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Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary – 24 CRF 91.200(C), 91.220(B)

1. Introduction

Overview. The 2021 Annual Action Plan (Plan) is the second plan of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). The City of Houston's (City) Housing and Community Department (HCDD) submits the Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which serves as the application to received formula funding from HUD. This federal funding includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) that will be used to fund program to benefit income-eligible residents during City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/HCDD's Program Year (PY) 2021 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). In the Annual Action Plan, HCDD provides a concise summary of specific actions that will take place during the program year to address the priority needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

According to HUD, the primary objectives of the entitlement funds are to increase the availability/accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income Houstonians. As in the past several approved Con Plans, the 2020-2024 Con Plan funding priorities are divided into four categories designed to benefit low- and moderate-income Houstonians

- Affordable housing
- Supportive services
- Public improvements and infrastructure
- Economic development

The objectives of the 2020-2024 Con Plan are to

- Improve housing opportunities by creating and preserving decent, safe affordable rental and homeowner housing
- Expand sustainable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families
- Meet the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families through the provision of housing, health, and support services
- Reduce homelessness by assisting individuals and families to stabilize in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness by providing appropriate housing and supportive service solutions
- Enhance quality of life for residents by ensuring access to appropriate services
- Strengthen neighborhoods by investing in infrastructure, enforcement of safety codes, and public facilities that maximize impact by providing access to services
- Create and maintain healthy and safe environments and homes by removing health and safety hazards from homes
- Enhance the City's economic stability and prosperity by increasing opportunities for job readiness and investing in economic growth to increase the number of jobs or goods and services available
- Promote and ensure fair access to housing for all residents

Priorities and objectives from the 2020-2024 Con Plan align directly with HCDD's vision to create a city where everyone has a safe home they can afford in a community where they can thrive.

For each year of the Con Plan, the City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan to inform citizens and HUD of the City's intended actions during that particular year. At the end of each program year, the City must prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to provide information

to HUD and citizens about that year's accomplishments towards achieving the goals and objectives identified for that year.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Annual Objectives. The Plan identifies programs and activities that will be used to meet HCDD's goals. As required by HUD, each activity is linked to one of three federal program objectives: 1) decent housing, 2) suitable living environment, or 3) economic development. Each objective is matched with one of three outcomes: 1) availability/accessibility, 2) affordability, or 3) sustainability. The annual activities that will enable HCDD to achieve these objectives and outcomes in PY 2021 are listed below.

Decent Housing
Facilitate making decent housing more available, accessible, affordable, and sustainable for low- and moderate-income residents through

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of multifamily properties
- Downpayment and closing cost assistance to increase low- and moderate-income persons' access to homeownership
- Single family home repair and development to preserve existing and expand new housing stock
- Lead-based paint testing and abatement activities
- Services to HIV/AIDS populations
- Homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing
- Rental assistance

Suitable Living Environment
Make suitable living environments more available, accessible, affordable, and sustainable for low- and moderate-income residents through

- Building/rehabilitating neighborhood facilities
- Code enforcement
- Juvenile, youth, and childcare programs
- Supportive and transitional housing
- Support services for populations with special needs (e.g. elderly, persons with disabilities)
- Services for the homeless
- Health care education and services

Economic Development/Opportunities
Increase access to economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income communities through

- Expansion of business products based on community need
- Business development services
- Job training and employment services for low- and moderate-income persons

3. Evaluation of past performance

Past Performance. During the last consolidated planning period, HCDD achieved many of the goals set for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. The following will review the goals and outcomes of the past five-year period through the close of the fifth year ending June 30, 2020.

Table 1 – 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Goals and Accomplishments

Goal	Category	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete
Preserve and Expand Supply of Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	Rental Units Constructed	Household Housing Unit	404	417	103.22%
		Rental Units Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	390	567	145.38%
		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	250	112	44.80%
		Rental Units Constructed	Household Housing Unit	10	0	0.00%
		Other (Lead-Based Paint)	Other	488	290	59.43%
Expand Homeownership Opportunities	Affordable Housing	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	500	230	24.80%
Provide Assistance to Persons Affected by HIV/AIDS	Affordable Housing (Non-Homeless Special Needs)	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance / Rapid Re-housing	Households Assisted	2,325	1,973	84.86%
		HIV/AIDS Housing Operations	Household Housing Unit	1,500	1,386	92.40%
		Other (Supportive Services)	Other	9,150	18,620	203.50%
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance / Rapid Re-housing	Households Assisted	350	1,921	440.00%
		Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	950	4,290	451.58%
		Public Service Activities Other Than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	115,500	169,686	141.91%
Enhance Quality of Life through the Provision of Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Service Activities Other Than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	103,000	113,868	110.55%
Revitalize Communities	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities	Other	30	35	116.67%
		Housing Code Enforcement / Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	161,250	184,123	114.18%
Foster Community Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	Jobs Created / Retained	Jobs	50	107	214.00%
		Businesses Assisted	Businesses Assisted	3	0	0.00%
Promote Fair Housing	Non-Housing Community Development	Other	Other	500,000	4,544,141	908.83%
NOTE: Accomplishments as in 2019 CAPER						

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

In the development of the 2021 Annual Action Plan, the Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) planned an extensive citizen participation and stakeholder consultation process.

HCDD worked with a number of City departments, the Houston Housing Authority, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that the planning process was both comprehensive and inclusive. HCDD solicited information from other City departments, the private sector, non-profits, neighborhood-based organizations, and residents regarding existing conditions and strategies for addressing current needs.

HCDD recognizes that Houston residents are the center of, and partners in, the development and execution of these Plans. Opportunities for resident input were provided throughout the planning process through

- Publications and Postings
- Public Hearings/Open Houses
- Online Forums
- Housing Advocates Collective Meeting

5. Summary of public comments

A summary of resident comments on the development of the 2021 Annual Action Plan, along with a summary of HCDD's responses, is in the Appendix of this document. A summary of the comments on the draft Action Annual Plan and Spring Public Hearings will also be included in the final 2021 Annual Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

HCDD considered all comments and views and did not send any responses specifically rejecting comments received. HCDD's consideration of comments from the draft Annual Action Plan and Spring Public Hearings and will include also be included in the final 2021 Annual Action Plan.

7. Summary

During the next year, HCDD will build upon past experience and new strategies striving to meet the goals set in this Plan. HCDD will continue to focus on using data-driven approaches and utilize various resident and stakeholder participation techniques to validate the needs and priorities set in the Consolidated Plan. HCDD continues to make great strides in addressing the community's needs and the Consolidated Plan priorities through community involvement, evaluating past performance, and responding to past experience with improved efficiency.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 92.200(B)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Table 2 – Responsible Agencies

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
LEAD AGENCY	HOUSTON	HCDD

Narrative

The City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) serves as the lead agency responsible for administering the programs covered by this 2019 Annual Action Plan, which include

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100,91.200(B), 91.215(L)

1. Introduction

City of Houston (City) recognizes that partnerships with public and private entities are vital to the provision of effective assistance to the Houston community. Each strategy prioritized by the City is only accomplished through effective collaborations with community partners. These partners provide the expertise needed to ensure quality service provision, housing development, and neighborhood revitalization efforts.

In preparation for the 2021 Annual Action Plan, HCDD performed outreach to both residents and other stakeholders. These stakeholders included people who work with low- and moderate-income persons, persons with special needs, persons of protected classes, and those who live in low- and moderate-income areas.

Coordination and consultation with public and private agencies is important to the City when developing the Annual Action Plan. HCDD will continue to work with a number of City departments, the Houston Housing Authority, major non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders, to ensure that the planning process is both comprehensive and inclusive. HCDD obtains information from stakeholders and residents regarding existing conditions and strategies for addressing current needs.

HCDD strives to coordinate with private industry, businesses, developers, and social service agencies for public services and economic development programs. For instance, in PY 2021, HCDD will continue to work with the Houston Business Development, Inc. (HBDI), the Houston Redevelopment Authority (HRA), and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to enhance businesses that create or retain jobs and expand services offered in low- and moderate-income areas.

In PY 2021, HCDD plans to sustain this meaningful input in order to strengthen programming during the consolidated planning process. HCDD will

- Continue to reach out to and consult with organizations listed in the table titled “Agencies, groups, organizations who participated” in this section of the Plan
- Seek new opportunities for collaboration and consultation to find innovative approaches to addressing pressing community issues and fair housing impediments, including COVID-19 impacts
- Participate in the process and advance community strategies to end chronic homelessness in Houston
- Host Housing Advocates Collective meetings open to any nonprofit working in housing or disaster recovery to increase collaboration between the public and nonprofit sectors

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The City of Houston strives to partner with public and private agencies to ensure funding priorities are in line with current community development goals. HCDD is involved in many community collaborations with an aim to enhance coordination between housing and service providers in order to better serve the community.

HCDD continues to lead a community-wide effort to create deeply subsidized affordable housing units that are linked to mainstream and social supports, including primary and behavioral health care and housing in partnership with the City’s Health Department, Harris County Community Services Department, Houston Housing Authority, Harris County Housing Authority, Houston Housing Finance Corporation, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County.

HCDD will continue to seek out opportunities to strategize with a variety of groups to address short-term and long-term community needs. In addition, HCDD staff will meet with community groups and agencies throughout the year to solicit input regarding HCDD programs and to plan future activities.

In addition, HCDD will continue stakeholder engagements such as those listed in the following table "Agencies, groups, organizations who participated." HCDD will also host public and private housing providers with private and government service agencies at periodic meetings.

Describe the coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

HCDD continues to work closely with the Continuum of Care (CoC) and the CoC Lead Agency, The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition). HCDD holds a voting seat on the CoC Steering Committee. The CoC has completed a new strategic plan in 2021, which outlined new goals such as strengthening crisis response addressing racial equity, but the plan also retains the CoC's historical focus to end chronic and veteran homelessness, including family and youth homelessness. To achieve this goal, HCDD has been actively receiving HUD technical assistance through the OneCPD Initiative. HCDD and the Special Assistant and Deputy Special Assistant to the Mayor for Homeless Initiatives, two full-time dedicated staff positions charged with developing strategies in coordination with local partners to end chronic homelessness in Houston, have taken a lead role in the regional planning efforts.

HCDD and the Mayor's Office continue to lead the collaborative effort to develop permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless, continuing to provide supportive services and using the coordinated access system to systematically identify and prioritize the most vulnerable chronically homeless persons for placement into permanent supportive housing. By standardizing assessment processes, the City of Houston can work quicker and more efficiently to end homelessness by appropriately addressing the needs of person who is in need of assistance.

In addition to addressing chronic homelessness, HCDD has actively participated in planning efforts to standardize and target homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services. This has included updating program standards and common system outcomes, in partnership with Harris and Fort Bend Counties, the City of Pasadena, as well as the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The five local jurisdictions that comprise the CoC, including the City of Houston, Harris County, Montgomery County, Fort Bend County, City of Pasadena, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition) continue to meet regarding implementation of ESG changes associated with the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act. These meetings are referred to as the ESG Funders Workgroup, a group within the CoC structure which ensures that all members of the CoC are targeting funding toward continuum-wide goals. This group assists in updating and maintaining standards for both the provision of assistance and performance. These continuum-wide performance measures are used to evaluate performance and determine resource allocations based on data from HMIS. Agencies receiving funding from HCDD must receive verification of participation in this system as a threshold requirement for funding. In the CAPER, HCDD will evaluate and include information from HMIS about the outcome of projects and activities assisted with ESG funds.

The strategy developed in the Houston area for ESG homelessness prevention funds prioritizes people who are at-risk of homelessness and who have experienced homelessness in the past. The CoC has developed a prioritization tool for homelessness prevention subrecipients of ESG funds. Families and persons in domestic violence situations are prioritized as those most at-risk of becoming homeless and in need of homelessness prevention assistance to achieve housing stability. The City of Houston, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, coordinated ESG homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing strategies through the CoC.

ESG activity priorities will continue to be homeless prevention and rapid re-housing. Rapid re-housing activities will target those that: are first time homeless, have few recent episodes of homelessness, are part of a family that is homeless, and are fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence.

HCDD plans to continue funding the Coalition in support of the operation and administration of HMIS. In addition, HCDD works with the Coalition and the CoC to ensure that policies and procedures are aligned with HUD requirements. As HCDD continues to develop its strategy for addressing funding priorities under the HEARTH Act, all work has been and continues to be done in coordination with the Coalition for the Homeless, the CoC - including its committees and workgroups, and other adjacent jurisdictions. Partners are actively working to align and braid resources across the jurisdictions in support of a single, standardized rapid re-housing and prevention model, with the ultimate goal of leveraging substantial private investment in the coming years to substantially increase the number of homeless families to be served.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 3 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Agency/Group/ Organization	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the agency/group/organization consulted? What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Avenue CDC	Housing	Housing Strategy Community Development Strategy Anti-Poverty Strategy	HCDD consulted with Avenue CDC on addressing community and housing needs for LMI families through various types of community developments.
City of Houston – Houston Health Department	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Other government – Local	Lead-based Paint Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Development Strategy	HHD provides HCDD with lead-based paint program information and data for use in development of the Plan, as needed.
City of Houston – Mayor's Office of Complete Communities	Other government – Local	Housing Strategy Community Development Strategy	HCDD consulted the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities to determine community needs and potential neighborhood improvements.

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City of Houston – Mayor's Office of Homeless Initiatives	Other government – Local	Homelessness Strategy	HCDD consulted with the Mayor's Office of Homeless Initiatives to determine priorities for addressing needs of persons experiencing homelessness.
City of Houston - Houston Public Libraries	Other government – Local	Community Development Strategy	HCDD consulted with HPL to determine funding needs for providing technological and education opportunities to LMI areas. HCDD plans to continue partnering with HPL to improve neighborhoods through public services.
City of Houston – Parks and Recreation Department	Services-Children Services-Education Other government – Local	Anti-poverty Strategy	HCDD consulted with HPARD to determine the demand for youth programs. HCDD plans to continue partnering with HPARD to serve youth. HCDD also consults with HPARD to determine the funding needs for the renovation or creation of neighborhood parks.
City of Houston – Planning and Development Department	Other government – Local	Housing Strategy Community Development Strategy	HCDD consulted with PDD to determine what public facilities or neighborhood improvement projects may be considered a priority project. HCDD will continue to work with PDD to help determine priority projects.
Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	Services-homeless Regional organization Planning organization	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth	Coalition staff was consulted regarding the Homeless sections of the Plan. The Coalition manages the HMIS system in which HCDD subrecipients report accomplishments for ESG and HOPWA activities. Data from HMIS is used to evaluate program performance.

Agency/Group/ Organization	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the agency/group/organization consulted? What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy	HCDD staff meets periodically with the Ryan White Planning Council to share research and strategize ways to improve the quality of life for those affected by HIV/AIDS. HCDD staff serves on the Council and also serves as a co-chair of the Priorities and Allocations Committee. This information is utilized when determining needs of and services for the HIV/AIDS community.
Houston Community Land Trust	Other	Housing Strategy Services - Housing	HCDD consulted the CLT about developing and selling affordable homes and creating different pathways to homeownership. HCDD will continue to partner with the CLT to provide homeownership opportunities.
Houston Habitat for Humanity	Housing	Housing Strategy	HCDD consulted with Habitat for Humanity to develop a strategy to assist CHDOs with staffing capacity and maintaining affordability while constructing new homes.
Houston Housing Authority (HHA)	PHA	Public Housing Needs Homeless Strategy	HCDD consulted with HHA staff regarding the Public Housing sections of the Plan. HHA serves on the CoC. HCDD and HHA will continue to meet regularly to discuss current projects and plan for potential future projects and initiatives to address homeless needs.

Agency/Group/ Organization	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the agency/group/organization consulted? What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Houston Housing Collaborative	Housing Planning organization	Housing Strategy Community Development Strategy Anti-Poverty Strategy	HCDD consulted with the Houston Housing Collaborative to identify needs and to understand what affordability strategies may be helpful for multifamily and single family construction and rehabilitation.
Houston Housing Finance Corporation (HHFC)	Housing	Housing Strategy	HCDD regularly consults with HHFC on ways to efficiently deploy resources in the community. HHFC assists in implementing new multifamily development by providing bridge loans during the HCDD document preparation process. HHFC will continue to work with HCDD on new initiatives supporting economic development, including activities that address areas without full service grocery stores, also known as food deserts.
Houston Land Bank	Other	Housing Strategy	HCDD consulted the HLB about affordable land acquisition as a component of the Single Family Home Development program. HCDD will continue to partner with HLB to obtain affordable land options.
TDHCA	Other government – Local	Housing Strategy Community Development Strategy Anti-Poverty Strategy	HCDD consulted with TDHCA about its allocation process for Tax Credits on new multifamily developments. HCDD plans to continue to consult with TDHCA to improve its process, as needed.
Texas Housing Group	Housing Planning organization	Housing Strategy	HCDD consulted with the Texas Housing Group to learn about multifamily housing strategies occurring in other Texas cities.

Agency/Group/ Organization	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the agency/group/organization consulted? What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Way Home Funders	Regional organization Other: Partnership with Public/Private Organizations	Homelessness Strategy	To address homeless needs identified in the Consolidated Plan, HCDD has consulted with Funders Together, a public/private funding group that has participated in homeless planning efforts and has agreed to strategically invest resources to leverage public investment and help meet the CoC's goals.

HCDD consulted with the Texas Housing Group to gather and provide more strategic input in the upcoming years.

HCDD continues to work closely with other governments in the metropolitan area, the state, and the federal government to receive feedback for and implement the Consolidated Plan. HCDD works closely with HHA and Harris County to align funding objectives, especially objectives addressing homelessness. In addition, HCDD continues to participate in numerous conferences with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to align HCDD's objectives of ending chronic homelessness through developing permanent supportive housing with those of TDHCA. HCDD also continues to work closely with HUD officials at the local office. With the COVID-19 pandemic, HCDD has increased its efforts in partnering with local non-profits and government agencies to prevent the spread and ameliorate the impacts of the coronavirus.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(C)

Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

HCDD recognizes that Houston residents are the center of, and partners in, the development and execution of the 2021 Annual Action Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) establishes a means by which residents, public agencies, and other interested parties can actively participate in the development of consolidated planning documents, including the Annual Action Plan.

Using the CPP as a guide, HCDD seeks community involvement and provides residents with opportunities to become involved in the development of the Annual Action Plan. As input and comments are received, appropriate HCDD staff reviews and uses this information to ascertain the community needs and inform allocation priorities and programming goals. Opportunities for public input are provided during the entire planning process, from the development of the Annual Action Plan to the review of the draft document, through

- Publications and postings
- Public hearings
- Online Forums
- Housing Advocates Collective Meeting

HCDD publicizes all phases of the Plan's development to gather public comment. Promotional material for the fall open houses, such as public notices, were published in Spanish to broaden the knowledge about the planning process available to various groups including persons with limited English proficiency. Flyers and posters for the meeting were also available in other languages upon request. To develop the 2021 Annual Action Plan, HCDD conducted two open house and public hearings to gather input in drafting the plan and two open house and public hearings to solicit comments about the draft Plan.

Efforts to Broaden Citizen Participation. HCDD implemented a broad outreach campaign to promote public participation in the development of the 2021 Annual Action Plan. There was concerted effort to reach out to diverse populations including outreach to minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, and special needs populations. With the COVID-19 pandemic, community outreach efforts were limited to predominately virtual communication. The following is a summary of these efforts.

- Held virtually on several platforms like Adobe Connect, Microsoft Teams, HTV broadcast, HCDD's Facebook Live, and HTV's Facebook live to reach broader audience.
- Flyers were posted on local news station community calendars and HCDD's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram Pages
- Advertised in community newspapers including *La Voz de Houston* and also in *The Houston Chronicle,* a newspaper of general circulation.
- Provided a Spanish translator for Spanish speakers with limited English proficiency and provided real-time captioning or American Sign Language Interpreters for persons who are deaf or have a hearing loss during the open house and public hearings.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish and Vietnamese Non-targeted/broad community	HCDD published a public notice in the *Houston Chronicle* on September 8, 2020 announcing the draft 2019 CAPER was available for public comment from September 8, 2020 to September 23, 2020. HCDD also published this public notice in *La* Voz *de Houston* (in Spanish) on September 8, 2020. Public Notices were also published in the Korean Business Journal on September 8, 2020 and the Viet Moi News on September 8, 2020.	No public comments were received.	N/A	http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/public_legal_notices.html
Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	On November 3, 2020, information about the fall public hearings was presented on local news station's community calendars.	No public comments were received.	N/A	N/A
Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish and Vietnamese Non-targeted/broad community	A notice of the fall open house and public hearings was published in the *Houston Chronicle* on November 4, 2020. Advertisements also appeared in Spanish in *La Voz de Houston* on November 8, 2020.	No public comments were received.	N/A	http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/public_legal_notices.html

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Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	On November 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 19, 2020, a Constant Contacts email announcing the fall public hearings was also sent to emails that are part of City of Houston's HCDD database which included residents, and community organizations.	No public comments were received.	N/A	http://www.houstontx.gov/housing
Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	On November 10, 12, 16, 18, and 19, 2020, information about the fall public hearings was presented on the HCDD Instagram page	No public comments were received.	N/A	
Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	A CitizensNet Email was sent on November 13, 2020 to promote the fall public hearings to over 27,000 residents.	No public comments were received.	No public comments were received.	http://www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet/index.html
Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	HCDD accepted public comments at two fall open house and public hearings for the 2020 Annual Action Plan. These public hearings were held virtually on November 18, 2020 and November 19, 2020 through Adobe Connect. There were approximately 44 people that attended the public hearings through Adobe Connect. Attendees indicated their priorities for housing and community development programs through a group exercise. They developed a mock budget that was translated into a bar graph which gave a visual representation of priorities. After the breakout activity, each HCDD group facilitator gave a report on the groups program and funding priorities.	2 speakers commented at the fall open house and public hearings.	All comments were considered. HCDD did not specifically reject any comments received.	https://houstontx.gov/housing/public-hearing/
HCDD Housing Advocates Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	On January 21, 2021, HCDD held a Housing Advocates Collective Meeting to get input on the development of the Annual Action Plan.	No public comments were received.	N/A	N/A
Newspaper Ad	Minorities	A notice of the spring public hearings was published in the *Houston Chronicle* on March 8, 2020. Advertisements for the public hearing and draft comment period also appeared in Spanish in *La Voz de Houston* on March 14, 2021.	N/A	N/A	http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/public_legal_notices.html

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	On March 8, 2020, HCDD sent public hearing information to its Constant Contact database that includes residents, community stakeholders, and City Council Members.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Information about the spring public hearings will be presented on the HCDD website, Facebook page, Twitter page, and NextDoor, as well as on local news station's community calendars; flyers will also be sent by e-mail to HCDD's database of over 2,500 emails and City Council members offices.	To be determined	N/A	http://www.houstontx.gov/housing
HCDD Housing Advocates Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	On March 18, 2021, HCDD will hold a Housing Advocates Collective Meeting and staff will ask for input on the development of the Annual Action Plan and promote the spring public hearings.	To be determined	N/A	N/A
Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	HCDD will hold two spring public hearings for 2021 Annual Action Plan. The hearings will be held virtually on March 23 and March 25, 2021 through Microsoft Teams. The hearings will present the draft 2021 Annual Action Plan and budgets. Public comments will be received during the hearings. A similar presentation will also be given at the City Council Housing and Community Affairs Committee on March 23, 2021, which will open to the public for comment.	To be determined	To be determined	https://houstontx.gov/housing/public-hearing/

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources

The City of Houston uses multiple resources to carry out activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents. The City of Houston receives entitlement funding of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG. HCDD administers the entitlement funding on behalf of the City of Houston. In addition to entitlement grant funds, HCDD receives state and local funding to address community needs as illustrated in the Expected Resources – Priority Table. Many City departments also receive funding that addresses needs listed in the Consolidated Plan, and HCDD works with these departments to leverage entitlement grant funds when possible.

Table 5 – Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public – federal	Acquisition Administration and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	24,665,507	153,644	0	24,822,902	73.500,000	CDBG funds finance housing, public facilities and improvements, public services, and economic development assistance activities. CDBG funds are combined with many public and private funds to create a greater impact in neighborhoods. When notices of funding availability are conducted, proposals that use CDBG funding to leverage other funding are preferred. CDBG funded activities conducted by other City departments use CDBG funding as match for other public funding or combine CDBG funds with federal, local, or private funding to implement programming.
HOME	public – federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	10,306,178	126,543	0	10,432,721	18,000,000	HOME promotes public/private partnerships as a vehicle for expanding the stock of affordable housing. HOME funds are leveraged with private and public funding sources to support homebuyer and multifamily rental development activities. HCDD's CHDO assistance are leveraged with the homebuyer's private mortgage and equity. The Multifamily Housing Program's activities are funded through a request for proposal process in which greater preference is given to proposals that have other sources of equity and financing.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
HOPWA	public – federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	10,884,807	0	0	10,884,807	27,000,000	Organizations applying for HOPWA funding are selected through a competitive request for proposal process, and sources of leverage include public funding, such as Ryan White or Shelter Plus Care, and private funding, such as in-kind resources, foundations, and resident rent payments.
ESG	public – federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	2,105,548	0	0	2,105,548	6,000,000	Organizations applying for ESG funding must provide a 1 to 1 match for the ESG funds they receive and are selected through a competitive request for proposal process.
CDBG-DR Hurricane Ike Round 2 (CDBG-DR2)	public – state	Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental rehab Multifamily rental new construction	0	0	40,000,000	40,000,000	0	CDBG-DR2 will be used to fund development of affordable single family and multifamily rental and repair single family homes to address homes damaged by Hurricane Ike.
CDBG-DR for the 2015 Flood Events (CDBGDR15)	public – federal	Homeowner rehab Housing Public Improvements Admin and Planning	0	0	59,827,873	59,827,873	0	CDBG-DR15 will be used to fund home repair, housing buyout, and infrastructure improvement to address damage from the 2015 flood events and to improve flooding resiliency in the future.
Homeless Housing Services Program (HHSP)	public – state	Financial Assistance Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	Organizations applying for HHSP funding are selected through a competitive request for proposal process. Funds are used for local homeless initiatives.
TIRZ Affordable Housing Set-Aside	public – local	Housing	18,000,000	0	0	18,000,000	40,000,000	TIRZ Affordable Housing Set-Aside funds are local funds and are often leveraged with federal funding to create a greater impact for low- and moderate-income persons and communities. Housing developments are selected through a competitive request for proposal process.
CDBG-DR for the 2016 Flood Events (CDBGDR16)	public – state	Homeowner rehab Housing Public Improvements Admin and Planning	0	0	1,949,208	1,949,208	0	CDBG-DR16 will be used to address damage from the 2016 flood events and to improve flooding resiliency in the future through a buyout program.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG-DR for the 2017 Flood Events (CDBGDR17)	public – state	Homeowner rehab Homebuyer assistance Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Housing Acquisition Administration and Planning Economic Development Public Services	0	0	946,754,468	946,754,468	0	CDBG-DR17 will be used to address impact to housing from Hurricane Harvey through recovery programs such as Homeowner Assistance, Single Family Development, Multifamily Rental, Small Rental, Homebuyer Assistance, Buyout, Public Services, and Economic Revitalization.
CDBG-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)	public – federal/state	Infrastructure Improvement	0	0	61,884,000	61,884,000	0	CDBG-MIT funds will be used to address increased needs for drainage to decrease impacts of future flooding.
CDBG-CV	public – federal	Administration and Planning Housing Public Services	0	0	14,523,741	14,523,741	0	CDBG-CV funds will be used to prevent and reduce impacts of COVID-19 through rental assistance and supportive services.
HOPWA-CV	public – federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	0	0	1,501,211	1,501,211	0	HOPWA-CV funds will be used to prevent and reduce impacts of COVID-19 through rental assistance, homeless prevention, and shelters.
ESG-CV	public – federal	Street Outreach Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0	0	7,252,552	7,252,552	0	ESG-CV funds will be used to prevent and reduce impacts of COVID-19 through homeless prevention and shelters.
TERAP	public – state	Rental Assistance	0	0	5,868,597.28	5,868,597.28	0	The Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program, using CDBG-CV funds, will provide rental assistance to families that have been economically impacted by COVID-19.
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	public – federal	Rental Assistance	0	0	70,109,464.5	70,109,464.5	0	U.S. Treasury funds will be used to provide rental assistance to families that have been economically impacted by COVID-19.
TIRZ Bond	public – local	Homeowner Rehab New Construction Homebuyer Assistance	0	0	100,000,000	100,000,000	0	TIRZ bond funds are local funds that will be used to create a greater impact for low- and moderate-income persons and communities.

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

HCDD will use a combination of public and private funding to carry out affordable housing activities during the period covered by this Plan. Through the Multifamily Housing Program, for-profit and non-profit developers partner with HCDD to build or rehabilitate affordable housing. Developers must use HCDD funding to fill financing gaps. Other development funding must be obtained through additional private and public sources, which may include the following

- Local Tax Incentives and Funding
    - Tax Abatement Ordinance
    - Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) and TIRZ Affordable Housing Set-Aside
    - Homeless and Housing Bonds
- Federal and State Tax Incentives
- State Funded Bond Programs
- Private Sources

HCDD has been awarded several special grants and will be expending these funds during the next program year to address housing needs in the community, which include CDBG- DR2, CDBG-DR15, CDBG-DR16, CDBG-DR17, CDBG-MIT, and Homeless Housing Services Program (HHSP). HCDD will continue to research additional funding sources to promote and fund community development activities.

