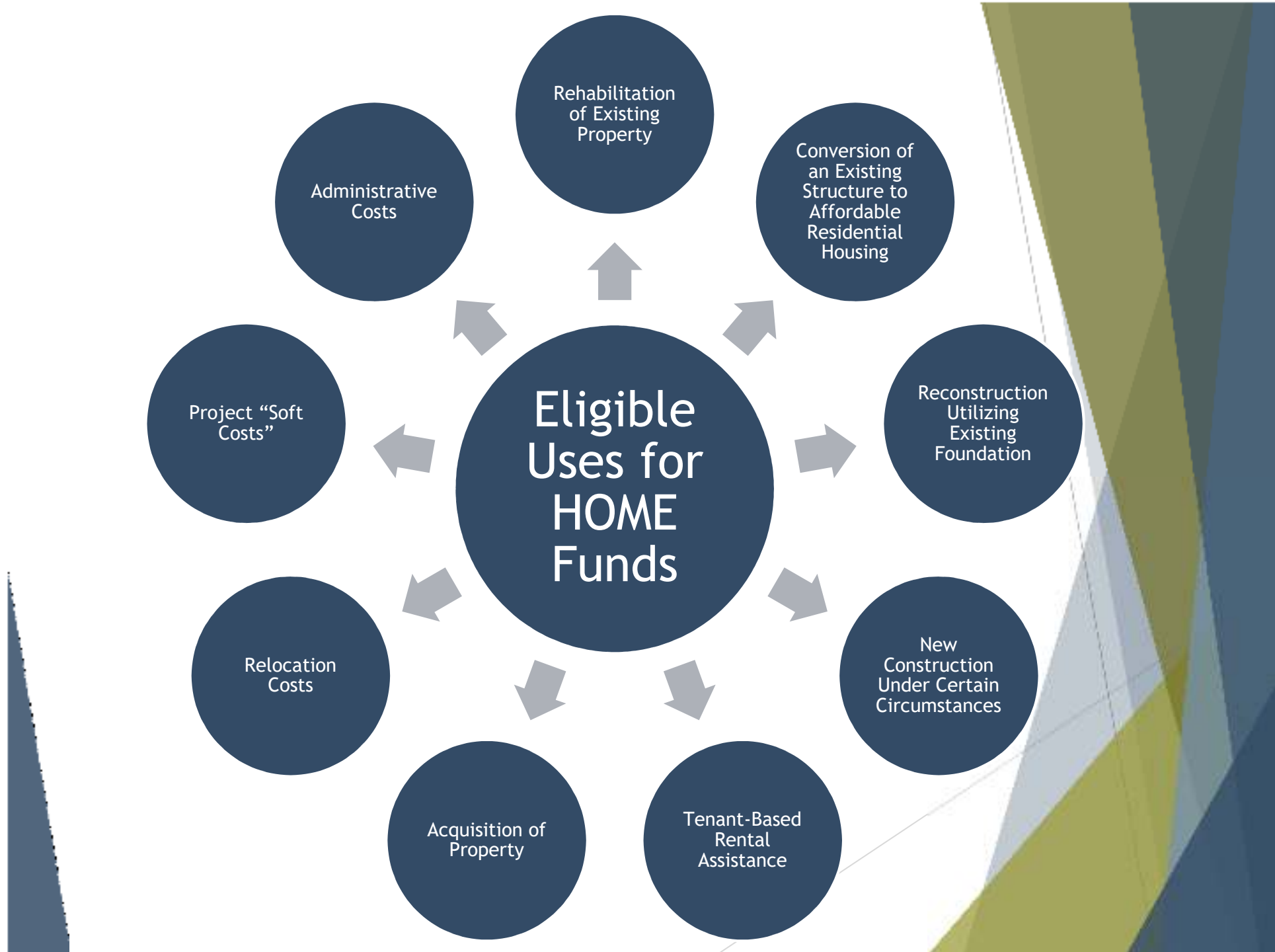


Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)



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The HOME program implements local housing strategies to assist with building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low income individuals.

