

CDBG PUBLIC MEETING

September 29, 2015



Department of
**Economic &
Community Development**

CDBG Update

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CDBG Update

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CDBG Overview

- Funding from HUD of approximately \$24M per year
- Primary Objective is to develop viable communities by providing for decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate-income
- Created by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

CDBG Update

- Closed out 100 projects last year!
- **Moved from last in the nation four years ago to #22!!!!**
- Spent more than \$70M last year
- 77% of '08 and '10 disaster funds have been drawn down
- Have already started drawing down funds for the '11 disaster projects that were awarded in June
- CDBG Advisory Board inaugural meeting and another one scheduled for October

CDBG Update

- Current Status
 - About 250 Open projects
 - Drawing down about \$2.4M per month in regular round funds
 - Closing out about 4 disaster grants a month
 - Have closed out 2 2014 grants

Expectations for 2015-2016

- Will announce 2015 awards in the next few weeks
- Approximately \$24M in funding from HUD
- Will continue to be highly competitive
 - Only 40% of the 2015 applications will be funded
 - 53 out of 131
- If you are reapplying, talk with our office before a new application is submitted
- Must closeout '08 and '10 disaster projects and the regular round projects

Schedule for 2016 Applications

- Applications due February 26, 2016
- Public Meetings must be held by January 26, 2016
- Closeouts due February 12, 2016
- Final RFPs due February 5, 2016
- Final change orders due January 29, 2016
- Priority List letters due January 22, 2016

Will not change for 2016

- National Objective
- Eligible and Ineligible expenses
- Entitlement Communities
- Application Process
- Approximately 80% to water and sewer projects
- ThreeStar incentives

Changes for 2016

- Take out points for LMI % and Cost per LMI
 - Looked at last 3 years of funding and 98% of projects would have been the same and does not affect the smallest communities
 - Benefits – less time on surveys, more accurate applications, more transparency
 - Drawbacks – a high LMI, low population community might not get funded, census numbers might not capture all of the LMI people
 - Replace Cost per LMI with Poverty Rate?

Changes for 2016

- Survey process
 - Presentation was sent and covered in training that describes how surveys should be conducted
- Updates to the application
 - Trying to make the calculations easy to do, easy to check and transparent
 - Taking out what is not needed
 - Adapting the application to get the best information

Changes for 2016

- Changing point structure for housing
 - Currently
 - 25 points for % of homes in the area to be rehabilitated
 - No points for serving minorities
 - 25 points are made up of % of FHH, elderly and disabled
 - 50 points for feasibility based on site visit
 - 50 points for Impact based on cost per person and cost per LMI
 - Suggestions for how this should change?
 - Keep points for % of homes in the area
 - Add points for serving minorities
 - Change points for CPP?

Changes for 2016

- Ability to Pay
 - New data this year from UT
 - Should it still be 70% as our base
 - Should we treat cities and counties differently

Potential Changes

- BIG projects
 - Do we need to look at projects that involve multiple other sources of funding differently?
 - Should there be a separate category?
- How can we lessen the scope changes for line and housing projects?
- Points for communities with plans for repairs and improvements?

Potential Changes

- Small grants for TV'ing?
- Extra points for no project in 3 years?
- How can we do a water and sewer project together?
- Change to structure for Community Livability amounts?
- Consider energy efficiency in making awards?

Potential New Programs

- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Self-Help
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Commercial Façade
- Microenterprise Assistance