Non-housing community development activities also leverage HCDD federal funds to execute the activities identified in the Plan. Public service agencies utilizing CDBG, HOPWA, and ESG funds must provide some level of match. Other City departments funded with entitlement grants leverage these dollars with other resources. For example, HHD leverages CDBG funding with other federal grants for lead-based paint testing and remediation activities.

HOME Matching Funds. The City, as a fiscally distressed participating jurisdiction in the HOME Program, must match 12.5 cents for each dollar of HOME funds spent on affordable housing. The match must come from state or local, non-federal sources, and constitutes a permanent contribution to the HOME Program. Since July 2005, the City requires multifamily applicants to help generate this match. Rules regarding what can be counted as a match under the HOME Program are very specific; therefore, HCDD strictly adheres to and maintains compliance with 24 CFR 92.

The HOME match obligation may be met with any of the following sources

- Cash or cash equivalents from a non-federal source
- Value of waived taxes, fees, or charges associated with HOME projects
- Value of donated land or real property
- Cost of infrastructure improvements associated with HOME projects
- Value of donated materials, equipment, labor, and professional services

The match requirement for the City has been met with cash contributions from its Homeless and Housing Bond Fund and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Set-Aside funds, private donations from endowments and non-cash contributions including donated or reduced cost land. As reported in the 2019 CAPER, the excess HOME match carried over to the next federal fiscal year was $31,919,139.86. Information regarding the match will be updated in the 2020 CAPER, which will be submitted to HUD in September 2021.

ESG Match. The ESG matching requirement is a one to one match and will be satisfied with CDBG funding from HCDD and both “in-kind” and private funding from subrecipients.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Currently, there are no parcels of City owned land or property that will be used to address the needs identified in this plan. The Houston Land Bank (HLB) is a 13-member board appointed by the Mayor, City Council, Harris County, and the Houston Independent School District. HLB performs acquisition, assemblage, management, marketing, and disposition of properties that have been acquired by taxing authorities through foreclosure of delinquent ad valorem taxes. HCDD will partner with HLB to carry out affordable home development, which is a need identified in the Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

While HCDD is responsible for the provision of services to low- and moderate-income Houstonians using the entitlement funds and one-time grants, HCDD cannot achieve these goals alone. There are many other organizations that carry out the strategies listed in this Plan using other federal, local, and private funding sources. For instance, other City of Houston Departments provide services to low- and moderate-income residents by utilizing funding from various sources. While some projects or actions may include primarily public funds, public funds alone would also be insufficient to achieve the goals of this Plan and private funds from individuals, non-profit organizations, and private organizations are needed. HCDD continues to work with other City Departments, local non-profit agencies, and various funding providers to develop coordinated strategies leveraging funding to assist low- and moderate-income persons and households.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Name	Years	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing	2020-2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Assistance for homeowners Assistance for renters Assistance for homebuyers	CDBG: $900,000 HOME: $5,143,523	**Homeowner units rehabilitated:** 32 Household Housing Unit **Rental units constructed:** 62 Household Housing Unit **Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers**: 25 Household Assisted
Expand homeownership opportunities	2020-2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Assistance for homebuyers	HOME: $1,745,926	**Homeowner units constructed:** 10 Household Housing Unit
Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS	2020-2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Assistance for renters Public service needs	HOPWA: $10,884,897	**TBRA / Rapid Re-Housing:** 475 Households **HIV/AIDS Housing Operations:** 300 Households **Other:** 2,600– Households -Supportive services / Housing information and referral/Homeless Prevention
Reduce homelessness	2020-2024	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Assistance for renters Homeless Needs	ESG: $2,105,548 CDBG: $1,000,000 HOME: $2,500,000	**TBRA / Rapid Re-Housing:** 285 Households Assisted **Homelessness Prevention**: 75 Persons Assisted **Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit:** 8,389 Persons Assisted
Enhance quality of life through the provision of public services	2020-2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public service needs	CDBG $3,662,801	**Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit:** 18,532 Persons Assisted
Revitalize communities	2020-2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Areas for Community Reinvestment	Improvement of neighborhood facilities Neighborhood needs	CDBG: $11,065,058	**Public facility or infrastructure Improvements**: 1 Infrastructures/Facilities Improved
Promote Health and Safety	2020-2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public service needs Health and safety	CDBG: $3,140,463	**Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care:** 32,000 **Lead-Based Pain Removal:** 50 Units Abated/Remediated
Foster community economic development	2020-2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Revitalization Areas	Economic development needs	CDBG: $100,00	**Business assisted:** 1 **Jobs created/retained**: 175
Promote fair housing	2020-2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Fair housing needs	CDBG: $150,000	**Other:** 50,000 Persons Reached with Fair Housing Information

Goal Descriptions

	Goal Name	Goal Description
1	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing	The City will provide funding for several Programs that will include single family home repair activities, lead-based paint reduction activities, and new construction and rehabilitation of rental units. These activities will help to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing in Houston.
2	Expand homeownership opportunities	The City will fund direct assistance for homebuyers to increase housing options for low- and moderate-income families.
3	Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS	The City will provide funding for housing and services supporting persons who are affected by HIV/HIDS. This goal will also support the goal of reducing homelessness.
4	Reduce homelessness	The City will fund activities that will provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities. It will also provide funding for various public service activities to support those in or at risk of becoming homeless.
5	Enhance quality of life	The City of Houston will provide funding for various public service activities that will expand or make these services more accessible to low and moderate-income or special needs persons.
6	Revitalize communities	The City will support activities that will enhance and preserve neighborhoods. Activities include code enforcement and public facility improvements.
7	Promote health and safety	The City will support activities related to promoting health and safety by removing environmental and health hazards. Activities include code enforcement activities, the removal of lead-based paints. This goal will support the City's efforts to revitalize communities.
8	Foster community economic development	The City will fund activities related to employment training, job creation, and business growth to help increase family's incomes and provide goods in services in low- and moderate-income areas.
9	Promote fair housing	The City will fund activities related to the promotion of fair housing through education, outreach, research, and other methods. Although CDBG administration funding will be used to carry out this goal, this goal will not correspond with a project in IDIS.

Projects

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Introduction

Projects have been selected for inclusion in this Plan based on 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan priorities and public input. Projects align directly with HCDD's primary initiatives: Eliminate Chronic Homelessness, Revitalize Communities, Foster Community Economic Development and Enhance the Quality of Life. During PY 2021, HCDD will engage in community development activities through increasing the availability and quality of affordable housing, the delivery of public services, investment in neighborhood facilities, and economic development opportunities.

A complete listing of projects and activities to be funded in PY 2021 can also be found in the Appendix of this document. Request for proposals will be conducted before and during the program year to choose locations and subrecipients for some projects.

Table 7 – Project Information

#	Project Name
1	Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements
2	Public Services
3	Home Repair
4	Homebuyer Assistance
5	HHD High Impact Lead-Based Paint Program Grant
6	Code Enforcement
7	Economic Development
8	CDBG Administration
9	Multifamily Housing Program
10	Single Family Home Development
11	HOME TBRA
12	HOME Administration
13	ESG
14	2021-2024 CityofHouston TXH21F003 (CoH)
15	2021-2024 Sponsor Agencies TBD TXH21F003 (SpAgTBD)

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

HCDD has made allocations for PY 2021 based upon the priorities set forth in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, citizen and community input, qualified responses to Request for Proposals and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), an analysis of prior years' budget and expenditures, and City Council direction. Additional factors that contributed to targeting funds to specific activities are

- The stated needs, analysis, and objectives in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
- Priorities stated in each program's solicitation and award guidelines
- Compliance with HUD entitlement grants' (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG) rules and regulations
- Cohesion with disaster recovery and COVID funds so that community needs are met efficiently

HCDD will continue to partner with the CoC and other organizations in the Houston area. Reducing homelessness is a priority for HCDD. It is expected that in the public services NOFA and the multifamily NOFA that one of the priorities that will be given to projects will include serving the homeless population, especially in a way that promotes permanent supportive housing.

HCDD strives to serve those most in need of assistance. The three main obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved in Houston are the lack of resources, the lack of service or housing availability, and the lack of knowledge about programs. HCDD will work to leverage its resources with other agencies, assist families to grow their income and build assets, create and make available housing and service opportunities, and advertise available services in the community. More information about future actions to assist the underserved are included in the AP-85 Other Actions section of this Plan.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 8 – Project Summary

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding
Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements	Citywide	Revitalize communities	Improvement of neighborhood facilities	CDBG: $5,527,529
Public Services	Citywide	Reduce homelessness Enhance quality of life	Public service needs	CDBG: $4,162,801
Home Repair	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing	Assistance for homeowners	CDBG: $5,527,530
Homebuyer Assistance	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing	Assistance for homeowners	CDBG: $900,000
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing Promote Health and Safety	Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Public service needs Health and safety Neighborhood Needs	CDBG: $75,000
Code Enforcement	Areas for Community Reinvestment	Revitalize communities Promote Health and Safety	Neighborhood needs Revitalize communities Promote health and safety	CDBG: $3.065,463
Economic Development	Citywide	Foster community economic development	Economic development needs	CDBG: $100,000
CDBG Administration	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing Expand homeownership opportunities Enhance quality of life Revitalize communities Foster community economic development	Assistance for homeowners Homeless needs Public service needs Improvement of neighborhood facilities Neighborhood needs Economic development needs	CDBG: $4,964,580
Multifamily Housing Program	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing	Assistance for renters	HOME $5,143,523
Single Family Home Development	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing	Assistance for homeowners	CDBG: $1,745,9265
HOME TBRA	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing	Assistance for renters	CDBG: $300,000 HOME:2,500,000
HOME Program Administration	Citywide	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing Expand homeownership opportunities	Assistance for renters Assistance for homebuyers	HOME $1,043,272
ESG	Citywide	Reduce Homelessness	Homeless needs	ESG $2,105,548 CDBG $500,000
2021-2024 CityofHouston TXH21F003 (CoH)	Citywide	Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS	Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Public service needs	HOPWA $326,544
2021-2024 Sponsor Agencies (TBD) TXH21F003 (SpAgTBD)	Citywide	Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS	Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Public service needs	HOPWA $10,558,263

Project Information

Project Title	Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements
Project ID	1
Target Areas	Citywide
Annual Goals Supported	Revitalize Communities
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Improvement of neighborhood facilities
Description	This project includes rehabilitation and construction of neighborhood facilities, parks, and other improvements to facilities and infrastructure in low- and moderate-income areas or facilities serving populations primarily consisting of low- and moderate-income individuals or populations with special needs. Facilities may be publicly or privately owned and may include parks, medical facilities, and community centers. PY 2021 CDBG funds for neighborhood facilities will be awarded to City departments or nonprofit or for-profit organizations and are usually selected through an NOFA or application process prior or during the program year. The locations of activities will be determined after subrecipients are selected and prioritized. This funding includes activity delivery expenses. The total funding amount includes projected CDBG program income in the amount of $99,521 to be expended on Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements. Proposed accomplishments for PY 2021 include the completion of 1 public facilities. The target date for expending these funds is June 30, 2023.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Expected Resources	CDBG: $5,527,529
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These activities are intended to serve thousands of people primarily living in low- and moderate-income areas or people with disabilities or other special needs.
Location Description	Various locations
Planned Activities	Eligible activities include rehabilitation and construction of various public facilities, including infrastructure.
Goal Outcome Indicator	1 Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit

Project Title	Public Services
Project ID	2
Target Areas	Citywide
Annual Goals Supported	Enhance quality of life Reduce Homelessness
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Public service needs
Expected Resources	CDBG: $4,162,801
Description	A NOFA will be issued in spring/summer 2021 for public service projects, and private non-profit agencies will be selected soon thereafter. Projects from other City Departments will also be selected by the around the beginning of the Program Year. The locations of activities will be determined after subrecipients are selected. These public services will likely fund homeless services, job training, and other public services activities. These activities will primarily serve extremely low- and low-income families. Projected CDBG program income in the amount of $26,395 is estimated to be used for public service activities. The target date for expending these funds is June 30, 2023.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These activities will serve approximately 21,931 families that are extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income.
Location Description	The locations of activities will be determined after subrecipients are selected.
Planned Activities	Eligible activities will be a variety of public service activities which may include employment training, services, elderly services, health services, and homeless services.
Goal Outcome Indicator	18,532 Persons assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit to enhance quality of life through the provision of public services. 3,389 Persons assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit to reduce homelessness.

Project Title	Home Repair
Project ID	3
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for homeowners
Annual Goals Supported	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing
Funding	CDBG: $ 5,527,530
Description	This project will support repair services for single family homes owned by low- and moderate-income persons and includes activity delivery costs. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2023.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activities are proposed to benefit approximately 32 low- and moderate-income households, many of which will be in the lower income categories or include household members who have a disability or are under 18 years of age.
Location Description	Location of assistance will be determined through an application process.
Planned Activities	Planned activities may include providing home repair, activity delivery, and addressing lead-based paint hazards.
Goal Outcome Indicator	32 Homeowner Housing Units Rehabilitated

Project Title	Homebuyer Assistance
Project ID	4
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for homebuyers
Annual Goals Supported	Expand homeownership opportunities
Funding	CDBG: $900,000
Description	HCDD improves the affordability of homeownership for low- and moderate-income residents by providing deferred, forgivable loans in the form of downpayment, closing cost, principle buy down, and other assistance. The expected activities include activity delivery. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2022.
Target Date	6/30/2022
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activities are proposed to benefit 25 of low- and moderate-income households.
Location Description	Location of assistance will be determined through an application process.
Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing homebuyer assistance, closing costs, principle buy down, and other similar direct financial assistance.
Goal Outcome Indicator	25 Households Assisted: Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers

Project Title	HHD High Impact Lead-Based Paint Program Grant
Project ID	5
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Public service needs Health and safety Neighborhood Needs
Annual Goals Supported	Promote health and safety
Expected Resources	CDBG: $75,000
Description	This project funds and supports the Houston Health Department Bureau of Community and Children's Environmental Health lead hazard activities. HCDD provides matching funds for the Lead-Based Paint Reduction grant to support the HHD's lead hazard activities. Activities include lead inspections and risk assessments and funds will also be used for activity delivery. Remediation for single family housing units will be located in targeted areas within city limits of Houston. During PY 2021, it is estimated that 50 homes occupied by low- and moderate-income families will receive lead hazard reduction/remediation. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2023.
Target Date	06/30/2023
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activities will assist 50 low- and moderate-income families.
Location Description	Locations will be determined during the program year.
Planned Activities	Eligible activities include lead-based paint/lead hazards testing/abatement.
Goal Outcome Indicator	50 Other – Housing units received reduction/remediation

Project Title	Code Enforcement
Project ID	6
Target Areas	Areas for Community Reinvestment
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Neighborhood needs Health and Safety Needs
Annual Goals Supported	Revitalize Communities Promote Health and Safety
Expected Resources	CDBG: $3,065,463
Description	This project funds code enforcement activity including site visits conducted by the Department of Neighborhoods increasing the safety and security of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Using CDBG funding, code enforcement staff will evaluate and assess properties that may have violated the City's building codes and pose a threat to the health and safety of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. During PY 2021, it is estimated City staff will perform 32,000 site visits in Community Reinvestment Areas. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2022. This project also funds title searches associated with the Department of Neighborhoods code enforcement activities to increase the safety and security of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. This funding amount includes activity delivery expenses. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2022.
Target Date	6/30/2022
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will benefit tens of thousands of families living in low- and moderate-income areas.
Location Description	Location of these activities will mainly be in Areas for Community Reinvestment.
Planned Activities	These code enforcement activities include inspection of multiple types of property including housing units.
Goal Outcome Indicator	32,000 Housing code enforcement/Foreclosed property care

Project Title	Economic Development
Project ID	7
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Economic development needs
Annual Goals Supported	Foster community economic development
Expected Resources	CDBG: $100,000
Description	This project funds economic development activities that may include loans to businesses and job creation. Funding includes activity delivery expenses for economic development activities funded in prior years and from other funding sources such as Section 108 or EDI. Proposed accomplishment for PY 2021 will include the creation or retention of 175 jobs. The target date for expending these funds is by June 30, 2022.
Target Date	6/30/2022
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activities are proposed to benefit 175 families during PY 2021.
Location Description	Subrecipients will be selected during the program year to carry out activities which will determine the location
Planned Activities	Funding will support project delivery of previously funded economic development activities including loans to businesses in support of job creation or retention or in support expanding services to low- and moderate-income persons or neighborhoods.
Goal Outcome Indicator	1 business assisted 175 jobs created or retained

Project Title	CDBG Administration
Project ID	8
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Homeless needs Public service needs Improvement of neighborhood facilities Addressing neighborhood needs Economic development needs Fair housing needs
Annual Goals Supported	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing Expand homeownership opportunities Reduce homelessness Enhance quality of life through the provision of public services Revitalize communities Foster community economic development Promote fair housing
Expected Resources	CDBG: $4,964,580
Description	This project will fund HCDD's legal oversight, planning, compliance, and financial activities, which ensure proper use of CDBG funds. This includes funding for: the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County to assist in planning the Point-In-Time Count and may include other activities, fair housing activities and staff costs, transfer to the City of Houston's Finance Department, transfer to the City of Houston's Legal Department and general planning activities and oversight of projects and organizations funded by CDBG. $31,479 in CDBG program income is estimated to be used for planning and administration activities. This is an administration activity and will be located at 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2022.
Target Date	6/30/2022
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.
Location Description	This administrative activity mainly will take place at 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002.
Planned Activities	This Project funds planning, administration, and oversight activities associated with and in support of the CDBG Program.
Goal Outcome Indicator	N/A

Project Title	Multifamily Housing Program
Project ID	9
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for renters
Annual Goals Supported	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing
Expected Resources	HOME: $5,143,523
Description	HCDD's Multifamily Housing Program will expand access to and improve the quality of multifamily rental housing for low- and moderate-income residents through multifamily housing acquisition/rehabilitation and new construction projects. Relocation assistance to households will also be provided as required. It is estimated that 62 newly constructed affordable, City restricted units will be completed during PY 2021. HCDD issued an NOFA in 2019 that prioritizes projects located close to high-frequency transit stops, well-rated schools, neighborhood amenities, such as a grocery store, pharmacy or library, and employment opportunities and other locational factors. Projected HOME program income in the amount of $113,889 is estimated to be used for the Multifamily Housing Program. The estimated completion date for expending these funds is 2025.
Target Date	12/31/2025
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These activities will serve hundreds of low- and moderate-income families. Activities will also serve special needs populations including homeless individuals and families, elderly, and persons with disabilities.
Location Description	The outcome of the NOFA will determine the locations of projects.
Planned Activities	Planned activities for the Multifamily Housing Program include acquisition/ rehabilitation, new construction, and relocation in support of creating and preserving affordable rental housing units.
Goal Outcome Indicator	62 Rental units constructed

Project Title	Single Family Home Development
Project ID	10
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for homeowners
Annual Goals Supported	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing
Expected Resources	HOME: $1,745,926
Description	This project will support the development of new single family home construction through HOME CHDO set-aside funds. It will support Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to develop affordable homes to be occupied by low- and moderate-income persons. The expected activities include activity delivery. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2023.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activities are proposed to benefit 10 low- and moderate-income households.
Location Description	Location of assistance will be determined by funded organization through a solicitation process.
Planned Activities	Planned activities may include providing rental assistance to low-income families.
Goal Outcome Indicator	10 Household Housing Units Added for Homeowner Housing

Project Title	HOME TBRA
Project ID	11
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for renters
Annual Goals Supported	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing
Expected Resources	HOME: $2,500,000; CDBG: 500,000
Description	This project will support tenant based rental assistance through the Houston Housing Authority or another agency. This funding includes activity delivery costs. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2024.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activities are proposed to benefit 200 low-income households.
Location Description	Location of assistance will be determined by the subrecipient.
Planned Activities	Planned activities may include providing rental assistance and other support to very low-income households.
Goal Outcome Indicator	200 Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid re-housing

Project Title	HOME Program Administration
Project ID	12
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for homebuyers
Annual Goals Supported	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing Expand homeownership opportunities
Expected Resources	HOME: $1,043,272
Description	Planning and administration activities associated with and in support of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The allocation for planning and administration activities will be used to ensure compliance with HOME Program requirements. Projected HOME program income in the amount of $12,654 is estimated to be used for planning and administration activities. This is an administration activity and will be located at 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2022.
Target Date	6/30/2022
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This Project funds planning and administration activities associated with and in support of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
Location Description	This Project funds planning and administration activities associated with and in support of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
Planned Activities	This Project funds planning, administration, and oversight activities associated with and in support of the CDBG Program.
Goal Outcome Indicator	N/A

Project Title	ESG
Project ID	13
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Homeless needs
Annual Goals Supported	Reduce Homelessness
Expected Resources	ESG: $2,105,548 CDBG: $500,000
Description	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds support nonprofit organizations that help homeless persons and persons at risk of becoming homeless by providing emergency shelter, housing relocation, and stabilization services. HCDD will allocate $84,222 for HMIS, $757,997 for Emergency Shelter, $536,915 for Homeless Prevention, $568,498 for Rapid Re-Housing to support and stabilize homeless persons or those at risk of becoming homeless, and $157,916 for Administration. In addition, $500,000 in CDBG matching funds will support ESG subrecipients' activities. HCDD will select subrecipients through an RFP process by fall of 2021. Selected subrecipients will be located throughout Houston area. The estimated number of primarily extremely low-income persons to be served through these activities is approximately 6,760. Funds will be used to support the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The Coalition of the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition) administers the HMIS in the Houston region. This funding will support organizations using the HMIS to increase efficiency and effectiveness of serving homeless individuals. The estimated number of individuals' records maintained via HMIS during PY 2021 is 4,000. HMIS and the agencies utilizing the database serve a majority of individuals that are extremely low-income. HMIS is administered at the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County located at 2000 Crawford Street, Ste. 700 Houston, TX 77002. Funds will also be used to support HCDD staff responsible for oversight of nonprofit subrecipients providing ESG funded services. This is an administration activity and will be located at 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002. The target date for completing these activities is June 30, 2023.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activities will assist thousands of extremely low-income persons and families.
Location Description	HCDD will select subrecipients through an RFP process by fall of 2021. Selected subrecipients will be located throughout Houston.
Planned Activities	The eligible activities include Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, HMIS, and administration in the ESG Program.
Goal Outcome Indicator	85 Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid re-housing 75 Homelessness prevention 1,000 Homeless person overnight shelter 4,000 Other – HMIS records maintained 1,600 Other – Persons assisted with ESG match

Project Title	2021-2024 CityofHouston TXH21F003 (CoH)
Project ID	14
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Public service needs
Annual Goals Supported	Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS
Expected Resources	HOPWA: $326,544
Description	Grantee administration is funding for HCDD administration and oversight of the HOPWA project sponsors. This is an administration activity and will be located at 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002. The target date for completing these activities is June 30, 2024.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The eligible activity is administration in the HOPWA Program.
Location Description	Funding will support activities located in the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA).
Planned Activities	The eligible activity is administration for the HOPWA Program.
Goal Outcome Indicator	N/A

Project Title	2021-2024 Sponsor Agencies TBD TXH21F003 (SpAgTBD)
Project ID	15
Target Areas	Citywide
Priority Need(s) Addressed	Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Public service needs
Annual Goals Supported	Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS
Expected Resources	HOPWA: $10,558,263
Description	Funding for organizations and City departments that administer programs and projects that prevent homelessness and increase access to decent, affordable housing to those affected by HIV/AIDS. HCDD will allocate $2,351,795 for operating costs, $2,268,670 for supportive services, $2,535,172 for project or tenant based rental assistance, $2,535,172 for short term rent, mortgage and utility subsidies, $105,518 for resource identification and/or technical assistance, and $761,936 for sponsor administration. HCDD will issue an RFP at the end of PY 2020 or beginning of PY 2021 to contract with several nonprofit agencies to administer services for up to two years. These activities are expected to serve 4,175 persons who have or are affected by HIV/AIDS. Services will be located in the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The target date for completing these activities is June 30, 2024. As contracts are funded, IDIS projects will be created to replace this project and its funding.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These activities will serve at least 4,175 persons who are affected by a disability, HIV/AIDS.
Location Description	Services will be located in the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA).
Planned Activities	Planned activities include operating costs, supportive services, project or tenant based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, and sponsor administration.
Goal Outcome Indicator	475 Households-Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid re-housing 300 Households - HIV/AIDS housing operations 3,400 Other – Households – STRMU/Supportive services / Housing information and referral/Homeless prevention

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(F)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Maps in the Appendix illustrate the known locations of proposed federally funded projects and activities for PY 2021 relative to designated low- and moderate-income areas. Locations of the remaining PY 2021 projects and activities will be determined in detail after solicitation processes are completed and all subrecipients are identified. Other maps illustrate areas of minority concentration and target areas. Some maps and boundaries within these areas included in the Appendix may potentially change with the publication of updated data by HUD or other entities.

Each year, HCDD staff analyzed indicators to create the Areas for Community Reinvestment to provide data-driven recommendations for projects and activities that will foster investment in select geographic areas (Super Neighborhoods) that demonstrate the most need. Six demographic and income characteristics of Houston's eighty-eight Super Neighborhoods were considered in the analysis while developing the Areas for Community Reinvestment

- Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Population
- The Houston Land Bank Owned Lots
- Commercial Investment (HCDD Funded) Multifamily and Public Facilities
- Concentration of Multifamily Housing Stock (2018 ACS – 5-year estimates)
- Designated Demolition Sites
- City of Houston Capital Improvement Plan (CIP Projects)

Table 9 – Geographic Distribution

Target Area
Areas for Community Reinvestment
Acres Home
Alief-Westwood
Fort Bend Houston
Gulfton
Kashmere Gardens
Magnolia Park-Manchester
Near Northside
Second Ward
Sunnyside
Third Ward

In 2017, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced an initiative called Complete Communities. This City initiative set to improve neighborhoods by working closely with residents to select and implement various strategies. The ten selected neighborhoods are historically under-resourced, have some level of community capacity, and have diverse populations and development patterns that will result in a variety of interventions that could scale up to become citywide.

The ten Complete Communities are a group of neighborhoods that represent a diversity of conditions and challenges. HCDD will prioritize public facility and multifamily housing in Complete Communities through the RFP/NOFA/application process.

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The goal of the target areas is to take the limited funding HCDD receives and leverage it with private investment within these areas. Establishing specific areas allows HCDD to analyze indicators that best help to provide data-driven recommendations for projects and activities that will foster investment in selected geographic areas that demonstrate need and opportunity.

The intent is to ultimately arrest decline and bring about positive outcomes in historically underserved communities as well as to boost the enhancement of areas of opportunity while maintaining housing affordability. These target areas may be applied to activities funded by HOME, CDBG, and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. When reviewing projects for funding, HCDD staff may give special consideration to projects that fall within the boundaries of the Areas for Community Reinvestment or Complete Communities or leverage additional funding, such as State Housing Tax Credits. Funding for code enforcement activities will be geographically targeted to only Areas for Community Reinvestment. Other entitlement funds, mostly related to economic development, public facility improvements, and some housing activities will be prioritized in the target areas because these are neighborhoods that are most in need of public facility and economic development improvements, but some projects may also be funded in other areas of the City because of the great need in neighborhoods throughout the City.

Discussion

The Planning and Development Department and the Mayor's Office for Complete Communities have performed and continues extensive outreach in each of the Complete Communities to civic leaders and residents, which includes small group meetings and local events as well as large public meetings. In consultation with the public, the city staff developed neighborhood-specific actions plans for each of the ten neighborhoods. Projects in these action plans will be implemented with the help of various partners and funding sources.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(G)

Introduction

HCDD employs a variety of approaches to maintaining, creating, and improving the quality of affordable housing in Houston. In PY 2021, HCDD will administer the following programs to preserve and increase access to affordable housing

- Multifamily Housing Program – new construction and rehabilitation
- Single Family Programs – development, repair, and homebuyer assistance
- CHDO – supporting community organizations to develop affordable housing
- HOPWA – TBRA and STRMU Assistance
- ESG – housing relocation and rapid re-housing

Estimated annual goals for affordable housing and descriptions of activities for each program are included in the following tables.

Table 10 – One Year Goals for Affordable **Housing by Support Requirement**	
Homeless	300
Non-Homeless	129
Special-Needs	1,275
Total	1,704

Table 11 – One Year Goals for Affordable **Housing by Support Type**	
Rental Assistance	1,575
The Production of New Units	43
Rehab of Existing Units	61
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	1,704

Discussion

Affordable homes continue to be among HCDD's highest priorities. HCDD continues to build capacity and increase efficiency to best serve residents through the CDBG funded Home Repair Program and the Homebuyer Assistance Program. The Home Repair Program continues to streamline processes by updating its standard operating procedures (SOPs), and it will expand the pool of home repair contractors in order to increase market competition and improve housing affordability.

Using HOME funds, HCDD will work with CHDOs to develop new affordable single family homes under the Single Family Development Program. This program will implement a new NOFA that is designed to develop new affordable homes, increase the types of affordable homes available for purchase, leverage resources in conjunction with other funding sources, and establish new partnerships with outside groups and organizations. HCDD also intends to continue focusing on multifamily housing resources to provide housing for LMI families and permanent supportive housing for the homeless, specifically to address chronic and veteran homelessness.

