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Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Overview. The 2017 Annual Action Plan (Plan) represents the third year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on July 22, 2015. This Plan is the City of Houston (City) Housing and Community Development Department's (HCDD) official application for HUD entitlement grants and proposes programs and services to be funded during the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/ HCDD's Program Year (PY) 2017 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018). There are four sources of federal program funds in this application

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

According to HUD, the primary objectives of the entitlement funds are to increase the availability/accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of 1) decent housing, 2) suitable living environments, and 3) economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income Houstonians. As in the past several approved Consolidated Plans, the 2015-2019 Consolidated 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 2015-2019 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 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
- Enhance the City's economic stability and prosperity by investing in opportunities for job readiness and increasing the number of jobs and/or availability of goods and services
- Promote and ensure fair access to housing for all residents

Priorities and objectives from the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan align directly with HCDD's primary initiatives which are to: Eliminate Homelessness, Revitalize Communities, Foster Community Economic Development, and Enhance the Quality of Life.

For each of the five years of the Consolidated 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.

Importance of Annual Action Plan. In the Annual Action Plan, HCDD provides a summary of specific actions that will take place during the program year to address the priority needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The 2017 Annual Action Plan

- Reports the intended use of funds received by the City of Houston from HUD for PY 2017
- Explains HCDD's method for distributing entitlement funds
- Provides an opportunity for public input in the development of the annual plan

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 2017 are listed below.

Decent Housing

Increasing the availability, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of decent housing for low- and moderate-income residents through

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of multifamily and single family properties
- Lead-based paint testing and abatement activities
- Services to HIV/AIDS populations (i.e. rent, mortgage, and facility operation costs)
- Homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing

Suitable Living Environment

Increasing the availability, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of suitable living environments for low- and moderate-income residents through

- Building/rehabilitating neighborhood facilities and infrastructure
- 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

Increasing access to economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income communities through

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

3. Evaluation of past performance

Past Performance. During the first year of the current five year consolidated planning period (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020), HCDD achieved many of its annual goals set for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and made progress toward the five year goals. The following table outlines the five year goals and the first year accomplishments toward those goals. Accomplishments for the second year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan will be in the 2016 CAPER, available in the fall of 2017.

Table 1 – 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan Goals and First Year Accomplishments

| Goal Name | Indicator | 5 Year Goal | First Year Accomplishments | Percent of Goal Accomplished |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing | Rental units constructed | 404 Housing units | 86 Housing units | 21.29% |
| | Rental units rehabilitated | 390 Housing units | 82 Housing units | 21.03% |
| | Homeowner housing units rehabilitated | 250 Housing units | 16 Housing units | 6.40% |
| | Other – Remove lead based paint in housing units | 488 Housing units | 96 Housing units | 19.67% |
| Expand homeownership opportunities | Direct financial assistance to homebuyers | 500 Households assisted | 20 Households assisted | 4.00% |
| Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS | Other | 12,975 Households assisted | 3,128 Households assisted | 24.11% |
| Reduce Homelessness | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid re-housing | 350 Households assisted | 55 Households assisted | 15.71% |
| | Homelessness prevention | 950 Persons assisted | 201 Persons assisted | 21.16% |
| | Public service activities other than low/mod income housing benefit | 115,500 Persons assisted | 71,215 Persons assisted | 61.66% |
| Enhance quality of life through the provision of public services | Public service activities other than low/mod income housing benefit | 104,490 Persons assisted | 16,631 Persons assisted | 15.92% |
| Revitalize communities | Public facility or infrastructure Activities | 30 Facilities / Infrastructure | 10 Facilities / infrastructure | 33.33% |
| | Housing code enforcement / Foreclosed property Care | 160,000 housing units | 30,976 housing units | 19.36% |
| Foster community economic development | Jobs created / Retained | 10 Jobs | 43 Jobs | 86.00% |
| | Businesses assisted | 3 Business assisted | 0 Business assisted | 0.00% |
| Promote fair housing | Other | 500,000 Persons reached | 1,420,662 Persons reached | 2,841.32% |

After the completion of the first year of the five year consolidated planning period, HCDD has made significant progress in achieving many of its five year goals and has surpassed one goal. As discussed in the 2015 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), HCDD will continue to carry out its programming to achieve the five year goals set.

The goal of homeowner housing repair only reached 6.4% after one year using entitlement funding. HCDD plans to implement an updated Single Family Home Repair Program using CDBG funds. Guidelines were developed at the end of PY 2016 and full implementation is expected in PY 2017. In PY 2017, HCDD will likely continue to fund emergency and minor home repairs with local funding sources such as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ). In 2016, HCDD partnered with Rebuild Together Houston to perform roof replacements for low-income households.

In addition, providing direct homeowner assistance through HCDD's Homebuyer Assistance is lagging, with only 4% of the five year goal met after one year. During PY 2016, the Homebuyer Assistance Program guidelines and accompanying materials were updated. The eligibility and program requirements were changed to help the program be more easily understood by future homebuyers. As a result, the amount of assistance provided is now one of two amounts, based on household income, and some eligibility requirements have been broadened to enable more households to participate in the program. For example, the liquid assets caps have increased and the front end ratio calculation has been eliminated. In PY 2017, the Homebuyer Assistance Program will be advertised to housing stakeholders through presentations and to residents through outreach materials and events. Additionally, staff will strive to layer the Homebuyer Assistance Program with other programs to lower the cost of homeownership for eligible applicants.

The goal to promote fair housing was drastically exceeded during the first year of the consolidated planning process. A fair housing goal is a new addition in the Consolidated Plan, and the City of Houston is making major efforts to educate Houstonians about fair housing. Beginning in April 2016, a fair housing public service announcement was advertised in METRO busses and City-owned facilities and was included within resident's City of Houston's water bill statement. Furthermore, HCDD convened a group of approximately 150 area developers and architects at a day-long training about physical accessibility requirements in buildings and public spaces. HCDD and the City of Houston will continue to build upon past efforts and find new ways to educate residents and various stakeholders about fair housing.

HCDD will continue to work to surpass the consolidated planning goals over the next three years. In addition to entitlement funds, HCDD often receives other funding to address the priorities in the Consolidated Plan. In PY 2016, HCDD submitted the Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events and was subsequently awarded \$66,560,000 to assist in addressing damage in the City of Houston from the 2015 flood events and resiliency for future flood events. This funding will be prioritized for low- and moderate-income households and communities. In addition, HCDD staff will continue to implement activities using CDBG-Disaster Recovery Round II (CDBG-DR2) funding.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

HCDD is responsible for producing the 2017 Annual Action Plan. In this capacity, HCDD works with a number of City departments, the Houston Housing Authority, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that the planning process is both comprehensive and inclusive. HCDD solicits information from other City departments, the private sector, non-profit organizations, neighborhood-based organizations, and residents, regarding existing conditions and strategies for addressing current or future needs.

HCDD recognizes that Houston residents are the center of, and partners in, the development and execution of the 2017 Annual Action Plan. HCDD aggressively seeks community involvement and provides residents with opportunities to become involved in the development of the Annual Action Plan. Opportunities for citizen input are provided throughout the planning process through

- Publications and postings
- Public hearings

In October 2016, January 2017, and May 2017, HCDD formally met with its Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). Guided by the consultation requirements in the consolidated planning regulations (§91.100 Consultation; local governments), the CDAC is made up of public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health, and social services, community-based and regionally-based organizations that represent protected class members, and organizations that enforce fair housing laws. CDAC members provide meaningful information to strengthen HCDD's planning and outreach process. The CDAC continues to be instrumental in planning and implementing citizen and stakeholder participation strategies.

5. Summary of public comments

A summary of citizen comments received about the 2017 Annual Action Plan, along with a summary of HCDD's responses, are in the Appendix of this document. It incorporates the comments received from the four public hearings and the 30-day comment period that concluded on April 12, 2017.

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

All comments or views were considered. HCDD did not send any responses specifically rejecting comments received.

7. Summary

The 2017 Annual Action Plan represents detailed activities for the third year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. During PY 2017, HCDD will build upon past experience and strategies striving to meet the five year goals set in the Consolidated Plan and updated in the Annual Action Plans. HCDD staff will continue to focus on using data-driven approaches and utilizing various citizen and stakeholder participation techniques, to validate the needs set in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Although, the 2017 Annual Action Plan marks the fifth time a plan has employed the Con Plan Template in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) – HUD's entitlement funding reporting database, the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan was the first time that all aspects of the new online system were functional, and only after the 2015 CAPER was completed in September 2016 did Houston complete all aspects of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and CAPER in the Con Plan Template for the first time.

HCDD continues to make great strides in addressing the community's needs and the Consolidated Plan priorities, through community involvement, evaluations of past performance, and responding to past experience with improved efficiency.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(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 |
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| 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 2017 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**

The City of Houston (City) recognizes that partnerships with public and private entities are vital to the provision of effective services 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 2017 Annual Action Plan, HCDD performed outreach to both citizens 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 work 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.

With respect to economic development, HCDD strives to coordinate with private industry, businesses, developers, and social service agencies. For instance, in PY 2017, HCDD will continue to work with the Houston Business Development, Inc. (HBDI) and the Houston Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to enhance businesses to create or retain jobs and expand services offered in low- and moderate-income areas.

In PY 2017, 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
- Participate in the process and advance community strategies to end chronic homelessness in Houston
- Host meetings with members of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) to improve HCDD’s citizen and stakeholder outreach methods

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 strives to partner with public and private agencies to ensure that 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 leads a community-wide effort to create deeply subsidized affordable housing units linked to mainstream and social supports, including primary and behavioral health care and housing. HCDD achieves this in partnership with the City’s Health Department, Harris County Community Services Department, Houston Housing Authority, Harris County Housing Authority, Houston Housing Finance Agency, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County. This effort is being accomplished through the joint solicitation of proposals and a pipeline committee comprised of partner agencies. This partnership, between housing and service providers, allows supportive housing units to receive both the appropriate rental subsidies as well as service funds necessary to house the target population. This partnership will continue to be expanded under Mayor Turner’s new homeless strategies announced in March 2017, which is discussed more in this section.

As a member of The Ryan White Planning Council, HCDD works with medical service providers to coordinate the housing and service needs of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. HCDD holds a seat on the Priority and Allocations Committee, a subcommittee of the Ryan White Planning Council. HCDD staff members meet at least twice a year with the current funded HOPWA providers to ensure that funding is being allocated and distributed in the most efficient way possible to benefit those need. Finally, HCDD staff members meet every month with a funders work group, composed of housing and service funders, to ensure that services and housing goals are aligned.

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

In addition, HCDD will maintain stakeholder engagements such as those listed in the Table 3, "Agencies, groups, organizations who participated." HCDD will also host public and private housing providers with private and government service agencies at periodic meetings of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). CDAC meetings will enhance the exchange of information between housing and service providers and facilitate planning for future coordination.

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 works 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 Steering Committee voted to align with the four goals outlined in the federal strategic plan to end homelessness, which includes a goal to end chronic homelessness by 2016 and youth and family homelessness by 2020. To achieve this goal, the CoC has been actively receiving HUD technical assistance through the OneCPD Initiative.

The Special Assistant and Special Advisor to the Mayor for Homeless Initiatives are two staff positions at the City charged with developing strategies in coordination with local partners to end chronic homelessness in Houston. These two staff members along with HCDD staff have taken a lead role in local planning efforts related to several larger federal initiatives including the HUD/USICH's (United States Interagency Council on Homelessness) Dedicating Opportunities to End Homelessness Initiative as well as the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness.

In March 2017, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced his solution to Houston's homeless problem and pledged to house 500 chronically homeless people with a six month period. His solution includes constructing professionally staffed "low-level shelters" under highway overpasses or on private property as part of a multipart city initiative to reduce panhandling and homeless encampments. These efforts include working with local nonprofits to add 215 shelter beds by the end of summer 2017, launching an anti-panhandling awareness campaign, encouraging groups who provide food to the homeless to coordinate with the City, and adding mental health and substance abuse treatment to the City's legislative agenda.

HCDD and the Mayor's Office lead the successful collaborative effort to develop 2,500 units of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless. Less than 10% (250 units) of this goal needs to be completed in order to reach this ambitious goal to produce permanent supportive housing. This has led to a new process that cultivates integrated care supportive housing service model. This has also led to the implementation of a coordinated access system that identifies and prioritizes the most vulnerable chronically homeless persons for placement into permanent supportive housing. Each of these activities includes consultation and collaboration with a variety of stakeholders, which includes homeless housing and service providers, public housing authorities, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Harris Health System, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority (MHMRA), VA Medical Center, Houston

Police Department, the Harris County Sheriff, and the local HUD field office. HCDD has participated in a collaborative planning process with these community partners to generate a financial model and create an implementation plan to support this initiative. This plan called for partners to dedicate resources over a period of several years to work cooperatively to vet, fund, and shepherd the permanent supportive housing projects. These commitments include resources for capital, operating, and service funding ensuring that all are fully subsidized and capable of meeting the model standards and the needs of the target population. Capital projects are currently in development and those that have completed development are currently leasing.

Progress was made to fully implement the coordinated access system. The CoC expanded coordinated access to six additional locations, and HCDD hosted a call center which brought the coordinated access system to scale. The coordinated access system continues to interface with Harris County Jail and many hospital emergency rooms to ensure homeless individuals are connected to permanent housing options regardless of their entry point in the human services system.

In addition to the collaborative efforts to end 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, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. In 2015, all parties launched a new system-wide rapid re-housing program and have rapidly rehoused over 1,112 households.

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 four local jurisdictions that comprise the CoC (City of Houston, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and City of Pasadena, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition)) continue to meet regarding the implementation of ESG. These meetings are referred to as the Public 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 for 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, City of Pasadena, 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 focus on homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. Rapid re-housing activities will target those that: are part of a family with a minor child that is homeless, are first time homeless, have few recent episodes of homelessness, are part of a family that is homeless, or are fleeing/attempts to flee domestic violence.

HCDD plans to continue funding the Coalition in support of the operation and administration of HMIS. In addition, HCDD will work 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, and the CoC - including its committees and workgroups, and other adjacent jurisdictions. Partners actively work 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 significantly 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? |
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| Houston Housing Authority (HHA) | PHA | Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy | HCDD consulted with HHA staff regarding the Public Housing sections of the Plan. HCDD and HHA work together on a variety of issues and initiatives including ending homelessness and carrying out fair housing activities. HHA serves on the CoC and CDAC. HCDD and HHA will continue to meet regularly to discuss current projects and plan for potential future projects and initiatives. |
| Harris County Housing Authority | PHA | Homelessness Strategy | To address homeless needs identified in the Consolidated Plan, HCDD has consulted with stakeholders in the PSH Planning Group, which coordinates funding of permanent supportive housing with the goal of ending chronic homelessness. Harris County Housing Authority is a member of the PSH Planning Group. |
| Funders Together to End Homelessness Houston | 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. |
| 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 activities. Data from HMIS is used to evaluate ESG program performance and helps track general homeless activities in the region. |
| 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 from low- and moderate-income families. |

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| 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 | HHD provides HCDD with lead-based paint program information and data for use in development of the Plan, as needed. HHD uses CDBG funds to match a HUD grant to address lead-based paint hazards, including lead-based paint testing and remediation, for underserved populations. HHD and HCDD staff will continue to collaborate on future funding opportunities that will encourage an inclusive approach to promoting health and community development. HCDD and HHD also partner to serve low- and moderate-income persons and persons with disabilities through a variety of public services or public facilities projects to address needs identified in the Plan. |
| Houston Housing Finance Corporation (HHFC) | Housing | Housing Strategy Economic Development | 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 also issues most of the bonds that are used in 4% tax credit transactions funding affordable housing developers. 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. |
| Harris County Community Services Department | Housing Other government – Local | Housing Strategy Homelessness Strategy | To address homeless needs identified in the Consolidated Plan, HCDD has consulted with stakeholders in the PSH Planning Group, which coordinates funding of permanent supportive housing with the goal of ending chronic homelessness. Harris County is a member of the PSH Planning Group. Harris County also serves as a member of CDAC. Harris County and HCDD staff are a part of the funders work group composed of housing and service funders. This group meets monthly to ensure that services and housing goals are aligned. In addition, HCDD is partnering with Harris County Woodland Christian Tower, an affordable housing development. |

| 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. |

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

HCDD contacted many organizations through various outreach techniques including meetings and e-mails to solicit input and participation in the planning process. HCDD believes that all critical agency types were consulted during the participation and consultation process and has not intentionally failed to consult with any particular agency.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**Table 4 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|--|---|--|
| Continuum of Care | Coalition for the Homeless of Houston / Harris County | The CoC's priorities and its Strategic Plan to End Homelessness directly correspond to HCDD's Strategic Plan goals related to homeless populations. |
| Continuum of Care's Priorities and Program Standards | Coalition for the Homeless of Houston / Harris County | The CoC's priorities and standards directly overlap with HCDD's Strategic Plan and are used by the City of Houston when developing standards for its ESG funding. |
| Our Great Region 2040 | Houston-Galveston Area Council | HCDD's Strategic Plan has many of the same goals as H-GAC's regional plan, including addressing quality of life issues, specifically affordable housing and serving Houston's low-income populations through community development activities. |
| Fair Housing Equity Assessment | Houston-Galveston Area Council | Both HCDD and the FHEA have goals to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Houston and the region. The development of the FHEA served as part of the analysis for Our Great Region 2040. |
| Livable Centers | Houston-Galveston Area Council | The Livable Centers Plans have been conducted in various areas of the City of Houston. Some areas overlap with HCDD's Areas for Community Reinvestment. The objectives of these Plans, including improving quality of life, overlap with HCDD's Strategic Plan's public facilities strategy. |
| Annual Plan | Houston Housing Authority | HHA's PHA plan provides details about agency operations and programs, including participants for the upcoming year. Both HHA and HCDD aim to help very low-income households secure housing. |
| Harris County Consolidated Plan | Harris County | HCDD's Consolidated Plan has many of the same goals as Harris County's Consolidated Plan including addressing homelessness and improving the quality of life of underserved and low- and moderate-income communities. |
| City of Houston's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) | City of Houston Finance Department | Both the CIP and the Consolidated Plan address infrastructure needs in Houston. |
| Rebuild Houston | City of Houston | Rebuild Houston is a new pay-as-you-go funded business model for reconstructing and maintaining Houston's drainage and street system. Rebuild Houston and the Consolidated Plan address neighborhood improvements. |

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|--|--|--|
| CDBG-DR2 Planning Study | City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department | Through a combined effort with community leaders and statewide advocates, HCDD analyzed data to produce a Needs Assessment resulting in target areas for housing activities, using CDBG-DR2 funding. These areas are illustrated in the map titled, "Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs), CRA Outreach Areas, and Target Areas for Disaster Recovery Round II." |
| 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) | City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department | Both plans use housing and demographic data, as well as citizen and stakeholder outreach, to determine city housing needs and barriers. The overall goal for the AI is to eliminate housing discrimination, and HCDD works hard to align all of its Con Plan goals with the AI. |
| Houston General Plan | City of Houston Planning and Development Department | Many goals in the Houston General Plan relate closely to those in the Consolidated Plan such as equal access to opportunity, supportive services for disadvantaged and at-risk groups, high quality community facilities, and sufficient quality, affordable housing options throughout the community. |
| Complete Communities | City of Houston Planning and Development Department | The City of Houston's Planning Department will work with five pilot neighborhoods that have been historically under-resourced to identify goals and priority projects and develop implementation strategies that are transferable to other communities across the entire city. Providing access to quality services and amenities to improve underserved neighborhoods are goals that are part of both Complete Communities and the Consolidated Plan. |

Narrative

Coordination of efforts remains a high priority for the City of Houston when addressing community needs and supporting goals in the Consolidated Plan. One recent example of how HCDD works with other City Departments and community agencies to increase the quality of living environments for Houstonians is the hiring of a new Multifamily Liaison. This position will create a task force consisting of City departments, such as Department of Neighborhoods Code Enforcement and Public Works and Engineering Inspections, and other local agencies to remedy violations and enhance livability, habitability and public safety in apartment complexes.

HCDD works to broaden its outreach efforts and has been able to gather strategic input into the planning process this year. HCDD continues to work closely with other governments in the metropolitan area, the state, and the federal government to implement the Consolidated Plan and its goals. HCDD's CDAC played an integral part in the development of the 2017 Annual Action Plan. HCDD works closely with HHA, Harris County, and other local jurisdictions to align funding objectives, especially objectives addressing homelessness. In addition, HCDD participates in numerous conferences with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), which helps to align HCDD's objectives with those of TDHCA. Finally, HCDD keeps its close working relationship with HUD officials with the local office and through OneCPD.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200[©]**6. 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 2017 Annual Action Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) establishes a means by which citizens, 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 inform the community needs, allocation priorities, and programming goals. Opportunities for citizen input are provided during the entire planning process, from the development of the Annual Action Plan to reviewing the draft document, through

- Publications and postings
- Public hearings

HCDD publicizes all phases of the Plan's development to gather public comment. HCDD developed promotional material about the Plan, which was available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese so as to broaden knowledge about the planning process to various groups including persons with limited English proficiency.

To develop the 2017 Annual Action Plan, HCDD conducted two public hearings to gather input in drafting the plan and two public hearings to solicit comments about the draft Plan. Also, HCDD reviewed results from a quantitative survey from the Planning and Development Department asking residents to identify three priorities from *Plan Houston* that the City should focus on in the next program year. Survey results were published online in January 2017.

Efforts to Broaden Citizen Participation. HCDD implemented a broad outreach campaign to promote public participation in the development of the 2017 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. The following is a summary of these efforts.

- Held public hearings either in a central location or in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods including Kashmere Multi-Service Center, Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, the City Hall Annex, and Acres Homes Multi-Service Center.
- Displayed flyers announcing public hearings at each venue.
- Extended public hearing invitations to the HHA Resident Council to post in each HHA community and the constituencies of the Mayor's Office of Assistance, and Mayor's Office of Persons with Disabilities.
- Advertised in community newspapers including *La Voz de Houston*, *African American News and Issues*, *Houston Forward Times*, *Viet Nam Mới*, and also in *The Houston Chronicle*, a newspaper of general circulation.
- Advertised public hearings in several languages including English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.
- Provided a Spanish translator for Spanish speakers with limited English proficiency and real-time captioning for persons who are deaf or have a hearing loss at the four public hearings.

