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## 2026 Community Development Priorities

### 1. Increase childcare access and/or children's programming

Given the shortage of childcare facilities and children's programming in Duluth, the CD Committee is continuing to prioritize projects that increase access to these resources. How could this proposal help to ensure quality childcare and children's programming is available in LMI neighborhoods and that it is safe, affordable and convenient?

### 2. Prepare for additional work or volunteer requirements for Medicaid and SNAP benefits

Due to changing eligibility requirements for Medicaid and SNAP in 2026, many recipients of these benefits will be required to log work or volunteer hours every month. How could your organization or proposal assist those who may be impacted?

### 3. Provide additional innovation or revitalization to downtown

Downtown Duluth is a priority area for the city because of the ample opportunities for innovative housing, economic development, transportation, infrastructure, and community building. How would this application contribute to the physical, economic or revitalization in the Downtown?

### 4. Establish collaborative partnership and co-location of services

The community needs assessment has identified transportation barriers for people receiving services, noting that they often need to travel to different locations to receive assistance. How can your organization assist with this issue?