Hurricane Harvey and other recent flood events have greatly increased the need for affordable homes in Houston. In the past few years, CDBG-DR funding for Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Harvey and the 2015

and 2016 flood events has significantly increased the resources available to assist low- and moderate-income families in the City of Houston. HCDD continues to build capacity, remain flexible, and increase efficiency to best serve residents. To address a variety of home rehabilitation needs in PY 2021, HCDD will continue to use Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Set-Aside, CDBG-DR-15 and CDBG-DR17 funding for single family home rehabilitation activities. In PY 2021, HCDD will utilize CDBG & CDBG-DR17 funds for homebuyer assistance activities. HCDD will utilize all funding sources and continue to expand and build capacity within other organizations to expand the supply of affordable homes.

In 2020, HCDD received CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV funding to prevent, prepare for, and reduce the impacts of the coronavirus. With this funding, HCDD will continue to fund activities such as providing rental assistance, preventing homelessness, rendering public services and maintaining facilities that provide shelter. In 2021, HCDD received U.S. Treasury funds and additional CDBG-CV funding to assist families that have been economically impacted by COVID-19 through rental assistance programs. In PY 2021, HCDD will continue to provide these programs to help stabilize adversely impacted families.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.200(H)

Introduction

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) provides affordable homes and services to more than 58,000 low-income Houstonians including over 18,000 families housed through our Housing Choice Voucher Programs Department. HHA and its affiliates own and operate 26 housing communities with more than 5,700 units for families, elderly, persons with disabilities, and other residents. HHA also administers one of the nation's largest Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) programs, exclusively serving homeless veterans. Our mission is to improve lives by providing quality, affordable options and promoting education and economic self-sufficiency.

From 2015 to 2020, HHA increased the number of affordable housing units in the City of Houston to 3,105, through development and acquisition of 1,961 affordable units.

The following highlights HHA's program accomplishments in calendar year 2020.

Increased Housing Portfolio

- In partnership with others and third-party deals, 1,645 units added through acquisition in 2020 and 1,113 units currently under construction.
    - All of the acquisitions are 51% affordable and three of the five developments are 51% affordable and two are 100% affordable.
- HHA began working on acquiring six new Project-Based Voucher (PBV) properties pending, which will add 276 affordable housing units.

Housed More Families

- HHA Special Programs began issuing the record breaking 272 Mainstream vouchers awarded in November 2019. In 2020 HCVP was awarded an additional 112 Mainstream Vouchers under the CARES Act and awarded another 100 Mainstream Vouchers under the COVID-19 Response Act. In 2020, HHA awarded an additional 276 Project Based Vouchers (PBV).

Increased Resident Self-Sufficiency

- HHA enrolled 257 individuals in the Section 3 Program and connected them to various employment, job training and contracting opportunities.
- HHA completed Jobs Plus to engage 557 public housing residents at Cuney Homes in workforce development opportunities, with 312 residents increasing their earned income and receiving discounted rent totaling $1,260,825.
    - HHA has applied for renewal grants for Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator and Jobs Plus grants.
- FSS (Family Self-Sufficiency) Program was awarded the Capitol One Grant of $5,000 to increase opportunities via FSS.

Housing the Homeless, including Homeless Veterans

- In addition to our on-going efforts, HHA entered into an $11 million contract with the HCDD to provide approximately one (1) year of rental assistance and security deposits to more than 1,000 households who are currently homeless, as a result of COVID-19 stay at home orders in accordance with local jurisdictional guidance.

HHA began construction work on HHA's first 9% tax credit deal at Telephone Road Elderly Apartments (Project Based Section 8). The first phase (83 rental homes) of reconstruction is scheduled to finish in the summer of 2021. HHA also successfully convert 140 rental homes of Public Housing (Victory Place and HRI) to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

HHA secured $450,000 competitive planning grant under HUD Choice Neighborhoods program to develop a Transformation Plan for Cuney Homes and the Third Ward neighborhood. HHA, the City of Houston, and HUD plan will work together to create a transformation plan. The planning phase will last two years.

Finally, HHA has been selected as an eligible entity to participate in the Moving To Work (MTW) Cohort 2 Reform. The MTW plan was submitted to HUD in January 2021. HHA may pursue other MTW cohorts as well.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Years of federal disinvestment in the Public Housing Capital Fund Program (CFP), coupled with damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, have created a significant backlog of capital needs across the HHA portfolio. A report completed in 2019 revealed that the total cost of repairs to the public housing portfolio at that time was approximately $47 million or $21,564 per unit. The total cost of repairs to the mixed-finance developments was approximately $20 million or $16,355 per unit. Across the HHA portfolio, there is a total of $67 million in capital needs over 20 years or $17,706 per unit. Based upon the capital funds allocated to HHA over the last ten years, averaging $5.6 million per year, it would take at least 12 years to address the anticipated capital needs of the public housing and mixed-finance portfolio.

While HHA expended $1.58 million in 2020 to address the most severe capital needs, without additional funding, HHA will remain significantly short of the support required to adequately address the portfolio's documented capital needs. Additionally, as the need to rehabilitate existing housing stock grows, so too does the need for affordable housing, with over 63,000 people currently on HHA's waiting list for a public housing unit. The outbreak of COVID-19 significantly impacted HHA’s capital repairs.

In 2019, HHA initiated the process of converting all Public Housing properties to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) to answer and meet deferred capital needs. In 2020, HHA successfully converted two Public Housing developments, Victory Place and Historic Rental Initiative (HRI) to a single RAD development called Victory-HRI.

RAD is a voluntary program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that seeks to preserve public housing by providing Public Housing Agencies with various opportunities, including access to more stable funding. RAD allows a public housing authority (PHA) to convert from receiving funding under HUD’s Public Housing program — Operating and Capital Funds — to HUD’s Project-Based Section 8 platform. Under RAD, HUD is encouraging PHAs to rehabilitate and preserve their aging public housing developments using a variety of public and private affordable housing resources, including but not limited to: Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs); tax-exempt bonds; and public housing Capital and Operating Funds.

In summary, RAD will provide new financing tools and regulatory relief, allowing HHA to address its projected $67 million backlog in capital repairs across its public housing and mixed-finance portfolio, a more stable (and growing) funding stream, significant tenant protections, and new mobility options for public housing residents. The total estimated financing gap for all of the proposed RAD transactions is $18.65 million, addressing the conversion and renovation of 1,692 public housing units. This equates to about $11,000 per unit, which is significantly lower than the $47 million backlog.

Fortunately, the coming years may present HHA and the City of Houston with an opportunity to substantially address both the public housing capital needs backlog and the City's unmet demand for affordable housing. HHA and HCDD significant awards of CDBG-DR17 funds. The goal is to leverage these dollars to allow HHA to address the capital needs at several hurricane-damaged public sites while adding new affordable housing. HHA also obligated over $19 million in FEMA reimbursements and requested an additional $30 million that should be awarded in the near future.

HHA will pursue transfer of assistance under RAD at the current existing properties:

- Allen Parkway Village (APV) and Historic Oaks of Allen Parkway Village (HOAPV)— 4% Tax Credit, Rehab project scheduled to commence in 2021.
- Portfolio-wide RAD conversion to planned in the next 5 years.

HHA will also pursue a number of new mixed finance development activities using CDBG Disaster Recovery, FEMA funds, and Capital Funds including acquisition of sites for new housing development and rebuilding at:

- 2100 Memorial (Demolition and rebuild)— HHA plans on beginning demolition soon.
- Forest Green (FEMA/rebuild)— the 428 Funds for Forest Green were approved in early 2021. HHA will be moving to the next step of designing a new project.
- Sites at the intersection of Crosstimbers and N. Main, and replacement units on Lyons Avenue (Kelly II) are in planning stages for development with some Public Housing units.
  HHA may consider options for redeveloping Irvinton Village.

HHA was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant for the Cuney Home and plans to apply for 2021 Choice Neighborhood Grant for Kelly Village or other eligible properties.

Finally, HHA will replace all of the public housing units from Clayton Homes (total) and Kelly Village (partial) lost due to the I-45 highway expansion led by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Within 7 years, HHA will develop and/or acquire significantly more than the required 296 new units, ensuring more than a one-for-one replacement of all units lost. HHA will follow the appropriate procedures to attach PBV assistance to the newly developed units to ensure long-term operational viability.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Resident Involvement. HHA employs various strategies to promote public housing resident involvement in HHA's policy development and strategic decision-making processes. HHA encourages residents to become involved through participation in Resident Councils. Staff from HHA's Client Services Department provide technical assistance to Resident Council members and help to ensure that third party oversight is in place for the annual election of officers. Each Resident Council meets on a regular basis to address general and property-specific issues, though these activities have been disrupted by the pandemic.

Resident Council officers meet as a group with HHA staff once to twice a year. These meetings provide an opportunity for resident leaders to hear updates on major issues taking place at HHA and within the affordable housing industry nationally. Time is allotted for resident leaders to raise issues or ask questions, which often become the basis for further dialogue. Discussions typically cover issues related to resident participation in governance, safety and security, community service requirements, summer programs, development plans, and job readiness. Also, residents and Resident Council officers actively participate in the PHA planning process to annually review and revise management process. During the last year, these meetings have occurred via Zoom.

Participation in Homeownership. HHA staff work to promote the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program to public housing and voucher participants. The FSS Program allows participants to establish an interest-bearing escrow account during the five-year program which includes job training, employment counseling, case management services, household skill training, and homeownership counseling. Upon fulfillment of the program, families receive the funds in the escrow account, which may be used to purchase housing through the HCV Homeownership Program. In 2020, 15 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participants graduated with an escrow amount over $132,000. seven became Homeowners and three received a college degree.

The HCV Homeownership Program is a federally funded program that allows families with a HCV to use the voucher as part of their monthly mortgage payment to purchase a home rather than rent. The Homeownership Program is for first time homebuyers, a person who does not own a home, or has not

owned a home during the past three years. The HHA Homeownership Program added 7 new families in 2020. The program is growing each year and has applications in the pipeline. HHA is working diligently with each of the applicant to meet the qualifications for the Homeownership Program and help in making it a smooth transition from the rental side. HHA's goal is to grow our program and help participants succeed and become self-sufficient. HHA is currently serving 97 families as of December 2020 in the Homeownership program and would like to see that grow by at least 30 families by 2024.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

HHA does not have a troubled designation; therefore, it is not necessary for HCDD to provide financial or other assistance to HHA to remove such a designation during the next year.

Discussion

2020 was a challenging year for HHA and HHA residents due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Starting in March, HHA began adopting various measures to promote social distancing at headquarters as well as HHA developments. HHA also imposed various measures to contractors and visitors to HHA developments as well. In response to COVID-19, HHA received $2.2 million in COVID Cares Funds which is being used for a variety of pandemic-related reasons, including site-based safety efforts for families served and initiatives that support HHA's efforts to be better prepared for and respond effectively to disasters.

According to a Census Bureau survey estimate, an estimated 15.1 million adults living in rental housing — 1 in 5 adult renters — are not yet caught up on rent, according to data collected January 6–18, 2021. Simultaneously, renters of color were more likely to report that their household was not caught up on rent: 36 percent of Black renters, 29 percent of Latino renters, and 16 percent of Asian renters said they were not caught up on rent, compared to 12 percent of white renters. Research also showed that adults in households with children were more likely to report difficulty paying for usual expenses: 43 percent, compared to 30 percent for households without children. This means that our work is more important now than ever.

For 2021, HHA is committed to working with residents throughout Houston to provide safe, decent, and high-quality affordable housing options, and work with various stakeholders and partners to promote self-sufficiency and economic betterment for HHA program participants.

Starting in 2020 and remaining in place in 2021, HHA implemented a policy in its Voucher and Public Housing programs to enable residents to increase their savings and investments in their families. In between regular annual reexaminations or until their next certification period (e.g., annual recertification, transfer of unit/move to another unit, port-out, etc.) households are not required to report and document their income increase, except for instances involving households' reporting zero income and/or seasonal/sporadic income (described further below). Accordingly, HHA will not conduct an Interim Redetermination and will not calculate household increased income until the effective date of their next certification period (e.g., annual recertification, transfer of unit/move to another unit, port-out, etc.).

During 2020, HHA implemented new policy changes to improve the lives of both public and housing choice voucher (HCV) residents in response to COVID. Those include but are not limited to:

1. Delayed Annual Reexaminations and Income Verifications;
2. Language regarding virtual hearings was added;
3. New and revised repayment agreements with residents for those who have challenges paying rent due to COVID; and
4. Waiver on various Voucher and Public Housing program regulations that help residents maintain affordable housing and social distancing throughout COVID.

For HHA's FY2021 Administrative Plan and Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), some key provisions were added and revised. HHA is responsible for adopting a payment standard schedule that

establishes voucher payment standard amounts for each Fair Market Rent (FMR) area in HHA's jurisdiction. For 2021, HHA is working with a third-party vendor to review and submit a rental housing market analysis to appeal HUD's proposed FMRs for the Houston-Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX area.

In 2020, HHA staff set payment standards to 131% of the FMR's, followed by 111%, 102% and 93%. More than half of the eligible full coverage zip codes are in the 102% or 93% payment standard. This higher payment standard amount has and will continue to create a greater incentive to move to higher opportunity areas. At this time, these payment standard percentages remain in place for 2021.

Finally, HHA worked collaboratively with the City of Houston to develop and adopt an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing (or Assessment of Fair Housing—AFH), identifying barriers under the control of HHA and those outside the control of HHA. In 2020, HHA provided an annual update and data to CoH HCDD. HHA performed various site assessment on all potential developments, which looks at census tract level data to ensure Fair Housing. HHA also has worked diligently to provide translated letters to residents/tenants regarding its program operations and their rights and responsibilities during COVID-19 in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. HHA published CDC COVID-19 information on its website in English Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. In 2020, no revision was needed in HHA's Language Assistance Plan. The plan closely mirrors the City of Houston's Language Assistance Pan.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.200(I)

Introduction

The City of Houston works closely with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition) and with other members of the Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care (CoC), known as The Way Home, to align priorities and funding to address the needs of residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness. HCDD Director serves on the CoC Steering Committee in an ex officio position to provide governance and oversite to CoC policies and procedures.

The CoC has updated their strategic plan to outline the goals and strategies for the coming five years. The Way Home CoC completed its Community Plan in early 2021 which outlines the goals and strategies for the next five years.

The Community Plan includes the following new goals

- Address Racial Equity and Social Justice - Address historical inequities and build opportunities for justice among system partners and participants.
- Expand Affordable Housing - Connect people to permanent housing with appropriate services to help them maintain housing.
- Prevent Homelessness - Focus on preventing people from entering homelessness because of discharges from healthcare, child welfare, or criminal justice systems.
- Strengthen Crisis Response - Identify and engage people experiencing homelessness and connect them to low-barrier crisis housing while developing long-term housing strategies.
- Refine Engagement Strategies for People Living Unsheltered - Balance the need to maintain community access to and use of public spaces while recognizing that there is a critical gap in crisis housing that leaves insufficient alternative appropriate avenues for shelter.
- Build Strong Cross-System Partnerships - Strengthen connections with system partners necessary to accelerate housing placements and improve their sustainability.

The Community Plan also continues to build on the work of previous plans, with the following goals

Retain Historical Focus by

- Ending chronic homelessness
- Maintaining and ending Veteran homelessness
- Achieving effective end to family and youth homelessness

The Way Home Continuum of Care's (CoC) most recent Action Plan details activities and goals for the coming years. The goals for the next year focus on ending chronic homelessness by continuing to utilize and expand Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs. Additional activities include managing and expanding Rapid Re-housing (RRH) for singles and families, reviewing RRH outcomes, reviewing system-wide performance expectations, and developing a system-wide response to unsheltered homelessness and addressing racial equity and social justice. Major activities are outlined below.

Continued oversight and creation of 590 units of Permanent Housing, including 2130 additional units of affordable housing, and other targeted affordable housing development linked to system-wide homeless prevention and diversion activities

- Host a pipeline workgroup comprised of major funders to coordinate funding and guide new development and turnover of existing PSH units
- Prioritize public and private capital, operating, and service resources to support PSH development and targeted affordable housing development, including SRO or pay by day facilities and inclusion of restricted 30% AMI units in mainstream affordable housing development

- Increase capital investments for targeted affordable housing development in support of diversion and prevention activities, particularly for non-chronically homeless single individuals

Continued implementation of the integrated care service delivery model for PSH units in the pipeline

- Nurture new partnerships between the Local Mental Health Authority, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Mental Healthcare Providers, Managed Care Organizations, and Homeless Service Providers
- Leverage federal resources into the pilot project with State Medicaid and Managed Care Organizations to fund supportive housing services and advocate for Texas State Legislative changes to the Medicaid system to better support people experiencing homelessness.
- Connect integrated care teams to new and existing PSH units as they become operational and financially support this expansion with City of Houston entitlement investment.

Implement a single coordinated intake, assessment, triage, and central referral system for al all homeless housing interventions

- Manage the Coordinated Access system including income triage, assessment, and referral.
- Make Coordinated Access available via a call center across the CoC.
- Connect the Coordinated Access system diversion and homeless prevention programs.

Expand Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

- Continue to leverage COVID-19 Communitywide Housing Program (CCHP) resources that combine federal, state, local resources, and philanthropic resources to create a single standardized RRH model across the CoC and ensure maintenance and scaling
- Continue to prioritize resources for RRH and linked diversion activities to build a safety net system for homeless and at-risk families

Expand and Refine the Income Now Initiative

- Nurture and manage relationships with Houston-Galveston Area Council and Workforce Solutions to ensure seamless and quality income services for people experiencing homelessness
- Monitor data and performance for workforce outcomes
- Increase the number of employment services providers that participate in Income Now
- Increase SOAR system capacity to handle 350 referrals annually by adding 3-5 additional system dedicated disability workers
- Invest CCHP resources to expand income supports for people housed in RRH and Diversion.

Implement performance expectations for the entire CoC

- Apply performance standards to all programs operating in the CoC and use performance to determine future funding awards and possible reallocation or repurposing of existing resources in support of the CoC strategic plan

Address Racial Equity and Social Justice

- Analyze the system data. Examine selected homeless response system policies, procedures, and related data to identify areas to improve equitable access and use of homelessness assistance and to serve as a template for further community-wide conversations.
- Plan. Create a plan to move forward on racial equity work. The plan must include system and programmatic actions that can be monitored and adjusted to improve and sustain equity. This plan should be informed by a racial equity audit of The Way Home CoC's member organizations

and their current state of diversity. It should also include common values and goals collectively decided upon and shared by all of The Way Home's member organizations.

- Include People with Lived Experience in a meaningful way. Ensure that people with lived experience are included at all levels of system planning conversations and have active and supported participation in positions of leadership

Refine Engagement Strategies for People Living Unsheltered

- Continue to partner with the Harris Center to operate the Respite, Rehab, and Reentry facility (also called 6160) and connect people experiencing homelessness to the appropriate housing intervention through Coordinated Access.
- Construct and make operational, a COVID-19 Non-Congregate Housing Navigation Center to serve as a housing focused tool for a coordinated encampment strategy. The Navigation will allow the homeless response system to help us to address the unsheltered population that is resistant to stay in emergency or crisis shelter but is willing to accept housing.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including (narrative for the following 1-4):

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

HCDD will continue to support organizations that assess the needs of the homeless to create a more robust social service system to address unmet needs. HCDD provides ESG, ESG-CV, CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME TBRA funding to social service organizations Public Housing Authorities to assess the needs of homeless persons and will continue to support organizations to create a more robust social service system to address unmet needs for persons experiencing homelessness.

The Coalition for the Homeless (CFTH) collaborates with service agencies, others in the public sector, and philanthropy to analyze existing system needs to identify and address funding gaps. The Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count and the Community Needs Assessment, organized by the CFTH, annually assesses the characteristics of the homeless population in and around Houston. This is important data used by the CFTH and its stakeholders to track the changing needs of the homeless. In PY 2021, HCDD will continue to financially support the Coalition's preparation for the 2021 PIT Count. Additionally, the CoC Steering Committee has two positions held by people with lived experience to obtain input from current and formerly homeless individuals and families.

In 2014, the CoC implemented a coordinated assessment system ensuring standardized assessment for any homeless individual at a variety of access points. This system functions to triage, assess, match and refer homeless individuals to the most appropriate permanent housing option across the continuum. This is now the primary referral method for most homeless beds and functions as the sole referral source for PSH. This system expanded in 2016 and is optimizing access for both sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals seeking support across the City. Outreach workers are trained as assessors and navigators ensuring unsheltered homeless individuals' full access to all housing opportunities and services.

The coordinated assessment system now has the capability to refer all populations to rapid re-housing services and to our new intervention called Diversion. Diversion is an intervention designed to immediately address the needs of someone who has just lost their housing and become homeless. Diversion is a client-driven approach; its goal is to help the person or household find safe alternative housing immediately, rather than entering shelter or experiencing unsheltered homelessness. It is intended to ensure that the homelessness experience is as brief as possible, to prevent unsheltered homelessness, and to avert stays in shelter.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

HCDD continues to fund social service agencies providing emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. Services will include case management, direct rent and/or utility assistance, and operations costs associated with overnight shelter. HCDD's ESG funding will address emergency shelter needs as discussed

later in the section. As part of the planning process for community-wide coordination of ESG implementation and the restructuring of the CoC funding process, the CoC is collaborating with local ESG recipients to right-size the system of emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing ultimately shifting resources toward permanent housing options. This coupled with enhanced diversion and prevention resources will dramatically reduce demand for emergency shelter and ultimately allow the system to reach equilibrium and end homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

HCDD is working towards the homelessness goal by providing supportive housing units, and HCDD's Multifamily Housing program continues to encourage the creation of Permanent Supportive Housing with a renewed goal of creating additional PSH units.

HCDD is also committed to blending federal, state, and local resources in partnership with Harris County and the CoC to fund rapid re-housing for individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. Rapid re-housing assists households to rapidly return to permanent housing by offering short-term case management and financial assistance. This intervention has proven to be more than 85% effective in returning families to housing stabilization. A system mapping exercise performed under HUD technical assistance revealed that approximately 30% of Houston's homeless population will require rapid re-housing to stabilize.

The coordinated assessment system, described previously in this section, will act as the process for identifying people who are homeless and most in need of PSH or rapid re-housing, which include people who are chronically homeless, individuals and families, families with children, veterans, persons fleeing domestic violence, and unaccompanied youth.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

HCDD will fund several agencies that deliver homelessness prevention and diversion assistance from various federal and state grants, providing

- Short-term subsidies to defray rent and utility arrearages for families that have received eviction or utility termination notices or are experiencing a hardship that may lead to homelessness
- Security deposits and first month's rent to permit homeless families to move into their own apartment
- Light case management services geared towards problem solving and rapid resolution for people receiving diversion services
- Mortgage payments
- Rapid resolution case management and/or mediation services

Preventing homelessness is a priority for the City and its partner, the Coalition. To prevent people from falling into homelessness, public systems for justice, anti-poverty, prevention, health (including behavioral

health), child welfare and affordable housing must use data to identify how people are falling into homelessness and target prevention strategies and policies to address these areas. The CFTH assists Houston's homeless service providers, many of whom are CDBG and/or ESG subrecipients, to help individuals and families implement strategies that keep them stabilized and resolve their financial issues before being identified as "homeless."

As part of the planning process for community-wide coordination of ESG and CoC funding process implementation, the CFTH is collaborating with local ESG recipients. The Way Home CoC will continue to analyze mainstream system data to understand involvement of people experiencing homeless in public systems before they fell into homelessness. Then, the CoC can use that information to help those systems understand how they are contributing to homelessness and to advocate that they better plan for and engage people who are likely to fall into homelessness upon leaving.

The CoC plans to develop a homelessness prevention eligibility standard to target those most at-risk of becoming literally homeless. This includes provide specialized outreach and engagement services targeted to highest-risk populations and geographies to ensure people and communities at highest risk for homelessness are engaged with housing supports before experiencing literal homelessness. Target populations should include people who previously exited the homelessness system with housing supports and are at risk of returning to homelessness.

This standard will be developed using HUD's ESG eligibility criteria and local data regarding characteristics common among people who are literally homeless. Depending on the level of need of potential clients, the agency initially conducting intake will either admit the person to their program or will conduct a warm hand-off to another homelessness prevention provider in the system that is skilled in meeting the person's needs for housing. A warm hand-off is an approach in which a staff member of the initial intake agency provides a face-to-face introduction of a homeless person to another provider to which the person is being referred.

The CoC continues to execute memorandum of understandings (MOUs) with mainstream and other homeless service providers on the behalf of the homelessness prevention system in order to help clients link to mainstream and homeless supportive services outside the ESG programs. The purpose of developing MOUs is to help clients easily access mainstream services that might have a cumbersome application process or lengthy waitlist. Mainstream services will include those listed in 24 CFR 576.400 (c), as well as those in the SOAR program, and locally-funded programs to assist with increasing income and improving health.

The CFTH, along with local public funding jurisdictions and publicly funded institutions and systems of care that discharge people into homelessness, will create or modify discharge plans to prevent discharging into homelessness by

- Engage in discharge planning with mainstream system providers such as behavioral health, physical health, criminal justice, juvenile justice, and child welfare. Work with mainstream partners to identify appropriate housing opportunities for discharged people so that crisis housing and shelter are not used as a temporary housing placement strategy.
- Identifying local discharge plans or practices that are leading to homelessness
- Engaging each system and discussing data and alternatives
- Utilizing data to inform broader strategic planning processes

The CoC has several discharge policies to coordinate community-wide assistance to address youths aging out of foster care, persons exiting health care and mental health institutions, and persons discharged from correctional institutions. With the introduction of the coordinated placement system, these institutions are being invited to coordinate discharge planning activities to prevent homelessness. Protocols have been developed to connect with Harris County Jail and several emergency rooms and hospitals across the jurisdiction.

Discussion

HCDD has established a contractual relationship with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition) to manage efforts related to addressing chronic and family homelessness. The City continues to support the Coalition's efforts by providing HCDD staff assistance and CDBG, ESG, HHSP, and Homeless and Housing Bond funding for

- Implementing and operating the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Developing and implementing a Strategic Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
- Planning and prevention
- Homeless Count and Survey
- TX-700 Continuum of Care (CoC) Collaborative Grant Application for Cities of Houston, Conroe, and Pasadena, and Harris, Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties
- Performance measurement of CoC funded programs and projects
- Managing Coordinated Access for the CoC system
- CoC Steering Committee and workgroups

The Coalition continues to administer HMIS for contributing homeless organizations within CoC. Since its initial implementation in 2004, HMIS has grown to become the major repository of homeless assistance and homelessness prevention data in the community. An increasing number of federal and local funders now require HMIS participation, and its data is regularly used for various reports and analyses.

At the end of 2020, there were over 250 programs and 840 individual users actively participating in the HMIS. The database consisted of about 300,000 unique client records. Most clients served before 2010 were literally homeless individuals, but a growing segment now represents at-risk clients assisted by homelessness prevention programs, including those funded by VA SSVF, ESG, HOPWA, and local food banks. Of the approx. 46,000 clients enrolled in any HMIS programs during 2020, there were 24,154 literally or formerly homeless individuals – a decrease of about 6,000 from 2019 that was largely caused by the operational changes due to COVID-19 pandemic

The Coordinated Access system continues to be a key component of the HMIS. All HUD-funded Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects are required to accept new clients through Coordinated Access referrals. Between the Coordinated Access system's launch in early 2014 and the end of 2020, about 23,300 clients were assessed for housing, of which 4,961 were placed in PSH and 6,471 persons were placed in rapid re-housing. In October 2020, the City of Houston, Harris County, and the Coalition for the Homeless have started a joint, $65-million plan to house 5,000 people experiencing homelessness over the next two years to limit the spread of COVID-19. The Community-wide COVID-19 Housing Program (CCHP) will permanently house people who are currently experiencing literal homelessness (e.g., living in shelters, encampments or on the streets) as well as those who may fall into homelessness as a result of the economic effects of the coronavirus.

HMIS software ClientTrack is provided by Eccovia Solutions, a privately held company. The Coalition's HMIS support team includes six staff members. As part of their daily activities, the support team continues to implement several proactive data quality measures and it monitors the HMIS to ensure completeness, accuracy, and standardized the data collection processes. Support specialists work with the CoC agencies by offering ongoing training and technical assistance, both individually and in groups. Site visits to partners are conducted on an annual basis to confirm bed inventory for the homeless count as well as to provide data quality scoring for the NOFA application. The team also issues monthly newsletters and hosts quarterly HMIS forums with the provider community, to discuss recent activities, ongoing data quality issues, and future developments.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals

One-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	800
Tenant-based rental assistance	475
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	245
Units proved in transitional and short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	55
Total	**1,575**

AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.220(J)

Introduction

Nearly all of the following list barriers, as discussed in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, present the most integral challenges to the production and preservation of affordable housing. However, COVID-19 impacts over the past year have presented additional barriers to affordable housing, and these challenges are also cataloged below.