Citizen Participation Outreach**Table 5 – 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 Chinese Non-targeted/broad community | HCDD published a public notice in the <i>Houston Chronicle</i> on September 9, 2016 announcing the draft 2015 CAPER was available for public comment from September 9, 2016 to September 24, 2016. HCDD also published this public notice in <i>La Voz</i> (in Spanish) on September 11 and 18, 2016; Southern Chinese Daily News (in Chinese) on September 11, 2016; in the <i>Forward Times</i> on September 14, 2016; and in <i>Viet Nam Moi</i> (in Vietnamese) on September 14, 2016 | No public comments were received. | No public comments were received. | http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/public_legal_notices.html |
| Newspaper Ad | Minorities Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish and Chinese Non-targeted/broad community | A notice of the fall public hearings was published in the <i>Houston Chronicle</i> on November 18, 2016. Advertisements also appeared in Spanish in <i>La Voz de Houston</i> on November 27, 2016 ; in <i>African American News and Issues</i> on November 21, 2016 and December 4, 2016; in <i>Houston Forward Times</i> on November 23 and 30, 2016; and in Vietnamese in <i>Viet Nam Moi</i> on November 23 and 30, 2016. | No public comments were received. | N/A | http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/public_legal_notices.html |
| Internet Outreach | Non-targeted/broad community | Information about the fall public hearings was presented on the HCDD website, Facebook page, and Twitter page. Flyers were sent by e-mail to CDAC members and HCDD's email database of approximately 700 emails. | No public comments were received. | N/A | http://www.houstontx.gov/housing |

| Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Other – Priority Survey | Non-targeted/broad community | <p>In the fall of 2016, the Planning and Development Department asked Houstonians to identify three priorities that the City should focus on in the next budget year, beginning July 1, 2017. The list of priorities came from the core strategies and actions identified in Plan Houston. The purpose of the survey is to understand the community's interests so that policy makers can consider them as they develop City priorities for the budget.</p> <p>The short survey was available online and in paper format in four different languages from October 14, 2016 through December 16, 2016. Approximately 6,100 people responded to the survey from all parts of the city.</p> | <p>The results of the priority survey support the priority needs and goals set in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and public safety • Flooding • Potholes and street condition • Traffic congestion • Transportation options like rail, buses and bike lanes • Walkable streets including safe sidewalks and lighting • Affordable housing • Air quality and the environment • Access to job training • Supporting schools and after school activities | N/A | http://planhouston.org/ |
| Public Hearing | Non-targeted/broad community | HCDD accepted public comments at two fall public hearings for the 2017 Annual Action Plan. These public hearings were held on December 5, 2016 at Kashmere Multi-Service Center and December 8, 2016 at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center. There were approximately 75 people that attended the fall public hearings. | 30 speakers commented at the fall public hearings. | All comments were considered. HCDD did not specifically reject any comments received. | N/A |
| Newspaper Ad | Minorities Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish and Chinese Non-targeted/broad community | A notice of the summary of the Annual Action Plan and the public hearings was published in the <i>Houston Chronicle</i> on March 30, 2017. Advertisements for the public hearing and draft comment period also appeared in Spanish in <i>La Voz de Houston</i> on March 19, 2017; in Chinese in <i>Southern Chinese Daily News</i> on March 19, 2017; in <i>Houston Forward Times</i> on March 15, 2017; and in Vietnamese in <i>Viet Nam Moi</i> on March 15, 2017. | 2 written comments were received. | All comments were considered. HCDD did not specifically reject any comments received. | 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 | Information about the spring public hearings was presented on the HCDD website, Facebook page, Twitter page, and NextDoor. Flyers were sent by e-mail to CDAC members and HCDD's email database of approximately 700 emails. | No public comments were received. | N/A | http://www.houstontx.gov/housing |
| Public Hearing | Non-targeted/broad community | HCDD accepted public comments at two spring public hearings for the 2017 Annual Action Plan. These public hearings were held on March 28, 2017 at City Hall Annex and March 30, 2017, at the Acres Home Multi-Service Center. There were approximately 50 people that attended the spring public hearings. | 22 speakers commented at the spring public hearings. | All comments were considered. HCDD did not specifically reject any comments received. | N/A |

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.200(c) (1,2)

Introduction

The City of Houston uses multiple resources to carry out activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents. The City receives federal entitlement funding of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG. HCDD administers the entitlement funding on behalf of the City. 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 address needs listed in the Consolidated Plan, and HCDD works with these departments to leverage entitlement grant funds when possible along with other funding.

Priority Table

Table 6 – Expected Resources – Priority Table

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 3 | | | | 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 | 22,033,446 | 153,644 | 0 | 22,187,090 | 35,491,162 | CDBG funds finance housing, public facilities and improvements, public services, and economic development assistance activities. CDBG funds are combined with public and private funds to create a greater impact in neighborhoods. When request for proposals are conducted for various activities, preferred proposals include those that use CDBG to leverage additional resources. 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 | 6,767,107 | 94,943 | 0 | 6,862,050 | 10,185,830 | 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 multifamily and single family development activities. The Multifamily Housing Program's activities are funded through a request for proposal process in which greater preference is |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 3 | | | | 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 | 9,731,610 | 0 | 0 | 9,731,610 | 12,628,859 | 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, funding from 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 | 1,993,229 | 0 | 0 | 1,993,229 | 2,994,571 | 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 | 63,000,000 | 63,000,000 | 0 | CDBG-DR2 will be used to fund development of affordable single family and multifamily rental homes and repair single family homes to address damage to homes caused by Hurricane Ike. |
| CDBG-DR for the 2015 Flood Events (CDBG-DR15) | public-federal | Homeowner rehab Housing Public Improvements Admin and Planning | 0 | | 66,381,969 | 66,381,969 | 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 | 2,000,000 | 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 | 12,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 12,000,000 | 16,000,000 | 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. |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 3 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$ | Narrative Description |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| Homeless and Housing Bonds | public – local | Housing | 1,100,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,100,000 | 2,200,000 | Homeless and Housing Bonds are local funds and often leveraged with federal funding to create a greater impact for low- and moderate-income persons. Housing developments are usually selected through a competitive request for proposal process. |
| NSP3 | public – federal | Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental rehab | 0 | 0 | 114,036 | 114,036 | 0 | Development organization applying for NSP funding leverage proposed NSP funding with private and public resources to create housing opportunities. |

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. For-profit and non-profit developers partner with HCDD, through the Multifamily Housing Program, to build or rehabilitate affordable housing. These partners 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 and the Homeless Housing Services Program (HHSP). HCDD will continue to research additional funding sources to promote and fund community development activities that further support goals in the Consolidated Plan.

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 §92.200.

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 Homeless and Housing Bond Funds, TIRZ Affordable Housing Set-Aside funds, private donations from endowments and non-cash contributions including donated or reduced cost land. As reported in the 2015 CAPER, the excess HOME match carried over to the next federal fiscal year was \$4,325,814.85. Information regarding the match will be updated in the 2016 CAPER, which will be submitted to HUD in September 2017.

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 publically 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.

Discussion

While HCDD is responsible for the provision of services to low- and moderate-income Houstonians using the federal 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.

In addition, other local agencies and non-governmental organizations receive other federal or state funding to carry out these activities. In its 2017 Annual Plan, the Houston Housing Authority estimated that it would have \$181 million to address residents' housing needs in the Houston area, which includes \$122 million in Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs. It is anticipated that the funding will likely decrease for the Houston Housing Authority in its 2018 Annual Plan.

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition) receives and manages the area's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funding on behalf of the local Continuum of Care (CoC). In September 2016, the Coalition submitted an application to HUD for over \$33 million for fiscal year 2016 funding to address homelessness issues in the region. The application included renewal projects, new projects from reallocations of prior funding, and a permanent housing bonus project.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs estimated that the Houston area (Region 6) had over \$10 million in 9% competitive Housing Tax Credits to award for multifamily affordable housing rehabilitation or new construction in 2016. This amount is not guaranteed and projects may not be developed within the City of Houston limits. A similar amount of Housing Tax Credits will likely be available in 2017 for the region.

While some projects or actions may include primarily public funds, public funds alone are insufficient to achieve the goals of this Plan. 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 to leverage funding to assist low- and moderate-income persons and households.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Table 7 – Goals Summary

| Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | 2017 Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|--|------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing | Citywide | Assistance for homeowners Assistance for renters Assistance for homebuyers | CDBG: \$5,075,000 HOME: \$6,175,845 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit Rental Units Constructed: 28 Household Housing Unit Rental Units Rehabilitated: 375 Household Housing Unit Other: 95 Other – Units Abated/Remediated |
| Expand homeownership opportunities | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing | Citywide | Assistance for homebuyers | CDBG: \$1,000,068 | Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 50 Households Assisted |
| Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing | Citywide | Assistance for renters Public service needs | HOPWA: \$9,731,610 | Tenant-Based Rental Assistance / Rapid Re-housing: 475 Households HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 300 Households Other: 3,480 – Households -Supportive Services / Housing Information and Referral/Homeless Prevention |
| Reduce homelessness | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Assistance for renters Homeless Needs | ESG: \$1,993,229 CDBG: \$500,000 | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Re-housing: 350 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 175 Persons Assisted Public Service Activities Other Than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25,796 Persons Assisted |
| Enhance quality of life through the provision of public services | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Public service needs | CDBG: \$3,220,774 | Public Service Activities Other Than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18,018 Persons Assisted |
| Revitalize communities | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Improvement of neighborhood facilities Neighborhood needs | CDBG: \$7,853,830 | Other: 6 Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities Other Than Low/Moderate-Income Housing Benefit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 32,000 |
| Foster community economic development | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | Community Revitalization Areas | Economic development needs | CDBG: \$100,000 | Jobs: 27 |
| Promote fair housing | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Fair housing needs | CDBG: \$150,000 | Other: 50,000 Persons Reached with Fair Housing Information |

Goal Descriptions

Table 8 – Goal Descriptions

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | Goal Name | Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing |
| | Goal Description | The City will provide funding for several programs that will include single family home repair, 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 | Goal Name | Expand homeownership opportunities |
| | Goal Description | The City will fund direct assistance for homebuyers to increase housing options for low- and moderate-income families. |
| 3 | Goal Name | Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS |
| | Goal Description | 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 | Goal Name | Reduce homelessness |
| | Goal Description | 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 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. |
| 5 | Goal Name | Enhance quality of life |
| | Goal Description | 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 | Goal Name | Revitalize communities |
| | Goal Description | The City will support activities that will enhance and preserve neighborhoods. Activities may include code enforcement and public facility and infrastructure improvements. |
| 7 | Goal Name | Foster community economic development |
| | Goal Description | The City will fund activities related to job creation and business growth to help increase families' incomes and provide goods and services in low- and moderate-income areas. |
| 8 | Goal Name | Promote fair housing |
| | Goal Description | The City will fund activities related to the promotion of fair housing through education, outreach, research, and other methods. |

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

During PY 2017, the City of Houston expects to provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b) in the following ways

- The Homebuyer Assistance Program expects to serve 50 households with downpayment and closing cost assistance in PY 2017. Of the 50 households, HCDD estimates that 8 households (15%) will have a household income between 31-50% Area Median Income (AMI) and 42 households (85%) will have an income between 51-80% AMI.
- The Multifamily Housing Program will construct and rehabilitate housing predominately for households with an income under 80% AMI using entitlement funding. Most are likely to be below 60% AMI to comply with tax credit rules and preferences.
- HCDD will serve 250 households at 0-30% AMI with rental assistance with prior year's HOME funds.

More information about types of affordable housing that will be available in the next year is provided in section *AP-55 Affordable Housing*.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Projects have been selected for inclusion in this Plan based on the priorities in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, analysis of existing funding sources, and public input. These projects align directly with HCDD's primary initiatives: Eliminating Chronic Homelessness, Revitalizing Communities, Fostering Community Economic Development and Enhancing the Quality of Life. During PY 2017, HCDD will engage in community development activities which include increasing the availability and quality of affordable housing, the delivery of public services, investment in neighborhood facilities, and economic development opportunities. Request for proposals will be conducted before and during the program year to choose locations and subrecipients for some projects.

These projects only represent those funded with federal entitlement grants for PY 2017 and do not signify all activities that will be carried out during the program year by HCDD. For instance, some activities, such as emergency repair for single family homes will use TIRZ funding instead of, or in addition to, entitlement funding during the program year.

Projects

Table 9 – Project Information

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements |
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| 13 | 2017-2020 Sponsor Agencies TBD TXH16F003 (SpAgTBD) |
| 14 | ESG17 Houston |

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

HCDD's funding priorities have not changed from those outlined in the Strategic Plan. The main factors that contributed to targeting funds to specific activities in PY 2017 are

- The stated needs, analysis, and objectives in the 2015-2019 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

Other elements may also impact annual allocations, including citizen and community input, qualified responses to Request for Proposals, an analysis of prior years' budget and expenditures, and City Council direction. HCDD will continue to partner with the CoC and other organizations in the Houston area. Reducing homelessness continues to be a priority for HCDD. It is expected that one of the priorities given to projects in the public services RFP will include serving the homeless population.

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 to the community. More information about future actions to assist the underserved are included in the AP-85 Other Actions section of this Plan.

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| 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 |
| Expected Resources | CDBG: \$5,245,000 |
| Description | <p>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 examples include, and are not limited to, parks, medical facilities, and community centers.</p> <p>PY 2017 CDBG funds for neighborhood facilities will be awarded to City departments or nonprofit or for-profit organizations selected through an RFP process prior to or during the program year. The locations of activities will be determined after subrecipients are selected. The funding amount includes activity delivery expenses. The total funding amount also includes projected CDBG program income in the amount of \$97,150 to be expended on Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements. Proposed accomplishments for PY 2017 include the completion of 6 public facilities. The target date for expending these funds is June 30, 2019.</p> |
| Target Date | 6/30/2019 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | These activities are intended to serve thousands of people, primarily those living in low- and moderate-income areas or those with disabilities or other special needs. |
| Location Description | The locations of activities will be determined after subrecipients are selected. |
| Planned Activities | Eligible activities include rehabilitation and construction of various public or private facilities, including infrastructure. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | 6 Other: Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities Other Than Low/Moderate-Income Housing Benefit |

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| Project Title | Public Services |
| Project ID | 2 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Annual Goals Supported | Enhance quality of life Reduce homelessness Foster community economic development |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Public service needs |
| Funding | CDBG: \$3,220,774 |
| Description | An RFP will be issued in PY 2017 for public service projects, and private non-profit agencies and City Departments will be selected soon thereafter. The locations of these activities will be determined after subrecipients are selected. These public services will likely fund homeless services, job training, youth enrichment, child care, and other public services activities. These activities will primarily serve extremely low- and low-income families. Projected CDBG program income in the amount of \$25,766 is estimated to be used for public service activities. Proposed accomplishments for PY 2017 include providing services to 18,018 people. The target date for expending these funds is June 30, 2019. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2019 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | These activities will serve approximately 18,000 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 include a variety of public service activities such as employment training, elderly services, health services, and homeless services. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | 18,018 Persons Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit |

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| Project Title | Lead-Based Paint Hazard Removal |
| Project ID | 3 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Annual Goals Supported | Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners |
| Funding | CDBG: \$750,000 |
| Description | This project funds the Houston Health Department's Bureau of Community and Children's Environmental Health lead hazard activities. HCDD provides matching funds for the Houston Health Department's Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant Program. Each Grant Program is a three year term. Activities include lead inspections and risk assessments. Remediation for single family housing units will be located in the city limits of Houston. During PY 2017 it is estimated that 95 homes occupied by low- and moderate-income families will receive lead hazard reduction/remediation. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2020. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2020 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | These activities will serve approximately 95 low- and moderate-income households with hazard remediation during PY 2017. |
| Location Description | The locations of activities will be determined after LHRD grant is awarded and applications are processed. |
| Planned Activities | Eligible activities include lead-based paint/lead hazards testing/abatement. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | Other: 95 Other – Units Abated/Remediated |

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| Project Title | Code Enforcement |
| Project ID | 4 |
| Target Areas | Areas for Community Reinvestment |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Neighborhood needs |
| Annual Goals Supported | Revitalize communities |
| Funding | CDBG: \$2,608,830 |
| Description | <p>This project funds code enforcement activity including site visits and property inspections conducted by the Department of Neighborhoods, increasing the safety and security of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Using approximately \$2,420,650 of 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 2017, it is estimated City staff will perform 32,000 site visits in Areas for Community Reinvestment. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2018.</p> <p>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. During PY 2017, it is estimated less than \$188,180 of CDBG will fund title searches on properties located in Areas for Community Reinvestment. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2018.</p> |
| Target Date | 6/30/2018 |
| 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 where site visits are conducted. |
| 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 |

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| Project Title | Economic Development |
| Project ID | 5 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Economic development needs |
| Annual Goals Supported | Foster community economic development |
| Funding | 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. Proposed accomplishment for PY 2017 will include the creation or retention of 27 jobs. The target date for expending these funds is by the end of PY 2017. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2018 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Activities are proposed to benefit 27 low- and moderate-income persons. |
| Location Description | Subrecipients will be selected during the program year to carry out activities which will determine the location. |
| Planned Activities | These economic development activities may include 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 | 27 Jobs |

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| Project Title | Homebuyer Assistance |
| Project ID | 6 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Assistance for homebuyers |
| Annual Goals Supported | Expand homeownership opportunities |
| Funding | CDBG: \$1,000,068 |
| 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, 2018. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2018 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Activities are proposed to benefit 50 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 | 50 Households Assisted : Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers |

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| Project Title | Single Family Home Repair |
| Project ID | 7 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Assistance for homeowners |
| Annual Goals Supported | Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing |
| Funding | CDBG: \$4,025,000 |
| Description | This project will support repair services for single family homes owned by low- and moderate-income persons. Funding priority will likely be given to households of working families with children or households that have a head of household that is elderly or has a disability. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2018. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2018 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Activities are proposed to benefit 50 of low- and moderate-income households. |
| Location Description | Location of assistance will be determined through an application process. |
| Planned Activities | Planned activities may include providing home repair, activity delivery, and lead-based paint hazard removal. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | 50 Household Housing Unit: Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated |

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| Project Title | CDBG Administration |
| Project ID | 8 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Assistance for renters Assistance for homeowners Assistance for homebuyers 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 Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS Reduce homelessness Enhance quality of life through the provision of public services Revitalize communities Foster community economic development Promote fair housing |
| Funding | CDBG: \$4,437,418 |
| Description | This project will fund HCDD's planning, compliance, financial, and legal oversight 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; fair housing activities and associated staff costs; the City of Houston's Finance Department, the City of Houston's Legal Department; and HCDD's general planning activities and oversight of projects and organizations funded by CDBG. Projected CDBG program income in the amount of \$30,728 is estimated to be used for planning and administration activities. This is an administration activity and will be located at 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007. The target date for completing this activity is June 30, 2018. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2018 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | This is an administrative activity. |
| Location Description | This administration activity mainly will take place at 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas, 77007. |
| Planned Activities | This project funds planning, administration, and oversight activities associated with and in support of the CDBG Program. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | N/A |

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| 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 |
| Funding | CDBG: \$300,000 HOME: \$5,146,537 |
| Description | <p>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, or new construction projects. Relocation assistance to households will also be provided, as required. Additional activities may include activity delivery expenses. It is estimated that 28 newly constructed affordable, income-restricted units and 375 rehabilitated income-restricted units will be completed during PY 2017. An additional 560 income-restricted units are currently planned or under construction using prior years' entitlement funds.</p> <p>HCDD may issue an RFP in PY 2017. The outcome of the RFP will determine the locations of projects.</p> <p>Projected HOME program income in the amount of \$85,449 is estimated to be used for the Multifamily Housing Program. The estimated completion date for expending these funds is 2020.</p> |
| Target Date | 12/31/2020 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | These activities will benefit approximately 300 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 a future RFP issued or another selection process will determine the locations of projects using PY 2017 funding. |
| 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 | 28 Rental units constructed 375 Rental units rehabilitated |

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| Project Title | Single Family Home Development |
| Project ID | 10 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Assistance for homeowners Assistance for renters |
| Annual Goals Supported | Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing |
| Funding | HOME: \$1,029,308 |
| Description | This project will support Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other development organizations to develop affordable homes to be occupied by low- and moderate-income persons. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2019. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2019 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Activities are proposed to benefit 8 of 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 funding to organizations to construct affordable homes. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | 8 Household Housing Unit: Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated |

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| Project Title | HOME Administration |
| Project ID | 11 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Assistance for renters |
| Annual Goals Supported | Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing |
| Funding | HOME: \$686,205 |
| 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 requirements. Projected HOME program income in the amount of \$9,494 is estimated to be used for planning and administration activities. This is an administration activity and will be located at 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007. The proposed target date for completing this activity will be June 30, 2018. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2018 |
| 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 is an administration activity and will be located at 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007. |
| Planned Activities | This project funds planning, administration, and oversight activities associated with, and in support of, the HOME Program. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | N/A |

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| Project Title | ESG17 Houston |
| Project ID | 12 |
| Target Areas | Citywide |
| Priority Need(s) Addressed | Homeless needs |
| Annual Goals Supported | Reduce homelessness |
| Funding | ESG: \$1,993,229 CDBG: \$500,000 |
| Description | <p>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.</p> <p>HCDD will allocate \$80,000 for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), \$663,000 for emergency shelter, \$400,200 for homeless prevention, \$700,537 for rapid re-housing, and \$149,492 for Administration to fund HCDD staff. In addition, \$500,000 in CDBG matching funds will support ESG subrecipients' activities. HCDD may select subrecipients through an RFP process by fall of 2017 for PY 2017 funding. Selected subrecipients will be located throughout Houston area. The estimated number of primarily extremely low-income persons to be served through these activities is 23,275.</p> <p>The Coalition of the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition) administers the HMIS in the Houston region. Some ESG funding will support the Coalition and organizations using the HMIS to increase efficiency and effectiveness of serving homeless individuals. The estimated number of individuals' records maintained via HMIS during PY 2017 is 20,000. 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 600 Jefferson, Suite 2050, Houston, Texas, 77002.</p> <p>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 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas, 77007.</p> <p>The target date for expending these funds is June 30, 2019.</p> |
| Target Date | 6/30/2019 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Activities will assist approximately 23,275 extremely low-income persons and families. |
| Location Description | HCDD will select subrecipients through an RFP process by fall of 2017 for PY 2017 funding. 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 | 100 Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid re-housing 175 Homelessness prevention 1,000 Homeless person overnight shelter 20,000 Other – HMIS records maintained 2,000 Other – Persons assisted with ESG match |

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| Project Title | 2017-2020 CityofHouston TXH16F003 (CoH) |
| Project ID | 13 |
| 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 |
| Funding | HOPWA: \$291,948 |
| 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 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007. The target date for completing these activities is June 30, 2018. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2018 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | The eligible activity is administration of the HOPWA Program. |
| Location Description | This is an administration activity and will be located at 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007. |
| Planned Activities | The eligible activity is administration of the HOPWA Program. |
| Goal Outcome Indicator | N/A |

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| Project Title | 2017-2020 Sponsor Agencies TBD TXH16F003 (SpAgTBD) |
| 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 |
| Funding | HOPWA: \$9,439,662 |
| Description | <p>This will fund organizations and City departments that administer programs and projects that prevent homelessness and increase access to decent, affordable housing, for those affected by HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>HCDD will allocate \$1,819,000 for operating costs, \$2,345,000 for supportive services, \$3,571,000 for project or tenant based rental assistance, \$923,450 for short term rent, mortgage and utility subsidies, \$100,000 for resource identification/technical assistance/housing information, and \$681,212 in sponsor administration.</p> <p>HCDD will issue an RFP during PY 2017 to contract with several nonprofit agencies to administer services for up to two years. During PY 2017, these activities are expected to serve 4,255 households 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, 2019.</p> |
| Target Date | 6/30/2019 |
| Estimate the number and types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | These activities will serve at least 4,255 households 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 and 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 3,480 Other – Households - 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**

The known locations of proposed federally funded projects and activities that will occur during PY 2017 relative to the designated low- and moderate-income areas are shown in maps in the appendix. Locations of the remaining projects and activities that will be initiated during PY 2017 will be determined after solicitation processes are completed and all subrecipients and developers are identified. Other maps in the appendix show areas of minority concentration, target areas, and the location of community development activities. 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.