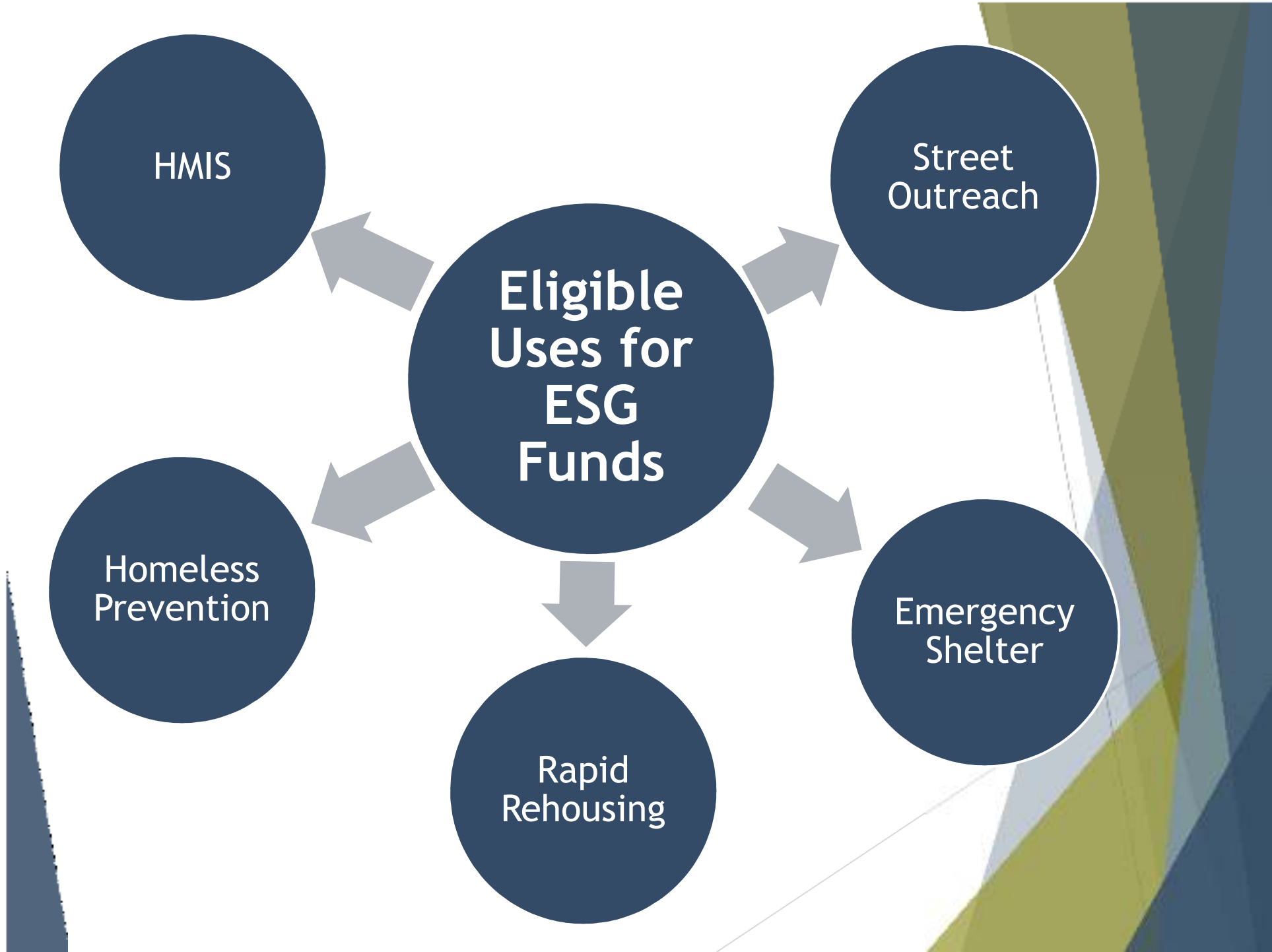


Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)



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The Emergency Solutions Grants Program helps those who are homeless and those who are in imminent danger of becoming homeless, as well as supports efforts to coordinate services and housing to the homeless.



2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

Strategies and Priority Needs

High Priority Needs

- ❖ Housing Strategy
- ❖ Community Development Strategy
- ❖ Economic Development Strategy
- ❖ Homeless Strategy
- ❖ Administration, Planning and Management Strategy

Low Priority Needs

- ❖ Other Special Needs Strategy

Grant Program Year Timing

- Our annual plans and related programs are managed on a calendar year basis, which coincide with our municipal calendar year budget.
- In recent years, the City has received its HUD program grant funds between June and October, after the federal government has approved appropriations and announced grant allocations. The City received its 2020 allocations in July 2020.
- Grant allocations are expended over multiple years.

Program Grant Funding in 2020

CDBG:

- 2020 CDBG funds: \$2,171,526
- Prior year funds available as of 1/1/20: \$1,713,185

HOME:

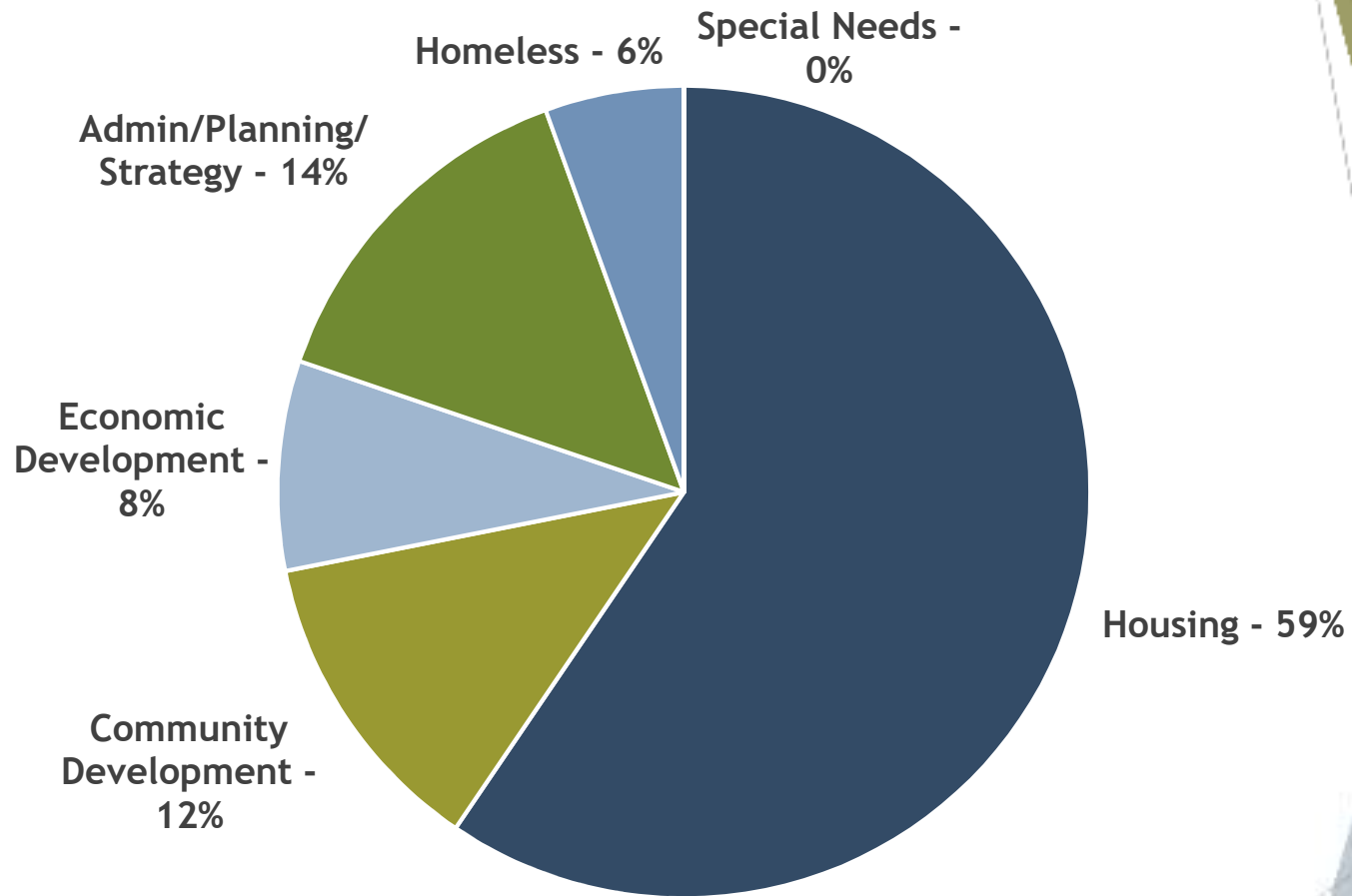
- 2020 HOME funds: \$982,370
- Prior year funds available as of 1/1/20: \$600,708*

ESG:

- 2020 ESG funds: \$184,641
- Prior year funds available as of 1/1/20: \$180,781

*does not include set-aside related to Community Housing Development Organizations

2020 Funding by Strategy



Percentages are based on the total allocation of all three 2020 HUD program funds.

Housing Strategy (CDBG & HOME)

Accomplishments YTD - 2020 & prior year funding

- 27 single-family homes received rehabilitation assistance.
- 2 households received homebuyer assistance to help with the purchase of a home.
- Affordable housing developments - Includes Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and related operating funds.
 - ❖ Current CHDO balance ≈ \$720,000 (2016-2020)
 - ❖ Current CHDO Operating Funds balance = \$93,908 (2019-2020)

Housing Strategy (CDBG & HOME)

Accomplishments YTD - 2020 & prior year funding

- Fair Housing - \$10,000 currently available.

Additional Housing Funds:

- In 2020, the City was awarded a \$520,000 grant through the IHDA Single Family Rehab Roof program. The City plans to supplement this grant with HOME and CDBG funds. At a minimum, 30 roofs will be replaced.