Current market conditions
Houston is experiencing a long-term trend of population growth, creating a rise in demand for housing; however, its real estate market has remained relatively consistent over the past few years, so the amount of affordable housing stock has not increased with the same intensity. Many older units with affordable rents are being torn down in favor of redevelopment of higher-end housing, especially luxury rentals in high demand areas of the city.

Additionally, economic growth contributes to the increase in the land values, which impacts the cost of housing prices and housing affordability. Median home values and the cost of new construction and remodeling have also perpetually increased since 2015. As the market continues to expand, affordable land and existing housing units become scarcer, and new affordable housing becomes more costly to develop.

On the other hand, other circumstances like natural disasters can bring new challenges to the housing affordability. With significant and repetitive flooding occurring since 2015, Houston's housing stock has dwindled because some homes were deemed uninhabitable. This lessens the supply of marketable housing units, which subsequently augments the already increased demand for housing due to population growth. This dynamic shifts the market, amplifying the market barrier to affordable housing.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the U.S. economy entered into a recession due to company shutdowns and reduced staff capacity. Because of this recession, the cost of construction has increased due to the lack of record-high prices of lumber. The increased price for lumber is caused by: (1) the reduced-supply precipitated by COVID-19 related shutdowns and (2) by the increased demand for building materials. The increased prices for other building materials have also impacted the cost of building with ultimate affects the affordability of new home developments and home repairs.

Insufficient availability of current financial resources to address affordable housing needs
There is a lack of available, accessible, and quality affordable housing in Houston. Citizens and stakeholders agreed that the deficiency of affordable housing options precluded people from obtaining housing and was the greatest barrier to finding and maintaining housing and was the greatest barrier to fair housing choice in Houston.

A number of Houston's households are low- and moderate-income and cost-burdened, which means that their ability to effectively address their housing needs may be severely impeded by financial resources. With the appreciation of housing prices, the gap between the availability of financial resources and median home prices has widened. For homes that were experiencing housing problems and repetitive flooding in the last five years, financial resources addressing housing concerns may be an even bigger challenge.

Because of government mandates for reduced-company operations intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19, many companies have shut down or reduced staffing capacity, leaving many Houstonians without adequate income to pay for housing costs. While HCDD received federal funding to provide rental assistance to families adversely impacted by COVID-19, the need for rental assistance in Houston far outweighs the amount of funding received. To help with

While HCDD works to leverage its resources, current funding sources do not accommodate all of the housing affordability needs of Houston residents. Without seeking innovative ways of satisfying unmet needs through additional streams of funding, affordable housing programs like Home Repair Program or the Multifamily Housing Program would be more fiscally strained, imposing additional challenges in providing the same output-level of assistance. It is estimated that federal funding will likely stay relatively

constant or decrease as it did during the last five years, which may limit future development without other sources of funding.

Deterioration of housing stock

Houston's housing stock is aging so rehabilitating the older stock becomes more crucial to maintaining safety and affordability. The cost of repairing or rehabilitating existing stock can be financially cumbersome. Properties built before 1978 may have deferred maintenance issues or environmental hazards such as lead-based paint. Even as homes are improved, home values also increase, and subsequently, tax obligations increase. These tax obligations are in conjunction with to the regular cost of the home and the cost of the improvements.

Repetitive flooding has also played its role in the deterioration of Houston's housing stock. Homes previously vulnerable due to housing problems may experience exacerbated health and safety issues caused by natural disasters. Overall, rehabilitating or remediating older housing stock may be prohibitively expensive for homeowners or owners of rental properties, especially when coupled with a recent flooding events.

Regulation

Municipal, State and Federal regulations may, in some instances, increase the cost of or the time to develop affordable housing. For instance, although some of HUD's regulations relating to noise, environmental, or site and neighborhood standards are needed to protect future affordable housing residents and existing neighborhoods, these are additional requirements that affordable housing developers must comply with that developers in the private market do not. Some could view these additional regulations as reasons why developing affordable housing has barriers.

Conversely, the lack of regulations limits the ways in which the City could require decent, safe, affordable housing. One example of how the lack of regulation may affect quality affordable housing is through community residences, which is housing serving persons with disabilities. Other states have laws regulating community residences. Because Texas does not, cities, including Houston, have enacted regulations to enforce standards of group homes, which are privately run semi-assisted housing for persons with disabilities and the elderly. This has put burden of enforcement of these units and the livelihood its residents onto cities.

Another example of the lack of regulation is Houston having no regulatory development tools to require a percentage of affordable units in new developments in designated neighborhoods. Instead of zoning, Houston's greatest tool to promote affordable housing is through the use of incentives. Even more, the lack of industrial and commercial zones may disrupt residential areas and present environmental hazards to nearby residents. Living near industrial areas can increase health hazards for residents, making living in these areas more costly.

Lack of communication between government and residents

As communication outlets and culture constantly evolve, effective communication remains a challenge for residents and government entities. Community engagement revealed that one of the most noteworthy barriers is communication about current City programs, community resources, laws, rights, and educational/engagement opportunities. Developing long-lasting partnerships and opening more avenues of communication between residents, community leaders, and the City will also help to address other barriers.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The proposed actions to address barriers in PY 2021 are described in more detail below, and other actions to overcome impediments to fair housing are located in the Appendix and titled *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*.

Address housing market conditions that inhibit low- and moderate-income persons from obtaining decent housing

- Increase affordable housing supply by funding rehabilitation and new construction of affordable rental housing
- Lower the cost for low- and moderate-income families to achieve homeownership by assisting with down-payment and closing cost assistance
- Continue home repair activities to lower the cost of home maintenance and improve housing stock
- Work with lending institutions to provide services for underserved populations
- Invest in alternative forms of homeownership, such as the Houston Community Land Trust
- Develop additional revenue streams of funding for affordable housing
- Utilize land in the Houston Land Bank to create new affordable homes
- Enhance HCDD's procedures to leverage resources and increase the production of new homes or rehabilitation of existing homes
- Diversify communities with mixed-use and mixed-income buildings to improve quality of life for residents and businesses
- Develop and maintain partnerships with Pre-Approved Grant Relationship Sponsorship organizations like the Houston Redevelopment Authority to provide funding for Single Family Home Development projects.

Invest in building code enforcement and lead hazard remediation to abate deterioration of housing stock

- Provide lead hazard testing and/or remediation for households participating in the Home Repair Program
- Reduce lead-based paint hazards in low- and moderate-income housing units by partnering with HHD and providing matching funding for federal grants
- Engage in code enforcement activities carried out by the City's Department of Neighborhoods to address single family and multifamily property owners' code violations
- Improve partnerships and agreements with other City Departments to reinforce a collaborative and concerted effort to reduce health and safety hazards
- Improve housing stock for low- and moderate-income homeowners through the Home Repair Program
- Improve hazard assessment processes for monitoring the abatement of lead-based paint

Strengthen inter/intragovernmental relationships to resolve regulatory issues

- Inform and communicate with TDHCA requests for updates to the QAP
- Coordinate with local HUD officials and request waivers to certain HUD standards, as needed
- Continually improve HCDD's monitoring and compliance function to detect and address inconsistencies or conflicts among federal, state, and local grant and regulatory requirements
- Continue to provide technical assistance to nonprofit and for profit affordable housing developers and public service agencies regarding new or changing requirements
- Continue to refer fair housing complaints to substantially equivalent agencies and the regional HUD office which are equipped and trained to manage such complaints effectively and efficiently
- Improve partnerships with other City Departments and elected officials to identify policies or processes augmenting the barriers to affordable housing
- Enhance communication with other City Departments and elected officials to make a collaborative effort in creating strategies that will eliminate barriers

Use education to encourage policy decisions and public support that positively impact affordable housing

- Educate city officials and staff about fair housing issues to improve understanding of and the impact of municipal laws and regulations on affordable housing through presentations and meetings organized by HCDD staff
- Prepare information and materials about impediments impacting affordable housing for use in presentations and meetings organized by or with HCDD staff for stakeholders and community groups
- Engage fair housing and affordable housing advocates to elevate affordable housing issues in the public
- Ensure that first-time homebuyers are educated about financial management and the responsibilities of homeowners

Discussion

HCDD will continue to pursue innovative partnerships, identify additional funding sources, and engage in comprehensive planning efforts with regional entities to reduce and remove barriers to affordable housing and fair housing. In preparation of this Plan, HCDD undertook an extensive resident participation effort, and HCDD will continue to use partnerships to reach out to citizens.

HCDD will continue to pursue other funding to benefit residents, like the Wells Fargo Priority Market and the Complete Communities Improvement Fund. Also, HCDD will continue to foster collaboration with financial institutions and housing and service providers to enhance existing strategies and implement new strategies to address affordable housing barriers.

The City of Houston is committed to improving communities by continuously performing research and analysis, collecting resident input, and exploring best practices to inform programs and activities and to remove barriers to affordable housing. The City continues to work with community partners to find affordable in order to provide and maintain affordable homes, while working to eliminate barriers that limit the creation or viability of affordable housing, even as the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact persists.

AP-85 Other Actions

Introduction

The following describes the planned actions or strategies that the City of Houston will pursue in the next year to

- Address underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families
- Develop institutional structure
- Enhance coordination

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The underserved are defined as LMI households that have a member that is elderly, is a child, has a disability, or has a quality of life-limiting medical condition. The underserved also include individuals experiencing homelessness or are victims of domestic violence. Characteristics of the underserved population may include fixed incomes, unemployment or underemployment, living in aging housing stock, language barriers, and physical limitations to access services.

In PY 2021, HCDD will strive to overcome the obstacles of the underserved by

Leveraging its resources

- HCDD will continue to implement programs through special grants and to support funding applications for various non-profit agencies. HCDD will continue partnering with housing and service organizations to create permanent supportive housing units for the homeless.
- HCDD staff will continue to research, apply for, and manage competitive and non-competitive grant opportunities to fund and enhance community development activities in Houston.
- HCDD will research ways in which funded activities can be paired with other funding sources or programs to lower costs for residents or make services more available.
- The request for proposals for public services, public facilities, and multifamily development may prioritize projects that leverage other funding sources with entitlement funds.
- HCDD will continue to seek partnerships with entities in the private sector, such as banks, realtors, builders, and non-profits to fund trainings and utilize volunteered resources.
- HCDD will leverage its entitlement and disaster recover funds to fund Homebuyer Assistance Program activities.

Assisting households increase their income and assets

- HCDD will continue to fund public services including job training and other assistance programs, like childcare, to help individuals secure a job to increase their family income.
- HCDD's Compliance Division facilitates training and monitors routinely for contractual compliance to ensure that contractors are adhering to Section 3 guidelines to provide job training and employment and contract opportunities to low-income residents. This Division will also enforce the Davis Bacon Act to ensure contractors and sub-contractors pay the prevailing wage rates to employees.
- The Homebuyer Assistance Program provides financial assistance to income eligible households that otherwise could not afford to sustain a home purchase due to limited savings.
- HCDD will continue to look for new ways to create job opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons through existing funding resources, like Section 108 and EDI funds.
- HCDD will continue to support subrecipients involved in local initiatives helping families build wealth, such the United Way's THRIVE.

Making housing and services available for the underserved

- HCDD will prioritize housing and services to those in most need including populations with special needs. Rapid re-housing activities using ESG funds will target homeless individuals and those who are victims of domestic violence.
- HCDD will continue to address the rental housing needs of the underserved by giving preference to developments for underserved populations in the selection process. Housing developments assisted with entitlement funds will continue to comply with Section 504 requirements to make housing available for persons with disabilities.

Advertising available services to the underserved

- HCDD will continue to develop translated materials to reach non-English speaking residents regarding available programming and general entitlement grant information.
- HCDD will explore different methods of outreach to enhance communication with residents who have a disability.
- HCDD will strive to hold public hearings in low-income neighborhoods and conduct meetings with agencies that serve special needs populations; however, HCDD will continue to hold virtual events and meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and as health officials indicate.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As of March 2021, HCDD's multifamily compliance portfolio includes 14,179 housing units in over 88 developments, and as a result of federal and local funding sources, 6,872 of these units are income-restricted. Effective relationships with developers of affordable housing, potential buyers of at-risk housing, advocacy groups, lenders, community groups, and other stakeholders help to ensure that the number of restricted units is maintained. The City will continue to lead an effort to develop permanent supportive housing to help end chronic, veterans, family, and youth homelessness in Houston. By providing analysis of homeless needs, coordinating with other agencies and funding this effort, the City will continue to encourage affordable housing development with supportive services. The City will continue to collaborate and partner with public and private housing developers, builders, and finance agencies to foster decent, safe, and affordable housing.

HCDD will also create new affordable housing opportunities in Houston. HCDD will continue to solicit and finance new housing developments that maximize the use of available funds through leveraging, to not only create new affordable rental housing, but also to ensure the preservation of existing rental housing. Leveraging of HCDD's funds is an integral component of the Multifamily Program, which generally provides up to 30% of gap funding for a multifamily project and requires developers to provide the remaining funds.

In PY 2021, HCDD staff will continue to reach out to developers who are nearing the end of the affordability period on their income-restricted units to offer various possibilities to increase or renew the properties' affordability period. HCDD will also preserve and expand the supply of affordable single family housing in PY 2021 through the rehabilitation of 32 single family homes and the construction of 10 new single family homes. Home repair staff has focused on increasing capacity by hiring intake counselors, streamlining the application process, and releasing a new request for proposals. The Single Family Home Development program has provided technical assistance to CHDO developers and will continue to help these developer build capacity. This will increase the number CHDO developments and help more residents maintain the long-term affordability. The Single Family Home Development Program has also incorporated ECHO units in their guidelines to allow families to have an additional dwelling that will house an elderly family member or a person with disabilities. This option will help to maintain affordable homes for populations with special needs.

Hurricane Harvey has negatively impacted the supply of affordable housing in Houston and has created an urgent need for new homeowner housing development and rehabilitation of existing homes damaged by the resent flood events. In PY 2021, HCDD plans to continue to increase efficiencies in the program and channel local, federal and disaster recovery funds towards affordable home rehabilitation and development.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In PY 2021, HCDD will expend CDBG funds for lead-based paint related programs through the High-Impact Neighborhood Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program managed by the Houston Health Department (HHD) and through home repair activities. A description of the activities follows.

High-Impact Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program. HCDD and HHD's Bureau of Community and Children's Environmental Health (BCCEH) work closely together to reduce lead hazards. Since 1996, HHD has received federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to reduce lead-based paint hazards and establish Healthy Homes principles in low- and moderate-income housing units within the City of Houston. Previously, BCCEH's lead program was the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LBPHC) funded by the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant; however, its new lead program will be funding by federal grants, including the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) Grant.

Beginning in 2020, HHD will used HCDD's funding as match dollars in support of the LHR grant, targeting the removal of lead-based paint in 4 contiguous census tracts near in the Near Northside and Fifth Ward Super Neighborhoods. With the help of CDBG funds as match, BCCEH performs lead hazard reduction and remediation on approximately 50 homes annually. HCDD will continue to provide match funding to HHD lead-based paint initiative under this program in PY 2021.

Home Repair Program Lead Activities. For home repair activities, HCDD staff no longer presumes that all homes built before 1978 have lead hazards. HCDD will, now, contract certified third-party contractors that will identify lead-based paint hazards in conjunction with a Hazard Assessment, monitor the remediation, and provide a clearance letter as a testament of the lead abatement. This ensures the delivery of repair services are provided in a timely and the most efficient and healthful way possible. Staff ensures that contractors that carry out repairs are certified for lead hazard abatement and address lead hazard according to regulations and requirements.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

HCDD provides many services intended to help reduce the number of persons in poverty. HCDD will carry the following strategies and actions over the next year to help families achieve financial stability.

Increasing income

- Fund job training, childcare, and educational programs to increase a person's potential income.
- Work with businesses to increase the number of jobs available, especially higher waged jobs, for low- and moderate-income persons.

Building Savings

- Work with other City entities, such as the Controller's Office initiative BankOn Houston, to increase financial awareness, homebuyer counseling, and general financial literacy concerns.
- Provide home repair assistance to households that do not currently have enough in savings to make necessarily repairs.
- Create affordable multifamily units through new construction and rehabilitation which reduce the housing cost for LMI households and assist families in building savings.

Acquiring Assets

- Create opportunities for LMI households to become homeowners by assisting CHDOs in single family home development through technical assistance, trainings, and workshops.
- Foster single family home development and ownership through the Houston Community Land Trust (HCLT). HCDD has partnered with HCLT for new single family home development where homebuyers below 80% AMI will be able to purchase homes at affordable prices. These homes will have long-term affordability and protect residents from being displaced through gentrification.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Internally, HCDD is comprised of five major functions: Program Areas (Multifamily and Public Facilities; Single Family Housing; Economic Development; Disaster Recovery and Public Services), Financial Services and Administration, Planning and Grants Management, Compliance and Operations, and Policy and Communication Divisions. The current structure highlights HCDD's commitment to ensuring that all functions perform in a concerted manner to guarantee an efficient use of public and private resources with maximum output in the form of accomplishments. Underlying this effort is the recognized need to maintain a high level of coordination on projects involving other City departments and/or outside agencies.

HCDD will address gaps and improve institutional structure using the following strategies

- Reduce and/or alleviate any gaps in services and expedite the delivery of housing and community development improvements (primarily affordable housing) to eligible residents.
    - The Special Assistant to the Mayor for Homeless Initiatives will continue to lead planning efforts related to ending homelessness and homeless housing initiatives.
    - The Multifamily/Commercial program area is also increasing efficiency by creating an improved underwriting template to review transactions, streamlining the procurement process, and revising policy and procedure documents. It is also increasing capacity by hiring more staff.
    - The Homebuyer Assistance Program expects to continue coordinating with HCDD's Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program and to market the program in the community.
    - The Economic Development Program has hired a new manager who will direct efforts in promoting small business development, management, and marketing.
- Use a high level of communication and project coordination among City departments and support the City's efforts to revitalize and/or stabilize low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
    - HCDD is currently in partnership with the Health, Library, Parks and Recreation, and Houston Public Works departments, as well as the Mayor's Office on a variety of community improvement projects in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. HCDD will further refine ways to communicate regulations to other City departments which may include additional meetings and desk reviews.
    - HCDD will work to communicate reimbursement process for other City Departments with LOAs. Staff at HCDD will focus on relationship management and improved communication with City departments. Staff will also provide technical assistance to City departments.
    - HCDD will streamline LOA procedures by automating the LOA process through standardizing document formats and signature fields, electronic submissions of reports and payments, and making processes paperless.
    - HCDD will work with Houston Public Works to create and maintain plan analyst jobs specifically tasked with permitting projects from the Single Family Home Repair and Single Family Home Development programs.
    - HCDD's Home Repair Program will also streamline its internal process by improving its application process and assessing its production workflow
- Work with and financially support various community housing development organizations (CHDOs) operating in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to build affordable housing for the elderly, veterans, and other special needs populations.
    - HCDD will continue to provide technical assistance to local housing development organizations and walk organizations through the application process to become CHDO certified.
    - HCDD will fund CHDO certified organizations to develop affordable single family homes.
- Use established partnerships to identify opportunities for joint ventures with agencies that have sources of funding to construct or operate affordable housing.
    - HCDD and HHA will continue to plan rehabilitation of housing units supported by HHA.
    - HCDD will build capacity with the Houston Land Bank and Houston Community Land Trust to provide for future options for affordable home development and preservation.

- Continue to cultivate strong working relationships with local financial institutions to ensure the availability of private funding for housing and other projects and low- and moderate- income homebuyers.
    - HCDD will continue to work with the Houston Housing Finance Corporation to develop future housing financing opportunities.
    - HCDD will work with finance agencies to further economic development initiatives.
    - The Multifamily Division will continue to build relationships with financial institutions and lenders, such as the National Equity Fund and Amegy Bank, to be better informed on pricing and communicate about upcoming projects.
    - HCDD will continue to partner with realtors and banks, including those working with minorities and in low-income areas of the City, to advertise and to help residents take advantage of the HCDD's Homebuyer Assistance.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

As the lead agency in the Annual Action Plan (Plan) development process, HCDD continues to share a common vision with its partners in the public and private housing and social service sectors. That vision promotes community development and the leveraging of resources to maximize program outcomes.

HCDD will continue to enhance coordination efforts between housing and social service agencies. Some of these efforts are described in the following section

- *Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County.* HCDD funds HMIS, the primary data system maintained by the Coalition used to track information related to the region's homeless population. Such data informs efforts to address the needs of the chronically homeless in the region in cooperation with agencies across several counties. HCDD will support the Coalition's efforts to analyze HMIS data to enhance coordination between service providers and homeless housing providers, through the continued development of a coordinated access system. Recently added to the HMIS system is the HOPWA Program, which has helped to coordinate housing and services between homeless and HOPWA providers. In addition, HCDD financially supports the Coalition's administrative efforts including the coordination of the Point-In-Time Count each year, which serves as a basis for federal homeless funding allocations for the CoC.
- *Continuum of Care (CoC).* The CoC brings together local units of government, housing providers, and service providers to strategize and plan for future activities to address homelessness in the Houston area. As a member of the CoC Steering Committee, and various CoC workgroups, HCDD will continue the implementation of the integrated care service delivery model for permanent supportive housing units, by partnering with federally qualified health centers, mental healthcare providers, and homeless service providers.
- *Addressing Homelessness.* HCDD will work to enhance coordination between housing and service providers while leading the effort to implement strategies to end chronic and other forms of homelessness.
- *Economic Development.* HCDD will explore new partnerships with agencies, like Ascend Houston, the Houston Redevelopment Authority and Houston Business Development Inc. (HBDI), to create new opportunities for businesses to provide services in low-income neighborhoods. HCDD will continue to look for economic development opportunities that will best utilize Section 108 funding to create jobs and enhance businesses.
- *City Departments.* HCDD will continue to work with other Departments to implement actions that will affirmatively further fair housing.
- *Addressing COVID*-19. HCDD will expend federal and state funding to prevent, prepare for, and reduce the impacts of COVID-19. With a direct allocation of funding from HUD, HCDD will continue to fund activities for rental assistance, maintenance of shelter, and homelessness prevention. HCDD has also will also continue to leverage its U.S. Treasury funding with Harris County under a joint program to provide rental assistance to families who were economically impacted by COVID-19.

The activities and partnerships with some of the aforementioned organizations span multiple counties (Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery) and cities (Missouri City and the City of Pasadena). More details about the organizations consulted throughout the planning process are included in the Consultation section of this Plan.

Discussion

The City of Houston is continuously refining its strategies to foster affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of families in poverty, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination. By enhancing coordination and developing greater collaboration, the City will work to create an environment in which affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing, is sustained and encouraged. HCDD staff will continue to streamline its processes and coordinate with various agencies throughout PY 2021 in support of its entitlement and disaster recovery programs. HCDD will also continue address the impacts of COVID-19 and to leverage its resources to help families recover from the economic downturn caused by the pandemic. Cultivating and strengthening relationships with agencies, advocates and community partners will also improve the delivery of activities funded through entitlement grants.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(L)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The following addresses the program specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan. It includes required information for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

Table 12 – CDBG Program Income

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	**$157,395**
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	$0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	$0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	$0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	$0
Total Program Income:	**$157,395**

Other CDBG Requirements

Table 13 – CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	**0**
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.0%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows

The City of Houston does not use other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows

In PY 2021, HCDD will utilize a recapture requirement for homeownership activities for HOME assisted units constructed as a part of the CHDO Single Family Home Development Program. HCDD adheres to the minimum recapture provisions established in §92.254(a)(5)(ii) when providing assistance for the development of new homes by CHDOs.

The following bullets outline the required minimum affordability period for homebuyers receiving a direct HOME subsidy through HCDD program

Direct HOME Subsidy	Minimum Period of Affordability
Under $ 15,000	5 years
$ 15,000 - $ 25,999	10 years
$ 26,000 - $ 39,999	15 years
$ 40,000 or above	20 years

The direct HOME subsidy is the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy the unit and may include downpayment, closing cost, interest subsidies, settlement charges, or other direct subsidy that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price.

According to the recapture requirements of the CHDO Single Family Home Development Program, assistance, which is a direct HOME subsidy, is provided as direct buyer purchase assistance facilitated as a 2nd mortgage financing. The assisted homebuyer must occupy the property as his/her principal residence through the affordability period. Once the affordability period ends, no recapture restrictions will apply. If the property is sold, is no longer the owner's principal residence, or is otherwise non-compliant with the recapture requirements during the affordability period, HCDD will recapture a portion of the direct HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer before the homebuyer receives a return on the sale. The recapture amount will be reduced, on a pro rata basis, by the amount of direct HOME subsidy due at sale. The homebuyer may sell to any homebuyer. HCDD's recapture amount is limited to the net proceeds available from the sale. Net proceeds are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

In the case of default during the affordability period, the City may pursue all remedies available to the City under the homebuyer written agreement, mortgage and lien documents, deed restrictions, or any covenants running with the land. In the development of home purchase agreements, HCDD will utilize the recapture provision, as discussed above: recapture of a portion of the direct HOME subsidy (see HOME Program regulations at 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)).

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows

As mentioned in the previous section, the period of affordability is stated in a written agreement between the homebuyer and HCDD through loan and program documents, which could include, but are not limited to, the Loan Note, the Lien, the Statement of Terms and Conditions, and Land Use Restriction.

Recapture is triggered when a homebuyer becomes non-compliant or a default occurs. Each of the following constitutes a default as defined by the loan documents

- Homeowner fails to owner-occupy the property as their principle residence.
- Homeowner transfers any interest in the property through a voluntary or involuntary sale.
- Homeowner fails to follow terms of loan agreements.

Annually, HCDD confirms homeowner compliance by requiring each homeowner to confirm their primary occupancy of the home purchased with federal funds that are still within the affordability period. The default and recapture process is initiated when residency cannot be established.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows

In accordance with 24 CFR 92.206(b) and 24 CFR 91.220(c), HCDD may permit refinancing of existing HOME financed projects under specific conditions and circumstances.

Applicants must demonstrate that

- Rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity
  - A rehab in which HOME funds are used to reduce any dollars in the capital structure, is considered rehabilitation and refinancing
  - Applicants can demonstrate compliance by reporting a minimum of $5,000 of rehabilitation per unit
- Property will meet the extended 15-year affordability period
- The project, based on the included feasibility analysis, can reasonably service the targeted population over the affordability period
- The rehabilitated property will have at least 5 percent of its units designated as disability accessible and 2 percent designated, as appropriate, for use by the visually and hearing impaired
- The new investment being made
  - Maintains current affordable units; creates additional affordable units, or both
  - Funds a project which lies within the limits of the City of Houston
  - Is on a site and within a neighborhood suitable from the standpoint of facilitating and furthering full compliance with the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Executive Order 11063, and implementing HUD regulations

A rehabilitation project in which all HOME funds are used for construction costs is not considered a refinancing. HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

Goals

HCDD solicits proposals for HOPWA sponsors through an RFP process that usually occurs every two years. Selected sponsors are contracted for a one-year period and may include a one-year extension if all contract requirements are met. The most recent RFP occurred in fall of 2018 where several agencies were selected as project sponsors for PY 2018 and 2019 allocations. Due to the focus on COVID-19 projects, the RFP anticipated for PY 2020 will now be conducted during the program year 2021.

In PY 2021, HCDD will allocate

- $2,351,795 for operating costs to provide 300 individuals with permanent and transitional facility-based housing
- $2,268,670 for supportive services serving 1,800 individuals
- $2,535,172 for project or tenant-based rental assistance for 475 individuals
- $2,535,172 for short-term rent, mortgage and utility subsidies for 800 individuals

Discussion

HOPWA activities in PY 2021 are expected to serve 3,375 persons who have or are affected by HIV/AIDS. Services will be located in the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). HCDD continues to serve as a member of the Ryan White Planning Council (Ryan White), and an HCDD staff member also serves as co-chair of the Priorities and Allocation Committee under the Council. In addition to receiving critical community health needs information from Ryan White, HCDD staff also meet with HOPWA providers at least twice a year to receive information about the implementation and needs of the current providers. When HCDD receives information from stakeholders like Ryan White and from HOPWA providers, HCDD can adjust future funding decisions. For instance, with information from HOPWA providers, HCDD will target funding more to tenant-based rental assistance and less on short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued revisions to metropolitan statistical areas (Bulletin 13-01) which reconfigured many of the HOPWA Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Areas (EMSAs). As a result of these revisions San Jacinto County was removed from the City of Houston HOPWA formula jurisdiction for PY 2014. San Jacinto County will now be under the State of Texas HOPWA grant.

Effective July 1, 2014, HCDD's HOPWA program migrated from Powersource to using HUD's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) the client database for HOPWA programming in the region. This will allow HOPWA programming to be part of the coordinated access system.

With this initiation of using HMIS, HCDD is changing the way the weeks for STRMU assistance are counted from four weeks for a client (regardless of the amount of rent received, i.e. full month or half a month) to fractions based on whether a client received rent for a full month, half month, or a quarter of a month. HCDD defines a year based on a particular participants' year (one year from the day the participant begins receiving assistance).

In addition, the HOPWA Program recently changed its rent standard. The HOPWA Program moved from using Fair Market Rent as the rent standard to adopting the public housing authority's rent standard.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Written standards for providing ESG assistance are included in the Appendix and were updated in PY 2020.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) in the Houston area has established a centralized and coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements and is in the process of fully implementing the system. In 2014, the Coordinated Access system became fully operational across of the CoC's service areas. The CoC continues to implement Coordinated Access system and the utilization of Rapid Re-Housing. The system immediately connects residents to diversion and homeless prevention programs. These programs are designed to help persons who have recently become homeless or are at risk of losing their homes. The system also identifies populations who have a greater need for diversion services.