Additional Updates

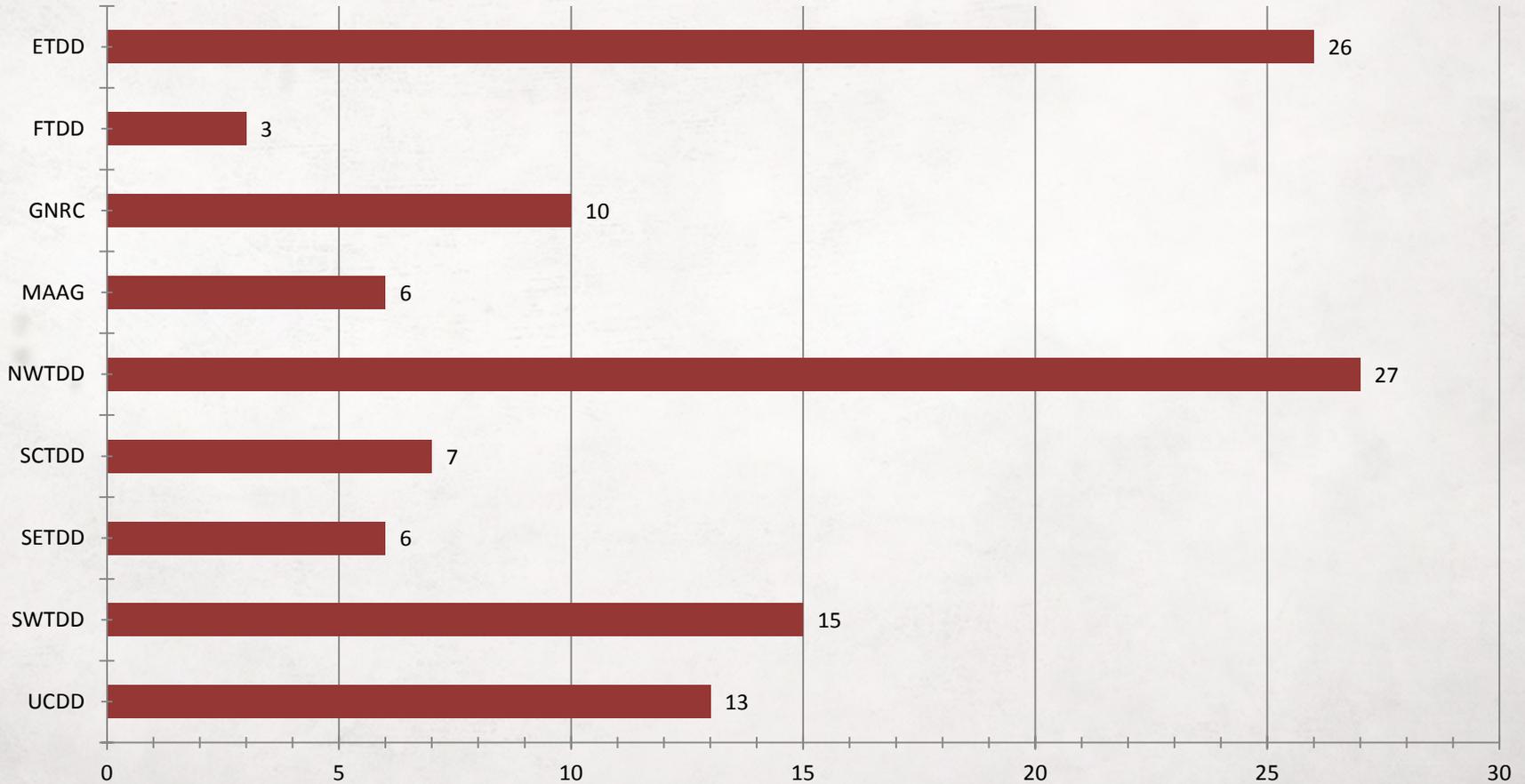
- CDBG Advisory Board
 - Giving guidance on potential changes
 - Looking into data
 - Developing plans for M&V program
- Measurement and Verification
 - Have visited sewer and water projects
 - Met with TDEC
 - Working on how to measure and promote our success

Disaster Projects

- Closing out all Disaster projects in 2016 – including the most recently awarded projects from the 2011 Disaster
- Likely to have more monitoring from HUD on these projects over the next year
- Disaster requirements are getting more stringent and are focused on transparency
- Disaster Resiliency application will be submitted in October

