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## Anti-Poverty Strategies

The City of Duluth aims to reduce the number of families and individuals currently living in poverty by looking beyond the effects (not being able to afford basic necessities like food, housing, healthcare, etc.) to address the root causes of poverty. The Planning and Development Division plans to move forward with the strategies listed below with consideration to the previous anti-poverty strategies and by synthesizing community with overarching consolidated plan goals.

**Policy #1: Training and Career Development.** Provide occupational training programs coupled with career development and job placement in partnership with the City's Workforce Development Division to enable people to obtain employment.

**Policy #2: Remove issues Obtaining Employment.** Assist families with removing issues to obtaining employment through long term or sustainable solutions that reduce the cost of essentials or burdens to household incomes, such as provide more childcare and school age child programming.

**Policy #3: Reduce Housing and Utility Costs.** Focus on efforts to reduce the costs on household's budgets through energy efficiency programs that lower utilities and/or through rehab programs that extend the livability of housing units.

**Policy #4: Increase Affordable Housing Units.** Increase the amount of affordable housing units within the City that have long-term affordability restrictions (greater than 30 years) to maintain housing for low-to-moderate-income residents within our community.

**Policy #5: Increase Access to Affordable and Healthy Food and Living Options.** Increase access to affordable and healthy food options as well as educational and social gathering programs that contribute to healthy living to address the long-term health and economic impacts on households experiencing poverty.

**Policy #6: Increase Homeownership.** Increase opportunities for LMI households to be able to purchase housing that will allow them to become financially sustainable.

**Policy #7: Create Sustainable Independence.** When possible, work with LMI people to help them develop skills such as through the Section 3 Program or other job training programs AND provide quality housing opportunities. This could be a multi-agency partnership.