The ESG homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs use common assessments and eligibility criteria, and clients may access homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing services at any point in the system. In order to target the system's limited homelessness prevention resources to those most at-risk of homelessness, in addition to HUD's eligibility criteria, local risk factors for homelessness were used to develop a common assessment. In order to monitor the tool's effectiveness, the CoC tracks clients who are deemed ineligible for homelessness prevention services to see if they access shelter or homeless services. Rapid re-housing programs target four high need population groups that would benefit from the model.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

HCDD selects projects for funding based on the greatest community need, as well as the effectiveness of the organizations assisting the community. In the summer of 2021, the City of Houston will issue an (request for proposal) RFP to award funding through a competitive process. The subrecipient will, then, award funding on a 12-month basis with a renewal option to subcontractors from non-profit organizations. Allocations for the renewals were determined based on productivity of the program, utilization rate, and need for service.

Approximately 15% of ESG resources may go to organizations located outside of the City limits of Houston. Funds will be used for activities that benefit residents of the City of Houston and may include emergency shelter, homeless prevention, and rapid re-housing.

HMIS services continue to be funded out of the ESG program, and the Coalition continues to receive funding for the local HMIS.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Houston meets the homeless participation requirement. The CoC consults with the four ESG jurisdictions bi-monthly. As a part of the planning role of the group, funding recommendations are taken from providers in the CoC's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Planning and Service Coordination workgroup, Consumer Advisory Council, CoC's Action Plan, and data analysis from HMIS.

With this information, ESG jurisdictions, including HCDD, form strategies for funding program types and certain priorities. The Coalition for the Homeless' Consumer Advisory Council is comprised of people who are currently or formerly homeless. In addition, two places on the CoC Steering Committee, which consists of 19 members, are designated for consumer representatives, individuals who have experienced homelessness. Also, the Coalition's Board of Directors, which the City of Houston is a part of, is required to have a representative from the Homeless Services Coordinating Council.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

In consultation with the Coalition and other Emergency Solutions Grants grantees within the CoC, HCDD has developed program standards for Emergency Shelters, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, and HMIS activities. HCDD is not including performance standards for Street Outreach at this time because members of the CoC are not currently, and will not for PY 2021, fund activities related to Street Outreach. As with the other standards, grantee members of the CoC will refine the performance standards to include those for Street Outreach, if necessary, in the proceeding program years.

For these standards, the initial data collection will be used to create baseline data. Grantees within the CoC have been working to establish community wide standards so that the community as a whole will have common goals. The CoC will measure progress toward those goals on a community level, as well as individual grantee level. HCDD will use the data collected on these outcomes over the following program years to analyze effective programs and establish more measurable standards. The progress toward outcomes will later be used to establish the community standard for achieving those outcomes. The City continues to operate under the ESG Written Standards that were updated in PY 2019. The City anticipates more conversation and a thorough examination of performance and outcomes.

ESG standards for performance continue to be based on the outcomes below.

Number and percentage of people exiting to a known place

This outcome will be measured by evaluating HMIS data for client exit. The measure will help improve data quality and provide better information on client outcomes for shelter programs. The goal of this standard is to help the CoC measure and reduce the time people spend homeless by providing a big picture of which program models are successful in reducing and eliminating returns to homelessness for clients. The data will also help the community to better target resources to clients who are returning to homelessness and have the highest needs.

Number and percentage of people assisted in overcoming a specific barrier to obtaining housing

This outcome will be measured by detailing the types of barriers addressed and the steps to decreasing barriers so that clients using emergency shelter have more opportunities to access permanent and transitional housing and rapid re-housing services. HCDD endeavors to reduce the number of people living both on the street and in emergency shelters by reducing barriers. In addition, reducing the barriers will increase the likelihood of positive housing outcomes for clients that are accessing emergency shelter.

Number and percent of people who increase income from entry to exit in emergency housing programs

This outcome will help the community measure the reduction in barriers to housing for clients in emergency shelter. For Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing, the CoC will to use the same performance standards to help measure the success of these interventions for the community. HCDD recognizes that clients who receive Rapid Re-Housing assistance will have a separate set of needs and likely higher barriers to maintaining permanent housing, so the outcome goals will be different, even though the measures for both programs are the same.

Discussion:

The City of Houston continues to work together with the CoC and other ESG grantees to review and revise standards of performance and service delivery as needed.

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Appendix 1: Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

Fair housing and equal opportunity are fundamental principles to creating and sustaining communities in Houston. One way that the City demonstrates its commitment to these principles is by completing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The AI is a document containing a review of obstacles that can impede fair housing choice and a list of actions to remove or decrease these identified barriers. The development of the City's 2020 AI coincided with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The 2020 AI listed 12 impediments to fair housing choice in Houston. Although not exhaustive, this list is an attempt to outline impediments that were found during the development of the 2020 AI, using various data sources and extensive community input. At the suggestion of several community groups, impediments have been categorized under four fair housing and neighborhood rights that incorporate affirmatively furthering fair housing principles.

The right to choose: All Houstonians have a right to live in a decent home in a neighborhood of their choice, free from discrimination.

1. Discrimination in Housing
2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing
3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options
4. Lack of Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities
5. Lack of Income/Lack of Funding
6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status

The right to stay: Transitioning neighborhoods in Houston should be revitalized for the benefit also of existing residents without replacement.

7. Lack of Access to Financial Education / Discriminatory Banking Practices

The right to equal treatment: Houston will work to end discrimination and disinvestment in low-income, minority concentrated neighborhoods and ensure that infrastructure, public services and facilities, and other public resources are provided equitable to all neighborhoods.

8. Imbalanced distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods
9. NIMBY Resistance
10. Lack of Transportation Options
11. Increased Health Hazard Exposure in Certain Neighborhoods

The right to have a say: All residents have a right to be informed about, and have an input in, decision that affect their communities.

12. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents

HCDD created the "Summary of Recommended Actions and Fair Housing Implementation Plan" in the 2020 AI as a five year plan to address the identified impediments. The thirty identified fair housing actions are closely aligned to the strategies in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to proposed projects and activities in each subsequent Annual Action Plan.

Lack of Affordable Housing

One of the impediments identified in the 2015 AI indicated that there is a lack of affordable housing. The strategies and actions taken to address this impediment described in the 2021 Annual Action Plan are consistent with the 2020- 2024 Consolidated Plan goals

- Goal 1: Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing
- Goal 2: Expand homeownership

Addressing Goals and Priority Needs

The projects and activities proposed in the 2021 Annual Action Plan address the goals and priority needs listed in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan. The goals and priority needs listed in the Strategic Plan do not necessarily correlate to only one protected class, but instead address the needs of multiple or all protected classes. However, by regulation, HOPWA activities will only serve persons with HIV/AIDS--considered to be persons with a disability--or their families.

Measuring Progress

The 2021 Annual Action Plan lists proposed quantifiable goals that will be used to measure progress of the activities at the end of the program year. Information regarding various protected class traits is aggregated and recorded in IDIS or HMIS and will assist in determining how the proposed activities helped address the needs of the relevant protected classes. The data collected varies depending on the project, activity, and funding source. There is also information that should be collected that is not reported in IDIS, such as number of applicants. Quantifiable goals and other measures are included in the CAPER.

For instance, depending on the national objective and the beneficiary of the activity (persons, households, or presumed benefit), CDBG public service activities, and some public facility activities, collect information about a beneficiary's race, Hispanic origin (which can serve as a proxy for color and national origin), and status as a female headed household (which can serve as a proxy for familial status). This information is reflected in IDIS. Economic development activities, which are also dependent on the nature of the CDBG activity, may collect information about the race and Hispanic origin of persons receiving assistance. In addition, information about residents within the assisted area, including race, ethnicity, sex, familial status, and disability, may be collected for certain public facilities, economic development, and code enforcement activities that benefit an area; although, this information is not required in IDIS.

HCDD's Homebuyer Assistance Program and Home Repair Program applications collect information about an applicant's race, Hispanic origin, sex, familial status, and household disability status. The Multifamily Housing Program collects information about initial tenants of rehabbed and newly constructed units, including race and Hispanic origin. Compliance includes verifying the number of Section 504 units in multifamily properties. In addition, as part of the annual compliance review of multifamily units in HCDD's portfolio, information about race, Hispanic origin, and female headed households is collected for tenants residing in the City of Houston's income-restricted units.

For activities funded with ESG, information about beneficiaries' race, Hispanic origin, gender identity, and special needs (including disability) is collected in HMIS. HOPWA activities, now also reporting in HMIS, collect information on race, ethnicity, gender, familial status, and disability.

Although projects and activities carried out in the next year will address needs of various protected classes and low-income residents in Houston, entitlement funding at current levels will not meet the needs of all Houstonians, including those of selected protected classes.

Addressing Impediments

Listed in the "Summary of Recommended Actions and Fair Housing Implementation Plan" are the actions HCDD plans to carry out during PY 2021 to address the identified impediments from the 2020 AI. Each

action has one or more corresponding impediments it is intended to address. Many of these fair housing actions are directly related to the projects in the 2021 Annual Action Plan. Other fair housing actions listed are not related to individual projects but instead, are general fair housing education and research activities.

Fair Housing Funds

HCDD set aside $150,000 of administrative funding in the PY 2021 CDBG budget to assist in funding the salary of employees and expenses related to carrying out some of the fair housing activities below.

There are three full-time employees in HCDD's Planning and Grants Management Division who focus on educating the public about matters involving landlord and tenant relations, fair housing issues, and answering their questions via the Landlord/Tenant and Fair Housing Hotline. Other administrative funds will also be used to fund these and other HCDD employees who assist with a variety of activities supporting fair housing, which include, but are not limited to: updating and creating fair housing materials, analyzing data, monitoring for Section 3 and Labor Standards requirements, and distributing information about the benefits of and the available opportunities for affordable housing in Houston and its neighborhoods.

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Recommended Actions	**Related Impediments**	**Possible Funding Source**	**Timeline (Based on Program Years)**	**Responsible Entity (RE) and Possible Partners**	**Measure for Success/Milestone for PY 2021**
1. Provide counseling through the City's Fair Housing Hotline The City's Fair Housing Hotline provides a year-round, free resource to residents who may have been discriminated against or have questions or concerns about various tenant and landlord issues. This action will continue to provide a resource to anyone living in, owning housing, or planning to move to the Houston area that may have a question or concern about their rights. The Fair Housing Hotline is one way to address several impediments by empowering residents about their rights, giving residents various ways to remedy possible discriminatory actions, and preventing future discrimination from occurring. **Priority: High**	1. Discrimination in Housing 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing 12. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents	• CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • City departments • Multifamily properties • GHFHC • HUD-FHEO • TWC • Non-profit housing and service providers	• Assist 1,500 callers with resources regarding housing issues • Monitor call data to review trends and community needs to inform outreach strategies
2. Provide fair housing and HCDD housing program information to government staff and housing stakeholders. HCDD will provide education and outreach through trainings, presentations, informational brochures, and other methods to government staff and housing stakeholders, including subrecipients, contractors, developers, and nonprofit and for-profit partners. This action will address the impediment of lack of knowledge by providing fair housing training to inform staff and housing stakeholders about regulations and compliance under fair housing laws to prevent discrimination. **Priority: High**	1. Discrimination in Housing 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing	• CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • HUD FHEO • HCDD subrecipients • Developers • HCDD contractors • Nonprofit and for-profit partners • HHA	• Reach 200 HCDD stakeholders with information about fair housing

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3. Provide fair housing and HCDD housing program information to residents a) HCDD will create a fair housing outreach plan to inform 500,000 residents, of their fair housing rights, the fair housing complaint process, tenant and landlord relations, housing issues and issues surrounding housing opportunity, and HCDD's general programs. The outreach will likely consist of direct mailings, social media, print advertisements, informational brochures, and presentations. This action will address the lack of knowledge of existing fair housing and housing resources by creating an array of targeted marketing for groups that have little or no knowledge of fair housing rights, fair housing laws, or HCDD housing programs. This may include translating informational materials into other languages and providing information in new ways that is easy to understand at a variety of education levels **Priority: High**	2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status 7. Lack of Access to Financial Education / Discriminatory Banking Practices 12. Lack of Communication between government and residents	• CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • City departments • Civic Associations/ Clubs • Super Neighborhoods • Non-profit housing and services providers • Affordable housing providers • Housing authorities	• Reach 100,000 people with information about fair housing • Create new materials and accessible materials, including in other languages
4. Preserve affordable rental homes HCDD will fund the preservation of at least 30 affordable rental homes through the rehabilitation of multifamily properties in the Multifamily Housing Development Program. This action will preserve the supply of existing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households in areas that may be at risk of gentrifying, addressing the lack of quality affordable housing options for members of protected classes. **Priority: High**	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options	• CDBG • HOME • TIRZ • BOND • CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • Housing developers/owners • Lending institutions	• No rehabs of multifamily rental homes are expected to complete during PY 2021 • Extend affordability for 20 expiring affordable homes

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5. Create affordable rental homes HCDD will fund the creation of 1,500 new affordable housing rental units in neighborhoods throughout the city using entitlement and DR funding through the Multifamily Housing Development Program and Small Rental Development Program. This action will expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in areas at risk of gentrifying and in high opportunity areas, addressing the lack of affordable housing options for members of protected classes. **Priority: High**	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options	• CDBG • HOME • TIRZ • BOND • CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • Housing developers/owners • Nonprofit organizations • Lending institutions	• 33 new affordable rental homes completed with entitlement funds and hundreds of homes are under construction
6. Fund the creation or preservation of accessible rental homes Through HCDD's Multifamily Housing Development Program, rental developments must produce a minimum number of Section 504 accessible rental units. HCDD's Home Repair Programs will prioritize persons with disabilities, seniors, and families with children. This action will increase the availability of quality accessible units for 50 low- and moderate-income households directly addressing the lack of accessible housing. **Priority: High**	4. Lack of Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities	• CDBG • HOME	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE)	• Fund creation or preservation of 2 Section 504 accessible rental homes
7. Expand homeownership opportunities by building new single family homes available for low- and moderate-income households HCDD will build new homes through the CHDO Program and the New Home Development Program in areas that are high opportunity or having active reinvestment, such as in Complete Communities. This action will provide new opportunities not currently available for low- and moderate-income households searching for homeownership. **Priority: High**	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options 5. Lack of Income/Funding	• HOME • CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE)	• Build 200 new homes
8. Revise Chapter 42 Subdivision, Developments, and Platting The Planning and Development Department will work to revise Chapter 42 Subdivisions, Developments, and Platting in the City's Code of Ordinances. This process will include ways to promote or remove barriers to develop additional homes that have a range of affordability in Houston. This action could encourage the development of affordable homes, thereby increasing the supply available.	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options	• General Fund	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** 2021	• Planning Department	• Continue to partner with the Planning Department as they gather input to update

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9. Fund homebuyer assistance loans HCDD provides homebuyer assistance, through downpayment and other financial assistance, to income-eligible low-, moderate-, and middle-income households for home purchases. Interested homebuyers will attend an 8-hour homebuyer education course provided by a City partner. This action will expand housing choice for low-, moderate- and middle-income households by allowing these households to seek housing in neighborhoods that may have more opportunity. **Priority: High**	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options	• CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • Nonprofit housing and service providers	• Fund 160 loans
10. Provide home repair assistance for low- and moderate-income households HCDD's home repair programs will assist qualified low- and moderate-income homeowners with needed home repairs or reconstruction to create a safe living environment. This action will address the lack of income of low- and moderate-income homeowners by assisting with home repair activities. In addition, it helps to improve the homes in mostly low-income, minority areas, as well as for protected classes including persons with disabilities and families with children, which are prioritized in the programs. **Priority: High**	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options 5. Lack of Income/Funding	• CDBG • TIRZ • CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • Civic association/clubs	• Provide housing repair assistance to 100 households • Prioritize families, households with a person with a disability, and seniors

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11. Carry out economic development activities to create or retain jobs HCDD will continue to fund economic development activities such as businesses lending to create or retain jobs and funding to support employment training. This action will address residents' lack of income by promoting ways for low- and moderate-income individuals of protected classes to become employed or retain employment. **Priority: High**	5. Lack of Income/Funding	• CDBG • Section 108 • CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE)	• The Harvey Economic Development Program will begin accepting applications
12. Prioritize affordable home development near transit options and in high opportunity areas HCDD will prioritize housing proposals near transportation options and high opportunity areas by giving priority to proposals through the RFP process. HCDD will also review the selection process of City support for housing tax credit proposals to ensure some affordable homes are developed in high opportunity areas. This action will address the lack of transportation options by creating greater access to transit opportunities by locating affordable housing near transit and will address patterns of segregation by locating affordable housing in areas with more opportunity. **Priority: High**	10. Lack of transportation options	• None	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • Housing developers/owners	• 100% of RFPs will have priority for proximity to transit and areas of opportunity • HCDD staff will review process of selecting tax credit proposals for City support
13. Monitor fair housing data HCDD will collect and analyze various data sets including from the Fair Housing Hotline, HMDA, and fair housing complaints. This analysis may be shared with the community to promote understanding of fair housing needs in the city. This action will result in updated analysis that will be utilized to better allocate future resources to address and decrease private lending discrimination and educate the public about fair housing discrimination. **Priority: Medium**	1. Discrimination in Housing 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing	• CDBG-Staff Time	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Annually	• HCDD (RE) • FFIEC • HUD • Texas Workforce Commission	• Update and maintain database of longitudinal fair housing data

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15. Identify areas where the cost of land is increasing and areas outside minority areas that would support affordable housing HCDD will gather research to perform its third Market Value Analysis. Performing a third analysis will help to identify areas that have had market value increases so that funding can be best utilized by maintaining affordability in areas with growing opportunity and increased market development. **Priority: Medium**	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status	• CDBG • CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** 2021	• HCDD (RE) • The Reinvestment Fund • City departments	• Perform market value analytics • Produce the third Market Value Analysis for Houston
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17. Provide outreach about the MWSBE and Section 3 Programs HCDD will promote available job opportunities to low-income and minority persons through the MWSBE / Section 3 Program while conducting 50 outreach activities reaching 10,000 individuals. This action will address residents' lack of income by promoting ways for low- and moderate-income individuals of protected classes to become employed. **Priority: Medium**	5. Lack of Income/Funding	• CDBG-Staff Time	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE)	• Conduct 10 outreach activities • Reach 2,000 individuals

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18. Host and attend events to provide information about HCDD and housing programs HCDD staff will attend city and non-city events to spread the word about the number of people HCDD assists and how HCDD and other affordable housing programs work. **Priority: Medium**	9. NIMBY Resistance 12. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents	• CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach materials	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • City departments • Non-profit housing and service providers	• Attend 50 events
19. Work to dispel misconceptions about assisted housing HCDD and HHA will work to dispel the perception that assisted housing is only for minorities by conducting comprehensive outreach to inform the public on assisted housing opportunities. HCDD will expand upon the SAY YES! Campaign. This action will target non-minority households to reduce NIMBY sentiment and misconceptions about assisted housing. **Priority: Medium**	10. NIMBY Resistance	• CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach materials	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • HHA	• Continue to be involved in national education campaign • Host presentations for community members
20. Fund youth enrichment and afterschool programs to children in low- and moderate-income areas HCDD will continue to fund youth enrichment and afterschool programs through its public services program for 28,075 children in low- and moderate-income areas of the city over the next five years. This action increases the number of activities available for youth in the city. **Priority: Medium**	8. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods	• CDBG	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • City departments • Non-profit social service provider	• Fund youth enrichment and education programs for 5,450 youth

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21. Fund programs that provide job training to low- and moderate-income individuals and individuals from protected classes HCDD will continue to fund job training for 1,585 persons through its public services program for low- and moderate-income individuals and persons from protected classes. This action will help to improve the skills of residents enhancing their previous education while preparing them for the workforce. **Priority: Medium**	5. Lack of Income/Funding 8. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods	• CDBG	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • Non-profit social service provider	• Support job training for 317 persons
22. Remove lead-based paint hazards from homes HHD will remove lead-based paint hazards from homes to protect families at risk. This action will help protect families in low- and moderate-income areas, including those of certain protected classes, from health hazards in their community. **Priority: Medium**	8. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods	• CDBG • HHD	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HHD (RE) • HCDD	• Remove lead hazards from 50 housing units
23. Partner with local organizations and contractors to expand fair housing activities in Houston HCDD will contract with one or more organizations to carry out fair housing activities or to build capacity to carry out future activities. These may include conducting fair housing testing or studies. This action will help to promote fair housing awareness and reveal actual discriminatory practices taking place in the community so that future resources can be better allocated to address discrimination. **Priority: High**	1. Discrimination in Housing	• CDBG • CDBG-Staff Time	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • Fair housing organizations	• Fund organizations to carry out fair housing activities or studies

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24. Work with partners to expand funding for fair housing activities HCDD will pursue additional resources by applying for grants and growing relationships with banks to support its continued fair housing efforts. In addition, funding capacity will be leveraged. This action is intended to lead to an increase in fair housing funding which will help to implement these actions while the city continues to receive dwindling entitlement funding. **Priority: Medium**	5. Lack of Income/Funding	• CDBG	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE)	• Increase in funding available
25. Partner with 25 other organizations to promote asset building programs and financial literacy programs HCDD will partner with other agencies such as the United Way, City departments, local government counterparts, and housing counseling agencies by providing fair housing resources and information about asset building programs. HHA will expand resources available at the HHA Opportunity Center, which provides mobility counseling for its voucher program participants promoting opportunities for housing in areas outside of their neighborhood, promoting desegregation and the deconcentration of poverty. In addition, this action will address the lack of income and the lack of financial literacy of residents by working with partners to direct families that are interested asset building programs but aren't yet ready for homeownership to the resources available to improve their financial standing. **Priority: Low**	5. Lack of Income/Funding 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status 7. Lack of Access to Financial Education / Discriminatory Banking Practices	• CDBG	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • HHA • United Way • City departments • Local government counterparts • Housing counseling agencies • BankOn Houston	• Partner with 5 organizations

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26. Protect households from impacts of future flood events HCDD will purchase homes or properties in areas that consistently have flooded through the Housing Buyout Program and the Multifamily Buyout Programs. This action will protect Houstonians by removing homes from areas that are most likely to flood. **Priority: High**	8. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods 11. Increased Health Hazard Exposure in Certain Neighborhoods	• CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE) • HPW (RE)	• Buyout 2 multifamily properties and demolish homes • Buyout 5 single family homes
27. Create a Stormwater Master Plan HPW will develop a Stormwater Master Plan based on modeling of rainfall impacts on city watersheds to identify neighborhoods at risk of flooding due to infrastructure inadequacies, overland sheet flow and/or out of banks inundation. Model outputs will be reviewed in the context of other data sources (311 service requests, FEMA claims) to direct further analyses and project development. **Priority: High**	8. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods 11. Increased Health Hazard Exposure in Certain Neighborhoods	• CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HPW (RE)	• Begin work with a contractor for the modeling
28. Review and enhance infrastructure data The City will review and seek out additional datasets for analysis of infrastructure inadequacies and imbalances and use tools to help inform strategies, such as the Housing +Transportation Decision-maker Scorecard created by LINK Houston This research action will help in the allocation of future infrastructure resources in minority neighborhoods. **Priority: High**	8. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods	• CDBG	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HPW (RE)	• Review and enhance data annually

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29. Interdepartmental resilience coordination HCDD, Mayor's Office, Office of Emergency Management, and Houston Public Works will meet to discuss and align planning and implementation initiatives. These meetings will also include discussions regarding proposed Complete Communities improvements and other City initiatives. **Priority: High**	8. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods	• CDBG-DR • CDBG-MIT	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HPW • HCDD • Mayor's Office • OEM	• Meet regularly to coordinate activities between Departments
30. Support and build capacity of Houston Land Bank and Houston Community Land Trust HCDD will support the Houston Land Bank and Houston Community Land Bank through staff and financial support. This will assist the City to expand its efforts to create affordable homes available in perpetuity in Houston and provide additional housing choice for low- and moderate-income residents. **Priority: High**	3. Lack of Housing Affordability and Options 5. Lack of Income/Funding	• TIRZ • CDBG-DR	**Start:** 2020 **Complete:** Ongoing	• HCDD (RE)	• Support HLB and HCLT

Acronyms – AFFH: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, CRA: HCDD's Community Reinvestment Area, DON: Department of Neighborhoods, GHFHC: Greater Houston Fair Housing Center, HCDD: Housing and Community Development Department, HCIL: Houston Center for Independent Living, HCV: Housing Choice Voucher, HHA: Houston Housing Authority, HHD: Houston Health Department, HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD-FHEO: HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. MOPD: Mayor's Office Persons with Disabilities, Planning: Planning and Development Services Department, PRD: Parks and Recreation Department, HPW: Houston Public Works Department, SWMD: Solid Waste Management Department