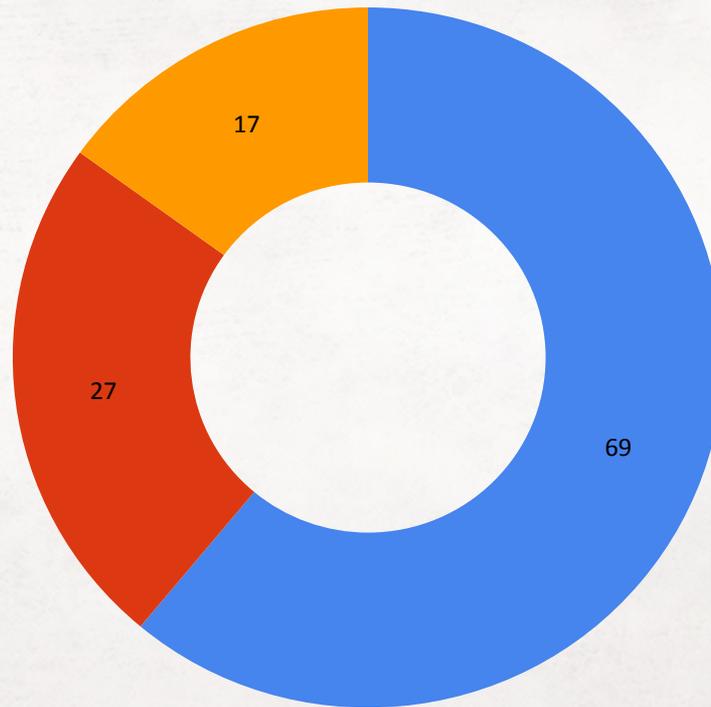
CDBG Satisfaction Survey

Surveys by Development District



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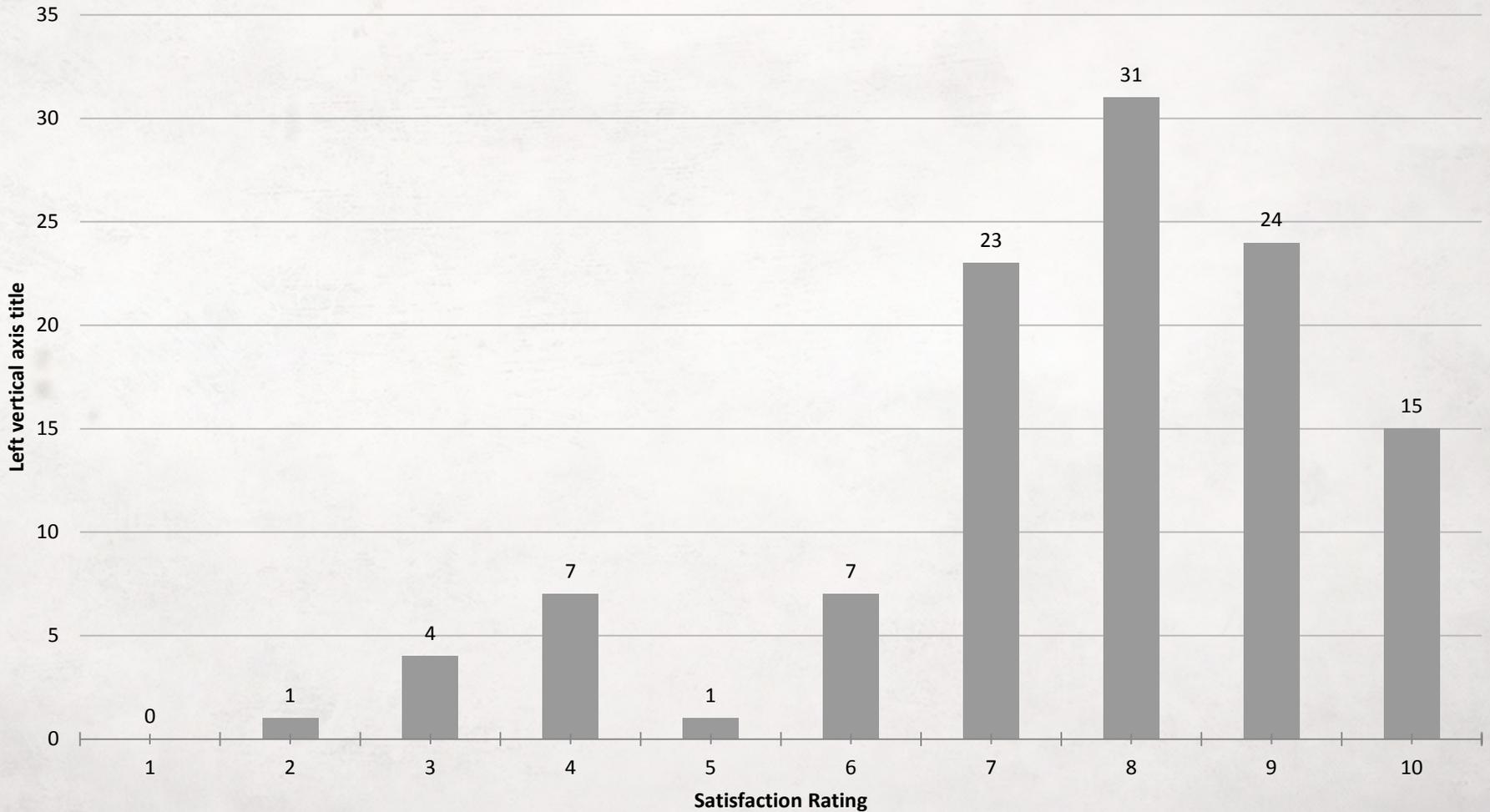
Surveys by Type of Representation