HCDD has several local target areas. To provide data driven recommendations for projects and activities that foster investment in areas that demonstrate the most need, HCDD staff have analyzed demographic and socio-economic indicators in select geographic units called Super Neighborhoods to create the Areas for Community Reinvestment. This data was updated in PY 2014 to include the most recent published HUD information about low-income and moderate-income populations. The following six demographic and income characteristics of Houston's eighty-eight Super Neighborhoods were considered in the analysis to develop the Areas for Community Reinvestment

- Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) Population
- The Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority (LARA) Owned Lots
- Commercial Investment (HCDD Funded) Multifamily and Public Facilities
- Concentration of Multifamily Housing Stock (2000 Census Data)
- Designated Demolition Sites
- City of Houston Capital Improvement Plan (CIP Projects)

In April 2017, Mayor Turner announced an initiative called Complete Communities. This City initiative expects to improve neighborhoods by working closely with residents to select and implement various strategies. The five pilot Complete Communities are a group of neighborhoods that represent a diversity of conditions and challenges. The five pilot 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 Planning and Development Department staff initially analyzed data such as: City of Houston's 3-1-1 calls, crime rate, civic engagement capacity, development patterns, housing availability, value and costs, access to public and private facilities, and income and education factors. Next, the Planning and Development Department convened an Advisory Committee to review the analysis of chosen areas and to serve as links to residents and businesses in the selected neighborhoods. Further citizen participation and consultation will take place in each of the Complete Communities to create a planning/implementation document unique to each of the five communities.

Table 11 - Geographic Distribution

| Target Area |
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| Areas for Community Reinvestment |
| Complete Communities: Acres Homes |
| Complete Communities: Gulfton |
| Complete Communities: Near Northside |
| Complete Communities: Second Ward |
| Complete Communities: Third Ward |

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City is mindful of the location of current and planned services and seeks to ensure equitable distribution of funding to serve families in need across the City. The goal of the target areas is to take the limited funding HCDD receives and leverage it with private investment within these areas. Establishing target areas allows HCDD and the City to analyze indicators that help provide data-driven recommendations for projects and activities that foster investment areas that demonstrate need and opportunity.

Establishing target areas helps HCDD direct funding and activities to certain areas of the City to enhance these areas while also preserving affordability. The basis for choosing target areas for investment is to consolidate scarce funding to create major improvements in selected areas of the City in need. Areas of Community Reinvestment and Complete Communities Pilot Neighborhoods have been selected based on recent data and future public involvement. Funding for code enforcement activities will be geographically targeted to only Areas for Community Reinvestment. Other entitlement funds, mostly related to housing, economic development, and public facility improvements will be prioritized in these target areas because these are neighborhoods that have been historically under-resourced.

Discussion

Complete Communities is a new initiative announced by the Mayor in April 2017. First, City Departments will work together to implement projects that have quick turnaround times and will visibly improve the neighborhoods. As the Planning and Development Department and other City staff members work with each neighborhood to develop implementation plans, these plans will be used to focus future funding to addressing longer term neighborhood goals.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g)

Introduction

There is a lack of decent, affordable housing choices in Houston. HCDD employs a variety of approaches to maintain, create, and improve the quality of affordable housing in the city. In PY 2017, 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

The following tables estimate the annual goals for affordable housing for the next year. Please note that the categories in the tables are not mutually exclusive, for example, a homeless household may also be a special needs household.

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
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| Homeless | 350 |
| Non-Homeless | 384 |
| Special-Needs | 1,494 |
| Total | 2,228 |

Table 13 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
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| Rental Assistance | 1,625 |
| The Production of New Units | 28 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 525 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 50 |
| Total | 2,228 |

Discussion

When HCDD issues a request for proposals for the development of housing, HCDD staff hosts an information session providing an overview of expectations and regulations for all interested development teams, including discussion about Section 3, Davis Bacon, accessibility, fair housing, and MBE/SBE. When HCDD partners with developers to build or rehabilitate affordable housing with entitlement funds, developer contracts include requirements to comply with both the Federal Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973. In addition, HCDD staff review selected sites to ensure compliance to site and neighborhood standards, when using HOME funds, and environmental requirements.

Affordable housing continues to be among HCDD's highest priorities. In the past few years, CDBG-DR funding for Hurricane Ike and the 2015 flood events has greatly 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 citizens. In PY 2017, HOME funds will be used for TBRA to help families remain in or obtain rental housing.

To address a variety of home repair needs in PY 2017, HCDD will continue to use Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) funding for single family home repair activities, like emergency repairs, and will start transitioning to use CDBG-DR15 and CDBG funding for additional single family home repair activities.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.200(h)**Introduction**

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) is the public housing authority that operates within, and directly outside, the City limits of Houston. HHA provides affordable homes and services to more than 60,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program. HHA and its affiliates own and operate 25 housing communities with more than 5,500 units for families, elderly, persons with disabilities, and other residents. HHA also administers the nation's third largest voucher program exclusively serving homeless veterans.

The following highlights HHA's program accomplishments occurring in calendar year 2015.

- **Put Residents to Work** - HHA enrolled over 81 renewed participants in the Section 3 program resulting in 50 becoming gainfully employed.
- **Housed More Families** - Utilized 97.4% of its voucher authority. Received over 85 additional vouchers from HUD.
- **Helped Homeless Veterans** - Provided housing assistance to 1,093 homeless veterans through the VASH program.

In 2017, HHA plans to reinvest in Houston communities with the creation of over 400 new units with two construction starts.

The information in this section, AP-60, was provided by the Houston Housing Authority.

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 Ike, have created a significant backlog of capital needs across the HHA's portfolio. A recently completed Physical Needs Assessment values the current capital backlog at approximately \$50 million.

While HHA will expend its CFP allocation of \$4 million 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 19,000 families currently on HHA's waiting list for a public housing unit.

HHA entered into a \$25 million energy financing partnership with Siemens to perform energy improvements across HHA's portfolio in 2016. This is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. The improvements that will be completed are listed below.

- Air conditioning replacements and Energy Management and Control Systems (EMCS) upgrades
- Lighting efficiency improvements in the units and common areas
- Building envelope improvements
- Transformer upgrades
- Replace aerators, toilets, and showerheads in the units and common areas
- Irrigation upgrades
- Condensate recovery and rain water harvesting
- Generators
- Electric stove safe T-burners in units
- Hot water heaters at some locations

Fortunately, the coming year may present HHA and 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 received awards of CDBG Disaster Recovery Round 2 (CDBG-DR2) funds. The goal is to leverage these dollars so

HHA can address the capital needs at several hurricane-damaged public sites while adding upwards of 400 units of new affordable housing.

HHA will pursue transfer of assistance under the Public Housing Program for the current existing properties

- Mansions at Turkey Creek
- Villa's at Winkler

HHA will pursue a Choice Neighborhoods Planning or Implementation grant for Grants and Promise Zones for the following properties

- Cuney Homes
- Kelly Village

HHA will pursue a number of new mixed finance development activities using CDBG-DR2 funds and Capital Funds including acquisition of sites for new housing development at

- Crosstimbers and N. Main
- North Shepherd
- Lyons Avenue in the 5th Ward
- 2640 Fountain View or other sites in high opportunity areas

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, which operate at most public housing developments. Staff from HHA's Client Services Department provides technical assistance to Resident Council members and helps to ensure that third party (League of Women Voters) oversight is in place for the annual election of officers. Each Resident Council meets on a monthly basis to address general and property-specific issues.

Resident Council officers meet as a group with HHA staff quarterly. 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 processes.

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 Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program.

The Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program is a federally funded program that allows families with a Housing Choice Voucher 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.

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

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. HHA staff will pursue an additional payment standard increase for high opportunity neighborhoods. The 2017 payment standards are currently 117% of the 50th percentile FMRs, the mid-range percentage is between 107% of the 50th percentile FMRs and 97% of the 50th percentile FMRs.

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), to align priorities and funding to address the needs of residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The CoC has updated their strategic plan to outline the goals and strategies for the coming years.

Goal 1: End Chronic Homelessness by 2017**Goal 2: Maintain Steady State on Veteran Homelessness****Goal 3: End Family Homelessness by 2020****Goal 4: End Youth Homelessness by 2020****Goal 4: Set a Path to End All Homelessness**

The Way Home Continuum of Care's (CoC) most recent Action Plan details activities and goals for the coming year. The goals for the next year focus on strategies to end family homelessness by continuing to utilize and expand Rapid Re-housing (RRH) programs. Additional activities include managing and expanding the Income Now Initiative, which is a collaborative effort to provide mainstream competitive employment to persons and families who are homeless, reviewing RRH outcomes, reviewing system-wide performance expectations, and developing a response to youth homelessness, particularly underage/runaway youth, as well as youth aging out of foster care. Major activities are outlined below.

Continued oversight and creation of 302 units of Permanent Housing, including RRH, and other targeted affordable housing development linked to system-wide homeless prevention and diversion activities

- Host a pipeline committee 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 Federally Qualified Health Centers, Mental Healthcare Providers, and Homeless Service Providers
- Manage a pilot project with State Medicaid and Managed Care Organizations to fund supportive housing services
- Connect integrated care teams to new and existing PSH units as they become operational

Implement a single coordinated intake, assessment, triage, and central referral system for 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 to shelter, transitional housing, and other diversion and prevention programs

Standardize and expand Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

- Combine federal, state, and local resources to create a single standardized RRH model across the CoC and ensure maintenance and scaling
- Continue to prioritize resources for RRH and linked prevention activities to build a safety net system for homeless and at-risk families

Implement Phase II of the Income Now Initiative

- Transition all Income Now workforce referrals to Workforce Solutions

- Monitor data and performance for workforce outcomes
- Increase SOAR system capacity to handle 350 referrals annually by adding 3-5 additional system dedicated disability workers
- Design and implement a self-sustaining Supported Employment Intervention and create partnerships with Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Ticket to Work

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

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 provides ESG and CDBG funding to social service organizations 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.

The Coalition collaborates with service agencies and others in the public sector to analyze existing needs to identify and address funding gaps. The Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count and the Community Needs Assessment, organized by the Coalition, annually assess the characteristics of the homeless population in and around Houston. This is important data used by the Coalition and its stakeholders to track the changing needs of the homeless. In PY 2017, HCDD will continue to financially support the Coalition's preparation for the 2018 PIT Count. Additionally, the CoC hosts a minimum of two Consumer Input Forums annually to obtain input on the action plan 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 families or singles to rapid re-housing services.

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 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 completing the homeless initiative and is close to completing its goal of 2,500 permanent supportive housing units. HCDD's Multifamily Housing program continues to encourage the creation of Permanent Supportive Housing.

HCDD is also committed to braiding federal, state, and local resources in partnership with Harris County and the CoC to fund rapid re-housing for 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 90% effective in returning families to housing stabilization. A recent 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, 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 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
- Mortgage payments

Preventing homelessness, especially family homelessness, is a priority for the City and its partner, the Coalition. The Coalition assists Houston's homeless service providers, many of whom are CDBG and/or ESG subrecipients, to help 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 Coalition is collaborating with local ESG recipients. The CoC plans to develop a homelessness prevention eligibility standard to target those most at-risk of becoming literally homeless. 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 understanding (MOU) 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. This includes developing protocols for warm-handoffs to United Way's THRIVE programs to enhance family self-sufficiency and financial mobility. 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 Coalition, 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

- 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 activities
- Homeless Count and Survey
- TX-700 Continuum of Care (CoC) Collaborative Grant Application for Houston/Harris/Fort Bend and Montgomery 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 2016, there were 231 programs and 704 individual users actively participating in the HMIS. The database consisted of 202,451 unique client records (about 60,000 dormant records were removed at the beginning of the year). A majority of 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 48,950 clients enrolled in any HMIS programs during 2016, there were 28,027 literally homeless individuals – a decrease of about 400 literally homeless from 2015. This is significant because it

shows that, while the system continues to expand, the literally homeless population is now on the decline for the first time since the HMIS inception.

The most significant event during 2016 was the transfer of Montgomery County from Texas Balance of State CoC coverage area to our CoC area, as this required the export and import of HMIS data between the two systems. The Coalition HMIS team completed this task in less than two months. Six service providers were transferred and provided with training, technical support, and data quality assistance.

The Coordinated Access system continues to be a key component of the HMIS. All HUD-funded Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid-Rehousing projects are now required to accept new clients through Coordinated Access referrals. Between the Coordinated Access system's launch in early 2014 and the end of 2016, 7,435 clients were assessed for housing, of which 957 were placed in PSH and 689 in rapid re-housing. The Income Now initiative was also integrated into the Coordinated Access module in early 2016. During the year, 1107 clients were referred to Workforce Solutions and other employment and income service providers, and 234 obtained employment.

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 a number of proactive data quality measures and it monitors the HMIS to ensure completeness, accuracy, and standardization of the data collection processes. Support specialists work with the CoC agencies by offering ongoing training and technical assistance, both individually and in groups. 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**Table 14 - HOPWA Goals**

| One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for: | |
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| 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 provided in transitional 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

As listed in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the most critical barriers to the production and preservation of affordable housing include the following.

Current market conditions

Over the past several years, the residential market in Houston became one of the most sought after in the nation. As the market boomed, affordable housing development became more expensive to produce. According to the Houston Association of Realtors, the year 2015 had the second most single family home sales and total property sales, second only to 2014. Home prices have continued to climb, as have land and construction costs, thus diminishing the number of units that can be created with limited funds.

Deterioration of housing stock

Houston's housing stock is aging. Many properties built before 1978 may have environmental hazards such as lead-based paint. Due to remediation and other rehabilitation work required to bring units to current code standards, repairs and rehabilitation work may be prohibitively expensive for homeowners or owners of rental properties.

Insufficient availability of current financial resources to address affordable housing needs

As identified by the public during the development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, a scarcity of resources was named the greatest barrier for residents finding and maintaining housing and was the greatest barrier to fair housing choice in Houston. Over the past year, household incomes remain stagnant. HUD's calculated area median income used to determine income limits for the Houston area fell from \$69,300 in 2015 to \$69,200 in 2016. In addition, federal funding will likely remain steady or decrease over the next few years, which may limit future development that could address these needs.

Lack of communication between government and residents

Resident feedback from the development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan noted that the most significant challenge faced by the City to promote fair housing is communication with residents about housing discrimination, fair housing laws and rights, and the City programs available to them. Opening more avenues of communication between residents and the City will help address impediments such as a lack of understanding and promotion of fair housing. The importance of this lack of communication also is reflected in one of the 12 core strategies from the Houston General Plan: communicate clearly and with transparency.

Lack of regulation

The lack of some regulations limits the ways in which the City could potentially achieve decent, safe, affordable housing. One example of how the lack of regulation may affect quality affordable housing supply is having no regulatory development tools, such as inclusionary zoning, that require new developments in certain qualifying neighborhoods to have a percentage of units affordable to low- and moderate-income person. Instead, Houston's greatest tool to promote affordable housing is through the use of incentives.

Regulation

Municipal, State and Federal regulations may, in some instances, increase the cost of or the time to develop affordable housing. While 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 additional requirements add costs to affordable housing developers that developers in the private market do not have to share. Some could view these additional regulations as barriers to developing affordable housing.

NIMBY

Sometimes residents oppose affordable housing developments based on the location. This is known as NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) resistance. Additional information about actions addressing NIMBY is located in the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing section in the appendix.

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 2017 are described 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 acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of affordable rental and homeowner housing
- Assist low- and moderate-income families achieve homeownership by providing them with downpayment and closing cost assistance
- Expand housing repair activities, using multiple funding sources to lower the cost of home maintenance and improve housing stock
- Work with lending institutions to provide housing for underserved populations

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

- Improve housing stock for low- and moderate-income homeowners through the repair of single family homes, using non-entitlement funding sources
- 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 code violations
- Continue to lead a interdepartmental team addressing substandard rental housing

Strengthen intergovernmental relationships to resolve regulatory issues

- Inform and communicate with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) about updates to the Qualified Allocation Plan (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

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 the understanding and 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

- Create marketing materials, such as videos, to promote the importance of providing safe, affordable housing, through HCDD's activities

Discussion

HCDD will continue to pursue innovative partnerships, locate additional funding sources, and engage in comprehensive planning efforts with regional entities to reduce and remove barriers to affordable housing and fair housing choice. HCDD will continue to use partnerships to reach out to citizens for input and to pursue other funding to benefit citizens. Also, HCDD will foster collaboration with 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 performing research and analysis, collecting citizen input, and exploring best practices to inform programs and activities and to remove barriers to affordable housing.

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 obstacles to meeting underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- 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 2017, HCDD will strive to overcome the three main 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 chronically homeless.
- HCDD will continue to work with HHA to efficiently utilize entitlement funds to provide housing for extremely low- and low-income residents.
- 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.

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 work with local initiatives helping families build wealth such as BankOn Houston and 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 at agencies that serve special needs populations.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As of March 2017, HCDD's multifamily compliance portfolio includes 15,175 housing units in over 92 developments, and as a result of federal and local funding sources, 7,094 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 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 will become increasingly important as HCDD's allocation of federal funds continues to decline.

During PY 2017, HCDD will fund the rehabilitation of rental units to maintain affordability and livability of existing affordable units. This includes funding renovations for Woodland Christian Tower (127 total units), Pleasant Hill Village (165 total units), and Cleme Manor (284 total units). The development at 4600 Main Street (48 total units) is an existing office building that will be converted into affordable housing mostly targeted to veterans. The Pointe at Crestmont is a rehabilitation of an abandoned property (165 units). Of the above 816 units, these renovation projects will collectively contribute 515 City of Houston income-restricted, affordable units in PY 2017 or later.

HCDD will also create new affordable housing opportunities in Houston. HCDD expects one new affordable housing development to be completed next year. Watercrest at Kingwood (174 units) will include 28 new City of Houston income-restricted, affordable units for seniors. In addition, HCDD will continue to fund several other new affordable home developments that will be completed after PY 2017, including New Hope Housing at Harrisburg (175 units), 8606 N. Main (Independence Heights) (200 units), and Sunrise Orchard (52 units). Of the above 601 units, these new housing developments will contribute 380 City of Houston income-restricted, affordable units to the city.

HCDD may issue a new RFP during the program year to solicit new proposals for both new and rehabilitated housing developments.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

During PY 2017, HCDD will expend CDBG funds for lead-based paint related programs through the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program managed by the Houston Health Department (HHD) and through single family home repair activities. A description of the activities follows.

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LBPHC). HCDD and HHD's Bureau of Community and Children's Environmental Health (BCCEH) work closely together to reduce lead hazards. Beginning in 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. The BCCEH's Lead Program is funded by federal grants, including the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant.

HHD uses HCDD's funding as match dollars in support of the LHRD grant. In PY 2015, HCDD changed its method of funding lead related programs through HHD. Previously, HCDD funded the match for each grant in three equal payments over three years. Since then, HCDD provides one lump sum of match dollars, intending to make the accounting for the program more transparent and easily understood. A new notice of funding availability for the LHRD grant was published in the spring of 2017. HCDD plans to support this new grant application with matching funds from the PY 2017 CDBG allocation. With the help of CDBG funds as match, BCCEH performs lead hazard reduction and remediation on approximately 95 units annually.

Single Family Home Repair Program Lead Activities. For single family home repair activities, HCDD staff presumes that all homes built before 1978 have lead hazards. HCDD staff members have been certified as Lead Supervisors and ensure that construction is abated properly. HCDD staff ensures the delivery of repair services will be provided in a timely and most efficient and healthful way possible.

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 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 local organizations, such as United Way's THRIVE and BankOn Houston, to increase financial education, 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.

Acquiring Assets

- Provide direct homeownership assistance to potential homebuyers to help increase a household's assets.
- Continue to work to create a community land trust organization in Houston.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Internally, HCDD is comprised of four major functions: Program Areas (Multifamily, Single Family, Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements, and Public Services), Financial Services and Administration, Planning and Grants

Management, and Compliance 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.
 - HCDD staff expects to implement new guidelines for single family home repair activities to upgrade its building standards and create greater efficiencies.
 - The Homebuyer Assistance Program expects to continue to aggressively market the updated program in the community.
- 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 Public Works and Engineering 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.
 - HCDD will continue to host interdepartmental meetings on fair housing to enhance the communication between City departments.
- 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 organization to develop affordable 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.
- 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 continue to reach out to realtors associations and banks, including those representing minorities, and realtors working in low-income areas of the city to advertise HCDD's Homebuyer Assistance Program.
 - HCDD will work with finance agencies to further economic development initiatives.