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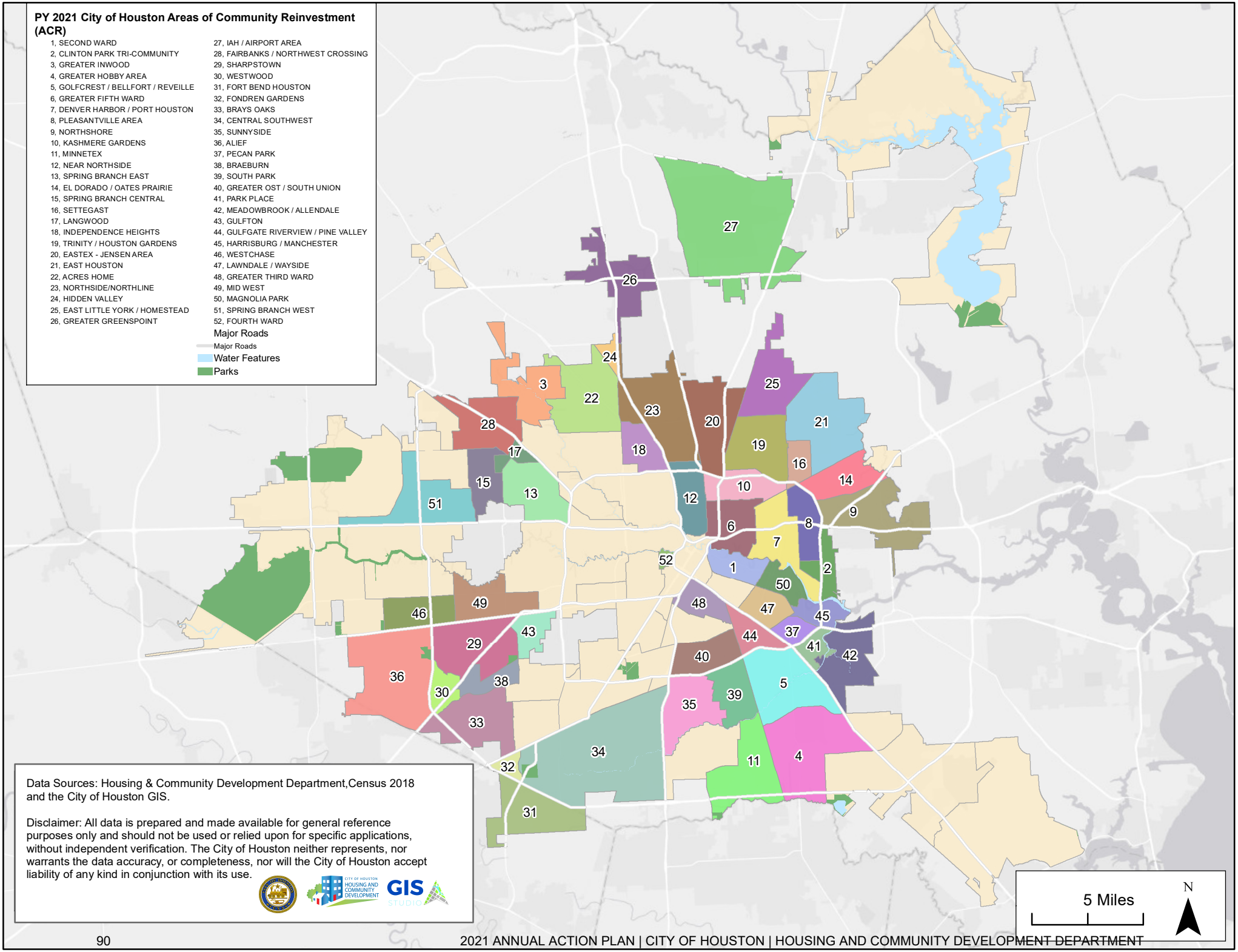
PY 2021 City of Houston Areas of Community Reinvestment (ACR)
1, SECOND WARD
2, CLINTON PARK TRI-COMMUNITY
3, GREATER INWOOD
4, GREATER HOBBY AREA
5, GOLFCREST / BELLFORT / REVEILLE
6, GREATER FIFTH WARD
7, DENVER HARBOR / PORT HOUSTON
8, PLEASANTVILLE AREA
9, NORTHSHORE
10, KASHMERE GARDENS
11, MINNETEX
12, NEAR NORTHSIDE
13, SPRING BRANCH EAST
14, EL DORADO / OATES PRAIRIE
15, SPRING BRANCH CENTRAL
16, SETTEGAST
17, LANGWOOD
18, INDEPENDENCE HEIGHTS
19, TRINITY / HOUSTON GARDENS
20, EASTEX - JENSEN AREA
21, EAST HOUSTON
22, ACRES HOME
23, NORTHSIDE/NORTHLINE
24, HIDDEN VALLEY
25, EAST LITTLE YORK / HOMESTEAD
26, GREATER GREENSPOINT
27, IAH / AIRPORT AREA
28, FAIRBANKS / NORTHWEST CROSSING
29, SHARPSTOWN
30, WESTWOOD
31, FORT BEND HOUSTON
32, FONDREN GARDENS
33, BRAYS OAKS
34, CENTRAL SOUTHWEST
35, SUNNYSIDE
36, ALIEF
37, PECAN PARK
38, BRAEBURN
39, SOUTH PARK
40, GREATER OST / SOUTH UNION
41, PARK PLACE
42, MEADOWBROOK / ALLENDALE
43, GULFTON
44, GULFGATE RIVERVIEW / PINE VALLEY
45, HARRISBURG / MANCHESTER
46, WESTCHASE
47, LAWNDALE / WAYSIDE
48, GREATER THIRD WARD
49, MID WEST
50, MAGNOLIA PARK
51, SPRING BRANCH WEST
52, FOURTH WARD
Major Roads
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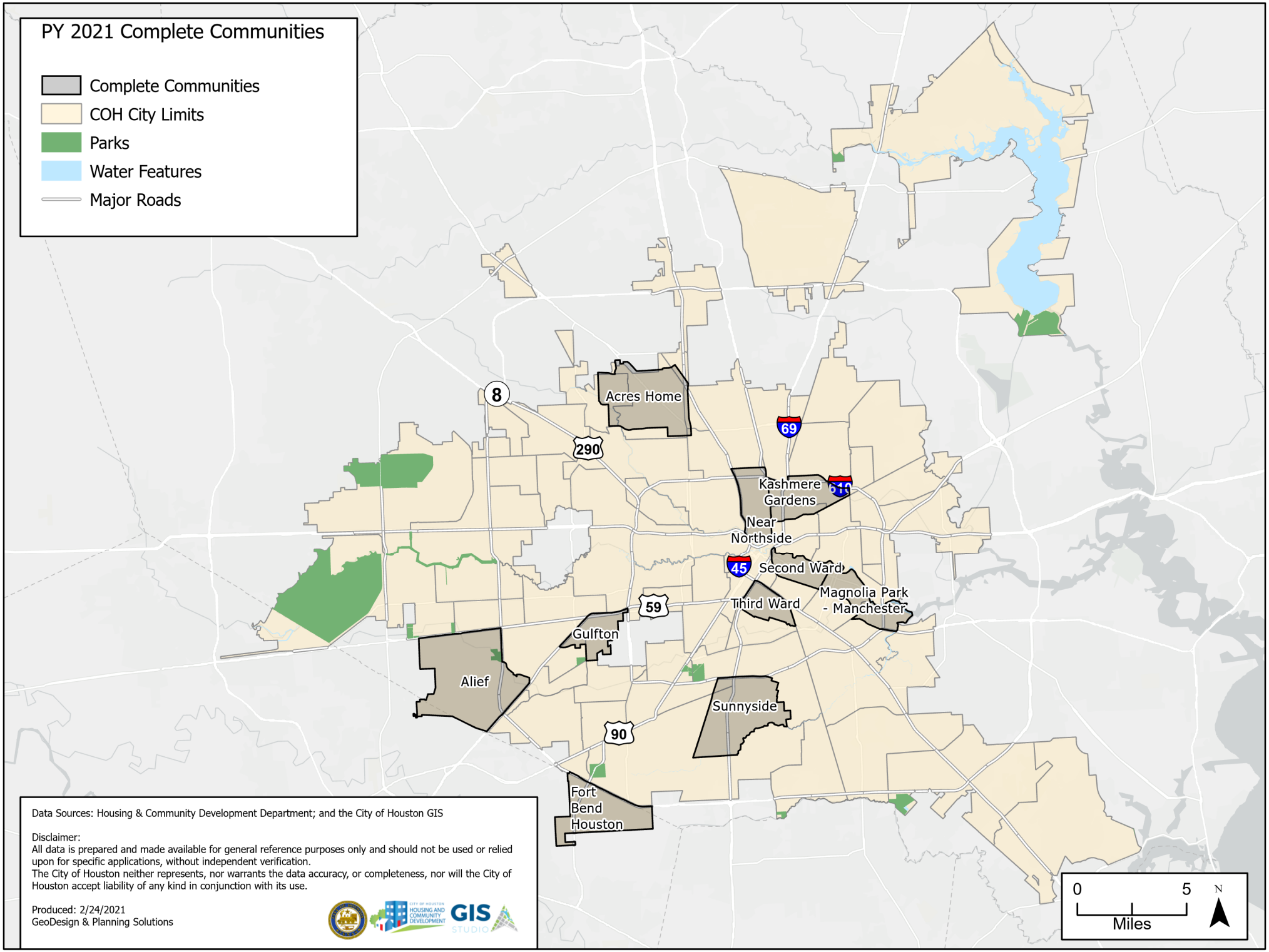
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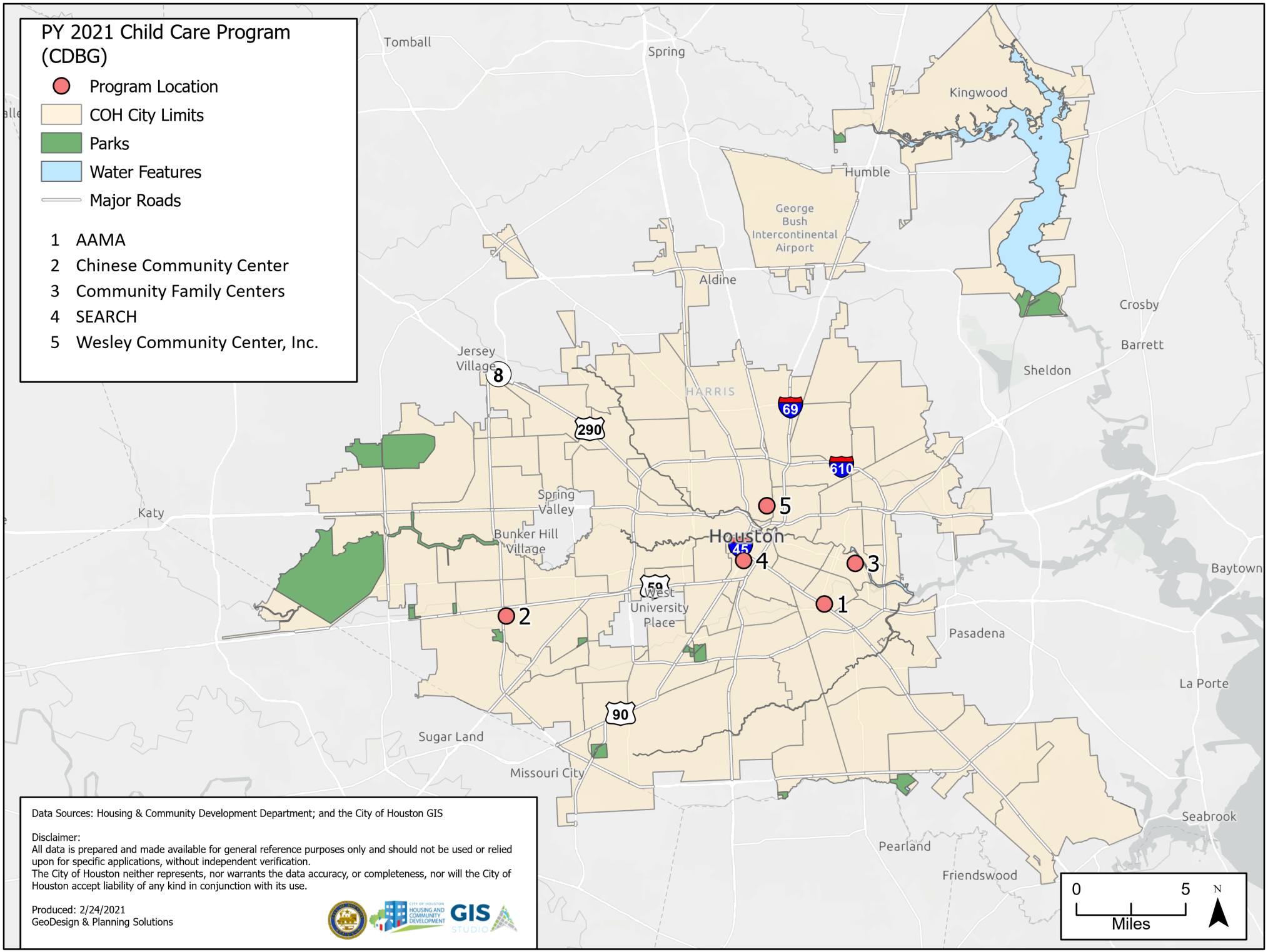
PY 2021 Child Care Program (CDBG)
Program Location
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Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 AAMA
2 Chinese Community Center
3 Community Family Centers
4 SEARCH
5 Wesley Community Center, Inc.
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George Bush Intercontinental Airport
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Crosby
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Jersey Village
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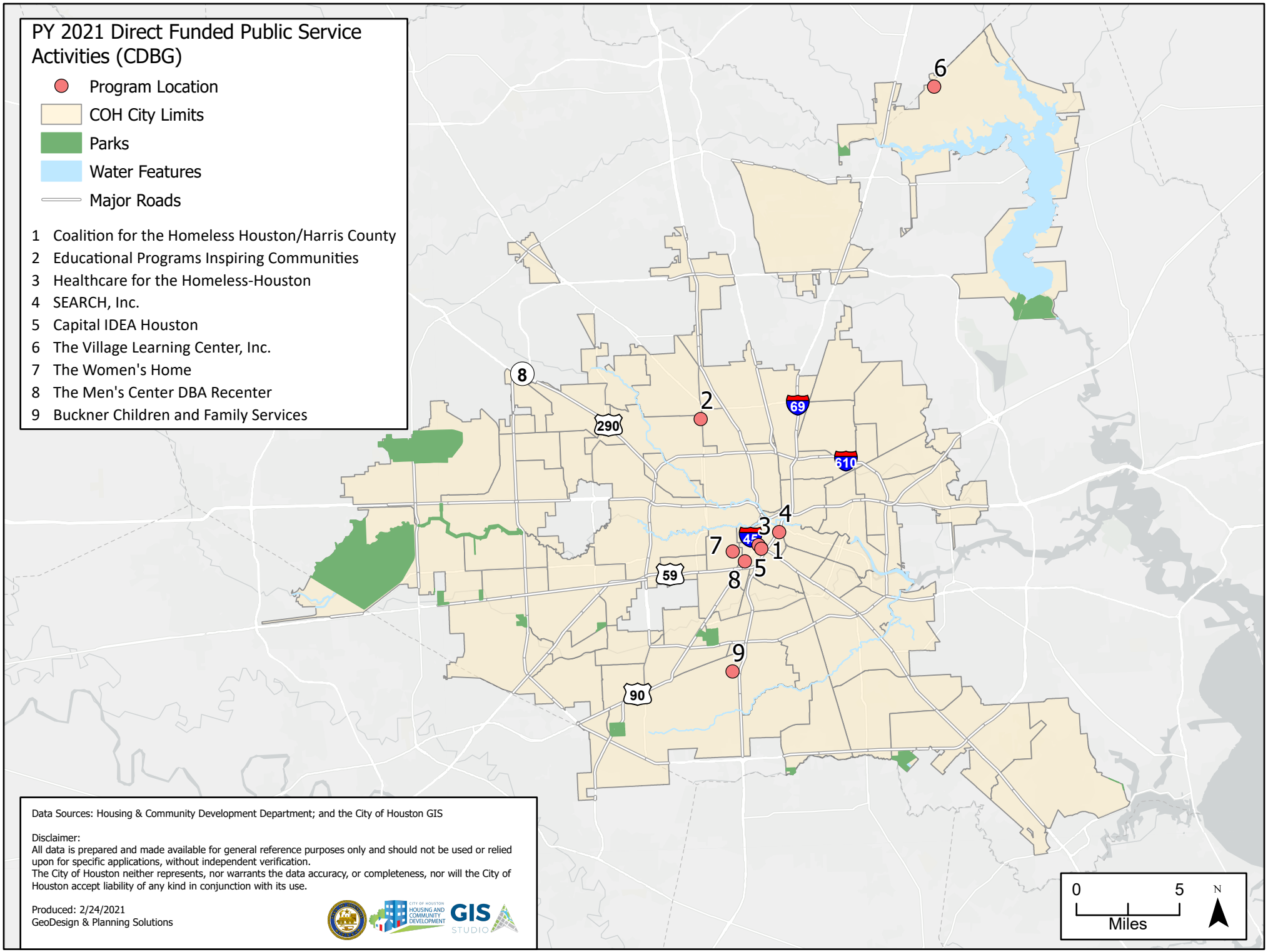
PY 2021 Direct Funded Public Service Activities (CDBG)
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County
2 Educational Programs Inspiring Communities
3 Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston
4 SEARCH, Inc.
5 Capital IDEA Houston
6 The Village Learning Center, Inc.
7 The Women's Home
8 The Men's Center DBA Recenter
9 Buckner Children and Family Services
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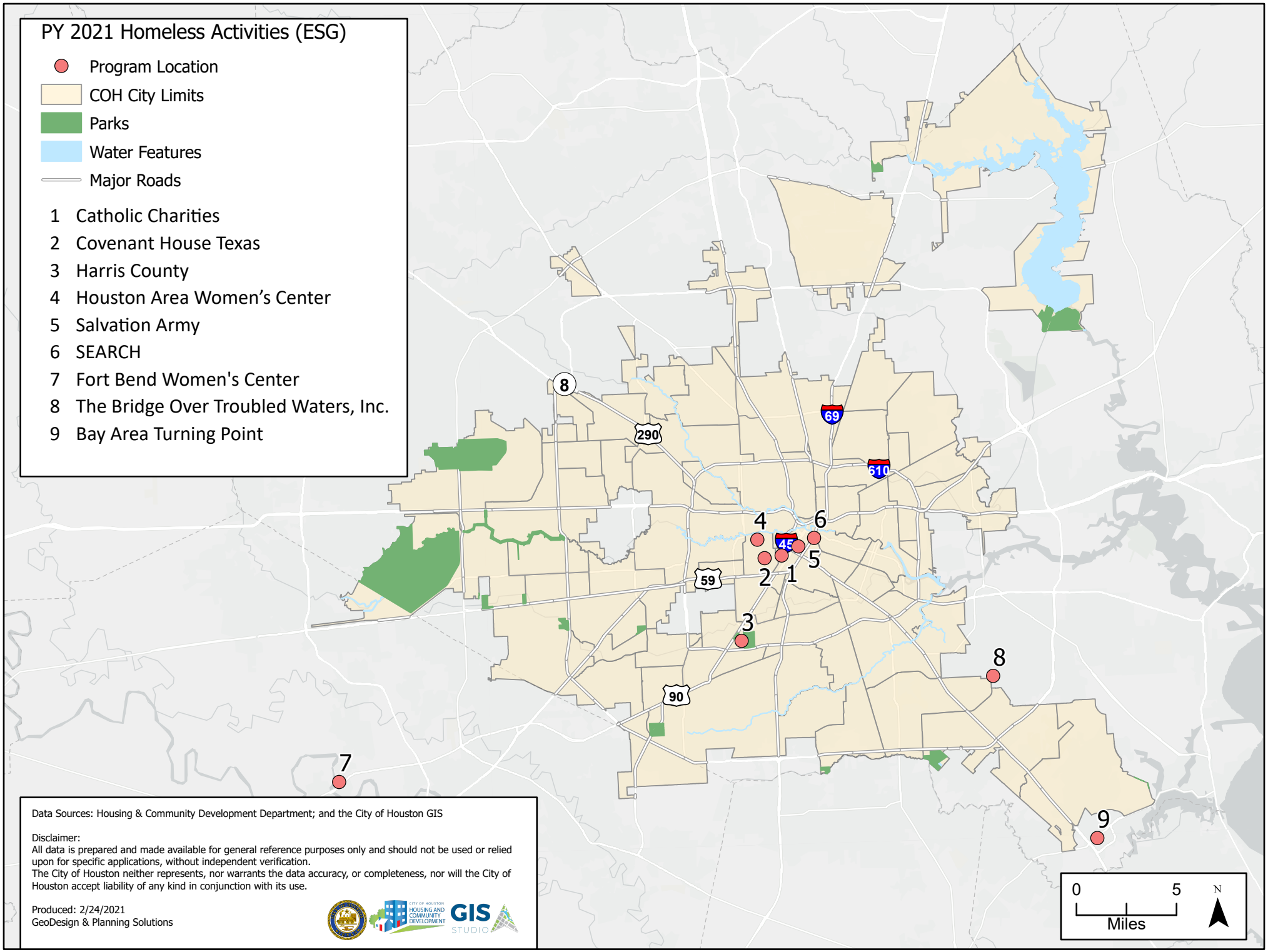
PY 2021 Homeless Activities (ESG)
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 Catholic Charities
2 Covenant House Texas
3 Harris County
4 Houston Area Women's Center
5 Salvation Army
6 SEARCH
7 Fort Bend Women's Center
8 The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.
9 Bay Area Turning Point
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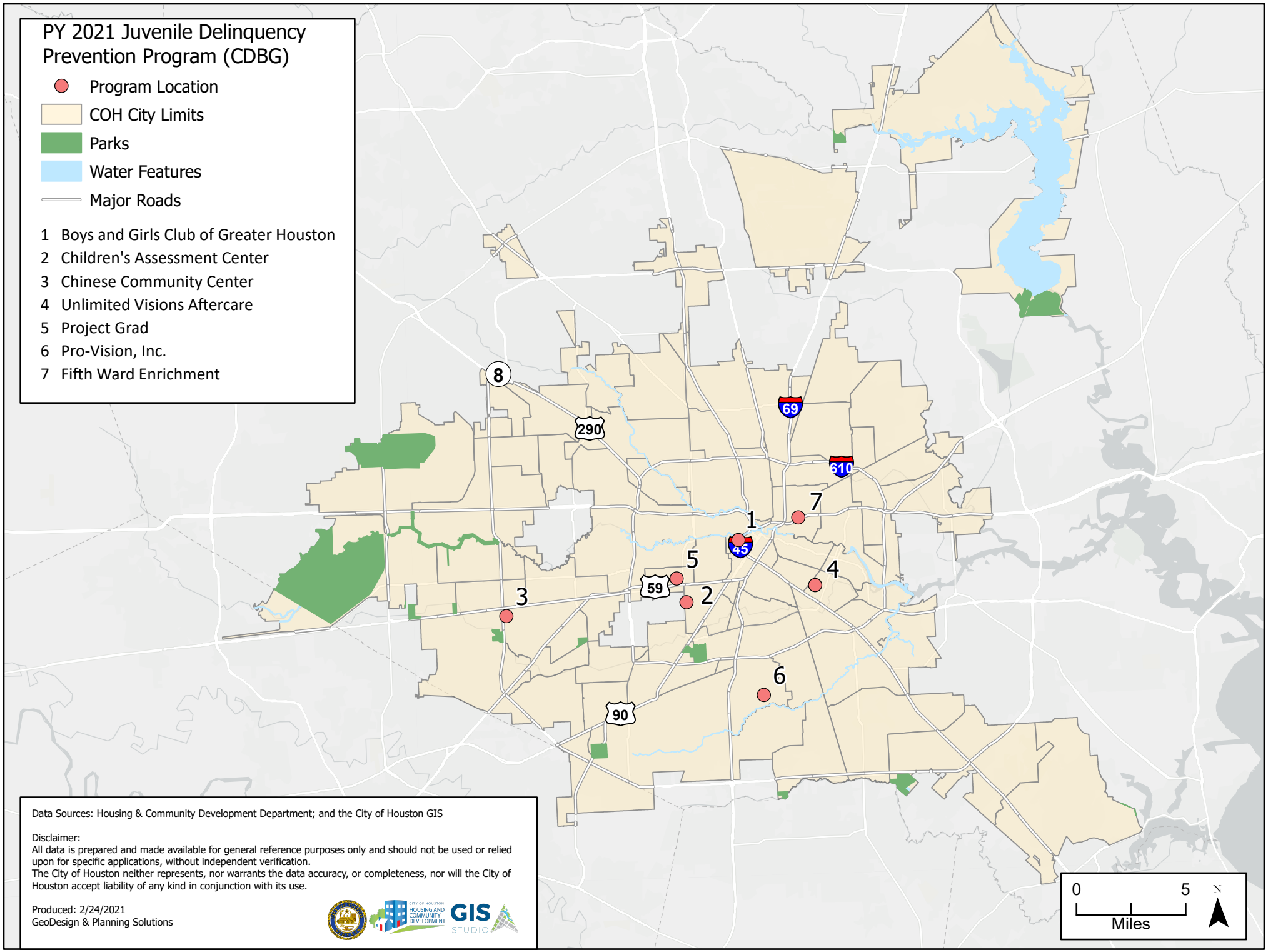
PY 2021 Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program (CDBG)
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston
2 Children's Assessment Center
3 Chinese Community Center
4 Unlimited Visions Aftercare
5 Project Grad
6 Pro-Vision, Inc.
7 Fifth Ward Enrichment
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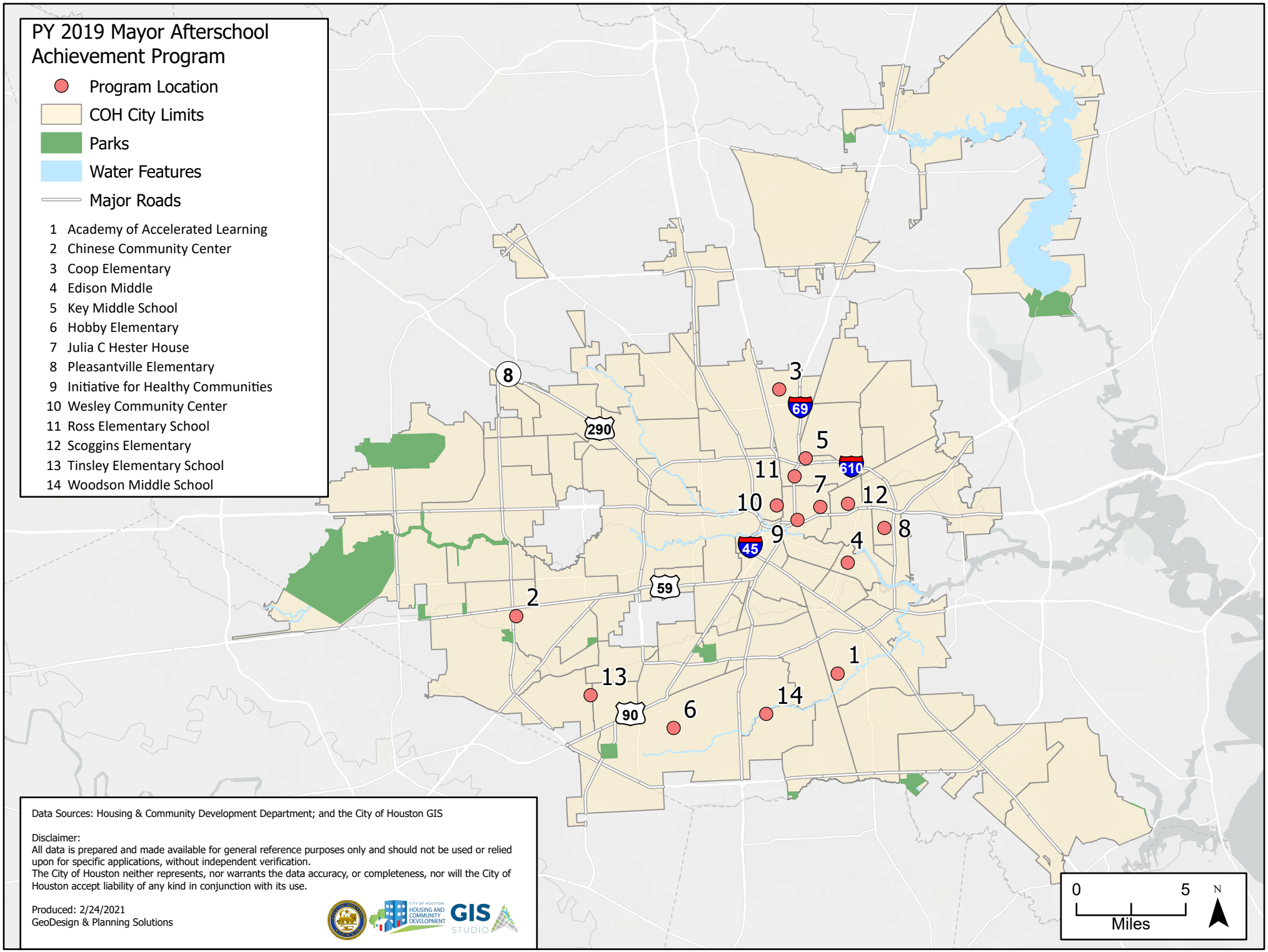
PY 2019 Mayor Afterschool Achievement Program
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 Academy of Accelerated Learning
2 Chinese Community Center
3 Coop Elementary
4 Edison Middle
5 Key Middle School
6 Hobby Elementary
7 Julia C Hester House
8 Pleasantville Elementary
9 Initiative for Healthy Communities
10 Wesley Community Center
11 Ross Elementary School
12 Scoggins Elementary
13 Tinsley Elementary School
14 Woodson Middle School
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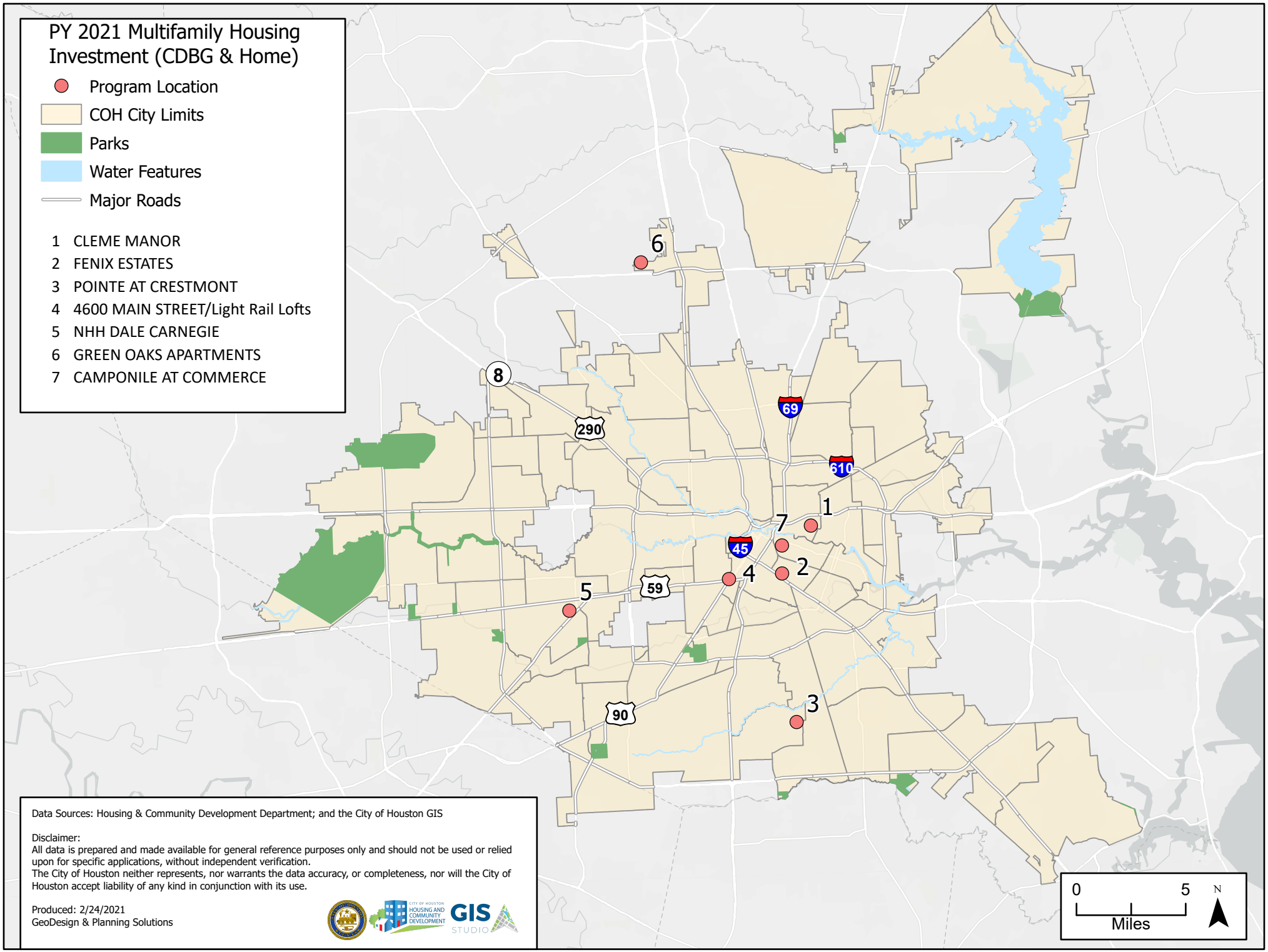
PY 2021 Multifamily Housing Investment (CDBG & Home)
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 CLEME MANOR
2 FENIX ESTATES
3 POINTE AT CRESTMONT
4 4600 MAIN STREET/Light Rail Lofts
5 NHH DALE CARNEGIE
6 GREEN OAKS APARTMENTS
7 CAMPONILE AT COMMERCE
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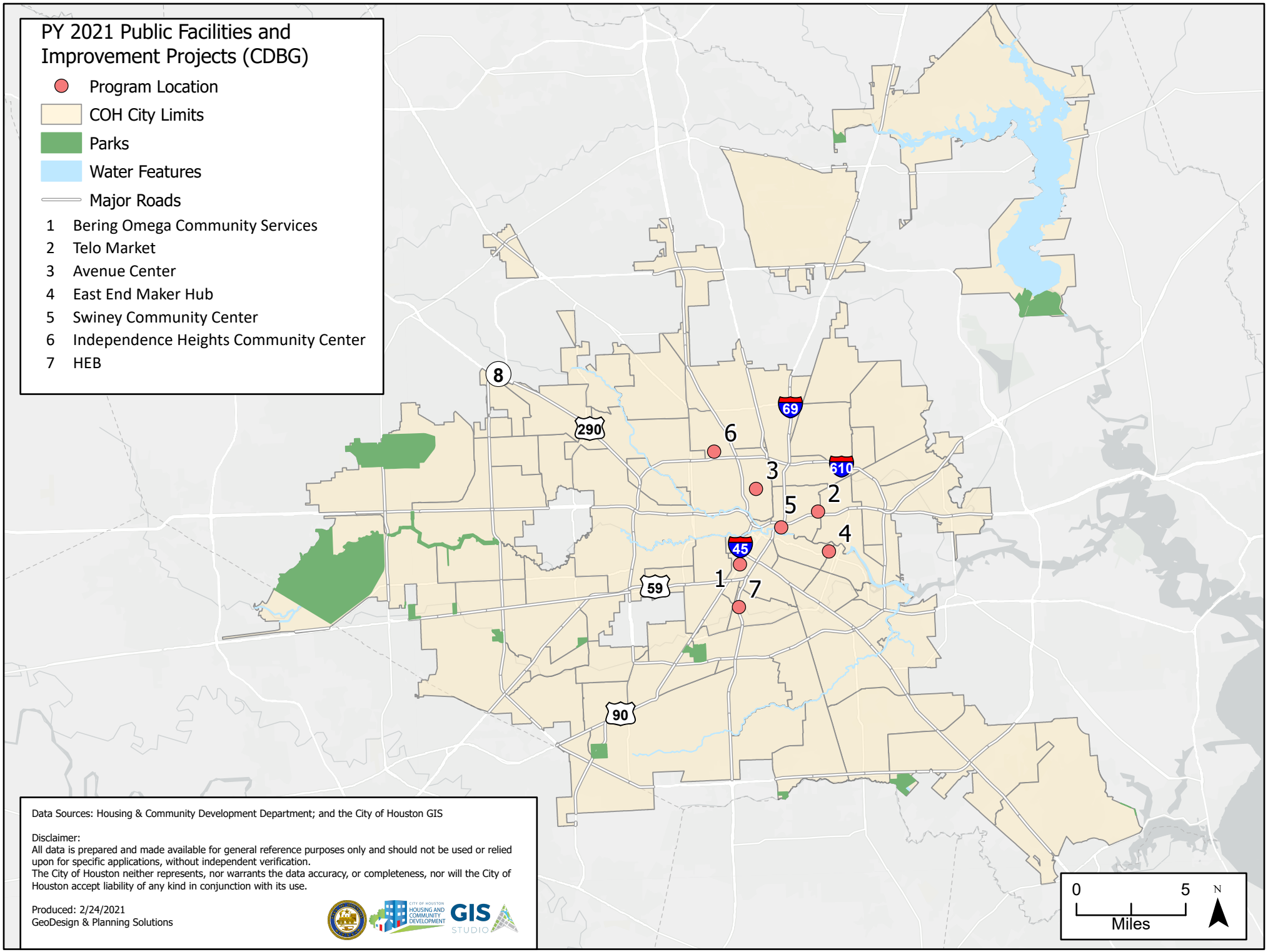
PY 2021 Public Facilities and Improvement Projects (CDBG)
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 Bering Omega Community Services
2 Telo Market
3 Avenue Center
4 East End Maker Hub
5 Swiney Community Center
6 Independence Heights Community Center
7 HEB
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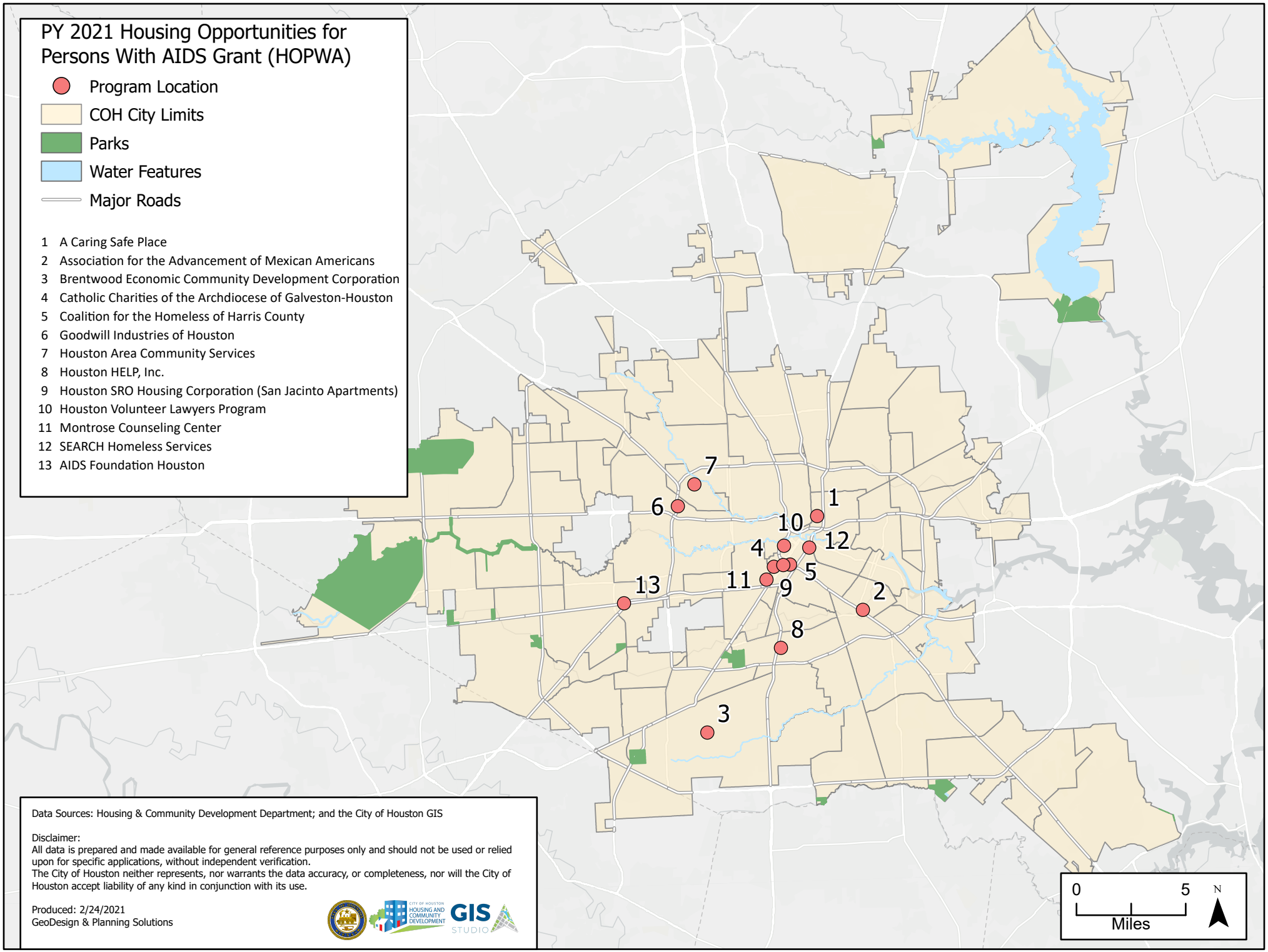
PY 2021 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Grant (HOPWA)
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 A Caring Safe Place
2 Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans
3 Brentwood Economic Community Development Corporation
4 Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
5 Coalition for the Homeless of Harris County
6 Goodwill Industries of Houston
7 Houston Area Community Services
8 Houston HELP, Inc.
9 Houston SRO Housing Corporation (San Jacinto Apartments)
10 Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program
11 Montrose Counseling Center
12 SEARCH Homeless Services
13 AIDS Foundation Houston
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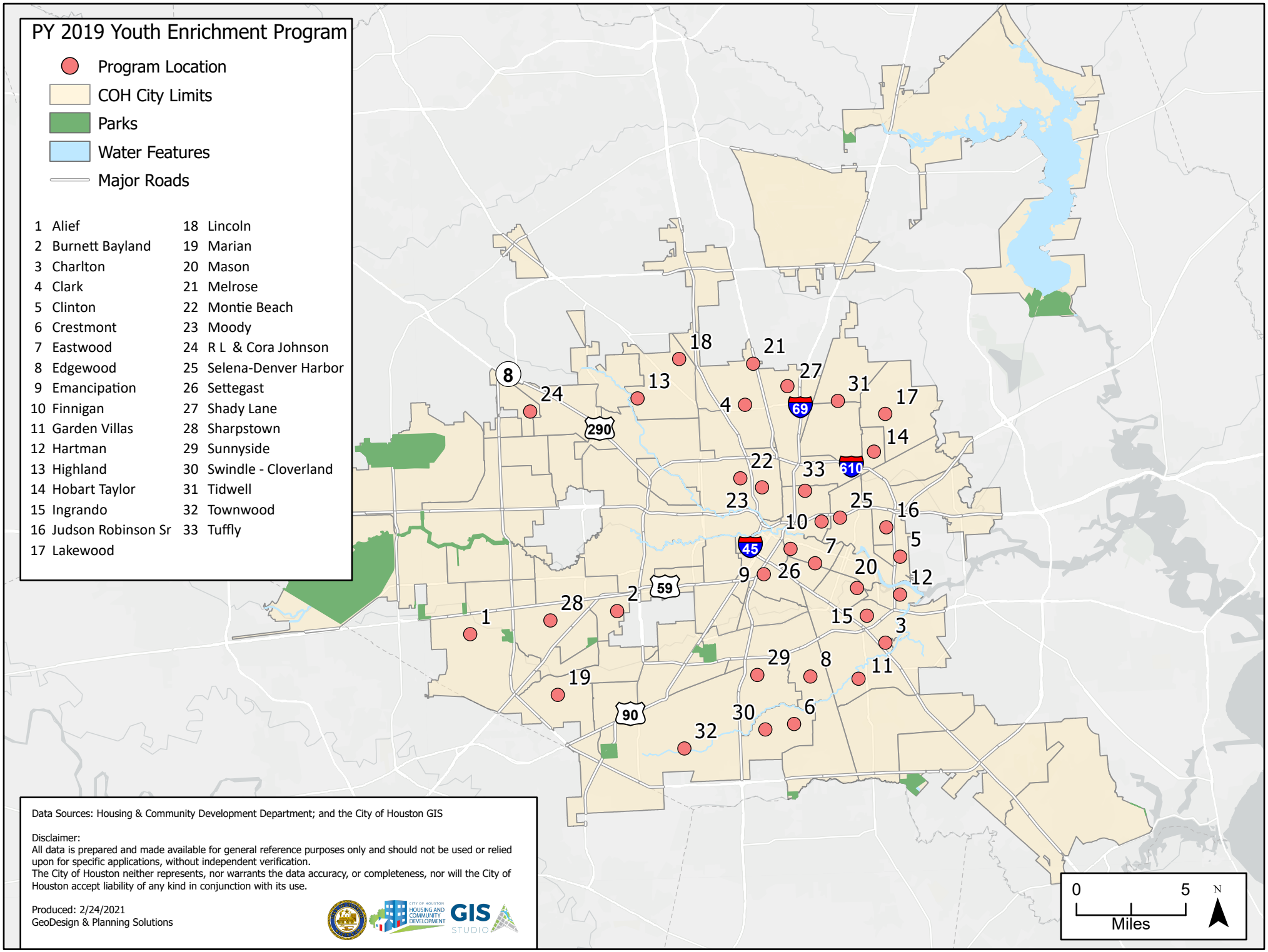
PY 2019 Youth Enrichment Program
Program Location
COH City Limits
Parks
Water Features
Major Roads
1 Alief
2 Burnett Bayland
3 Charlton
4 Clark
5 Clinton
6 Crestmont
7 Eastwood
8 Edgewood
9 Emancipation
10 Finnigan
11 Garden Villas
12 Hartman
13 Highland
14 Hobart Taylor
15 Ingrando
16 Judson Robinson Sr
17 Lakewood
18 Lincoln
19 Marian
20 Mason
21 Melrose
22 Montie Beach
23 Moody
24 R L & Cora Johnson
25 Selena-Denver Harbor
26 Settegast
27 Shady Lane
28 Sharpstown
29 Sunnyside
30 Swindle - Cloverland
31 Tidwell
32 Townwood
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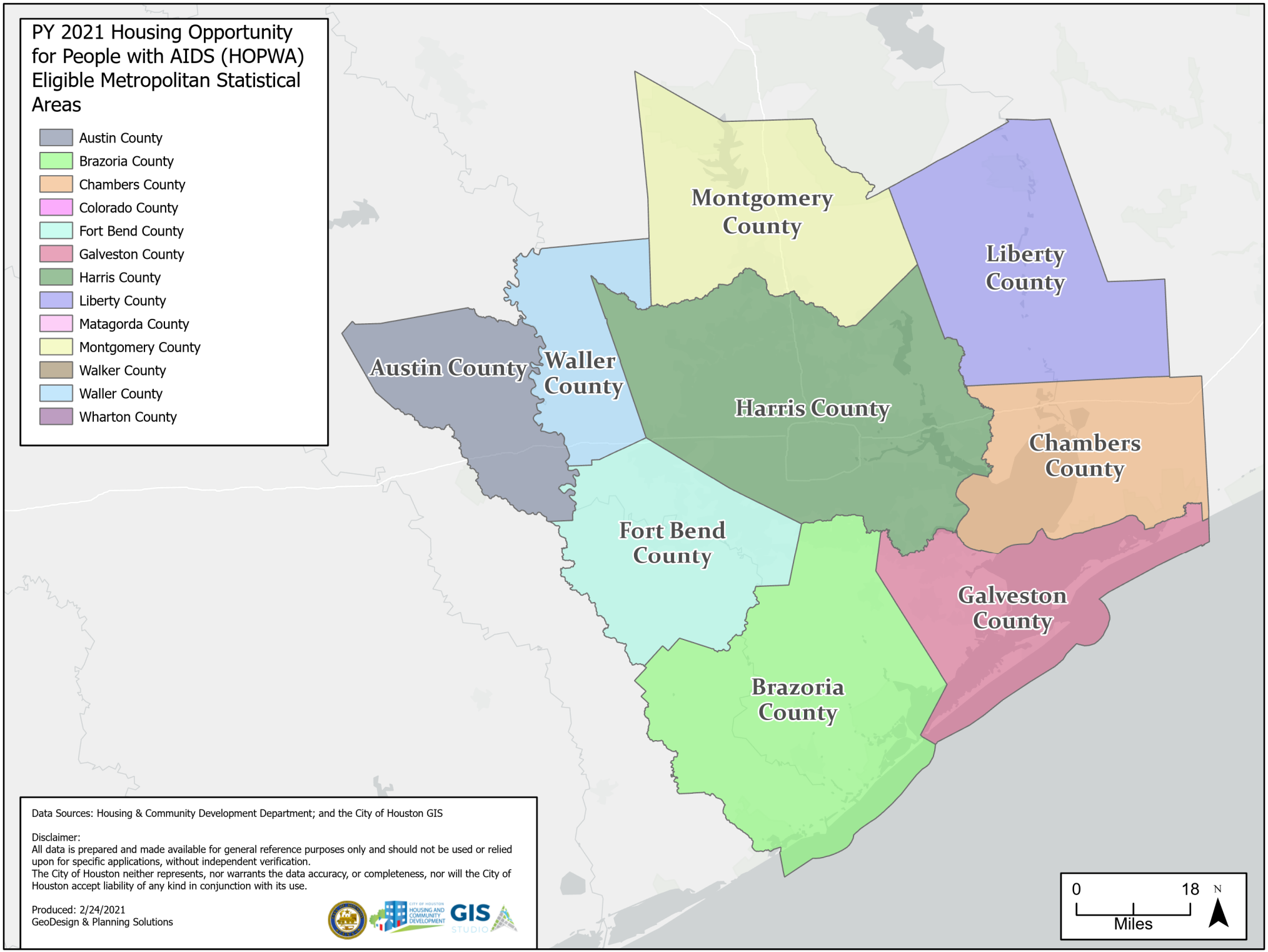
PY 2021 Housing Opportunity for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Austin County
Brazoria County
Chambers County
Colorado County
Fort Bend County
Galveston County
Harris County
Liberty County
Matagorda County
Montgomery County
Walker County
Waller County
Wharton County
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Appendix 3: Applications and Certifications