■ Local Gov. ■ Grant Admin. ■ Eng./Arch.

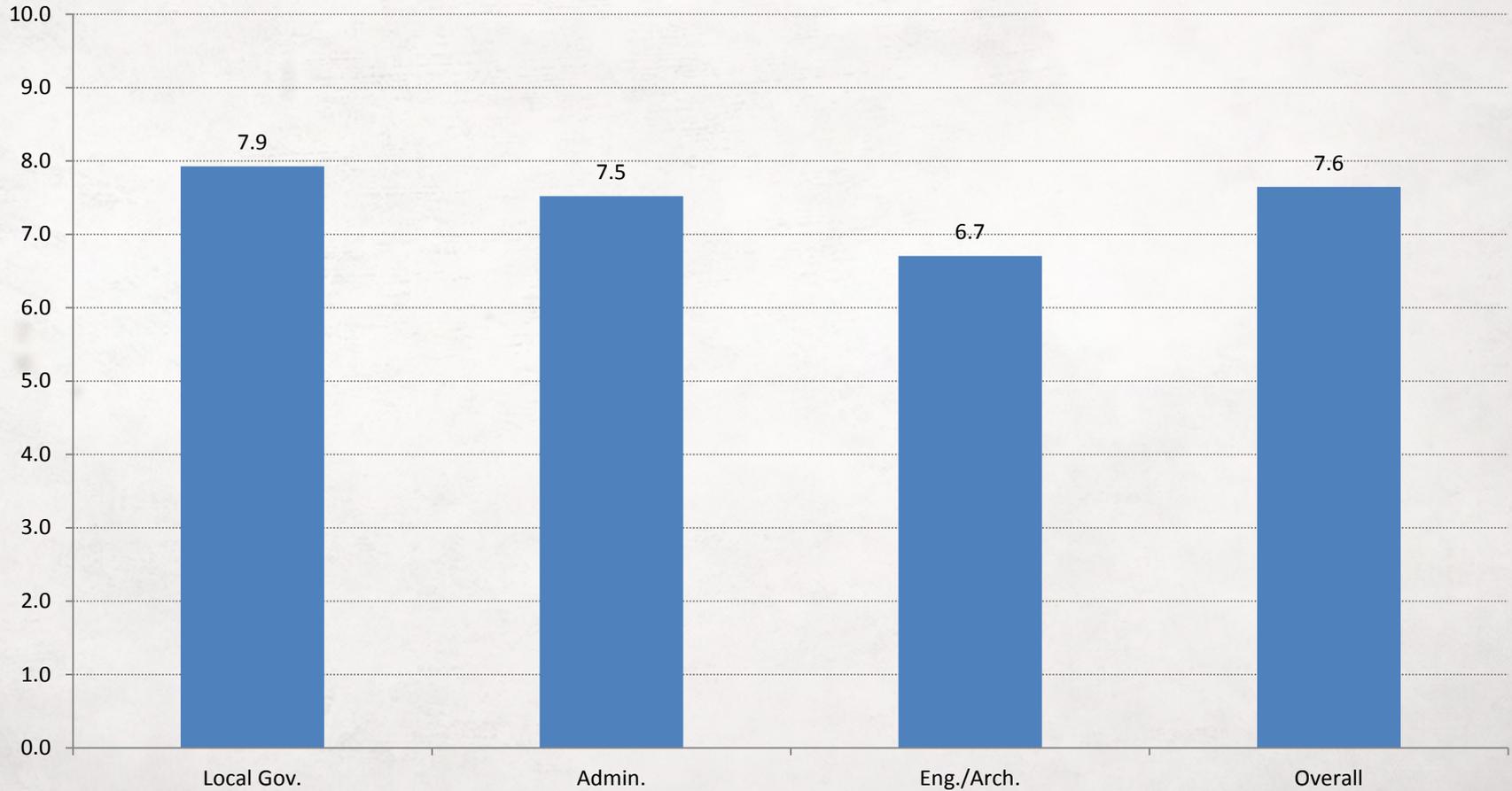
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Overall CDBG Satisfaction