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 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 fund the Houston Area Urban League, a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO), to carry out employment training. HCDD will continue to look for economic development opportunities that will best utilize Section 108/EDI funding to create jobs and enhance businesses.
- *Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC).* HCDD will enhance coordination between housing and social service providers by hosting members from a variety of public and private housing and social service agencies to discuss ways to most effectively carryout the strategies in the consolidated planning process.
- *City Departments.* HCDD will continue to host interdepartmental meetings to plan future City actions that affirmatively further fair housing.

The activities and partnerships with some of the aforementioned organizations span multiple counties (Harris, Fort Bend) and cities (Missouri City, 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.

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 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 15 – CDBG Program Income

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| 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 | 153,644 |
| 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: | 153,644 |

Other CDBG Requirements

Table 16 – CDBG Requirements

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| 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. | 90.00% |

**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 2017, HCDD will not utilize HOME to fund homebuyer assistance activities. During the program year, program development will be completed for the Single Family Home Development project. Resale or recapture guidelines will be determined once guidelines and processes are finalized.

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:

In PY 2017, HCDD will not utilize HOME to fund homebuyer assistance activities. During the program year, program development will be completed for the Single Family Home Development project. Resale or recapture guidelines, including periods of affordability, will be determined once guidelines and processes are finalized.

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:

HCDD does not expect to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds during PY 2017. Although not likely, this is an eligible HOME expense in accordance with 24 CFR 92.206(b) and 24 CFR 91.220(c). If at a later date, HCDD uses HOME funds in this way, the following guidelines would apply.

Applicants must demonstrate that

- Rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity
 - A rehabilitation project 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 next RFP will occur in spring of 2017, where several agencies will apply and eventually be selected as project sponsors for PY 2017 and 2018 allocations.

In PY 2017, HCDD will allocate

- \$1,780,000 for operating costs to provide 300 households with permanent and transitional facility-based housing
- \$2,300,000 for supportive services serving 1,000 households
- \$3,500,000 for project or tenant-based rental assistance for 475 households
- \$908,790 for short-term rent, mortgage and utility subsidies for 850 households
- \$100,000 for resource identification/technical assistance/housing information for 1,625 households

Discussion

HOPWA activities in PY 2017 are expected to serve 4,200 households with a person that has been or is 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 a member of the Priorities and Allocation Committee under the Planning 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 toward tenant-based rental assistance and less on short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance.

Since the summer of 2014, HCDD's HOPWA program has been utilizing HUD's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the client database for HOPWA programming in the region. This has allowed HOPWA programming to be part of the coordinated access system.

Using HMIS, HCDD has changed 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).

The HOPWA Program moved from using Fair Market Rent as the rent standard to adopting the public housing authority's rent standard. The HOPWA Program continues to explore the possibility of utilizing TBRA as part of the Rapid Re-housing program.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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 last updated March 2015.

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 January 2014, a soft roll out or Phase One of this system was implemented. The system began full implementation January 2015. In February 2013, the four local jurisdictions, the Coalition, and the Corporation for Supportive Housing gathered together to discuss strategies around the ESG program and coordinated access integration. Plans continue to develop around implementation of coordinated access and specifically the utilization of rapid re-housing.

Although the CoC's full-scale coordinated assessment system is beginning in stages, 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 addition to HUD's eligibility criteria and in order to target the system's limited homelessness prevention resources to those most at-risk of homelessness, 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. Currently, coordinated assessment is fully implemented, all ESG recipients and subrecipients have been integrated and a special planning initiative is underway with domestic violence providers.

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. The City of Houston last awarded funding through a competitive request for proposal process (RFP) in 2014. Awards resulted in a 12-month contract with a renewal option with several private non-profit organizations. Allocations for the renewals were determined based on productivity of the program, utilization rate, and need for service. The City of Houston, despite cuts in funding, continues to allocate more resources to rapid re-housing. The next RFP is expected to be issued during the spring of 2017 to select the next administrative agent for ESG funds, which will include the PY 2016 funding.

Approximately 15% of ESG resources may go to organizations located outside 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, specifically related to domestic violence.

HMIS services continue to be funded out of the ESG program, and the Coalition continues to receive this funding from Houston and other local jurisdictions, for the management of 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 17 members, are reserved 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 Street Outreach, Emergency Shelters, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, and HMIS activities.

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 at the community level, as well as an 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 has completed four years of funding with the established ESG Written Standards. We are committed to 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 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 shelters. For homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities, the CoC will 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. As Houston has continued to work with community partners to implement activities under the ESG regulations, HCDD has faced a few challenges, specifically related to rapid re-housing. These challenges include

- Lack of affordable housing within the City of Houston
- Multiple barriers to housing for HCDD's clients, i.e. eviction history, lack of income, criminal history

The ESG funders workgroup is committed to addressing these challenges and plan to explore best practices in the areas mentioned above.

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Appendix # 1: Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

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 2015 AI coincided with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and built upon previous analyses that were completed in 2005, 2010, and 2014 (the amendment to the 2010 AI).

The 2015 AI listed 14 impediments found to be barriers 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 2015 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 Affordable Housing 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. Affordability
8. Lack of Financial Education

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 equitably to all neighborhoods

9. Imbalanced distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods
10. NIMBY Resistance
11. Lack of Transportation Options
12. Low Educational Attainment Among Minorities
13. Increased Health Hazard Exposure in Certain Neighborhoods

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

14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents

HCDD created the "Summary of Recommended Actions and Fair Housing Implementation Plan" in the 2015 AI as a five year plan to address the identified impediments. The sixty-five identified fair housing actions are closely related to the strategies in the 2015-2019 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 2017 Annual Action Plan are consistent with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan goals: *Goal 1 Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing* and *Goal 2 Expand*

homeownership. HCDD expects to assist 95 households with lead abatement activities to preserve their home, construct 28 affordable rental units, rehabilitate 375, and provide financial assistance to 50 households to purchase a home and to at least 100 households with rental assistance.

Addressing Goals and Priority Needs

The projects and activities proposed in the 2017 Annual Action Plan address the goals and priority needs listed in the 2015-2019 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, who are considered to be persons with a disability.

Measuring Progress

The proposed projects in the 2017 Annual Action Plan list projected quantifiable goals that will be used to measure progress of projects 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 these projects helped address the needs of these 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 households (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, information about residents within the assisted 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 ESG activities, 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 populations 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 2017 to address the identified impediments from the 2015 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 2017 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 2017 CDBG budget to assist in funding the salary of a full time employee and expenses related to carrying out some of the fair housing activities below. This full time employee is in HCDD's Planning and Grants Management Division and focuses on educating the public about matters involving landlord and tenant relations and fair housing issues and answering their questions via the Landlord/Tenant and Fair Housing Hotline. Other administrative funds will also be used to fund other HCDD employees that 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. HCDD will also continue funding the SAY YES! Campaign during the next program year, which intends to expand the public's ideas about affordable homes and who lives in affordable units. As reflected in the AI action #21, HCDD will also identify and pursue other sources of future administrative funding as it relates to fair housing.

| Summary of Recommended Actions and Fair Housing Implementation Plan | | | | | | |
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| Recommended Actions | Related Impediments | Possible Funding Source | Timeline (Based on Program Years) | 5 Year Measure for Success/Milestone | PY 2017 Anticipated Results | |
| <p>1. Conduct housing discrimination testing and studies HCDD will contract with one or more qualified fair housing organization to conduct fair housing testing or studies which may be related to whether lenders are engaging in mortgage pricing practices unrelated to credit worthiness or engaging in mortgage redlining, whether insurance redlining is occurring, whether discrimination in real estate appraisals is taking place, whether real estate advertising is discriminatory, to what extent landlords refuse Housing Choice Voucher participants, or whether other discriminatory housing practices are occurring. This action will help to reveal actual discriminatory practices taking place in the community so that future resources can be better allocated to address discrimination.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SN, D – Priority: High</p> | 1. Discrimination in Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract with qualified fair housing organizations • Conduct testing • Produce study or studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work on RFP | |
| <p>2. Provide counseling through the City's Fair Housing Hotline The City's Fair Housing Hotline provides a year-round, free resource to citizens 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 citizens about their rights, giving citizens various ways to remedy possible discriminatory actions, and preventing future discrimination from occurring.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D, H, SN – Priority: High</p> | 1. Discrimination in Housing 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing 14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG- Outreach Materials | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist 7,500 callers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist 1,500 callers | |
| <p>3. Provide fair housing education to housing industry professionals HCDD will provide fair housing education and outreach to 200 housing industry professionals, such as housing providers, by supplying housing materials to distribute with City of Houston contact information or information about complying with the Fair Housing Act which may include topics like providing reasonable accommodations. HCDD may also sponsor free training opportunities. This action will address discrimination by reducing the numbers of people impacted by covert and overt discriminatory practices due to housing providers being unaware or unfamiliar with fair housing laws.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: High</p> | 1. Discrimination in Housing 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG- Outreach Materials | Start: 2016 Complete: 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 200 housing industry professionals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 40 housing industry professionals | |
| <p>4. Provide fair housing information to HCDD stakeholders HCDD will provide education and outreach through trainings, presentations, informational brochures, and other methods to 200 HCDD 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 educate and ensure stakeholder compliance under fair housing laws of agencies and subrecipients that partner with HCDD.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H, SN – Priority: High</p> | 1. Discrimination in Housing 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG- Outreach Materials | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 200 HCDD stakeholders with information about fair housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 40 HCDD stakeholders | |

Summary of Recommended Actions and Fair Housing Implementation Plan

| Recommended Actions | Related Impediments | Possible Funding Source | Timeline (Based on Program Years) | 5 Year Measure for Success/Milestone | PY 2017 Anticipated Results |
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| <p>5. Increase the fair housing knowledge of government staff HCDD will provide education and outreach to city staff through trainings, presentations, informational brochures, and other methods of outreach. HCDD may work with partners to create a fair housing training program to implement city-wide for executive city staff during the first 12 months of employment. This action will address the impediment of lack of knowledge by providing fair housing training and resources to educate city employees about federal requirements to comply with fair housing law within the city's policies and procedures.</p> | <p>1. Discrimination in Housing 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 1,000 staff members with fair housing training or information • Seek approval to institute fair housing training for executive city staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 200 staff members |
| <p>7. Provide fair housing and HCDD housing program information to citizens HCDD will create a fair housing outreach plan to inform 500,000 citizens of their fair housing rights, the fair housing complaint process, and tenant and landlord relations. The outreach will likely consist of direct mailings to rental tenants and management companies about the City's Fair Housing Hotline, direct mailings to renters about the City's downpayment assistance program, and basic fair housing training to civic clubs and Super Neighborhoods. Education and outreach may be provided through trainings, presentations, informational brochures, posters, and other methods. 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.</p> | <p>2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing 8. Lack of Financial Education 14. Lack of Communication between government and residents</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 500,000 citizens with information about fair housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 50,000 citizens |
| <p>8. Preserve affordable housing units HCDD will fund the preservation of at least 390 affordable housing rental units through the Multifamily Housing Development Program. This action will preserve the supply of existing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households, addressing the lack of quality affordable housing options for members of protected classes.</p> | <p>3. Lack of Affordable Housing Options</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG • HOME • TIRZ • BOND | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve 390 affordable housing rental units | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve 47 affordable housing rental units |
| <p>9. Create affordable housing units HCDD will fund the creation of 404 new affordable housing rental units using entitlement funding. This action will expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate income housing, addressing the lack of affordable housing options for members of protected classes.</p> | <p>3. Lack of Affordable Housing Options</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG • HOME • TIRZ • BOND | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 404 affordable housing rental units | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 98 affordable housing units |
| <p>10. Fund the creation or preservation accessible rental units Through HCDD's Multifamily Housing Development Program, rental developments must produce a minimum number of Section 504 accessible rental units. This action will increase the availability of quality accessible units for 50 low- and moderate-income households directly addressing the lack of accessible housing.</p> | <p>4. Lack of Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG • HOME | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund creation or preservation of 50 Section 504 accessible rental units | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or preserve 42 units |

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| <p>12. Fund public infrastructure and facility improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods HCDD will provide funding for 20 infrastructure and facility improvements through its Public Facilities Program. This action will improve low- and moderate-income neighborhoods by creating new or improved amenities and services in these neighborhoods.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MC, D, SN – Priority: High</p> | 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | • CDBG • TIRZ | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Fund 20 public infrastructure and public facility improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods | • 6 public infrastructure and public facility improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods |
| <p>13. Fund economic development activities to create 3 new or improved services benefitting low- and moderate-income neighborhoods HCDD will provide economic development funding to enhance services offered in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. This action will improve low- and moderate-income neighborhoods by creating new or improved services in these neighborhoods that would otherwise be unavailable to residents.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: High</p> | 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | • CDBG • Section 108 | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Fund economic development activities creating 3 new or improved services | • Fund economic development activities creating new or improved services |
| <p>15. Offer economic incentives for development in CRAs HCDD will continue to address revitalization in CRAs by offering economic incentives for developers, businesses, bankers, and other interested entities that assist in the revitalization efforts. This action will incentivize private development in CRAs which will spur continued private investment revitalizing the community.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MC – Priority: High</p> | 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | • CDBG-DR • CDBG • Section 108 | Start: 2015 Complete: 2018 | • Fund economic incentives | • Fund economic development activities in CRAs or other communities designated for investment. |
| <p>16. Provide downpayment assistance funds for 500 low- and moderate-income households to purchase a home HCDD's Downpayment Assistance Program provides downpayment assistance to eligible low- and moderate-income households to purchase a home anywhere in the city. This action will expand housing choice for low- and moderate-income households by allowing these households these households to seek housing in neighborhoods that may have more opportunity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: High</p> | 5. Lack of Income/Funding | • CDBG • HOME | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Provide downpayment assistance loans to 500 households | • 50 households (with entitlement funds) |
| <p>17. Provide home repair assistance for 250 low- and moderate-income households HCDD's Single Family Home Repair Program 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, this action helps to upgrade the housing stock in mostly low-income, minority areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: High</p> | 5. Lack of Income/Funding 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | • CDBG • TIRZ | Start: 2016 Complete: Ongoing | • Provide housing repair assistance to 250 households | • Provide assistance to 100 households with emergency repairs or general rehab |

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| 18. 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 50 jobs. 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 | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Create or retain 50 jobs | • Create or retain 27 jobs |
| 19. Prioritize affordable housing proposals near transit options in RFP HCDD will prioritize housing proposals near transportation options by giving priority to proposals through the RFP process. This action will address the lack of transportation options by creating greater access to transit opportunities by locating affordable housing near transit. Priority: High | 11. Lack of transportation options | • None | Start: 2015 Complete: 2019 | • 100% of RFPs will have priority for proximity to transit | • Produce 1 RFP |
| 20. Promote multifamily affordable housing development in high opportunity areas HCDD will prioritize housing proposals in high opportunity areas or CRAs by giving preference to proposals through the RFP process. This action will address patterns of segregation by locating affordable housing in areas with more opportunity. MC – Priority: High | 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status | • None | Start: 2015 Complete: 2019 | • 100% of RFPs will have priority for location | • Produce 1 RFP |
| 21. HCDD will pursue additional financial resources to support fair housing activities HCDD will pursue additional resources by applying for grants such as the FHIP to support its continued fair housing efforts. 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: High | 5. Lack of Income/Funding | • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Apply for 5 grants • Increase in funding available | • If applicable, apply for Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) funding |
| 22. Create education material, or electronic access to material, in support of other actions as a way to educate government staff and community residents in fair housing HCDD will create original educational material including posters, flyers, brochures, and presentations that can be easily dispersed or can be available on-demand on the city's website to government staff and/or the community. By creating unique fair housing materials, HCDD can better tailor its outreach efforts to reach different groups with specific information needed. Priority: High | 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing 14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents | • CDBG-Outreach Material | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • 10 materials created 10 materials updated | • Create 2 materials • Update 2 materials |

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| <p>23. Translate HCDD's public notices about the consolidated planning process and other documents, as needed, into languages other than English HCDD will continue to translate its planning and housing program information documents prioritizing the documents most requested. This action will address the lack of communication between government and residents by ensuring HCDD documents are accessible to non-English speakers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SN – Priority: High</p> | <p>2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing 14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 of documents translated per language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translate 2 documents |
| <p>24. Review fair housing impediments and strategies annually and report on the progress in the CAPER HCDD will continue to offer a transparent review for the public of the actions taken to further fair housing. The draft CAPER is open for public comment for at least 15 days before submission to HUD. This action provides a way for citizens to review and comment on the progress of furthering fair housing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: High</p> | <p>14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update CAPER annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 2016 CAPER |
| <p>26. Translate HHA documents into languages other than English HHA will continue to translate its documents prioritizing the documents requested. This action will address the lack of communication between government and residents by ensuring HHA documents are readable by non-English speakers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SN – Priority: High</p> | <p>14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHA | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 documents translated per language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translate 2 documents |
| <p>27. Update HHA's Language Assistance Plan annually HHA will continue to update its Language Assistance Plan yearly in the Annual Plan. This action will ensure that approaches to reach out to persons with limited English proficiency are analyzed and updated periodically and promote communication between HHA and LEP residents.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SN – Priority: High</p> | <p>14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHA | Start: 2015 Complete: Annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Language Assistance Plan annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Language Assistance Plan |
| <p>29. HHA will expand the Opportunity Center's activities HHA will pursue partnerships and/or financing to expand resources available at the HHA Opportunity Center which provides meaningful and extensive mobility counseling for its voucher program participants. This action will ensure that voucher participants understand opportunities for housing in areas outside of their neighborhood promoting desegregation and the deconcentration of poverty.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MC – Priority: High</p> | <p>6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No City Funding Needed | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional resources secured | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue all activities including book fairs and educational counselors |
| <p>30. HHA will affirmatively market housing programs to families least likely to be served HHA will affirmatively market HHA waiting lists to families that are least likely to be served and monitor site and central waiting lists to identify practices that positively and negatively impact affirmatively furthering fair housing. This action will help to integrate HHA's housing programs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: High</p> | <p>6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No City Funding Needed | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in waiting list demographics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans to market heavily to demographics not represented |

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| 31. Monitor lending data HCDD will collect and analyze HMDA lending data to monitor lending trends for patterns of potential discrimination. 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: 2015 Complete: Annually | • Update and maintain database of longitudinal lending data | • Update lending data |
| 32. Monitor HUD Fair Housing Complaint Data HCDD will collect and analyze HUD fair housing complaint data to monitor trends for patterns of potential housing discrimination. 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 housing 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: 2015 Complete: Annually | • Update and maintain database of longitudinal complaint data | • Update complaint data |
| 33. Develop or update datasets to describe the local supply and demand for accessible housing units HCDD will work with partners to develop or update datasets regarding housing for persons with disabilities because there is little detailed data available regarding the supply of housing and the various needs of persons with disabilities at the community or neighborhood level. This action will help to develop data that will better describe local accessible housing supply and local needs of persons with disabilities. This data will then be used to more efficiently allocate resources to address the lack of accessible housing and to create more accessible housing options. D – Priority: Medium | 4. Lack of Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities | • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: 2016 | • Update or collect 5 local datasets • Partner with 3 organizations | • Update 1 dataset • Partner with 1 organization |
| 35. Monitor code enforcement activities and address imbalances in implementation if needed HCDD will monitor code enforcement activities. This action will ensure that city services, specifically code enforcement, are not unfairly targeting housing occupied primarily by residents of various protected classes. Priority: Medium | 1. Discrimination in Housing 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | • CDBG-staff time | Start: 2015 Complete: Annually updated | • Update analysis annually • Meet with DON if any concerns found | • Continue monthly analysis for monitoring |

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| <p>36. Conduct an analysis of Community Reinvestment Act funding in Houston and meet with banks to coordinate efforts for reinvesting in the community Banks are required by the Community Reinvestment Act to invest in certain communities. HCDD will research and analyze how banks have utilized funds to satisfy the Community Reinvestment Act's requirements. After research is completed, HCDD or other city staff will meet with banking institutions to discuss ways in which funding could be used to increase housing choice and opportunity, especially related to the city's efforts. Banking institutions have funding required to be reinvested in minority and low-income neighborhoods and this funding could be used to address imbalanced distribution of neighborhood assets while supporting housing affordability in all neighborhoods.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Priority: Medium</p> | 5. Affordability 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status 9. Imbalanced distribution of amenities, services, and infrastructure between neighborhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-staff time | Start: 2016 Complete: 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze local use of Community Reinvestment Act funding • Increase quality of relationships with banks • Increase number of partnerships with banks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research funding distribution |
| <p>37. Meet with banking institutions to promote locating branches in minority areas HCDD will meet with banking institutions to discuss how they can better serve minority families by locating their services in minority neighborhoods. This action will promote a balance distribution of access to private financial services in the city.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Priority: Medium</p> | 8. Lack of Financial Education 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-staff time | Start: 2015 Complete: 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with banking institutions • Increase number of branches and financial services available in minority areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to partner with BankOn Houston |
| <p>38. Meet with developers to promote private development in minority areas HCDD will promote development in minority areas by meeting with business owners or residential or commercial developers. This action will encourage increased private investment in neighborhoods currently lacking private investment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MC – Priority: Medium</p> | 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-staff time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase private development in minority areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with developers |
| <p>39. Host and work with the Fair Housing Interdepartmental Leadership Team HCDD will continue to host city departments at the Fair Housing Interdepartmental Leadership Team meetings to discuss AFFH and coordinate various fair housing efforts. These meetings will be held at least three times annually. By coordinating fair housing outreach efforts with other city departments, the city can more efficiently reach city staff and citizens with appropriate fair housing materials ultimately promoting fair housing knowledge as well as ensuring that the development of policies and programs citywide consider fair housing issues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NH – Priority: Medium</p> | 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • City Department-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold three meetings annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host three meetings |
| <p>40. Provide outreach to 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NH – Priority: Medium</p> | 5. Lack of Income/Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct 50 outreach activities • Reach 10,000 individuals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct 10 outreach activities • Reach 2,000 individuals |