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

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6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Houston

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 746001164

* c. Organizational DUNS: 8324319850000

d. Address:

* Street1: 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor
Street2:
* City: Houston
County/Parish:
* State: TX: Texas
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 77002

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Housing and Community Dev Dept

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:
* First Name: Tom
Middle Name:
* Last Name: McCasland
Suffix:

Title: Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 832-394-6282
Fax Number:

* Email: Tom.McCasland@houstontx.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

CDBG - PY 2021

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments | Delete Attachments | View Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant 2, 7, 8, 9,10,18, 22, 29, 36

* b. Program/Project 2, 7, 8, 9,10,18, 22, 29, 36

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 07/01/2021

* b. End Date: 06/30/2022

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	24,665,507.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	157,395.00
* g. TOTAL	24,822,902.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

* First Name: Sylvester

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Turner

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor

* Telephone Number: 832-393-1011

Fax Number:

* Email: Sylvester.Turner@houstontx.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.

2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.

3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).

6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C.§§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U. S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

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9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT NAME City of Houston	DATE SUBMITTED

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Attest/Seal:

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City Secretary

Countersigned:

_____
City Controller

DATE OF COUNTERSIGNATURE: _____, 2021

APPROVED:

_____
Director
Housing and Community Development Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Senior Assistant City Attorney

CDBG Budget Page

CDBG Funds	Allocation (PY 2021 / FY 2022)	Percentage
Sources		
Projected CDBG Grant Award	$ 24,665,507	
Projected Program Income	$ 157,395	
Projected CDBG Funding	$ 24,822,902	
Uses		
Program Administration*	$ 4,964,580	20.0%
Public Services**	$ 3,662,800	14.7%
ESG Match (1:1 - Includes In-Kind)**	$ 500,000	2.0%
Public Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private)	$ 5,527,529	22.3%
Home Repair	$ 5,527,530	22.3%
Homebuyer Assistance	$ 900,000	3.6%
Lead-Based Paint	$ 75,000	0.3%
Housing Services	$ 100,000	0.4%
Code Enforcement	$ 3.065,463	12.4%
Economic Development	$ 500,000	2.0%
Total	$ 24,822,902	100.0%

**Program Administration up to 20% of Grant Amount + Projected Program Income*
***The City has been grandfathered with a rate of 16.77% instead of 15%*

CDBG Estimated Program Income

CDBG Estimated Program Income	Estimated Program Income (PY 2021 / FY 2022)
Sources	
Multifamily Housing Loan Repayments/Fees	$ 157,395
Projected CDBG Funding	$ 153,644
Uses	
Program Administration	$ 31,479
Public Services	$ 26,395
Public Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private)	$ 99,521

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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 746001164

* c. Organizational DUNS: 8324319850000

d. Address:

* Street1: 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor
Street2:
* City: Houston
County/Parish:
* State: TX: Texas
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 77002

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Housing and Community Dev Dept

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:
* First Name: Tom
Middle Name:
* Last Name: McCasland
Suffix:

Title: Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 832-394-6282
Fax Number:

* Email: Tom.McCasland@houstontx.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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* b. Applicant	0.00
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Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

* First Name: Sylvester

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Turner

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor

* Telephone Number: 832-393-1011

Fax Number:

* Email: Sylvester.Turner@houstontx.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

OMB Number: 4040-0007
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT NAME City of Houston	DATE SUBMITTED

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Attest/Seal:

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City Secretary

Countersigned:

_____
City Controller

DATE OF COUNTERSIGNATURE: _____, 2021

APPROVED:

_____
Director
Housing and Community Development Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Senior Assistant City Attorney

HOME Budget Page

HOME Funds	Allocation (PY 2021 / FY 2022)	Percentage
Sources		
Projected HOME Grant Award	$ 10,036,178	
Projected Program Income	$ 126,543	
Projected HOME Funding	$ 10,432,721	
Uses		
Planning and Administration*	$ 1,043,272	10.0%
Multifamily Development	$ 5,143,523	49.3%
Single Family Development**	$ 1,745,926	16.7%
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	$ 2,500,000	24.0%
Total	$ 10,222,365	100.0%

**Planning and Administration up to 10% of Grant Amount + Projected Program Income*
***15% CHDO set aside included*

HOME Estimated Program Income

HOME Estimated Program Income	Estimated Program Income (PY 2021 / FY 2022)
Sources	
Multifamily Housing Loan Repayments/Fees	$ 126,543
Projected HOME Funding	$ 126,543
Uses	
Program Administration	$ 12,654
Multifamily Development	$ 113,889

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

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7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Houston

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 746001164

* c. Organizational DUNS: 8324319850000

d. Address:

* Street1: 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor
Street2:
* City: Houston
County/Parish:
* State: TX: Texas
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 77002

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Fax Number:

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* Date Signed:

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Countersigned:

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City Controller

DATE OF COUNTERSIGNATURE: _____, 2021

APPROVED:

_____
Director
Housing and Community Development Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Senior Assistant City Attorney

HOPWA Budget Page

HOPWA Funds	Allocation (PY 2021 / FY 2022)	Percentage
Sources		
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Uses		
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Grantee Administration -- HCDD	$ 326,544	3.0%
Sponsor Administration	$ 761,936	7.0%
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Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

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* a. Legal Name: City of Houston

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 746001164

* c. Organizational DUNS: 8324319850000

d. Address:

* Street1: 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor
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☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.

2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.

3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).

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7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

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9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT NAME City of Houston	DATE SUBMITTED

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ESG Budget Page

ESG Funds	Allocation (PY 2021 / FY 2022)	Percentage
Sources		
Projected ESG Grant Award	$ 2,105,548	
Uses		
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	$ 84,222	4.0%
Emergency Shelter	$ 757,997	36.0%
Homeless Prevention	$ 536,915	25.5%
Rapid Rehousing	$ 568,498	27.0%
Administration	$ 157,916	7.5%
Total	$ 2,105,548	100.0%

** Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter cannot exceed the greater of: 1) 60% of the grant or 2) 2010 grant funds committed to homeless assistance activities.*

Appendix 4: ESG Written Standards

ESG Written Standards

INTRODUCTION

City of Houston has developed the following standards for providing assistance with Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds as required by 24 CFR 576.400 (e). These standards were created in coordination with the representatives of The Way Home Continuum of Care including: Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery County and the cities of Houston, Pasadena, and Conroe. They are in accordance with the interim rule for the Emergency Solutions Grants Program released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on December 4, 2011 and the final rule for the definition of homelessness also released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on December 4, 2011.

City of Houston expects that the standards will adjust through gained experience and data is collected from services provided with the Emergency Solutions Grants program. The Standards serve as the guiding principles for funding programs. These Written Standards outline the operations and process for carrying out each program component.

DEFINITIONS

Chronically Homeless – a homeless individual with a disability who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, or in an institutional care facility if the individual has been living in the facility for fewer than 90 days and had been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility. In order to meet the "chronically homeless" definition, the individual also must have been living as described above continuously for at least 12 months, or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the combined occasions total a length of time of at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least 7 nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven.

Continuum of Care (CoC) – the group composed of representatives of relevant organizations, which generally includes nonprofit homeless providers; victim service providers; faith-based organizations; governments; businesses; advocates; public housing agencies; school districts; social service providers; mental health agencies; hospitals; universities; affordable housing developers; law enforcement; organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons that are organized to plan for and provide, as necessary, a system of outreach, engagement, and assessment; emergency shelter; rapid re-housing; transitional housing; permanent housing; and prevention strategies to address the various needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of

homelessness for a specific geographic area.

Emergency Shelter – any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – the information system designated by the Continuum of Care to comply with the HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards and used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at-risk of homelessness.

Homelessness Prevention – Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter, a place not meant for human habitation, or another place described in Homeless Category 1 of Appendix A: HUD Definition for Homeless.

Private Nonprofit Organization – a private nonprofit organization that is a secular or religious organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and which is exempt from taxation under subtitle A of the Code, has an accounting system and a voluntary board, and practices nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance. A private nonprofit organization does not include a governmental organization, such as a public housing agency or housing finance agency.

Program Participant – an individual or family who is assisted under ESG program.

Rapid Rehousing– Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Service Area (applicable to Homelessness Prevention only) – The Way Home Continuum of Care supports any agencies or services operated within the CoC's jurisdiction of Harris, Fort Bend & Montgomery Counties and the cities of Houston, Pasadena and Conroe.

Street Outreach – Essential Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

Subrecipient – a unit of general-purpose local government or private nonprofit organization to which a recipient makes available ESG funds.

Victim Service Provider – a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This term includes rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, domestic violence transitional housing programs, and other programs.

STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ALL PROGRAM COMPONENTS

ELIGIBLE ESG PROGRAM COMPONENTS

There are four (4) ESG Program Components:

1. Rapid Rehousing,
2. Emergency Shelter,
3. Homelessness Prevention and
4. Street Outreach.

Funds for ESG can be used to support any of the eligible components. The City of Houston gives priority to funding that supports securing housing options for homeless households and to support the expansion of rapid rehousing.

ESG SERVICE

Coordinated Access: The City of Houston expects that all providers participate in the coordinated assessment system or an approved comparable system for Domestic Violence (DV) providers. The system consists of an electronic assessment system housed in the HMIS and is managed by a dedicated Project Manager through the CoC Lead Agency. Coordinated assessment uses a common housing assessment and triage tool to ensure that all homeless individuals are referred to the appropriate housing intervention. Coordinated assessment will be used as each housing intervention supported by ESG is fully integrated into the system referral process. Prior to full implementation of coordinate assessment, agencies can continue to accept direct referrals from individuals and other agencies.

Verification of Homeless Status: Project level staff are required to obtain documentation at project intake of homeless or at-risk of homelessness status. This status must be maintained in the client's file and available for monitoring as schedules. These Standards establish the order of priority for obtaining evidence [per 24 CFR 576.500 (b)] as: 1) third-party documentation, 2) intake worker observations, and 3) certification from the person seeking assistance.

Designate staff members for CoC Provider Input forum: Each agency will assign two representatives to the input forum, where at least one member (CEO/ED) has decision making capacity for the program. CoC Provider Input Forums will meet quarterly, or more often as required by current CoC policies, where providers give and receive information regarding CoC strategies and policies.

Participate in any standardized training as designated by ESG funders and offered through CoC. The CoC will provide a vetted and standardize training curriculum for all housing stability case managers. Training will be available for all agencies providing case management for housing based services. The curriculum and standards will be developed as a part of and in partnership with the Continuum of Care Technical Assistance plan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This will focus on the requirements of maintaining stable housing and ensure access to mainstream resources that will provide ongoing, continued and necessary support for households to gain and maintain stable housing.

COORDINATING WITH MAINSTREAM AND TARGETED HOMELESS PROVIDERS

City of Houston expects that every agency that is funded through ESG will coordinate with and access mainstream and other targeted homeless resources. City of Houston will evaluate performance of each provider based on the outcomes achieved toward housing models adopted through the CoC Steering committee. These outcome measures will be used to evaluate program success annually. City of Houston will use this and other performance metrics to guide funding decisions for ESG funded programs. Required outcomes for each intervention around accessing mainstream resources will match the outcomes approved by the CoC Steering Committee annually.

FAIR HOUSING ACT COMPLIANCE

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is responsible for enforcing the federal Fair Housing Act (the "Act"), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability. One type of disability discrimination prohibited by the Act is the refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a person with a disability the equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. HUD and DOJ frequently respond to complaints alleging that housing providers have violated the Act by refusing reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. State and federal laws require entities to make reasonable changes to policies, practices, procedures and/or physical changes to housing units and/or buildings if such changes are necessary to enable a person with a disability to have equal access to the housing and/or building. Please note that such changes must be necessary as a result of the person's disability. To read more about what this policy entails refer to the link below:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/fair_housing_act_overview.

