

Housing Community Development Needs – Region 8

- Lack of funding.
- Affordable housing:
 - HUD guidelines not keeping up
 - Fair market rents
 - Income limits
- \$18.00 minimum wage in Dickinson
- Lack of homeless housing or shelter
 - Hotels are expensive
- Buildings available for homeless shelter– too many rules or NIMBYSM
- Last year of church shelter volunteers burned out!
- Lack of housing for essential service workers
- HIF needs to align with developers and builders
- HIF definition of essential service workers needs to be broadened
- Include subsidy in HIF program
- Section 8 – 1-2 years waiting list
 - Group working on obtaining funding with state \$
 - Would be limited to oil impact areas
- Adjust median income/examined at least yearly
- FHA insured loan for area is \$271,000 – needs to be adjusted
- Need transitional housing
- 40% of school children homeless (Watford City)
 - Affects Federal funding
 - Income limits for free and reduced meals needs adjusting
- Program assistance to help gap between low income and unable to qualify for programs

Fair Housing – Region 8

- Language barriers
- Landlord – renting places not fit for human habitation
- Lack of education, disconnect of info available for renters
 - No central connecting point

Non-housing Community Development Needs – Region 8

- Lack of funding
- Mental health services
 - In-patient services
 - Addiction counseling
 - Out-patient services
- No public transportation – long distance
- Taxi service expensive
- Transit – \$75-125 per trip long distance
- Emergency services lacking
 - Ambulance
 - Paramedics – cost
- Dunn County Emergency Services Budget
 - From 237,000 to 1.2 million over 3 years
 - 1 FTE to 7 FTEs
- Lack of skilled workforce – even at entry level
- Daycare – high cost and shortage
- Supportive services for childcare
- \$15-18 per hour starting wage for childcare workers
- Adjust median income
- Cities do not have matching \$
- Water and sewer expansion
- Small \$ with huge rules
- Lower scale audit review
- Education system impacted
- Commerce needs to have a tool for “can you afford to live here” – tell the Bakken story as it relates to housing.