Community Development Strategy (CDBG)

Accomplishments YTD - 2020 & prior year funding

- Demolition of Blighted Properties
 - ❖ 45 properties demolished
 - ❖ Leveraged dollars include the City's general funds and IHDA's Abandoned Property Program (APP) grant.
 - ❖ The City applied for a \$250,000 grant through IHDA's Strong Communities Program. Awards are anticipated to be announced by Q1 2021.

Economic Development Strategy (CDBG)

Accomplishments YTD - 2020 & prior year funding

- Four businesses were assisted
 - ❖ Three are minority-owned
 - ❖ One is women-owned
- Due to the impacts of COVID-19, existing CDBG-funded economic development programs were paused in order to implement CARES Act programs, as well as other supportive measures.

Homeless Strategy (ESG)

- Focus is on those who are literally homeless and those at imminent risk of homelessness.
- A 24/7 Homeless Hotline has been established to ensure that the homeless can access permanent housing as soon as possible. That number is 844-710-6919 extension 5 (toll free).
- The focus is on moving people out of shelter quickly and into permanent housing.
- The local emphasis continues to be on rapid rehousing, street outreach and coordinated intake.

Homeless Strategy (ESG)

Accomplishments YTD - 2020 & prior year funding

- 2019 recipients: Remedies, Second First Church, and Shelter Care Ministries. The deadline to expend 2019 funds is July 2021.
- Current 2020 ESG funds will be issued by RFP. The proposed awards will then be presented to the Continuum of Care and submitted to City Council for approval.



**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
Economic Security
(CARES) Act funding - 2020**

CARES Act Overview

- CARES Act was signed on March 27, 2020.
- CARES Act provides for \$5 billion in CDBG-CV (CDBG-Coronavirus) funds and \$4 billion in ESG-CV (ESG Coronavirus) funds.
- Funds were allocated in three rounds, based on various criteria, including entitlement grant formulas, at a state or local level or on a rolling basis, as determined by HUD Secretary.
 - ❖ Rockford received R1 and R3 CDBG-CV funds and R1 and R2 ESG-CV funds.
- Funds must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus.





Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program

Rockford CDBG-CV - Round 1

- CDBG-CV Round 1 - \$1,277,632
- Funds provide working capital for eligible microenterprise and sole proprietor businesses (5 or fewer employees) affected by COVID-19.
- YTD Results:
 - ❖ A total of 50 microenterprise businesses have been assisted
 - ❖ 99% of the funds have been committed for assistance.
 - ❖ Approximately 70% of those funded were minority owned businesses, and 40% were women owned businesses.

Rockford CDBG-CV - Round 3

- CDBG-CV Round 3 - \$1,001,397
- Acceptance of the grant award was approved by City Council on November 15, 2020.
- Proposed program is to provide additional capacity to fund microenterprise program loan applicants and associated administrative expenses. If sufficient capacity is available, the City will open additional rounds of funds in early 2021.
- Any funds not utilized will support special economic development activities in accordance with the microenterprise loan program's policy and procedures.



Emergency Solutions Grants Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Program

Rockford ESG-CV

- ESG-CV Round 1 - \$636,693
- Funds were used to assist with Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, and associated administrative costs.
- 49 households assisted to date.
- 100% of funds have been committed to eligible activities.

Rockford (ESG-CV)

- ESG-CV Round 2 - \$1,157,575
- Funds will be used for Homeless Prevention, Rapid rehousing, ESG Shelter, Homeless Outreach, Homeless Management Information System, and associated administrative costs.
- City Council approved acceptance of grant award in October 2020.

2021 Annual Action Plan Schedule

November 20, 2020	Virtual recorded public hearing is available for public review. The hearing provides a summary of accomplishments in 2020 and encourages ideas for 2021 planning.
December 3, 2020	Notice regarding 2 nd public hearing and draft plan availability for review and comment are published in the Rockford Register Star.
Dec. 7, 2020 - Jan. 5, 2021	Public Comment Period for 2021 Annual Action Plan Draft.
December 17, 2020	Virtual recorded public hearing is available for public review and comment. The hearing provides an overview of the 2021 draft Annual Action Plan.
Jan. 5 - 25, 2021	City staff prepares 2021 AAP, taking into consideration public feedback and comments.
January 25, 2021	City of Rockford's Planning & Development Committee review/approve the 2021 Annual Action Plan.
February 1, 2021	Rockford City Council review and approve the 2021 Annual Action Plan.
Date to be determined by HUD (based on government appropriations)	HUD announces the 2021 City of Rockford grant allocations. City staff update the 2021 plan with final budget numbers and submit to HUD within 45 days of award notification.

Transitioning to 2021

Please provide ideas and suggestions regarding housing and community development needs in Rockford. How can the City's 2021 HUD funds be used to support those needs?

WE APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT!

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Resources and Contacts

- CDBG - hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/
- HOME - hudexchange.info/programs/home/
- ESG - hudexchange.info/programs/esg/

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