

# Identifying Community Needs

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## Four Steps to Taking Action in Our Community

Step 1: Think about the needs in your community.

Make a list:

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Step 2: Identify what you know.

Select one community need from your list: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the cause of the need? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is helping with this need (agencies, people) \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some ways we can help? \_\_\_\_\_

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Step 3: Find out more.

What do we need to know about this community need and who is helping? \_\_\_\_\_

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How can we find that out? \_\_\_\_\_

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Step 4: Plan for Action.

To help our community we will: \_\_\_\_\_

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To make this happen, we will take on these responsibilities:

WHO            will do WHAT            by WHEN            RESOURCES NEEDED

*This worksheet is intended only as a guide.*

*You should develop your own plan and steps, specific to your community*