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| 42. 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 | 10. NIMBY Resistance 14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach materials | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend 50 events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend 10 events |
| 43. Encourage affordable housing developers to conduct community engagement activities HCDD will promote community engagement activities by suggesting housing developers funded by HCDD conduct outreach activities such as public meetings, charettes, open houses, or informational process during project development. These meetings would allow developers to discuss existing conditions and the future neighborhood vision. This action will directly engage communities to alleviate fears and address misconceptions about affordable housing. Priority: Medium | 10. NIMBY Resistance 14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 100% of RFPs with community engagement notification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create RFP with community engagement notification |
| 45. Work to dispel misconceptions about assisted housing HCDD and HHA will work to dispel the perception that assisted housing is just for minorities by conducting outreach to inform the public on assisted housing opportunities. Non-minority households will be targeted. 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: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | Continue to be involved in national education campaign Hold meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to educate the public through the SAY YES! Campaign and other initiatives |
| 48. 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 34,750 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. NH – Priority: Medium | 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods 12. Low educational Attainment Among Minorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund youth enrichment and education programs for 34,750 children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance to 5,000 children and youth |
| 49. 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 1,335 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. D, SN, NH – Priority: Medium | 5. Lack of Income/Funding 12. Low educational Attainment Among Minorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support job training for 1,335 persons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support job training for 380 persons |

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| <p>50. Work with partners to explore ways to increase knowledge of health hazards HCDD will work with partners to disseminate fair housing and health hazard information, which may include making materials available in city facilities maintained by HHSD. This action will address health hazard exposure in certain areas by making citizens aware of their neighborhood's health conditions related to fair housing issues, such as communities that have historically and continually been exposed to poor air quality, lead-based paint hazards, and other hazardous conditions or poor infrastructure.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NH – Priority: Medium</p> | 13. Increased Health Hazard Exposure in Certain Neighborhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials • HHSD | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 500 people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 100 people |
| <p>51. Provide lead-based paint information to families who might be at risk lead poisoning HCDD and HHSD will provide information about lead-based paint hazards to families who might be at risk. This action will help to educate residents, including those of certain protected classes, about possible health hazards in their community.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NH – Priority: Medium</p> | 13. Increased Health Hazard Exposure in Certain Neighborhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials • HHSD | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 500 people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 100 people |
| <p>52. Expand where people look for housing by creating a long-term educational publicity campaign HCDD will partner with developers to provide a long-term educational publicity campaign to help broaden the locations where residents of various races and ethnicities think to look for housing. This action will encourage residents to look in more neighborhoods when seeking housing and this could decrease segregation and deconcentrate poverty.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">– Priority: Medium</p> | 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG-Staff Time • CDBG-Outreach Materials | Start: 2017 Complete: Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 2,000 people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research ways to expand housing choice |
| <p>53. HHA will prioritize capital improvements of public housing properties HHA will annually undertake a physical needs assessment to prioritize capital improvements at properties that would be designed to attract those residents least likely to apply. This action will attract more residents to apply for HHA's housing assistance which will help desegregate its housing programs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: Medium</p> | 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No City Funding Needed | Start: 2015 Complete: Annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review assessment annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review priorities identified in the Physical Needs assessments |
| <p>54. HHA will review market analysis to determine if payment standards need updating Conduct a market analysis of fair market rents by zip code and area of the community and evaluate the distribution of vouchers to determine if payment standards should be reevaluated. This action will ensure that HCV holders can access communities that are not traditionally leased by HCV holders.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MC – Priority: Medium</p> | 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No city funding needed | Start: 2015 Complete: Annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review analysis annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review analysis upon publication of the FMRs |

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| <p>56. Monitor and comment on changes to public transportation related to fair housing HCDD will provide input on fair housing implications related to planned actions by METRO during appropriate public comment processes. This action will help to ensure fair housing was incorporated into any policy decisions made to public transportation in Houston.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: Low</p> | 11. Lack of Transportation Options | • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Submit 2 comments | • Monitor comment period for opportunity to submit comment |
| <p>57. Conduct an analysis of infrastructure deficiencies The city will conduct an analysis of infrastructure to identify deficiencies in minority areas. This research and analysis action will help in the allocation of future infrastructure resources in minority neighborhoods.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MC, NH – Priority: Low</p> | 9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods | • CDBG-staff time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Better understand infrastructure deficiencies in minority areas | • Continue to compile information in support of future analysis |
| <p>59. Partner with 20 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 the City's downpayment assistance program. 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 in the downpayment assistance program but aren't yet ready for homeownership to the resources available to improve their financial standing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NH – Priority: Low</p> | 5. Lack of Income/Funding 8. Lack of Financial Education | • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2015 Complete: Ongoing | • Partner with 20 organizations | • Partner with 4 organizations |
| <p>62. Encourage the addition of a scope of work for accessibility features for all residential permit approvals HCDD will meet with the Plan Review staff to encourage the inclusion of an accessibility features scope of work in the plan submittal for all residential permits. This action will address the lack of accessible housing for persons with disabilities by ensuring accessibility features are present in residential plans.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: Low</p> | 4. Lack of Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities | • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2016 Complete: 2016 | • Research ways to implement through the plan submittal process • Meet with Planning and Development staff | • Work with Public Works and Engineering Permitting Center |

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| <p>60. Research changes to integrate AFFH into subdivision process HCDD will research and recommend including the following in the City's subdivision process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developers should agree to produce print and Internet advertising targeted to certain racial/ethnic groups that are not represented in the community currently to receive subdivision approval • Developers and sales agents should give every client a brochure that identifies illegal discriminatory practices • All advertising should display fair housing logo <p>This action will decrease segregated housing patterns by encouraging private residential developers to AFFH and make housing opportunities known to racial/ethnic groups that are not represented currently in a specific community or neighborhood.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: Low</p> | 2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing 6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status | • CDBG-Staff Time | Start: 2016 Complete: 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend updates to subdivision process • Update subdivision process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Planning staff |

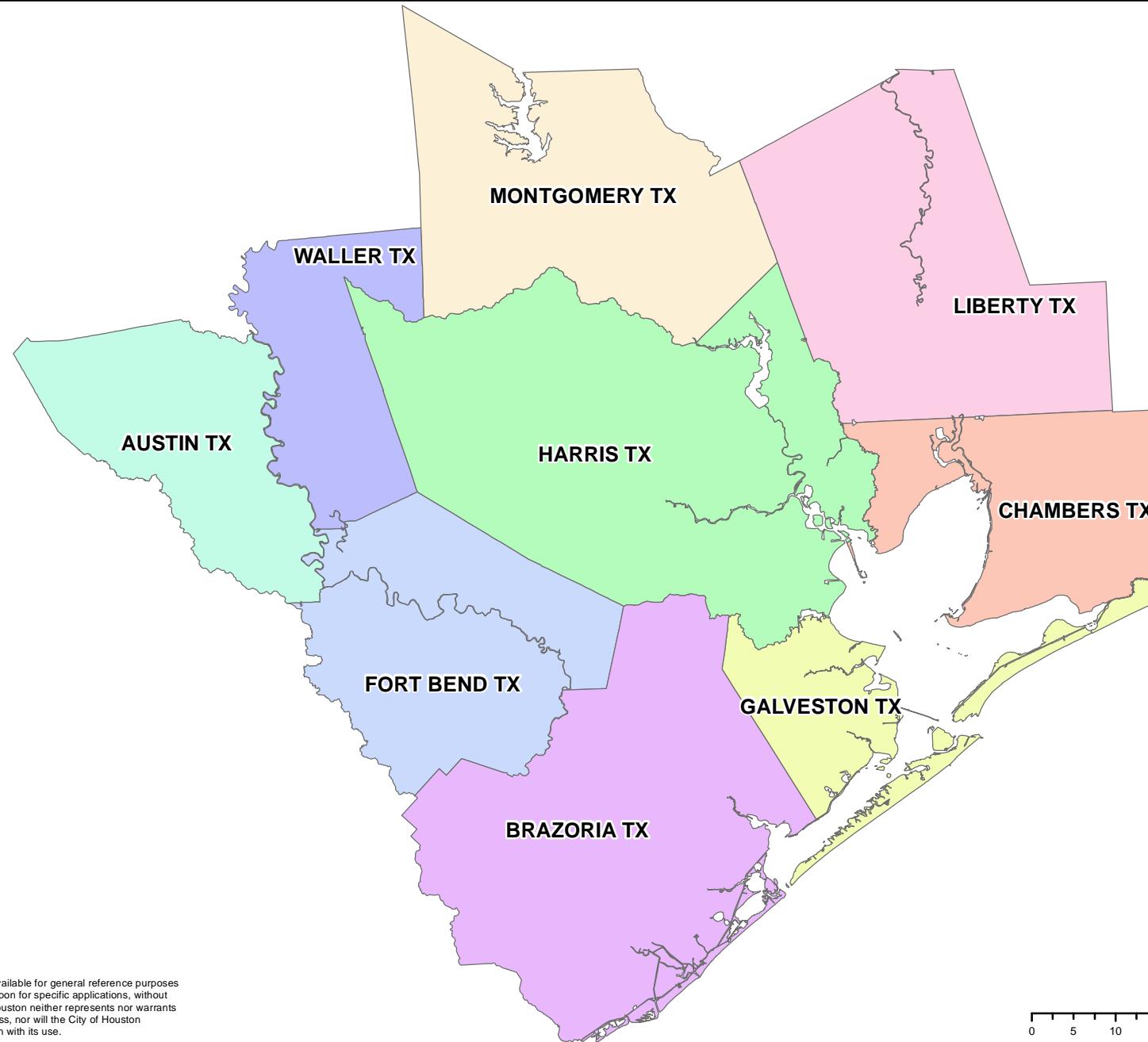
Acronyms – AFFH: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, CRA: HCDD's Community Reinvestment Area, DON: Department of Neighborhoods, GHFHC: Greater Houston Fair Housing Center, HCDD: Housing and Community Development Department, HCIL: Houston Center for Independent Living, HCV: Housing Choice Voucher, HHA: Houston Housing Authority, HHSD: Houston's Health and Human Services 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, PWE: Public Works and Engineering Department, SWMD: Solid Waste Management Department, TIRR: The Institute from Rehabilitation and Research

Houston FHEO Designation, if applicable: MC – Action associated with minority concentration, D – Action associated with disability issues, H – Action associated with homelessness, SN – Action associated with other special needs, and NH – if action is associated with non-housing needs.

Priority: Low, Medium, and High

Appendix # 2: Maps

Housing Opportunity for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Areas



Map Produced: 3.1.16

Sources: HCDD & COHGIS

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Areas for Community Reinvestment (ACR)



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Housing & Community
Development Department**

Legend

■ Areas of Community Reinvestment

- 2. GREATER GREENSPoint
- 4. FAIRBANKS / NORTHWEST CROSSING
- 5. GREATER INWOOD
- 6. ACRES HOME
- 11. LANGWOOD
- 13. INDEPENDENCE HEIGHTS
- 19. WESTCHASE
- 25. ALIEF
- 26. SHARPSPOINT
- 27. GULFTON
- 29. WESTWOOD
- 30. BRAEBURN
- 35. SOUTH MAIN
- 36. BRAYS OAKS
- 39. FONDREN GARDENS
- 40. CENTRAL SOUTHWEST
- 42. IAH / AIRPORT AREA
- 45. NORTHSIDE/NORTHLINE
- 46. EASTEX - JENSEN AREA
- 47. EAST LITTLE YORK / HOMESTEAD
- 48. TRINITY / HOUSTON GARDENS
- 49. EAST HOUSTON
- 50. SETTEGAST
- 51. NEAR NORTHSIDE
- 52. KASHMERE GARDENS
- 55. GREATER FIFTH WARD
- 56. DENVER HARBOR / PORT HOUSTON
- 58. NORTHSHERE
- 59. CLINTON PARK TRI-COMMUNITY
- 63. SECOND WARD
- 64. GREATER EASTWOOD
- 65. HARRISBURG / MANCHESTER
- 67. GREATER THIRD WARD
- 68. GREATER OST / SOUTH UNION
- 69. GULFGATE RIVERVIEW / PINE VALLEY
- 70. PECAN PARK
- 71. SUNNYSIDE
- 73. GOLFCREST / BELLFORT / REVEILLE
- 75. MEADOWBROOK / ALLENDALE
- 76. SOUTH ACRES / CRESTMONT PARK
- 77. MINNETEX
- 78. GREATER HOBBY AREA
- 79. EDGE BROOK AREA
- 82. MAGNOLIA PARK
- 83. MACGREGOR
- 85. SPRING BRANCH CENTRAL
- 86. SPRING BRANCH EAST
- 88. LAWNDALE / WAYSIDE

■ City Limits

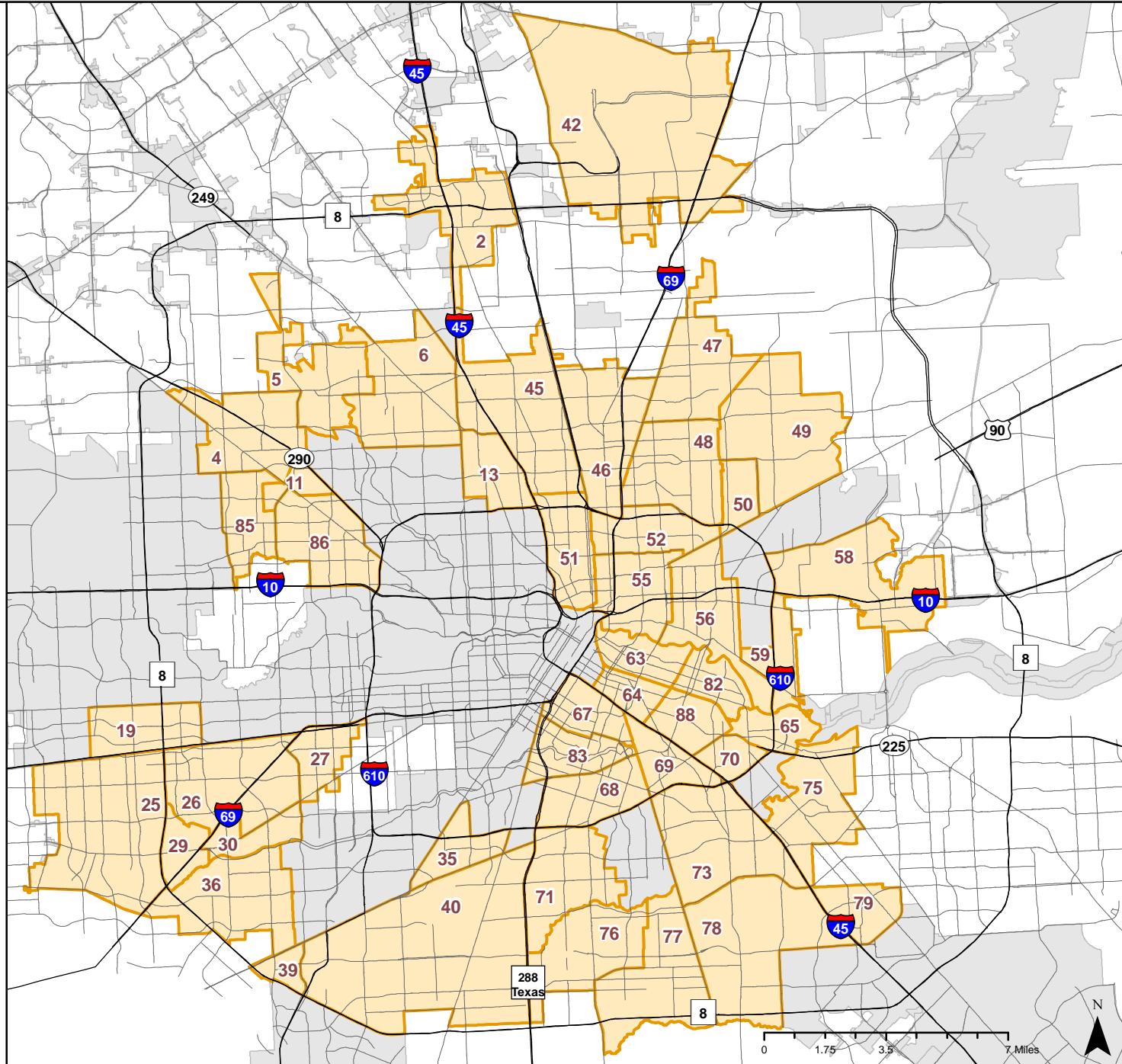
— Freeways

— Major Thoroughfares

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Complete Communities

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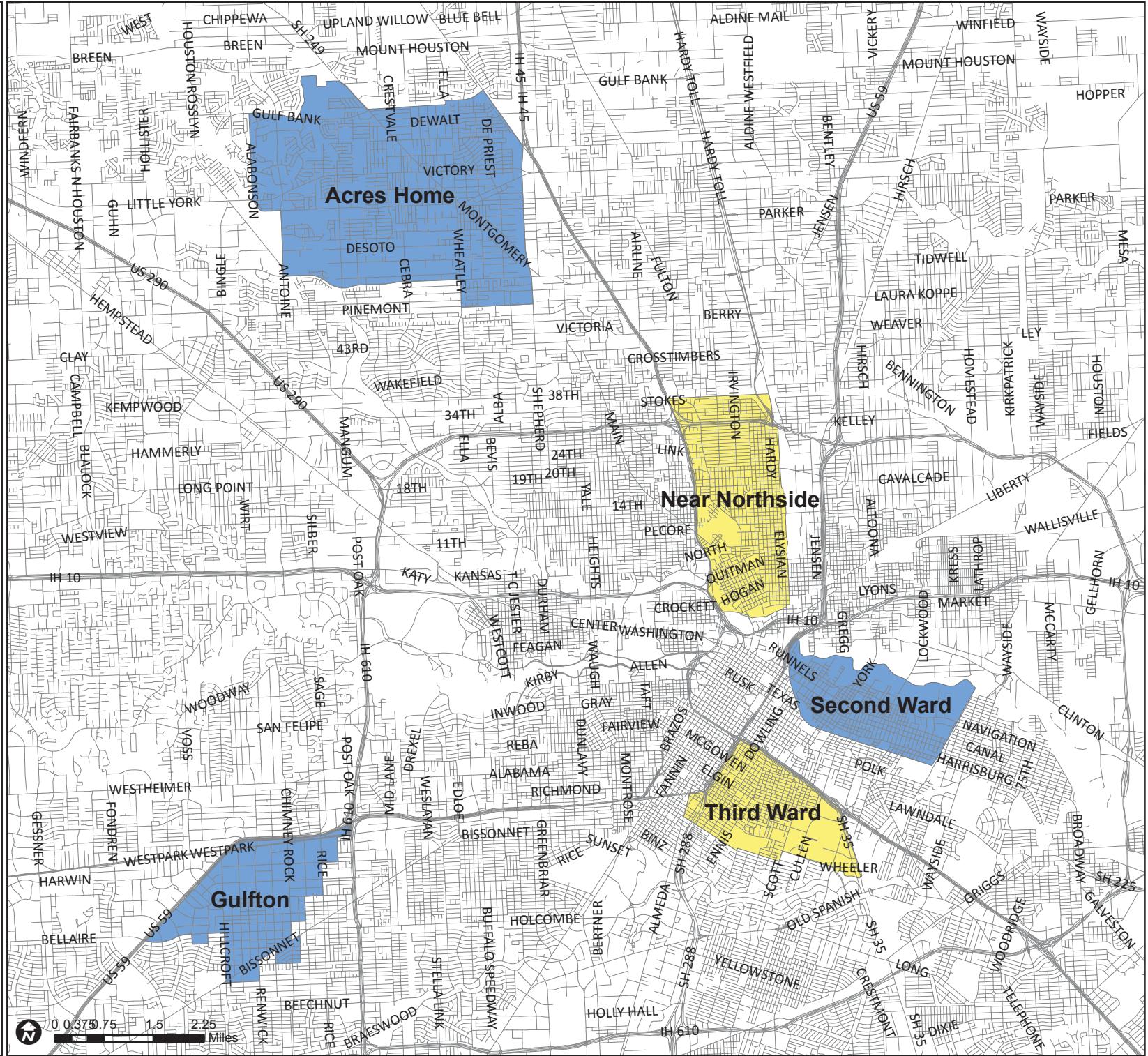
- City as Lead
 - Managed by Others

Source: Planning & Development Dept
Date: 4/4/2017

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Daycare Program - CDBG



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Development Department

Legend



Service Provider

1. Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans
 2. Chinese Community Center
 3. Community Family Center, Inc.
 4. SEARCH - Center for the Homeless
 5. Wesley Community Center



Minority Concentration

51% - 100% LMI Persons



City Limits



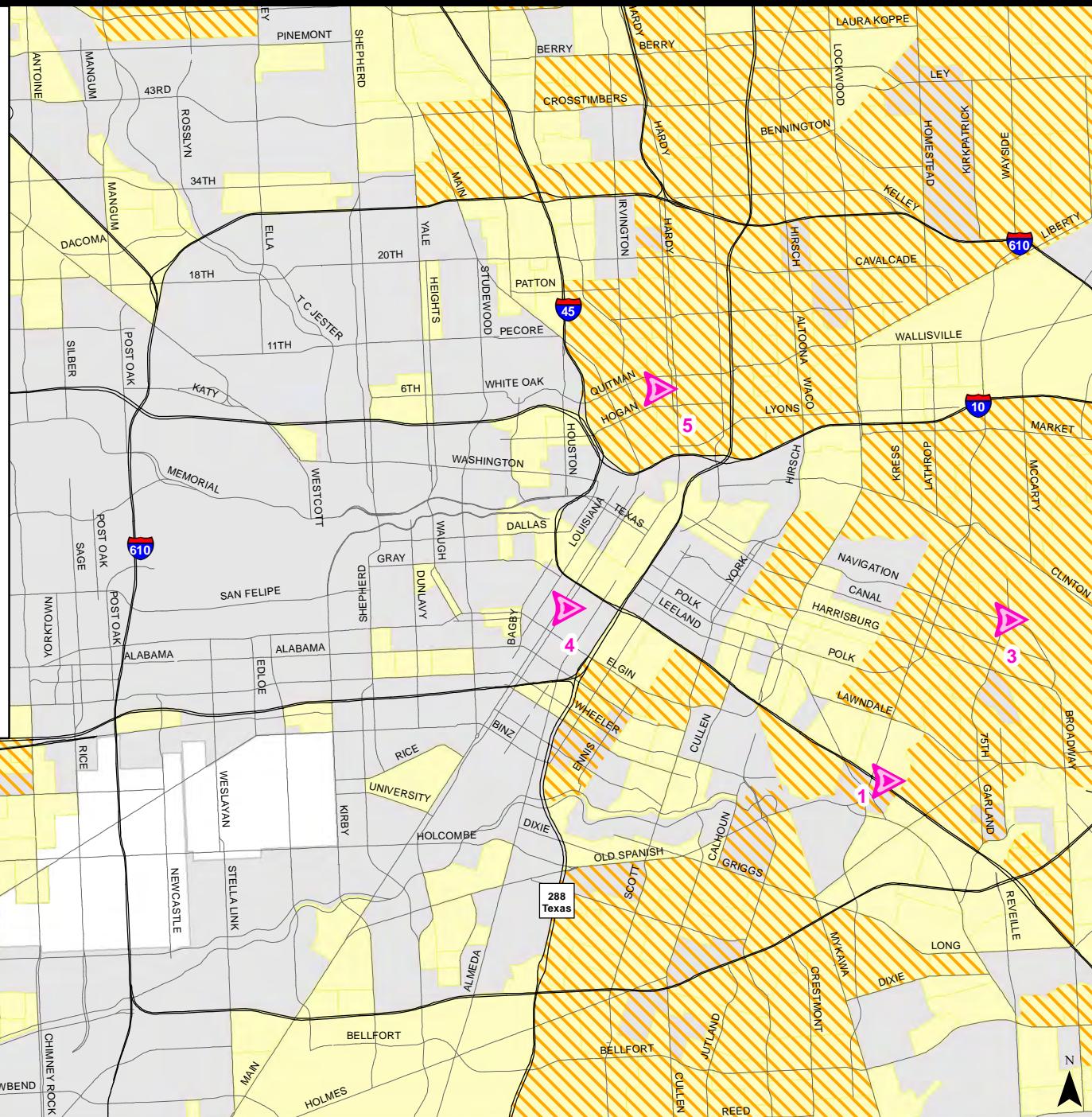
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Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program - CDBG