Agencies receiving ESG Funds must have a policy in place for program recipients to request reasonable accommodations.

EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING FINAL RULES

On February 3, 2012, HUD published a final rule in the Federal Register entitled Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity. The rule creates a new regulatory provision that generally prohibits considering a person's marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity (a person's internal sense of being male or female) in making housing assistance available. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are guaranteed equal access to all housing for all types of housing (affordable, permanent, transitional and emergency) funded through HUD.

In addition to the final rule on Equal Access to Housing, HUD published a final rule in the Federal Register entitled "Equal Access in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs". This rule was published on September 21, 2016. This rule ensures that each individual in accordance with their gender identity will have equal access to housing and shelter programs administered by HUD. This rule creates a new regulatory provision that requires those entities that are receiving any HUD funding grant equal access to facilities, benefits, accommodations and services to individuals in accordance with the individual's gender identity and in a manner that affords equal access to the individual's family.

WAIVERS

A Fair Market Rent Waiver is permission from an authorized HUD office to assist with rent payments above the established Fair Market Rent (FMR). It is considered an "exception" to established requirements. FMRs are used as a guide to determine the level of HUD subsidy for various programs such as the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). However, the FMR is not in itself the standard used for determining eligible rents. Each HUD rental assistance program is governed by its own set of statutes and regulations which determine how much rent HUD will pay.

Emergency Solutions Grant short- and medium-term rental assistance can be provided to eligible program participants only when the rent, including utilities (gross rent) for the housing unit does not exceed the FMR established by HUD for the MSA and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness. HUD may consider waiver requests from ESG grantees to increase these rent limits. Subrecipients such as ACAM have requested and received waivers, but it should be noted that these waivers are time-limited (often, but not always, one year) and the requirement for rent reasonableness is not waived even when there is an FMR Waiver in place.

FMR Waiver for Hurricane Harvey-impacted Households Registered with FEMA:

The restriction of rental assistance to units with rent at or below Fair Market Rent (FMR) is waived for households that have registered with FEMA as affected by Hurricane Harvey that are renting or execute a lease for any rent amount that 1) meets the rent reasonableness standard and that 2) becomes due between October 30, 2017, and the earlier of the end of the term of the vendor organization's ESG agreement or October 12, 2019, where the unit is located in an individual assistance county under FEMA-DR-4322 (Hurricane Harvey), or where the family was displaced by Hurricane Harvey, Irma or Maria. Case Managers must obtain a copy of the FEMA application and must document that the unit meets the rent reasonableness standard.

STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO EMERGENCY SHELTER

ELIGIBILITY: HOMELESS STATUS

Homeless clients entering into the shelter system must meet the HUD criteria for homelessness as either literally homeless (Homeless Category 1), at imminent risk of homelessness (Homeless Category 2), homeless under another federal statute (Homeless Category 3), or fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence (Homeless Category 4).

For additional details related to the HUD definition of Homeless and applicability to each program component, see Appendix A and Appendix C.

ELIGIBILITY: INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT

As already indicated above under Coordinating Assessment & Services, case managers will use the Continuum wide assessment tool to review client situation, understand eligibility, and begin the process of determining length of assistance. The tool may include an assessment form for diversion. Providers must enter data into HMIS or a comparable database for DV providers.

ELIGIBILITY: PRIORITIZATION & REFERRAL POLICIES

Emergency shelters will prioritize individuals/families that:

- Cannot be diverted; and
- Are literally homeless; and
- Can be safely accommodated in the shelter; and
- Not in need of emergency medical or psychiatric services or danger to self or others.

Also note the following:

- Emergency Shelters cannot discriminate per HUD regulations

- There are no requirements related to ID, income or employment
- Transgender placement based on gender self-identification

STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID REHOUSING

ELIGIBILITY: STATUS AS HOMELESS OR AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Individuals/families, who meet the HUD criteria for the following definitions, are eligible for Homelessness Prevention assistance:

- At Risk of Homelessness
- Homeless Category 2: Imminently at-risk of homelessness
- Homeless Category 3: Homeless under other federal statute and
- Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee DV (as long as the individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee DV are **not** also literally homeless. If the individuals/families are also literally homeless they would actually qualify for rapid rehousing instead. See below.)

Additional eligibility requirements related to Homelessness Prevention include:

- **Proof of residence** within the City of Houston service area. A map for reference is included on page 21.
- **Total household income below 30 percent of Area Medium Income** (AMI) for the area at initial assessment. Clients must provide documentation of household income, including documentation of unemployment and zero income affidavit for clients without income.

RAPID REHOUSING

Individuals/families, who meet the HUD criteria for the following definitions, are eligible for Rapid Rehousing assistance:

- Homeless Category 1: Literally homeless
- Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee DV (as long as the individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee DV are **also** literally homeless).

For additional details related to the HUD definition of Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness and applicability of these definitions to each program component, see Appendix A, B and C.

ELIGIBILITY: INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT

Once Coordinated Access is available for all housing interventions, all clients must have an initial eligibility assessment and triage for appropriate housing by a specially trained housing assessor. All clients come through Coordinated Access and are assessed using housing triage tool in HMIS. Housing triage will identify, based on the standard assessment, individuals best suited for rapid rehousing. The standard assessment accounts for length and frequency of homelessness, physical and mental health status, criminal history, veteran status, domestic violence experience, substance abuse conditions and employment history.

TARGETED POPULATIONS: CLIENT PRIORITIZATION

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Note that all targeted individuals and families described below have to meet the minimum HUD requirements for eligibility to Homeless Prevention.

City of Houston will use a shared assessment form that will target those clients with the most barriers to housing. Each barrier will have an allotment of points, and the higher score (and more barriers) the more likely the client will receive services. The assessment of barriers is based on an objective review of each client's current situation using the tool rather than the subjective opinion of a case manager assessing each client's needs. All clients must have a minimum score of 20 points to receive assistance. See Appendix D for a copy of the assessment form.

Additionally, City of Houston prioritizes clients who have previously received Rapid Rehousing assistance and are at risk of becoming homeless again regardless of barrier assessment score. These households will be identified and triaged through the Coordinated Access system.

RAPID REHOUSING

Coordinated Access will prioritize individuals who are currently homeless but not in need of permanent supportive housing as eligible for rapid rehousing. This can include, but is not limited to individuals and households who,

- are first time homeless;
- have few recent episodes of homelessness; or
- are part of a family that is homeless.

It should be noted: rapid rehousing funds are directed to individuals with income or work history and skills that indicate employability.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

DURATION AND AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

City of Houston, as part of the Way Home CoC, has adopted the CoC approved Housing Models and Business Rules to measure community outcomes for all housing interventions. The CoC requires that all subrecipients for ESG Rapid Rehousing funds use the CoC-wide assessment tools to determine the duration and amount of assistance. The tools do not dictate the amount of assistance that each household receives but guides the case manager and client to determine the appropriate amount of assistance for each household.

- All clients are assessed to determine initial need and create a budget to outline planned need for assistance.
- Agencies cannot set organizational maximums or minimums but must rely on the CoC standardized tools located in The Way Home CoC Rapid Rehousing Business Rules to evaluate household need.
- Through case management, client files are reviewed monthly to ensure that planned expenditures for the month validate financial assistance request.
- City of Houston expects that households will receive the minimum amount of assistance necessary to stabilize in housing.

Clients cannot exceed 24 months of assistance in a 36 month period. The Rapid Rehousing Business Rules outline the processes that require supervisory approval.

PARTICIPANT SHARE

Participant share will be determined by use of common assessment and budgeting tools approved through the Continuum of Care. These tools will determine the monthly assistance amount and client contribution. Clients will participate in the development of their individual housing plan with a case manager based on client goals and shared goals for achieving housing stability. Case managers will use the housing plan to determine the client contribution based on monthly income. Clients are expected to contribute a portion of their income based on budgeting to ensure housing stability. Financial assistance is available for households with zero income. Details of when clients are terminated or redirected to a more appropriate intervention are outlined in the business rules.

HOUSING STABILIZATION AND RELOCATION RELATED ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

REQUIRED SERVICES: CASE MANAGEMENT & CASE LOADS

The Continuum of Care requires that all clients are referred to a case manager through the coordinated assessment system. Coordinated assessment will triage homeless clients to rapid rehousing that are in need of short to medium term assistance based on individual experience and vulnerability. Coordinated Access Assessors will then directly refer to a rapid rehousing case manager based on client preference and program availability and vacancy. Case managers will perform an individual assessment to create a housing plan using the common assessment tools. This begins the process to rapidly re-house the homeless household as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Homelessness prevention clients must have an initial home visit when first approved for assistance and subsequent house visits with each recertification every three months. It is expected that case managers will conduct office visits with homelessness prevention clients between home visits, at least once per month. Case managers and program managers are encouraged to provide more than the minimum required services through case management.

Rapid rehousing case managers should maintain an average case load as identified in The Way Home Rapid Rehousing Business Rules. This will allow case managers to provide quality case management and ensure that services are targeted to individuals most likely to be successful with rapid rehousing assistance. As the rapid rehousing program for the continuum expands, this number may change.

Case management includes, but is not limited to:

- Housing assistance
- Home visits
- Office visits determined by client need and Other supportive services required by the housing plan.

As required by the Continuum of Care Housing Models, case managers are expected to follow up with clients that have successfully exited rapid rehousing case management at a minimum of 30 days after exiting the program. Clients who remain in housing for 90 days after exiting rapid rehousing, identified through HMIS, are categorized as stably housed.

Case management staff must communicate with the landlord and ensure that the landlord has an updated copy of the Rental Assistance Agreement. The agency paying rent will have the most updated Rental Agreement and work with all parties to ensure all are aware of anticipated changes to the participant rent share.

REQUIRED SERVICES: HOUSING LOCATION SERVICES

Any subrecipient of ESG assistance must also agree to utilize and may contribute to the function of housing specialist for households receiving rapid rehousing. This role may

be a part of case standard management duties or it may be a specialized position. Any subrecipient of ESG assistance must have staff, as part or all of their duties are, to find appropriate housing and develop relationships with affordable housing providers so that ESG clients have greater access to housing choice, rather than expecting clients to navigate the system on their own.

REQUIRED SERVICES: INSPECTION AND LANDLORD AGREEMENT

Any unit that receives financial assistance through rapid rehousing must pass a Housing Quality Standards Inspection as outlined in the ESG regulations. The inspections will be conducted by a qualified agency with expertise in inspection. The process for scheduling and conducting an inspection is outlined in the rapid rehousing business rules.

Any unit that receives rental assistance payments through rapid rehousing must have an agreement in place between the rental assistance provider and the property. The rental assistance agreement details the terms under which rental assistance will be provided. A copy of the rental assistance template is included in the rapid rehousing business rules and outlines the requirements for rental payment as well as any notice to vacate or eviction by the owner.

INELIGIBLE SERVICES: CREDIT REPAIR AND LEGAL SERVICES

While regulations do allow these services, City of Houston will not allow ESG funds to be used for credit repair and legal services as eligible activities, but may be used as match for ESG programs. These services are deemed ineligible activities locally. City of Houston has found limited access to this resource by clients and providers and will instead encourage the use mainstream service providers and establish them as part of the system of providers with formal relationship.

OPTIONAL SERVICES: SECURITY/UTILITY DEPOSITS

Rental and utility deposits can be included in housing stabilization services as dictated by the housing stabilization plan. Rental and utility deposits can be included in lieu of or in combination with rental assistance for a unit. Requirements for inspections and rental assistance agreements for units with only security deposits are outlined in the rapid rehousing business rules.

- Security deposits can cover up to two months of rent.

OPTIONAL SERVICES: RENTAL APPLICATION FEES

City of Houston expects that rapid rehousing navigation and location specialists will work closely with housing providers and establish trusting relationships among landlords in a way that will encourage property owners and managers to waive application fees for rental properties. To that end, application fees can only be provided for one application at a time; but note that this only limits the number of applications that require application fees. Case managers and housing specialists can and should work with clients and landlords to process as many free applications as possible.

ELIGIBILITY: PERIODIC RE-CERTIFICATION

All case managers are required to re-certify clients based on the following schedule. At that time, a case manager may decide to extend, decrease or discontinue providing assistance.

Program Component	Schedule	Re-certification Criteria
Homelessness Prevention	Every 3 months	For both HP and RRH, to continue to receive assistance, clients must • be at or below 30% AMI AND • lack sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance. Families are required to provide information on income, assets greater than $5,000, deductions, and family composition during the annual recertification process.
Rapid Rehousing	Annually	

STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO STREET OUTREACH

ELIGIBILITY: HOMELESS STATUS

Individuals/families who meet the HUD criteria for the following definitions are eligible for Street Outreach services:

- Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless
- Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee DV (where the individuals/families also meet the criteria for Category 1)

In addition, individuals and families must be living on the streets or other places not meant for human habitation **and** be unwilling or unable to access services in an emergency shelter.

TARGET POPULATION

Although the homeless population is considered a vulnerable population, street outreach activities should target those who are extremely vulnerable including youth and chronically homeless persons.

ENGAGEMENT/COLLABORATION

The City of Houston requires that agencies conducting street outreach activities must engage with unsheltered homeless persons for the purpose of providing immediate support, intervention or connections with mainstream social service programs. The connection of any unsheltered person to an emergency shelter, supportive housing, and/or referral to social service agencies will serve as immediate support and intervention for housing stabilization or critical services.

Agencies are encouraged to use evidenced based practices for their street outreach efforts; including the Housing First Model that quickly connects individuals to permanent housing in the face of acute barriers to entry into housing programs. Additionally, the agencies will participate in the local Continuum of Care's Street Outreach Workgroup and utilize the Coordinated Access Assessment to identify barriers to housing.

ELIGIBILITY: INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT

The City of Houston requires that agencies conducting street outreach activities must provide individuals and families with an assessment and enter data into HMIS or a comparable database for DV providers. The City of Houston encourages providers to develop relationships with unsheltered homeless persons that will help connect them with emergency shelter and housing services primarily through a referral to Coordinated Access.

APPENDIX A: HUD DEFINITION FOR HOMELESS

HUD CRITERIA FOR DEFINING HOMELESS	**Category 1**	Literally Homeless	Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: • Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; • Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or • Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: • Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; • No subsequent residence has been identified; and • The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who: • Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; • Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; • Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and • Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	Any individual or family who: • Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; • Has no other residence; and • Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

APPENDIX B: HUD DEFINITION FOR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

HUD CRITERIA FOR DEFINING AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS	**Category 1**	Individuals and Families	An individual or family who: (i) Has an annual income below 30% of median family income for the area; AND (ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1 of the "homeless" definition; AND (iii) Meets one of the following conditions: A. Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR B. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR C. Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; OR D. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR E. Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room; OR F. Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; OR G. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved Con Plan
	Category 2	Unaccompanied Children and Youth	A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under another Federal statute
	Category 3	Families with Children and Youth	An unaccompanied youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) or that child or youth if living with him or her.

APPENDIX C: CROSS WALK OF HUD HOMELESS AND AT RISK DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY TO ESG PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Eligibility by Component	**Emergency Shelter**	Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in ES projects: • Category 1: Literally Homeless • Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homeless • Category 3: Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes • Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV
	Rapid Rehousing	Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in RRH projects: • Category 1: Literally Homeless • Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV (if the individual or family is also literally homeless)
	Homelessness Prevention	Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in HP projects: • Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homeless • Category 3: Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes • Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV (if the individual or family is NOT also literally homeless) Individuals and families who are defined as At Risk of Homelessness Additionally, HP projects must only serve individuals and families that have an annual income BELOW 30% AMI

APPENDIX D: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PRIORITIZATION TOOL FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SYSTEM

Eligibility Requirements

All potential clients will be screened for the following:

Income – Only households with income below 30% of the Area Median Income are eligible for Homelessness Prevention services (see Attachment A for income limits)

PLUS

Trigger Crisis – An event has occurred which is expected to result in housing loss within 30 days due to one of the listed reasons (see Attachment B for qualifying trigger crises)

PLUS

No resources or support network to prevent homelessness –No other options are possible for resolving this crisis. "But for this assistance" this household would become literally homeless—staying in a shelter, a car, or another place not meant for human habitation

OR

Unaccompanied children and youth who qualify as homeless under another Federal statute – See Runaway and Homeless Youth Act definition or Documentation for school district certification of homelessness (see Attachment C for other definitions of homelessness)

OR

Families with children or youth who qualify as homeless under another Federal statute –See Runaway and Homeless Youth Act definition or Documentation for school district certification of homelessness (see Attachment C for other definitions of homelessness)

PLUS

Score of at least 20 points—or 15 – 19 points with override sign-off (see Attachment D for score sheet)

Attachment A

30% Area Median Income

HUD provides current information for income limits on the HUD USER website at http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html . Note: The information that HUD provides on HUD USER website reflects data based on changes to the definition of "extremely low-income (ELI)." ESG recipients should continue to use data for Area Median Income (AMI) and not the new ELI data. For more information on this change, and to access the 30 % AMI tables, please refer to https://www.hudexchange.info/news/impact-of-recent- changes-in-income-limits-and-utility-allowances

Attachment B

Trigger Crisis

Will lose housing within 30 days due to one of the following:

___ Moved twice or more in the past 60 days

___ Living in the home of another person because of economic hardship

___ Notified that right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after date of application

___ Living in hotel or motel and cost is not paid for by charitable organization or government program for low-income people

___ Living in SRO or efficiency where more than 2 people live; or in a larger housing unit with more than 2 people per room

___ Exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care

___ Exiting a publicly or privately funded inpatient substance abuse treatment program or transitional housing program

___ Living in rental housing that is being condemned by a government agency and tenants are being forced to move out

Attachment C

Other Definitions of Homelessness

- **Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C 5701 et seq.)**

Runaway and Homeless Youth funding is administered by the Family and Youth Services Bureau within the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Information about Runaway and Homeless Youth program grantees is available online at http://www2.ncfy.com/locate/index.htm.

- **Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.)**

Head Start funding is administered by the Office of Head Start (OHS) within ACF/HHS. A listing of Head Start programs, centers, and grantees is available online at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices

- **Violence Against Women Act of 1994; subtitle N (42 U.S.C. 14043e et seq.)**

Violence Against Women Act established the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Currently, OVW administers one formula grant program and eleven discretionary grant programs, all of which were established under VAWA and subsequent legislation. More information about OVW is available online at http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/.

- **Public Health Service Act; section 330 (42 U.S.C. 254b)**

The Public Health Service Act authorized the Health Center Program, which is administered by the Bureau of Primary Health Care within the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of HHS. Information about local Health Centers can be found online at http://bphc.hrsa.gov/index.html

- **Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.)**

Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 relates to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps. SNAP is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). More information about SNAP can be found online at http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/

- **Child Nutrition Act of 1966; section 17 (42 U.S.C. 1786)**

Child Nutrition Act of 1966 authorized numerous programs related to school lunches and breakfasts and funds for meals for needy students. For more information about these programs, contact the local School Department.

- **McKinney-Vento Act; subtitle B of title VII (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)**

McKinney-Vento Act authorized the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, which is administered via the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education. More information about this program is available online at http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html. Also, contact the local School Department.

Attachment D

Homeless Prevention Prioritization Scoring

Income Scoring:

___ Rent burden at 66-80% of income… **5 points**
___ Income at or below 15% AMI… **20 points** OR
___ Income 16-29% AMI… **10 points**

15% Area Median Income (2019)

1 Person Household	$8,025	($669/month)
2 Person Household	$9,175	($765/month)
3 Person Household	$10,325	($860/month)
4 Person Household	$11,450	($954/month)
5 Person Household	$12,375	($1,031/month)
6 Person Household	$13,300	($1,108/month)
7 Person Household	$14,200	($1,183/month)
8 Person Household	$15,125	($1,260//month)

Tenant Barriers/Risk Factors
Tenant Screening Barriers **1 point per barrier**
___ Eviction history
___ No credit references: has no credit history
___ Lack of rental history: has not rented in the past
___ Unpaid rent or broken lease in the past (separate from current unpaid rent)
___ Poor credit history: late or unpaid bills, excessive debt, etc.
___ Past Misdemeanors
___ Past Felony other than critical Felonies listed below
___ Exiting criminal justice system where incarcerated for less than 90 days

___ Critical Felony **5 points**
(drugs, sex crime, arson, crimes against other people)
___ Pregnant or has at least one child 0-6 **5 points**
___ Head of household under 30 years old **5 points**
___ Family experienced literal homelessness **5 points**
in the past 3 years
___ Only 1 adult in household **5 points**

___ **TOTAL**

Override

If a household has 15 to 19 points but the agency believes there is a compelling reason to provide homelessness prevention services, the program can document reasons for overriding the score. The override must be signed off by an agency representative at a higher level of authority than direct service staff.

Appendix 5: Public Hearing Summaries

Overview

HCDD (HCDD) held two public hearings in the fall of 2021 in support of the development 2021 Annual Action Plan. The public hearings were held virtually to prevent the spread of COVID-19. HCDD staff presented information. The attendees also participated in roundtable discussions where they responded to open-ended questions about housing and other priority needs in their neighborhood and Houston, as a whole. HCDD staff facilitated the discussion and documented attendees' responses. The virtual public hearings were available on several visual and audio platforms. Both events were broadcasted live on HoustonTV (HTV), HCDD's Facebook Live, and HTV's Facebook Live from HCDD's Office while executing CART services remotely and having a language interpreter available. Each hearing was also audibly available in English and Spanish through a listen-live number.

Public notices were published in the *Houston Chronicle* and *La Voz de Houston*, and the public hearings were also announced on HCDD's social media and its website at www.houstontx.gov/housing. Flyers publicizing the public hearings were sent electronically to over 900 email addresses of stakeholders and interested residents, as well as to city council members' offices.

The fall hearings were held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 and on Thursday, November 19, 2020 through Adobe Connect. Both virtual meetings were accessible for persons with disabilities. CART (Communication access real-time translation) services for the hearing impaired as well as a Spanish interpreter were made available. In all advertising materials for the public hearings, HCDD publicized that accommodations (i.e. interpreter, sign language, or other accommodations) were available with prior notice. Also, the advertising materials was listed HCDD's Fair Housing Hotline as a resource for landlord/tenant or fair housing questions.

The Spring hearings will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and on Thursday, March 25, 2021 through Adobe Connect. Both virtual meetings are accessible for persons with disabilities. CART (Communication access real-time translation) services for the hearing impaired as well as a Spanish interpreter will be made available. In all advertising materials for the public hearings, HCDD will publicize that accommodations (i.e. interpreter, sign language, or other accommodations) will be available with prior notice. Also, the advertising materials will be HCDD's Fair Housing Hotline as a resource for landlord/tenant or fair housing questions.

Summary of Public Comments (Wednesday, November 18, 2020)

Commenter: Commenter stated that she grew up in Settegast, Kashmere Gardens, and Fifth Ward, areas delipidated housing and few economic opportunities. Commenter suggested that HCDD should post City jobs on community bulletins to present these paid opportunities in communities that HCDD serves and communities with disparate impact, which would improve the economic conditions of these and benefit the programs that HCDD provides. Commenter also suggested that each HCDD program participant needs case-by-case assistance. Commenter also stated that her recommendations regarding job opportunites and case management will provide true self-seficiency, sustainability, and community buy-in due to true community engagement.

Response: HCDD's Section 3 Program helps low- and very-low-income residents and local businesses by fostering local economic development and individual self-sufficiency. HCDD also host Annual Career Fairs to help businesses and residents make connections helps open employment, training, and contract opportunities. HCDD appreciates the comment.

Summary of Public Comments (Thursday, November 19, 2020)

Commenter: Commenter recommended that the City should build affordable homes with garages and houses with enough space. The City should also change its affordability period to 3 years for homeowners because 20 years is too long; this will help low- and moderate-income homeowners to build wealth.

Response: While HCDD's Home Repair Program and Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program currently have 20-year affordability/compliance periods for assistance

provided to homeowners over $80,000, a portion of the loan is forgiven each year the homeowner lives in the home and fulfills the agreement of the loan terms. In both programs, repair assistance up to $20,000 has no affordability/compliance period. As future changes for the Home Repair Program are made, your comment will be considered.

Appendix 6: Public Hearing Notices

2020 Fall Public Hearings

Houston Chronicle

Public Notice

Please join the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) for its **Virtual Fall Community Meeting and Public Hearings**. Approximately $45 million in federal entitlement grants will be available to improve Houston's neighborhoods and the quality of life for low-and moderate-income families over the next year. Tell us about your community needs and priorities to inform the preparation of Houston's 2021 Annual Action Plan.

The Virtual Fall Community Meeting and Public Hearing schedule is as follows:

Ways to Participate Live	Date
Facebook Live @HoustonHCDD **Adobe Connect** Link: www.bit.ly/2020FPH	Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
Call In US (Toll): 1-646-307-1479 Participant Code: 7427250641	Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Captioning will be provided. For additional information or to request special arrangements at the live virtual meetings (interpreter or other), contact Ashley Lawson at (832) 394-5438 or Ashley.Lawson@houstontx.gov.

Can't make live virtual meetings? You can view materials and get involved at our website: www.houstontx.gov/housing.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6308.

La Voz de Houston

Aviso Publico

Por favor, unase al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario (HCDD, por sus siglas en ingles) de la Ciudad de Houston para su **Reunion Virtual de la Comunidad de Otono y Audiencias Publicas**. Estaran disponibles aproximadamente $45 millones en subvenciones federales para mejorar los vecindarios de Houston y la calidad de vida de las familias de bajos y moderados ingresos durante el proximo ano. Cuentanos sobre las necesidades y prioridades de tu comunidad para informar la preparacion del Plan de Accion Anual 2021 de Houston.

La Reunion Virtual de la Comunidad de Otono y el programa de audiencia publica sera como sigue:

Maneras de Participar en vivo	Fechas
Facebook Live @HoustonHCDD **Adobe Connect** Link: www.bit.ly/2020FPH **Llame al:** US (Toll): 1-646-307-1479 Codigo de Participacion: 7427250641	Miercoles, 18 de noviembre de 2020 a las 3:00 p.m.
	Jueves, 19 de noviembre de 2020 a las 6:00 p.m.

Se proporcionaran subtitulos. Para obtener informacion adicional o para solicitar arreglos especiales en las reuniones virtuales en vivo (interprete u otro), comuniquese con Ashley Lawson al (832) 394-5438 o Ashley.Lawson@houstontx.gov.

¿No puedes hacer reuniones virtuales en vivo? Puede ver los materiales y participar en nuestro sitio web: www.houstontx.gov/housing.

Para preguntas o inquietudes especificas sobre la vivienda justa o las relaciones entre arrendadores e inquilinos, comuniquese con Yolanda Guess-Jeffries al (832) 394-6308.

2021 Spring Public Hearings

Houston Chronicle

Virtual Spring Community Meeting

Please join us for one of our virtual Spring Community Meetings and Public Hearing to give input on the Draft 2021 Annual Action Plan. Approximately $48 million in federal entitlement grants will be available to improve Houston's neighborhoods and the quality of life for low- and moderate-income families over the next year. These federal grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Staff will discuss the budget and goals included the 2021 Annual Action, and staff will also discuss and accept feedback about efforts to help Houstonians impacted by the coronavirus.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE LIVE	Join us on
HTV **Facebook Live** @HoustonHCDD Microsoft Teams Link: https://bit.ly/2021SPH Call In US (Toll): 1-936-755-1521 English Participant Code: 388 122 65# Spanish Participant Code 493 972 509#	Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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La Voz de Houston

Reunion Virtual de la Comunidad de Primavera

Por favor, unase a nosotros para una de nuestras reuniones virtuales de la comunidad de primavera y audiencia publica para dar a conocer el Borrador del Plan de Accion Anual de 2021. Aproximadamente $48 millones en subvenciones federales estaran disponibles para mejorar los vecindarios de Houston y la calidad de vida de las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados durante el proximo ano. Estas subvenciones federales incluyen la Subvencion para Bloques de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en ingles), el Programa de Asociaciones de Inversion HOME (HOME), oportunidades de vivienda para personas con VIH/SIDA (HOPWA, por sus siglas en ingles) y la Subvencion para Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG, por sus sus siglas en ingles). El personal discutira el presupuesto y las metas incluyeron la Accion Anual de 2021, y el personal tambien discutira y aceptara comentarios sobre los esfuerzos para ayudar a los houstonianos afectados por el coronavirus.

FORMAS DE PARTICIPAR EN VIVO	UNASE
HTV **Facebook Live** @HoustonHCDD **Microsoft Teams** Enlace: https://bit.ly/2021SPH **Call In** US (Toll): 1-936-755-1521 English Participant Code: 388 122 65# Codigo de Participantes en Espanol: 493 972 509#	Martes, 23 de marzo de 2021 a las 3:00 p.m. Jueves, 25 de marzo de 2021 a las 6:00 p.m.

Para obtener informacion adicional o para solicitar arreglos especiales para las reuniones virtuales en vivo (interprete u otros), comuniquese con Ashley Lawson al (832) 394-5438 o Ashley.Lawson@houstontx.gov. Para preguntas o inquietudes especificas sobre vivienda justa o relaciones entre arrendadores e inquilinos, comuniquese con Yolanda Jefferies al (832) 394-6308.

Appendix 7: Written Comments and Responses

This section is pending written responses to be received during the public comment period.

Appendix 8: Ordinance

This section is pending council approval.

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