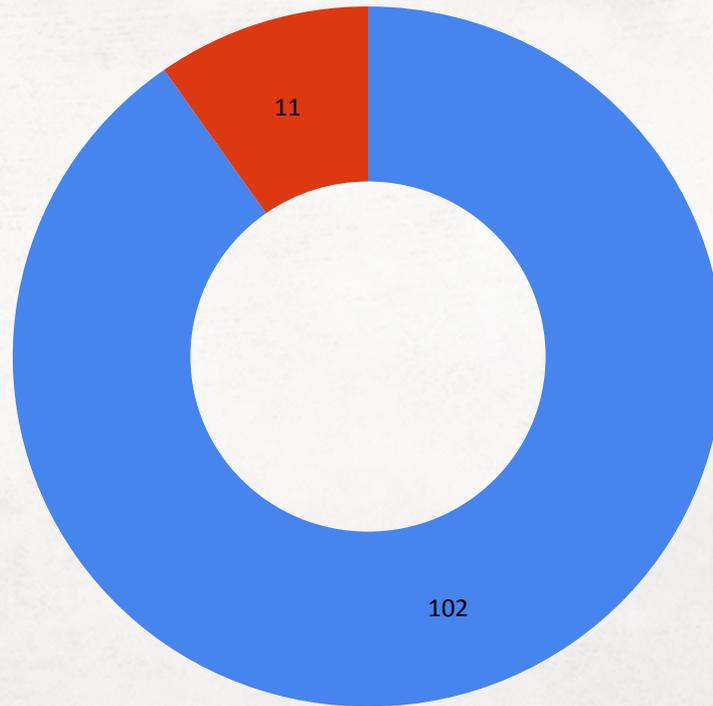
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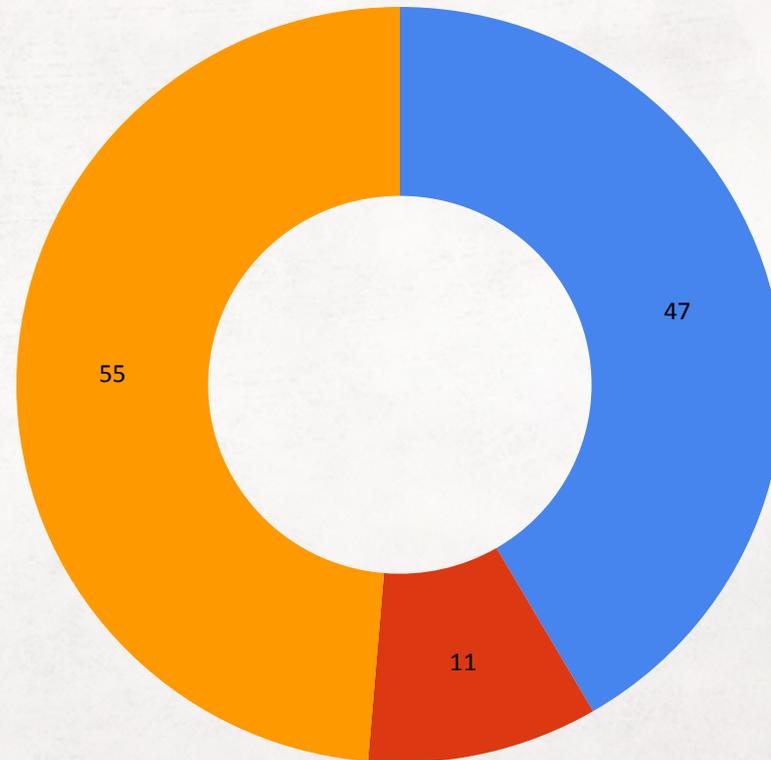
Ability-To-Pay Satisfaction