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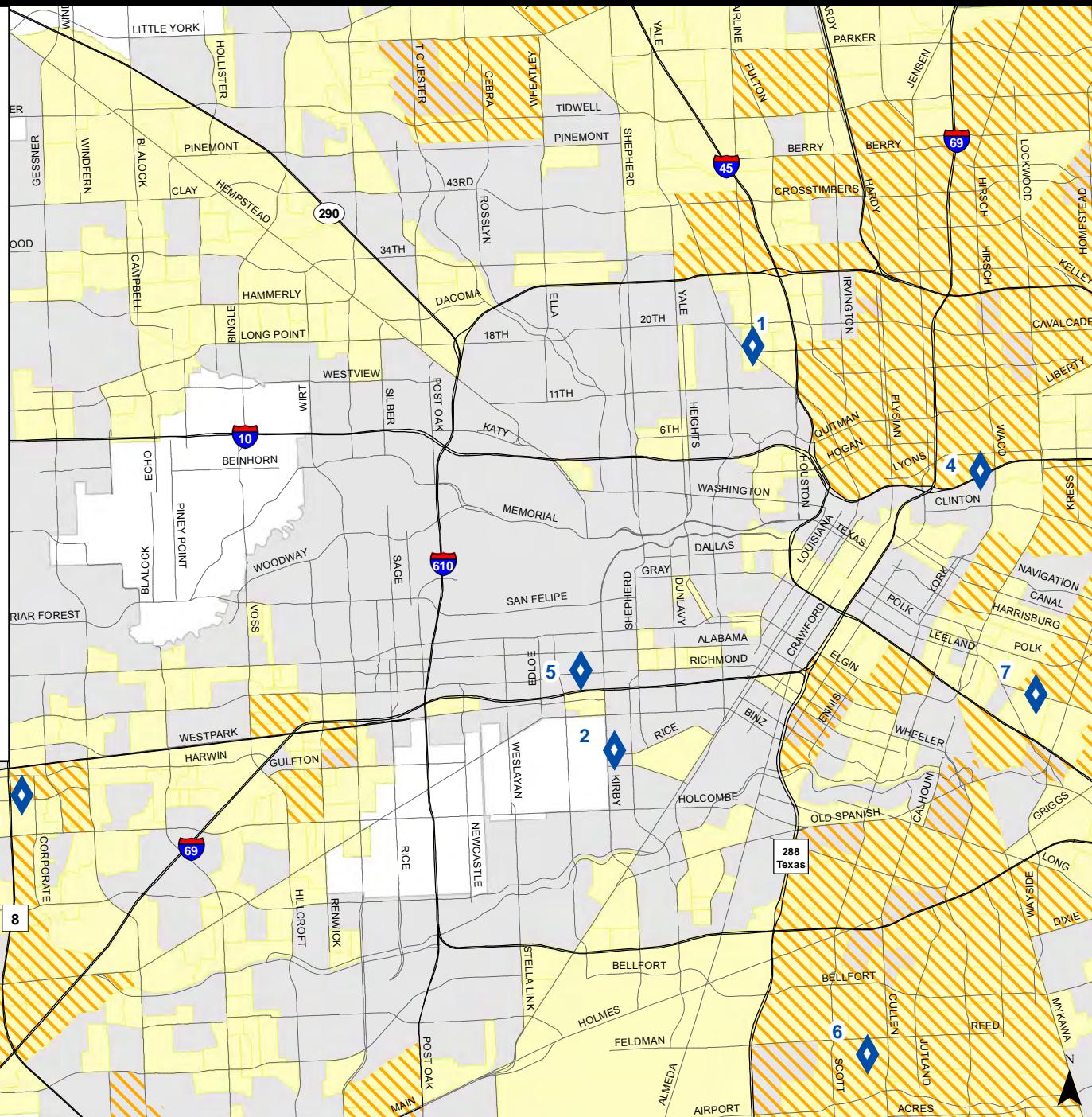
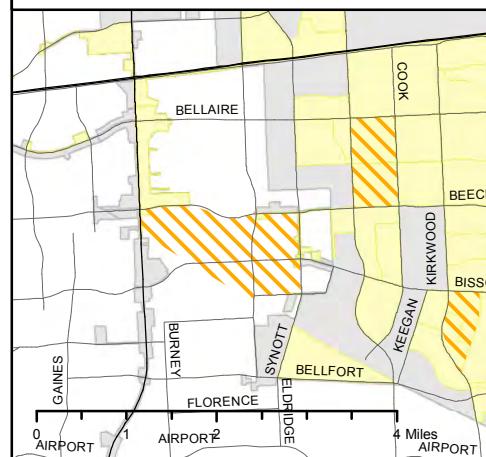
- ◆ Service Provider
 - 1. Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston
 - 2. Children's Assessment Center Foundation
 - 3. Chinese Community Center
 - 4. Fifth Ward Enrichment
 - 5. Project Grad
 - 6. Pro-Vision Academy
 - 7. Unlimited Visions After Care, Inc.
- Minority Concentration
- 51% - 100% LMI Persons
- City Limits
- Freeways
- Major Thoroughfares

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Mayor's After-School Achievement Program - CDBG



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Legend

Service Provider

1. Academy of Accelerated Learning
2. Chinese Community Center
3. Cullen Middle School
4. Edison Middle
5. Hobby Elementary
6. Horn Elementary
7. Julia C Hester House
8. Pleasantville Elementary
9. Solutions for Better Living

Minority Concentration

51% - 100% LMI Persons

City Limits

Freeways

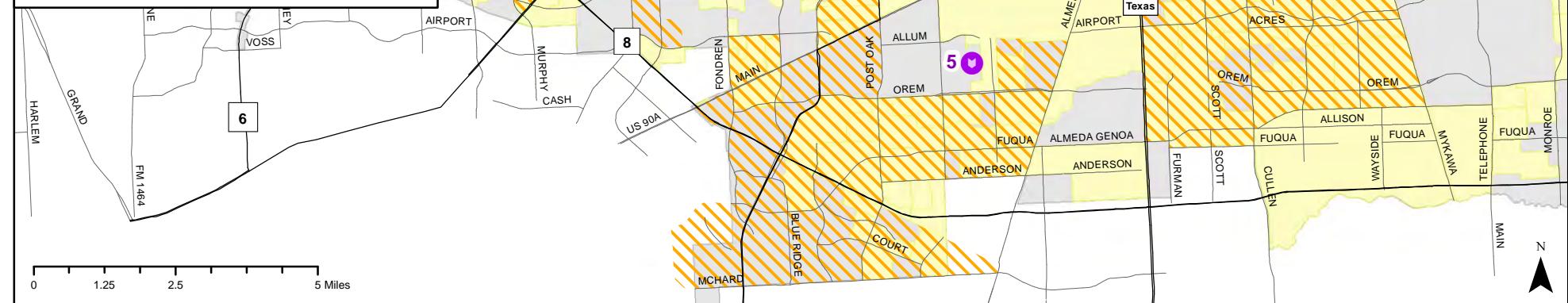
Major Thoroughfares

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Youth Enrichment Program - CDBG

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- Service Provider**
- 1 Alief
- 18 Lincoln
- 2 Burnett Bayland
- 19 Marian
- 3 Charlton
- 20 Mason
- 4 Clark
- 21 Melrose
- 5 Clinton
- 22 Montie Beach
- 6 Crestmont
- 23 Moody
- 7 Eastwood
- 24 R L & Cora Johnson
- 8 Edgewood
- 25 Selena-Denver Harbor
- 9 Emancipation
- 26 Settegast
- 10 Finnigan
- 27 Shady Lane
- 11 Garden Villas
- 28 Sharpstown
- 12 Hartman
- 29 Sunnyside
- 13 Highland
- 30 Swindle - Cloverland
- 14 Hobart Taylor
- 31 Tidwell
- 15 Ingrando
- 32 Townwood
- 16 Judson Robinson Sr.
- 33 Tuffy
- 17 Lakewood

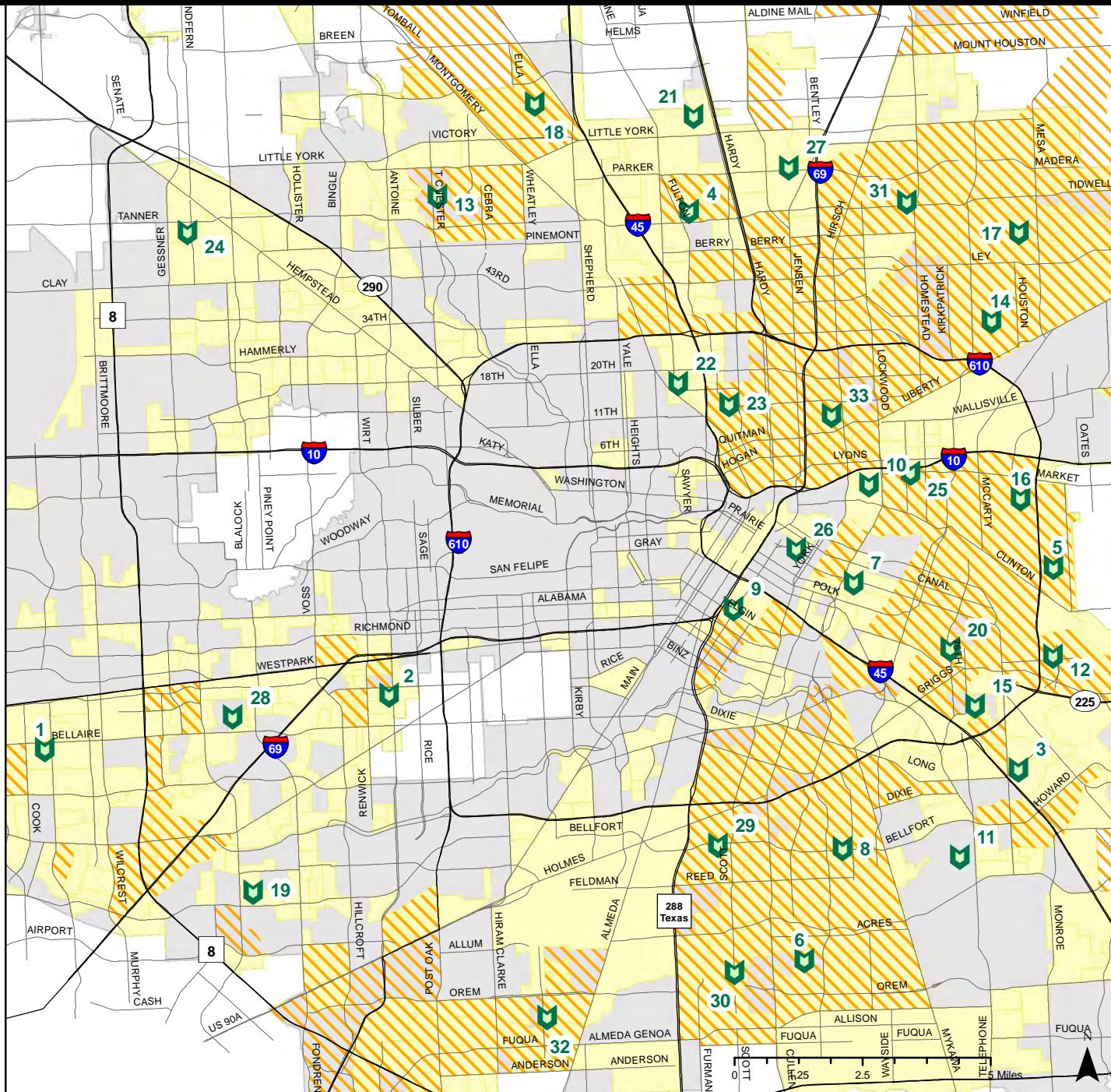
- Minority Concentration**
- 51% - 100% LMI Persons**
- City Limits**
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Direct Funded Public Service Activities - CDBG



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● Service Provider

1. Capital IDEA Houston
2. Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County
3. Educational Programs Inspiring Communities
4. Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston
5. Local Initiatives Support Corporation
6. SEARCH, Inc.
7. The Men's Center DBA Recenter
8. The Village Learning Center, Inc.
9. The Women's Home

■ Minority Concentration

■ 51% - 100% LMI Persons

■ City Limits

— Freeways

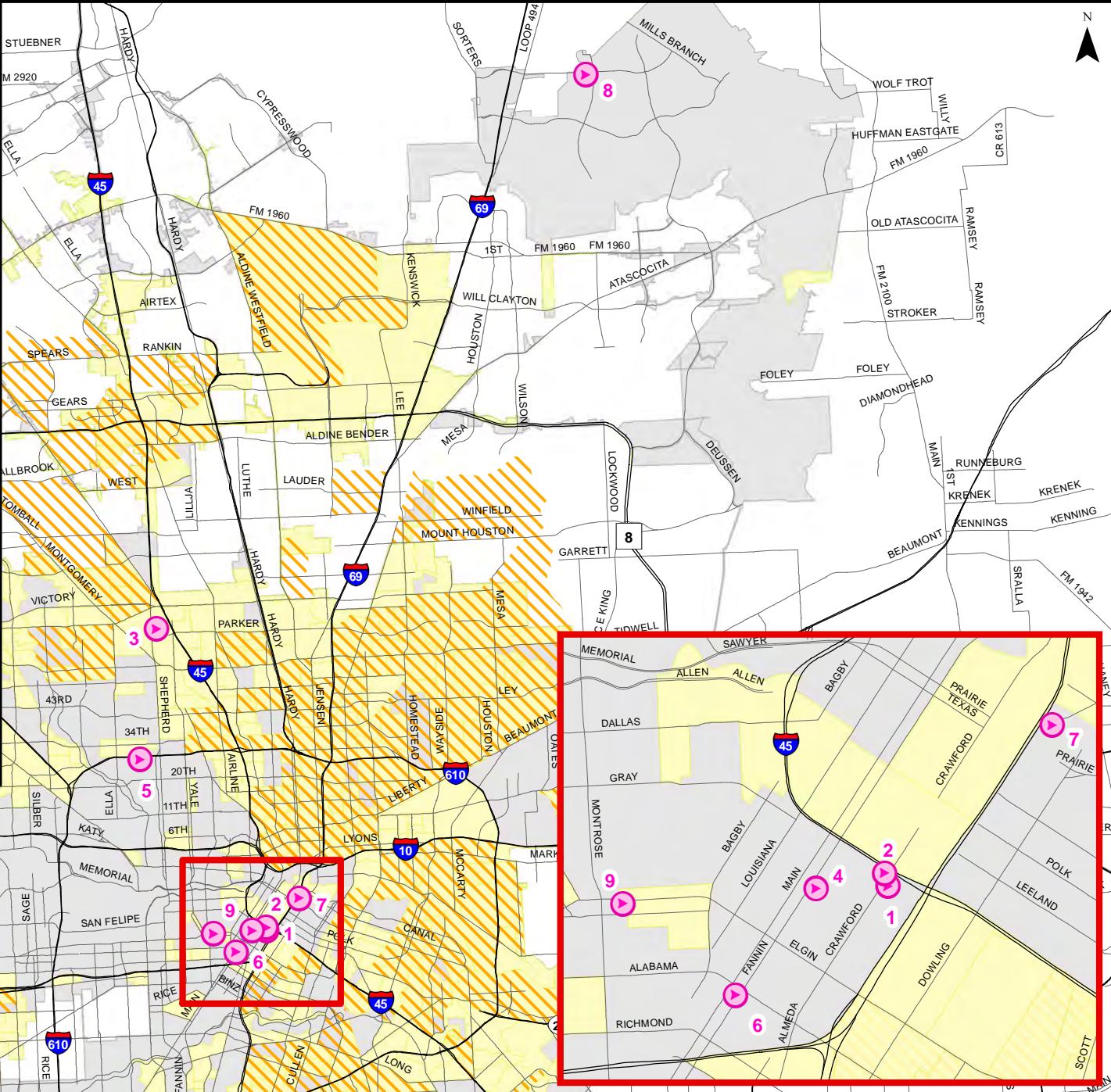
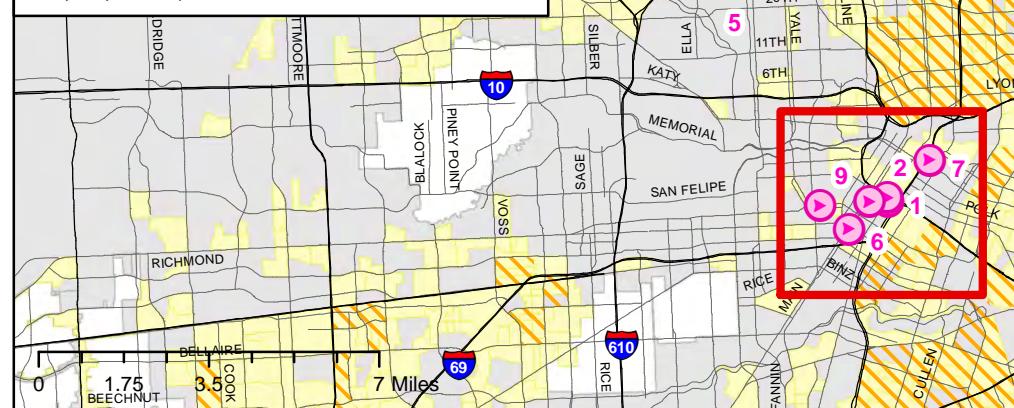
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Contract Period PY 2016 - 2017 (PY2016 Funding)

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Homeless Activities - ESG



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Legend

Service Provider

1. Bay Area Turning Point*
2. Catholic Charities
3. Covenant House Texas
4. Fort Bend Women's Center*
5. Harris County
6. Houston Area Women's Center
7. Salvation Army
8. SEARCH- Center for the Homeless
9. The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.*

*These agencies are not represented on the map

Minority Concentration

51% - 100% LMI Persons

City Limits

Freeways

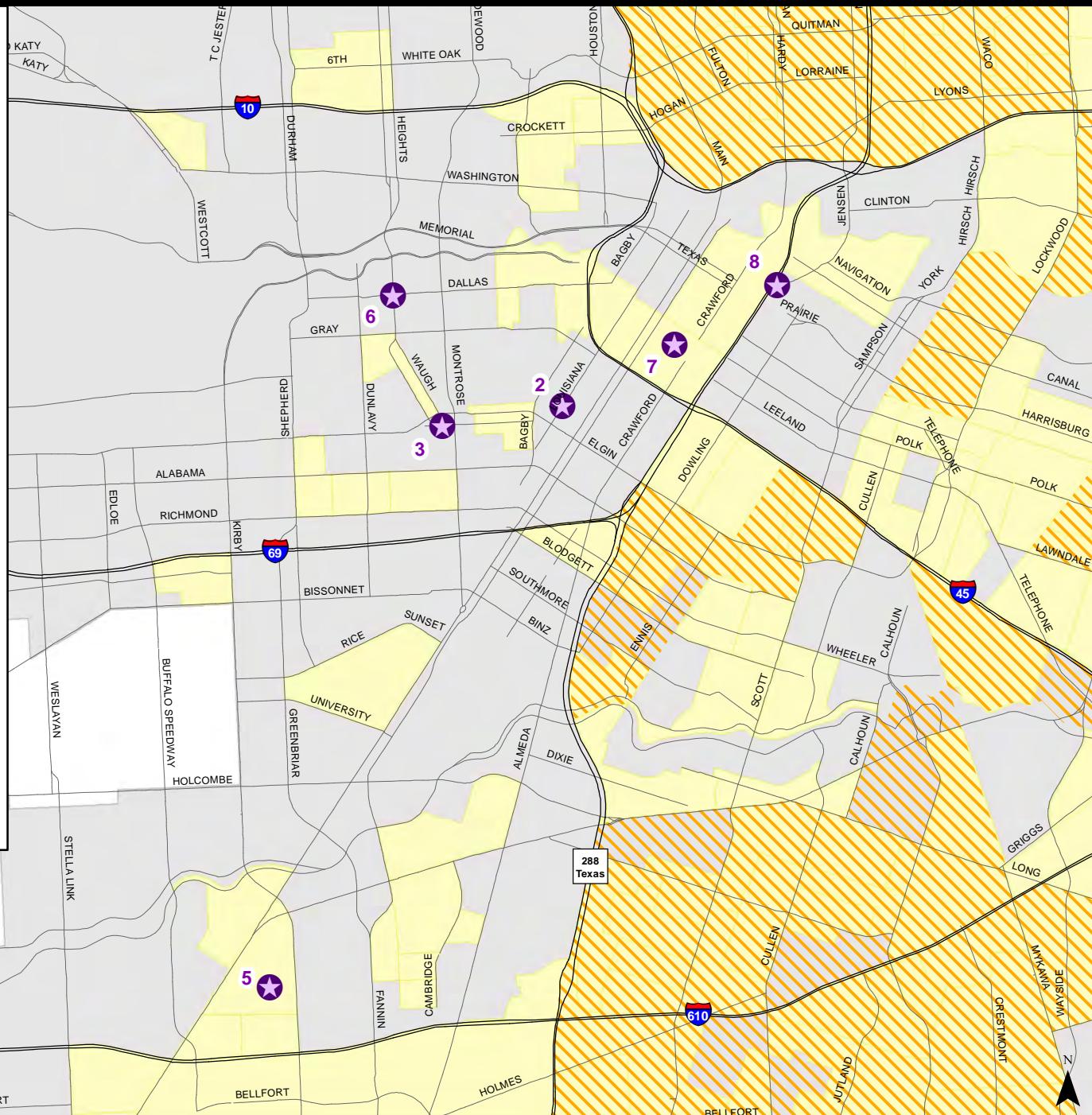
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Multifamily Housing Investments - CDBG and HOME



