

## Small Group Discussion Notes

Review the Existing Housing Programs Summary

Question #1- What are the top three most effective existing programs? Why?

### Yellow Group

All the programs are important (don't cut any of them).

Housing Rehabilitation

Mortgage Subsidy

Rental Unit Construction Assistance

### Red Group

Mortgage Subsidy

Housing Rehab

Rental Housing

### Blue Group

All programs fill niches and have value

CDBG

MSP- because it adds owners

HRP- extends life of existing housing

TBRA

Rental Accessibility (biggest bang for the buck)

Question #2- What suggestions do you have to improve existing programs?

### Yellow Group

- Fund with attention to what is happening relative to the housing/building cycle
- Provide more public information about our existing programs

### Red Group

- TBRA participants may need more time in the program, so participants can increase income.
- Goals are very ambitious with a tight time frame
- Research best practices, with focus on results

### Blue Group

- Expand RAP to meet need and add incentives to create more accessible and affordable units.
- Expand all programs
- Integrate rental units into surrounding neighborhood in location and design
- Expand HRP, when possible

Question #3- Are there other potential programs we have not discussed that you would like to recommend? What housing needs are not being met by current programs?

Yellow Group

- More starter homes with smaller square footage
- Put more money into rehab to accomplish the above
- Waive fees for second units when they are built to accommodate the elderly or disabled
- Get the University to build student housing
- Initiate a rental housing inspection program

Red Group

- Need for housing and services for youth aging out of foster care.
- Encourage small scale infill by offering incentives, including leverage of RDA. funds to subsidize infrastructure improvements.
- Explore ways to encourage development on alleys and flag lots.

Blue Group

- Flexible inclusionary zoning that is site specific and offers incentives in land use regulations
- Silent 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage program for first time low income home buyers
- More funding for MSP
- Programs for moderate incomes