■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied

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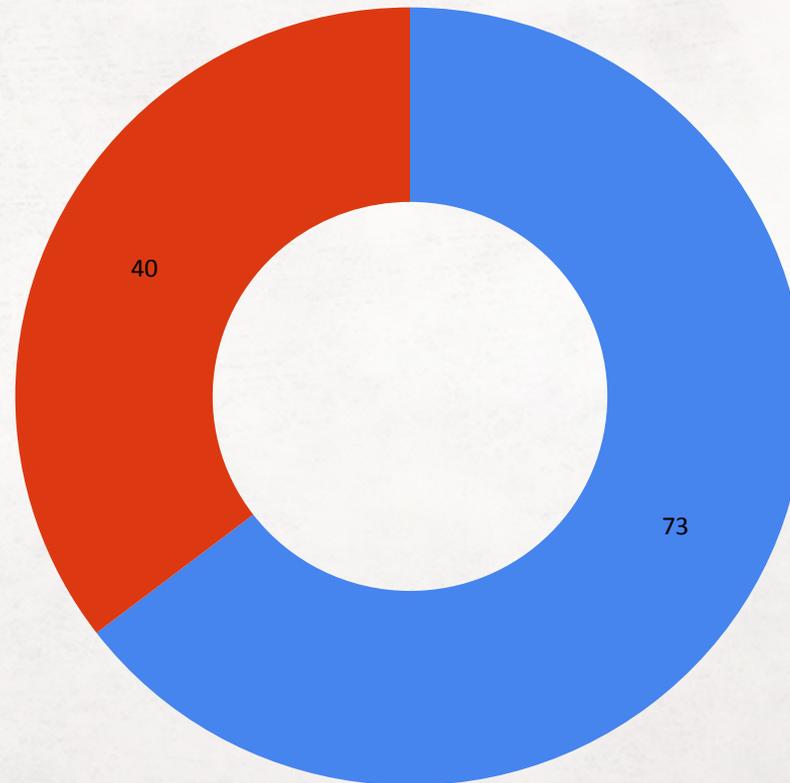
Split Community Livability in Two Categories



■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure

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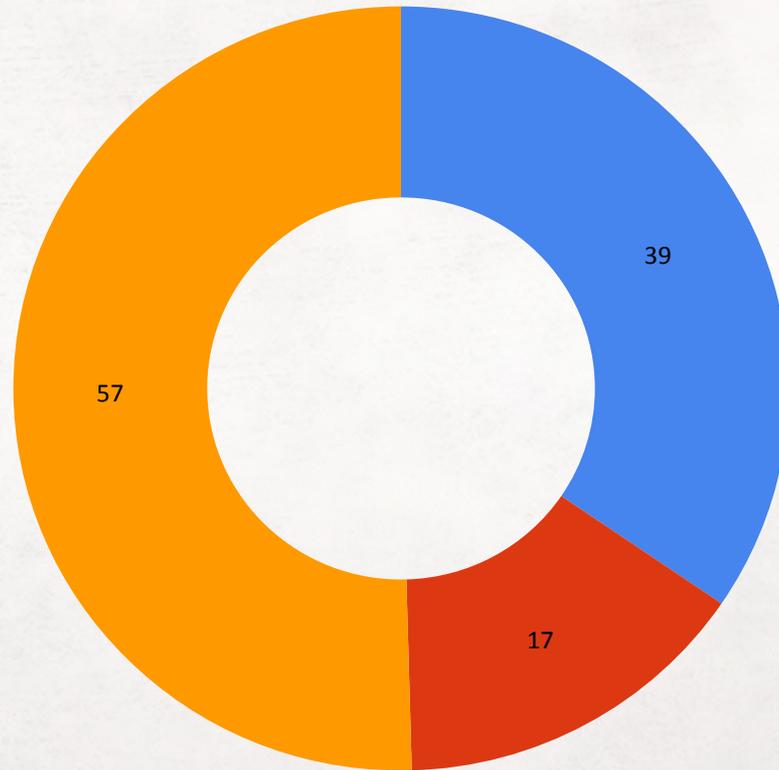
Inclusion of Neighborhood Revitalization



■ Interested ■ Not Interested

CDBG Satisfaction Survey

Commercial Facade Adds Value



■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure

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