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Multifamily Developments

1. Cleme Manor*
2. NHH Harrisburg
3. Pleasant Hill Village
4. Pointe at Crestmont
5. Sunrise Orchard
6. Watercrest at Kingwood*
7. Woodland Christian Tower*
8. 4600 Main Street/Light Rail Lofts
9. 8606 N. Main (Independence Heights)
10. Feniz Estates

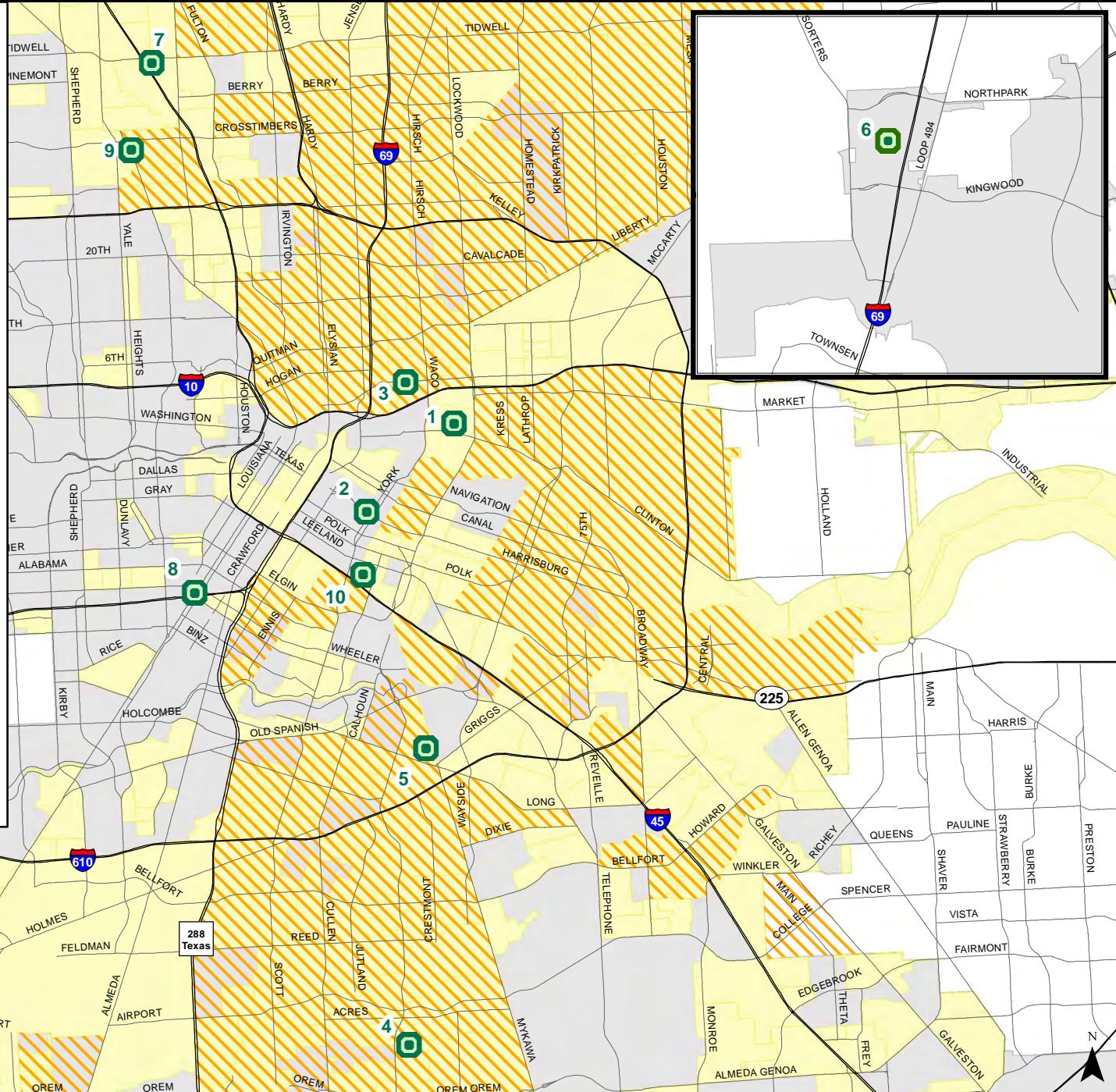
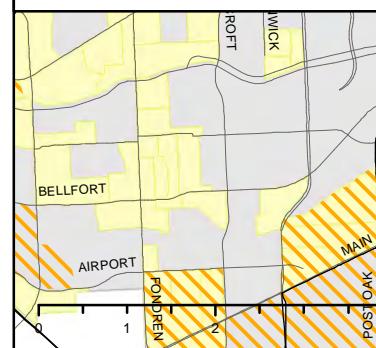
*Anticipated completion in PY2017

- Minority Concentration
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Public Facility Investments - CDBG



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1. Bering Omega Community Services
2. Bush Elementary SPARK Park*
3. Chinese Community Center
4. Clifton Middle SPARK Park*
5. Hartsfield Elementary SPARK Park
6. Houston Community College*
7. Houston Furniture Bank
8. Lockhart Elementary SPARK Park*
9. Looscan Elementary SPARK Park*
10. Pro-Vision, Inc.*
11. Robinson Elementary SPARK Park*
12. SER-Jobs for Progress of Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.*
13. SER-Nionos Charter School Library*
14. The Women's Home WholeLife Service Center*
15. WALIPP*

* Anticipated completion in PY2017



City Limits

Freeways

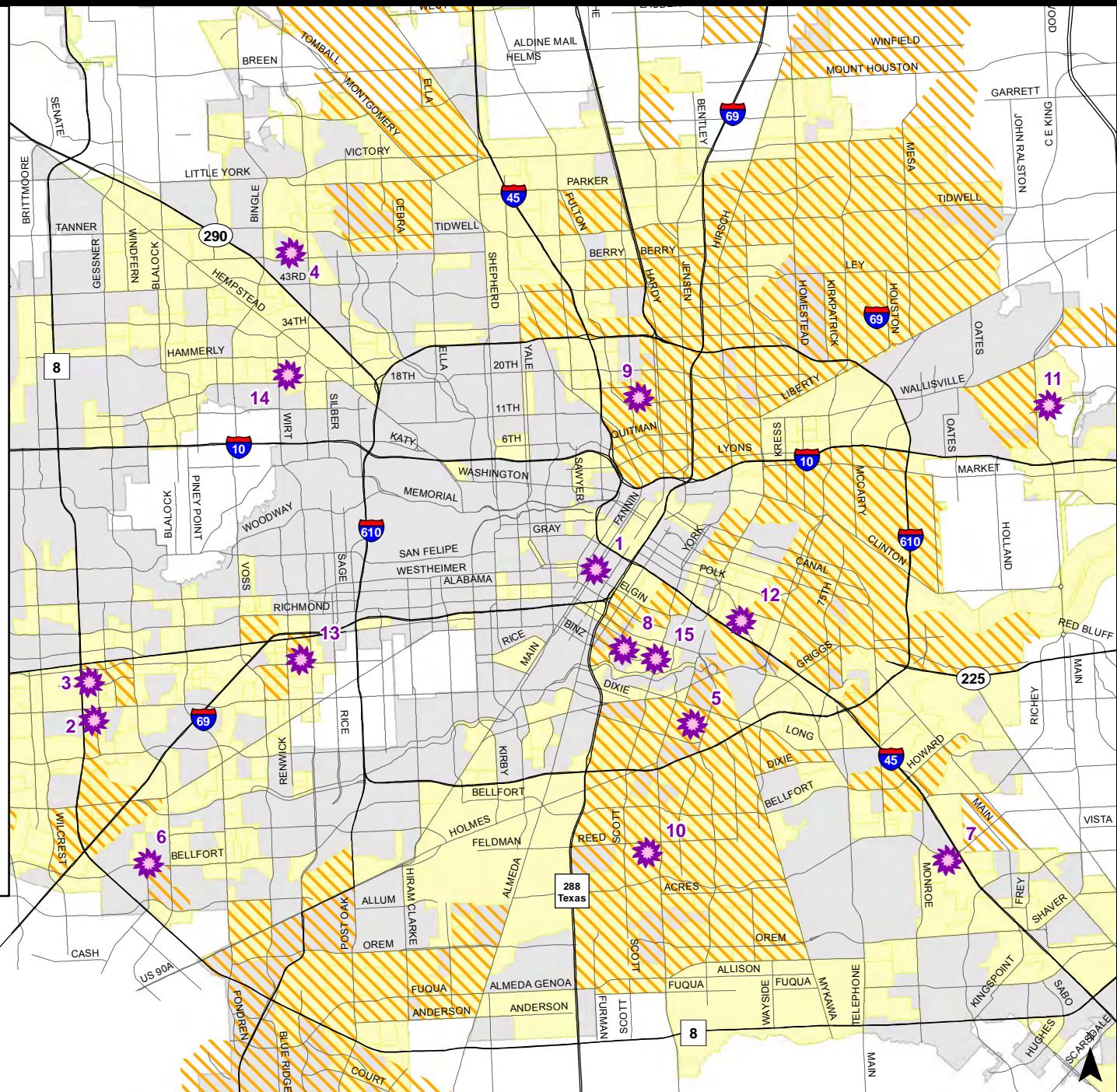
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Appendix # 3: Grant Applications – SF-424s

FC 77326
2017-0516

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 10/31/2019

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

| | | |
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| * 1. Type of Submission: | * 2. Type of Application: | * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision | |
| * 3. Date Received: | 4. Applicant Identifier: CDBG - B17-MC48-001 | |
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier: | 5b. Federal Award Identifier: | |
| State Use Only: | | |
| 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: | 601 Sawyer | |
| Street2: | P.O. Box 1562 | |
| * City: | Houston | |
| County/Parish: | | |
| * State: | TX: Texas | |
| Province: | | |
| * Country: | USA: UNITED STATES | |
| * Zip / Postal Code: | 77251-1562 | |
| e. Organizational Unit: | | |
| Department Name: | Division Name: | |
| Housing and Community Dev Dept | | |
| 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:

Community Development Block Grant

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

City of Houston

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

CDBG Grant Funds - PY 2017

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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: 07/01/2017 * b. End Date: 06/30/2018

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| * a. Federal | <input type="text"/> 22,033,446.00 |
| * b. Applicant | <input type="text"/> |
| * c. State | <input type="text"/> |
| * d. Local | <input type="text"/> |
| * e. Other | <input type="text"/> |
| * f. Program Income | <input type="text"/> 153,644.00 |
| * g. TOTAL | <input type="text"/> 22,187,090.00 |

* 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:

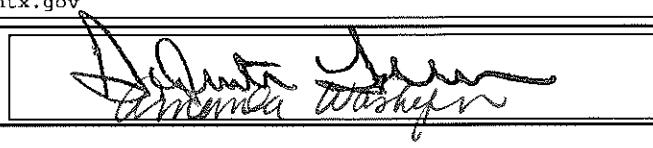
* Last Name: Turner

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor

* Telephone Number: 832-393-1011 Fax Number:

* Email: sylvester.turner@houstontx.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed: 9-18-17

Attest/Seal:

Carla Russell

City Secretary

Countersigned:

O. B. Brown

City Controller Jenna Ball

DATE OF COUNTERSIGNATURE: 9-19-17 2017

APPROVED:

Kurt W. Bynum
Director (Deputy)
Housing and Community Development Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barbara J. Pierre
Senior Assistant City Attorney

CDBG Budget Page

| CDBG Funds | Estimated Allocation (PY 2017 / FY 2018) |
|---|---|
| | |
| Sources | |
| Projected CDBG Grant Award | \$ 22,033,446 |
| Projected Program Income | \$ 153,644 |
| Projected CDBG Funding | \$ 22,187,090 |
| Uses | |
| Program Administration* | \$ 4,437,418 |
| Public Services** | \$ 3,200,774 |
| ESG Match (1:1 - Includes In-Kind)** | \$ 500,000 |
| Public Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 5,245,000 |
| Single Family Housing Repair | \$ 4,025,000 |
| Homeownership Assistance | \$ 1,000,068 |
| Lead-Based Paint | \$ 750,000 |
| Multifamily Housing | \$ 300,000 |
| Economic Development | \$ 100,000 |
| Code Enforcement | \$ 2,608,830 |
| Total | \$ 22,187,090 |

*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 2017 / FY 2018) |
|---|---|
| Sources | |
| Multifamily Housing Loan Repayments/Fees | \$ 153,644 |
| Projected CDBG Funding | \$ 153,644 |
| Uses | |
| Program Administration | \$ 30,728 |
| Public Services | \$ 25,766 |
| Public Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 97,150 |

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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| * 3. Date Received: | | 4. Applicant Identifier: HOME - M17-MC-48-0206 |
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier: | | 5b. Federal Award Identifier: |
| State Use Only: | | |
| 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: Street2: * City: County/Parish: * State: Province: * Country: * Zip / Postal Code: | 601 Sawyer P.O. Box 1562 Houston TX: Texas USA: UNITED STATES 77251-1562 | |
| 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 | |

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Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Grant

*** 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:**

HOME Grant Funds - PY 2017

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

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| * f. Program Income | <input type="text" value="94,943.00"/> |
| * g. TOTAL | <input type="text" value="6,862,050.00"/> |

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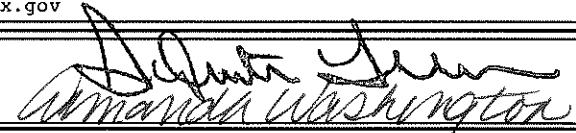
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* Signature of Authorized Representative:



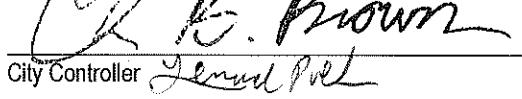
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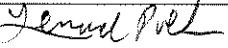
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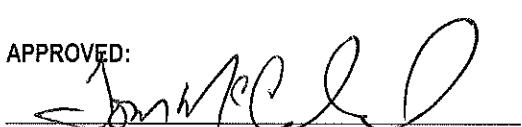
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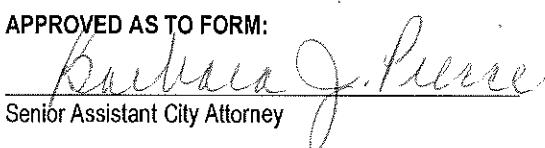
APPROVED:



Director

Housing and Community Development Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Senior Assistant City Attorney

HOME Budget Page

| HOME Funds | Estimated Allocation (PY 2017 / FY 2018) |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Sources | |
| Projected HOME Grant Award | \$ 6,767,107 |
| Projected Program Income | \$ 94,943 |
| Projected HOME Funding | \$ 6,862,050 |
| Uses | |
| Planning and Administration* | \$ 686,205 |
| Multifamily Development | \$ 5,146,537 |
| Single Family Development** | \$ 1,029,308 |
| Total | \$ 6,862,050 |

*Planning and Administration up to 10% of Grant Amount + Projected Program Income

**15% CHDO set aside included

HOME Estimated Program Income

| Source | |
|---|-----------|
| Multifamily Housing Loan Repayment Fees | \$ 64,853 |
| Interest Income | \$ 1,000 |
| Uses | |
| Program Administration | \$ 8,284 |
| Multifamily Development | \$ 55,469 |

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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| * 3. Date Received: | 4. Applicant Identifier: HOPWA - TXH17F003 | |
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier: | 5b. Federal Award Identifier: | |
| State Use Only: | | |
| 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: | 601 Sawyer | |
| Street2: | P.O. Box 1562 | |
| * City: | Houston | |
| County/Parish: | | |
| * State: | TX: Texas | |
| Province: | | |
| * Country: | USA: UNITED STATES | |
| * Zip / Postal Code: | 77251-1562 | |
| 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: | | |
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| Middle Name: | | |
| * Last Name: | McCasland | |
| Suffix: | | |
| Title: | Director | |
| Organizational Affiliation: | | |
| * Telephone Number: 832-394-6282 | | Fax Number: |
| * Email: Tom.McCasland@houstontx.gov | | |

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.241

CFDA Title:

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

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

City of Houston

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HOPWA Grant Funds - PY 2017

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

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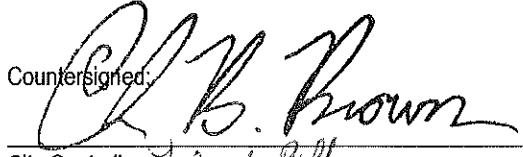
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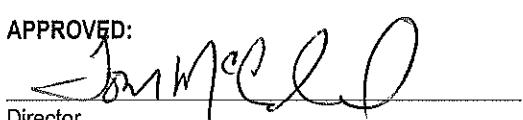
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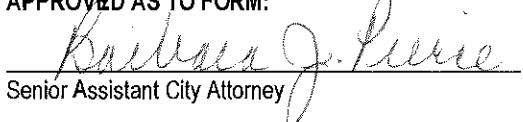
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Tom McCloud

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Barbara J. Pierce

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HOPWA Budget Page

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| | |
| Sources | |
| Projected HOPWA Grant Award | \$ 9,731,610 |
| Uses | |
| Operating Costs | \$ 1,819,000 |
| Supportive Services | \$ 2,345,000 |
| Project or Tenant Based Rental Assistance | \$ 3,571,000 |
| Short-term Rent, Mortgage, & Utility Subsidies | \$ 923,450 |
| Resource Identification/Technical Assistance/Housing Information | \$ 100,000 |
| Grantee Administration -- HCDD | \$ 291,948 |
| Sponsor Administration -- Subgrantees | \$ 681,212 |
| Total | \$ 9,731,610 |

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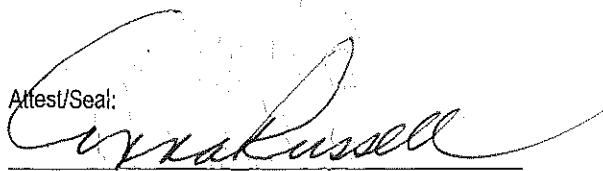
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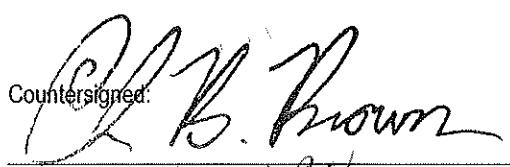
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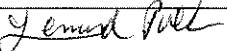
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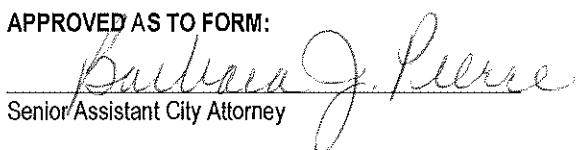
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Housing and Community Development Department

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Senior Assistant City Attorney

ESG Budget Page

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|---|---|
| Sources | |
| Projected ESG Grant Award | \$ 1,993,229 |
| Uses | |
| Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) | \$ 80,000 |
| Emergency Shelter | \$ 663,000 |
| Homeless Prevention | \$ 400,200 |
| Rapid Rehousing | \$ 700,537 |
| Administration | \$ 149,492 |
| Total | \$ 1,993,229 |

Appendix # 4: Certifications

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

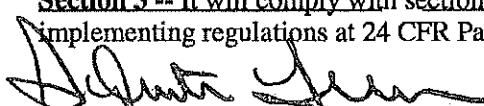
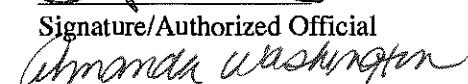
Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official Date 8-177


Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2017, 2018, 2019(a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

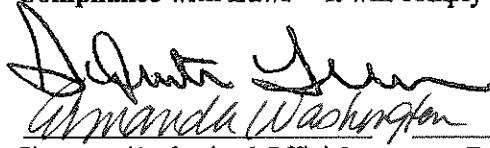
jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



Amanda Washington 8-1-17
Signature/Authorized Official Date

Mayor

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

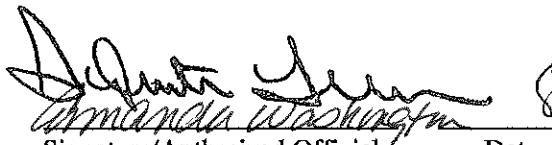
The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



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Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Mayor

Title

ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

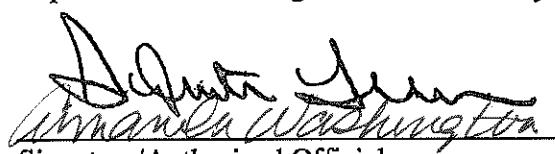
Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from

publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



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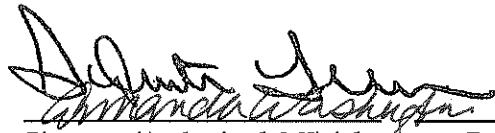
HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Appendix # 5: ESG Guidelines

CITY OF HOUSTON

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS

PROGRAM

WRITTEN STANDARDS

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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 Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care which includes Harris County, the City of Houston, Fort Bend County and the City of Pasadena, and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs funding within the CoC geographic area. 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 as the City of Houston gains more experience with and collects more data from services provided with the Emergency Solutions Grants program. The Standards serve as the guiding principles for funding programs. The Business Rules outline the operations and process for carrying out each program component.

STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ALL PROGRAM COMPONENTS

ELIGIBLE ESG PROGRAM COMPONENTS

There are four (4) ESG Program Components:

1. Rapid Re-Housing,
2. Emergency Shelter,
3. Homelessness Prevention and
4. Street Outreach.

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

COORDINATING ASSESSMENT & SERVICES AMONG PROVIDERS

- City of Houston expects that all providers participate in the coordinated assessment system. 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.

Designate staff members for CoC Provider Input forum: Each agency will assign three representatives to the input forum, where at least one member 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 that 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 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.

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/attempts 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 will include an assessment form for diversion that providers are currently testing. Once testing has been finalized, the diversion assessment will be required for all providers, including DV providers.

Specific to Emergency Shelter,

- Any new client entering into shelter must also undergo a complete assessment to understand client needs and barriers and match the client to the most appropriate services provider.
- Clients will be prioritized within the emergency shelter system based on need, available resources and geographic area.

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 RE-HOUSING

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/attempts 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 re-housing 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 Family Income (AFI)** 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 RE-HOUSING

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

- Homeless Category 1: Literally homeless
- Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/attempts 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 re-housing. 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 are currently in their own housing, especially families with young children who have limited housing options but high needs for homelessness prevention funding.

RAPID RE-HOUSING

Coordinated access will prioritize individuals who are currently homeless but not in need of permanent supportive housing as eligible for rapid re-housing. 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 re-housing 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 Houston/Harris County/Ft. Bend County CoC, has adopted the CoC approved Housing Models to measure community outcomes for all housing interventions. The CoC requires that all subrecipients for ESG Rapid Re-Housing 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 wide tools to determine 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 Re-Housing 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 re-housing 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 re-housing 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 re-housing case managers should maintain an average case load of 35 clients. 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 re-housing assistance. As the rapid re-housing program for the continuum expands, this number may increase.

Case management includes home and office visits determined by client need and supported 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 re-housing case management at a minimum of 30 days after exiting the program. Clients who remain in housing for 90 days after exiting rapid re-housing, identified through HMIS, are categorized as stably housed.

Case management staff must have an updated copy of the Rental Assistance Agreement and ensure that the fiscal agent is informed of any changes to the participant rent share as indicated in the Housing Stabilization Plan.

REQUIRED SERVICES: HOUSING LOCATION SERVICES

Any subrecipient of ESG assistance must also have a dedicated housing navigation and location specialist for households receiving rapid re-housing, rather than the expectation that clients must navigate the system on their own. This specialized position will be dedicated to finding appropriate housing and developing relationships with affordable housing providers. This process facilitated by this position ensures ESG clients have greater housing choice. Housing navigators for rapid re-housing may have expertise based on location and type of housing.

REQUIRED SERVICES: INSPECTION AND LANDLORD AGREEMENT

Any unit that receives financial assistance through rapid re-housing 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 re-housing business rules.

Any unit that receives rental assistance payments through rapid re-housing must have an agreement in place between the financial assistance fiscal intermediary 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 re-housing 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

City of Houston will not allow ESG funds to be used for credit repair and legal services as eligible activities. 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 re-housing business rules.

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

OPTIONAL SERVICES: RENTAL APPLICATION FEES

City of Houston expects that rapid re-housing 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at or below 30% AFI AND • lack sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance. |
| Rapid Re-Housing | Annually | Families are required to provide information on income, assets greater than \$5,000, deductions, and family composition during the annual recertification process. |

APPENDIX A: HUD DEFINITION FOR HOMELESS

| HUD CRITERIA FOR DEFINING HOMELESS | Category 1 | Literally Homeless | <p>Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <u>and</u> who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | Category 2 | Imminent Risk of Homelessness | <p>Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <p>Any individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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APPENDIX B: HUD DEFINITION FOR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

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| HUD CRITERIA FOR DEFINING AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS | Category 1 | Individuals and Families | <p>An individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has an annual income below <u>30%</u> of median family income for the area; <u>AND</u> (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; <u>AND</u> (iii) Meets one of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; <u>OR</u> B. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; <u>OR</u> 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; <u>OR</u> 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; <u>OR</u> 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; <u>OR</u> F. Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; <u>OR</u> 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**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Eligibility by Component | Emergency Shelter | <p>Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in ES projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Re-Housing | <p>Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in RRH projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1: Literally Homeless • Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV (if the individual or family is also literally homeless) |
| | Homelessness Prevention | <p>Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in HP projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>Individuals and families who are defined as At Risk of Homelessness</p> <p>Additionally, HP projects must only serve individuals and families that have an annual income BELOW 30% AMI</p> |

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 (2014)**

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 Person Household | \$14,000 | (\$1,167/month) |
| 2 Person Household | \$16,000 | (\$1,333/month) |
| 3 Person Household | \$18,000 | (\$1,500/month) |
| 4 Person Household | \$20,000 | (\$1,667/month) |
| 5 Person Household | \$21,600 | (\$1,800/month) |
| 6 Person Household | \$23,200 | (\$1,933/month) |
| 7 Person Household | \$24,800 | (\$2,067/month) |
| 8 Person Household | \$26,400 | (\$2,200/month) |

<http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il2014/2014summary.odn>

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

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 (2012)

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 Person Household | \$7,250 | (\$604/month) |
| 2 Person Household | \$8,025 | (\$669/month) |
| 3 Person Household | \$9,025 | (\$752/month) |
| 4 Person Household | \$10,025 | (\$835/month) |
| 5 Person Household | \$10,850 | (\$904/month) |
| 6 Person Household | \$11,650 | (\$970/month) |
| 7 Person Household | \$12,450 | (\$1,038/month) |
| 8 Person Household | \$13,250 | (\$1,104/month) |

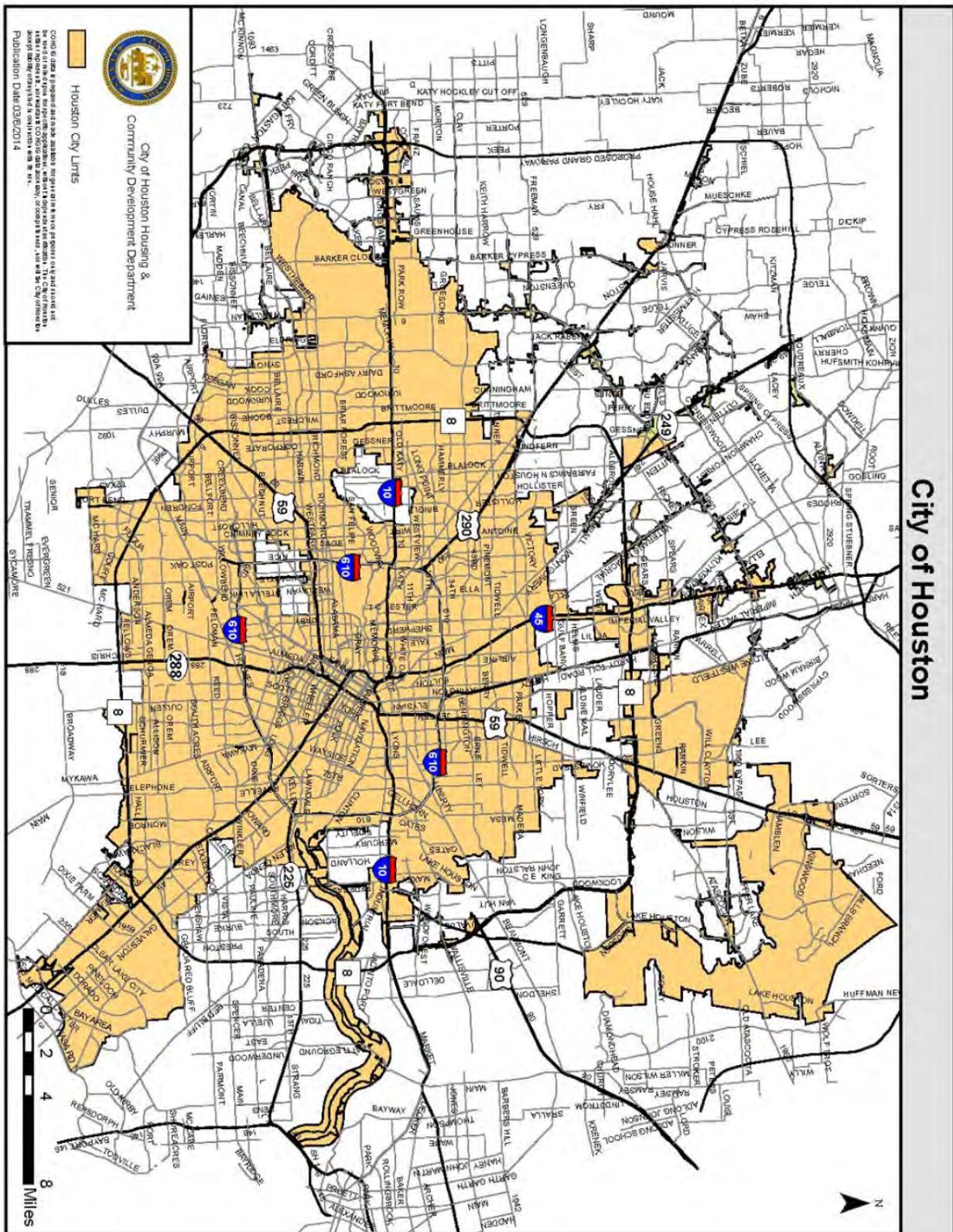
Tenant Barriers/Risk Factors Scoring

| Tally | Screening Barrier | Points for Barrier |
|-------|---|--------------------|
| _____ | Eviction history | 1 point |
| _____ | No credit references: has no credit history | 1 point |
| _____ | Lack of rental history: has not rented in the past | 1 point |
| _____ | Unpaid rent or broken lease in the past (separate from current unpaid rent) | 1 point |
| _____ | Poor credit history: late or unpaid bills, excessive debt, etc | 1 point |
| _____ | Past Misdemeanors | 1 point |
| _____ | Past Felony other than critical Felonies listed below | 1 point |
| _____ | Exiting criminal justice system where incarcerated for less than 90 days | 1 point |
| _____ | Critical Felony (drugs, sex crime, arson, crimes against other people) | 5 points |
| _____ | Pregnant or has at least one child 0 – 6 | 5 points |
| _____ | Head of household under 30 years old | 5 points |
| _____ | Family experienced literal homelessness in the past 3 years | 5 points |
| _____ | Only 1 adult in household | 5 points |
| _____ | TOTAL (Tally of Income & Tenant Barriers Scoring) | |

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.

City of Houston



Appendix # 6: Public Hearing Notices

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Public Notice

Please join the City of Houston's (City) Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) for its Fall Public Hearings in preparation for the 2017 Annual Action Plan (Plan). To comply with regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), these hearings are required in order to gain the public's input on community needs and budget priorities. The Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 2017.

The Fall Public Hearings are scheduled as follows:

| Location | Date |
|--|---|
| Kashmere Multi-Service Center 4802 Lockwood Drive Houston, TX 77026 | Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. |
| Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center 3810 West Fuqua Street Houston, TX 77045 | Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. |

Both venues are accessible for persons with disabilities. For additional information or to request special arrangements at the public hearings (interpreter, captioning for the hearing impaired, sign language, or other), contact Paula Jackson at 832.394.6181 or Paula.Jackson@houstontx.gov.

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CLASSIFIEDS**Aviso Público**

Por favor únase al Departamento de la Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario (HCDD) de la Ciudad de Houston (Ciudad) para sus Audiencias Públicas de Otoño en preparación para el Plan de Acción Anual (Plan) de 2017. Para cumplir con las normas establecidas del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD), estas audiencias son necesarias para obtener la entrada del público en las necesidades de la comunidad y las prioridades presupuestarias. El Plan debe presentarse a HUD para mayo de 2017.

Las Audiencias Públicas de Otoño están programadas de la siguiente forma:

| Ubicación | Fecha |
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| Kashmere Multi-Service Center 4802 Lockwood Drive Houston, TX 77026 | Lunes, 5 de diciembre de 2016 a las 6:00 p.m. |
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PUBLIC NOTICE**Public Notice**

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Để xem Bản Thảo Kế Hoạch nà, V.
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Các Buổi Điều Trần Công Cộng được ấn định như sau:

| Địa điểm | Ngày giờ |
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| Sources of Federal Funds | | |
|---|-------------|-------|
| Community Development Block Grant - \$22,072,479 | | |
| Public Facilities and Improvements | \$5,208,600 | 23.6% |
| Public Services | \$3,201,554 | 14.5% |
| ESG Match | \$500,000 | 2.2% |
| Single-Family Home Repair | \$4,000,000 | 18.1% |
| Homeownership Assistance | \$1,000,000 | 4.5% |
| Lead-Based Paint | \$750,000 | 3.4% |
| Multifamily Housing | \$300,000 | 1.4% |
| Economic Development | \$100,000 | 0.5% |
| Code Enforcement | \$2,597,830 | 11.8% |
| Program Administration | \$4,414,495 | 20.0% |
| HOME Investment Partnerships Grant - \$6,883,543 | | |
| Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation/Program Delivery | \$5,162,657 | 75.0% |
| Single-Family Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation/Program Delivery | \$1,032,532 | 15.0% |
| Program Administration | \$688,354 | 10.0% |
| Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant - \$9,543,100 | | |
| Operating Costs | \$1,780,000 | 18.7% |
| Supportive Services | \$2,300,000 | 24.1% |
| Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance | \$3,500,000 | 36.7% |
| Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | \$908,790 | 9.5% |
| Resource Identification/Technical Assistance/Housing Information | \$100,000 | 1.0% |
| Grantee Administration | \$286,293 | 3.0% |
| Sponsor Administration | \$668,017 | 7.0% |
| Emergency Solutions Grant - \$1,992,000 | | |
| Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) | \$80,000 | 4.0% |
| Emergency Shelter | \$662,600 | 33.3% |
| Homeless Prevention | \$400,000 | 20.1% |
| Rapid Re-Housing | \$700,000 | 35.1% |
| Administration | \$149,400 | 7.5% |
| Public Review and Comment Period | | |
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RESUMEN PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL DE 2017

Audencias Públicas

Favor de unirse al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Houston (HCDD) para las audiencias públicas de primavera para comentar y recibir comentarios del Proyecto del Plan de Accion Anual de 2017 (Plan). Las audiencias serán:

- Martes, 28 de marzo de 2017 a las 6:00 p.m. en el City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby Street, 77002
 - Jueves, 30 de marzo de 2017 a las 6:00 p.m. en el Acres Homes Multi-Services Center, 6719 W. Montgomery Road, 77091
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Propósito y Resumen

El Plan de Accion Anual 2017 (Plan) es la solicitud para fondos federales de la Ciudad de Houston. La solicitud esta sometida al Departamento de la Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) para la Beca de Desarrollo Comunitario en Bloque (CDBG), la Beca de HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), la Beca de Oportunidades de Vivienda para Personas con SIDA (HOPIVA) y la Beca de Emergency Solutions (ESG).

Las prioridades de financiación son vivienda, servicios de apoyo, facilidades de infraestructura/vecindario, y desarrollo económico. Las metas del Plan 2017 son (1) mejorar la calidad de vida, (2) ampliar las oportunidades de propiedad de vivienda, (3) fomentar el desarrollo económico de la comunidad, (4) preservar y expandir la oferta de vivienda asequible, (5) promover la equidad de vivienda, (6) proveer asistencia a las personas afectadas por HIV/SIDA, (7) reducir la falta de vivienda, y (8) revitalizar comunidades para las personas de Houston, la mayoría de quienes son de ingresos bajas y moderadas. El formato y la información presentada en el Plan se basan en los requisitos de HUD.

Durante el proceso de desarrollo del Plan, HCDD colabora con los residentes, depositarios de la comunidad, organizaciones del vecindario, y agencias sin y con fines de lucro para determinar estrategias en beneficio de las personas de Houston de bajos y moderados ingresos. Informacion sobre el proceso de planificación esta disponible en audiencias publicas. Las audiencias publicas de otono se llevaron a cabo el lunes 5 de diciembre de 2016 y el jueves 8 de diciembre de 2016. Las audiencias publicas de primavera estan programadas para el martes 28 de marzo de 2017 y el jueves 30 de marzo de 2017, segun se indica arriba.

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PUBLIC NOTICE 2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

請加入休士頓市住房和社區發展部 (HCDD) 舉行的春季公開聽證會，以提交和接收關於2017年年度行動計劃草案的意見。該計劃是紐約市向美國住房和城市發展部 (HUD) 提交的社區發展補助金 (CDBG)，家庭投資合作夥伴基金 (HOME)，愛滋病患者住房機會 (HOPWA) 和緊急解決方案撥款 (ESG)。

聽證會將於2017年3月28日星期二下午6:00在市政廳900 Bagby Street 77002和2017年3月30日星期四下午6:00在Acres Homes多元服務中心舉行，地址: 6719 W. Montgomery Road, 77091。這兩個場地均可供殘疾人使用。有關其他信息或要求特殊安排 (如翻譯，手語，聽力受損的CART)，請聯繫Mary Iz，電郵mary.iz@houstontx.gov或電832.394.6179。

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網路 www.houstontx.gov/housing

公共圖書館: 500 McKinney, 77002

HCDD辦公室 - 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007 (提供草案副本)

民眾可於3月13日星期一到4月12日星期三的30天審核期間，詳論2017年年度行動計劃。並在預定的公開聽證會期間提交意見。民眾意見可通過電子郵件至：mary.iz@houstontx.gov或寄送郵件到： HCDD, ATTN: Mary Iz, 地址: 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77007。該計劃可依要求提供適合的格式。

Appendix # 7: Public Comment Summaries

Summary of the Fall Public Hearings

In conformity with the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), the Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) held two public hearings in the fall of 2016 in support of the development of the 2017 Annual Action Plan. HCDD implemented a broad outreach campaign to promote public participation in the development of the 2017 Annual Action Plan. There was a concerted effort to reach out to a diverse population, including minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, and persons with special needs.

HCDD implemented citizen outreach suggestions received from the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). The campaign theme for the fall public hearings was "Houston Speak Up! We Are Listening".

Public notices were published in the *Houston Chronicle*, *La Voz de Houston*, *African American News & Issues*, *VietNam Moi News*, and *Forward Times*. The public hearings were announced on HCDD's Facebook page, Twitter page, and at www.houstontx.gov/housing. Flyers publicizing the public hearings were sent electronically by email to approximately 1,000 addresses of stakeholders and interested residents. A message publicizing the public hearings was sent electronically through CitizensNet to over 100,000 emails.

The fall public hearings were held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Kashmere Multi-Service Center 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both public hearing venues were easily accessible for persons traveling on public transportation. The venues also provided interior and exterior accessibility features for persons with a physical disability. CART 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 listed HCDD's Fair Housing Hotline as a resource for landlord/tenant or fair housing questions.

Approximately 73 people collectively attended the fall public hearings, 30 people offered public comments, and 7 people offered written comments regarding the information presented. Each attendee received an agenda and HCDD's Public Hearing Guidelines. In support of HCDD's fair housing education efforts, fair housing, and other HCDD program information was made available on the resource table.

Summary of Public Comments (December 5, 2016):

1. The first commenter serves as a community council chairman for ProUnitas Inc. and on the action committee for the Kashmere Gardens Livable Center Study. He stated the Kashmere and Trinity Gardens community is a food desert. He asked that the Kashmere area be considered for public and private funding to jump-start the housing market. He also requested a community based home repair program. He said that the Kashmere area is seeking development and is creating an initial work plan to focus on commercial development attraction, public safety, and code enforcement. Also, he asked the City to increase the lighting on the trail along Hunting Bayou. A recent study of the Kashmere community was conducted in June 2016 and a copy of the study was given to Ms. Brenda Scott for HCDD's records.
2. The second commenter is an employee of the Houston Center for Independent Living. She spoke for the disability and HIV community and stated that there is a high need of affordable and accessible housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS and persons with disabilities, especially units accessible for wheelchairs. She ended by stating there are too few job opportunities for persons with disabilities.
3. The third commenter works with an open data group in the city. He encouraged the City of Houston to fully implement the open data policy that has been available for around three years.

4. The fourth commenter works as an oncology social worker in the Medical Center. She said there is a housing need for low-income and homeless individuals. She encouraged the Houston Housing Authority to become more transparent in their application and application status process so that residents applying for housing understand the information they need and where they are on the waitlist. She stressed the need for additional temporary affordable housing for patients, and their families, getting treatment at the medical center.
5. The fifth commenter is a development consultant who has worked with multiple non-profit organizations within the Houston area. She stated a need for affordable housing in high income areas and sees that NIMBYism in these areas needs to be addressed. She asked for more affordable and accessible housing for persons with special needs, including individuals with a disability. She stressed the need for more public facilities and additional funding for group homes, persons with special needs, foster homes, veterans programs and the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) population.
6. The sixth commenter works with the North Houston District, formerly the Greenspoint District. He was encouraged to hear about the development of a multifamily task force to address issues related to livability in apartment complexes. He said there are opportunities for better coordination with the habitability section of Public Works and Engineering Department and apartment enforcement unit at Houston Police Department (HPD). Next, he mentioned that the Greenspoint area is a food desert, and he hoped that the City would continue to support economic development funding to address food deserts. Third, he encouraged the City to work together with the County to produce a regional Assessment of Fair Housing, a document that lists actions to affirmatively further fair housing in a five year period.
7. The seventh commenter represented Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church and requested for a mixed-use facility on the corner of Lyons and Jensen to produce area employment opportunities, similar to the development near Kirby and Alabama.
8. The eighth commenter represented The Houston Center for Independent Living. She stated that there is a lack of accessible, affordable, and integrated housing for people with disabilities, including housing for homeless individuals with multiple disabilities. She stated that persons with disabilities are being discriminated against in apartments, and the City should address this discrimination.
9. The ninth commenter is a resident from Acres Homes. He wants homeowner education classes in Acres Homes. He is interested in working with Acres Homes property owners of vacant lots to build homes and use downpayment assistance funding to offer homes to people in the community. He also encouraged the City to use local contractors and subcontractors when making community improvements.
10. The tenth commenter, a resident and member of the Second Ward Super Neighborhood, stated there is a lack of affordable single family homes. The majority of housing in the neighborhood is dilapidated rental housing. She spoke of the broken infrastructure, such as streets and sewers, throughout the community. She was also concerned by investors purchasing vacant properties and dilapidated structures and building homes unaffordable for local residents. She thought that this investment is also negatively changing the character of the neighborhood. She is interested in the Complete Communities Program, and asked Mr. McCasland to bring this to the Mayor's attention because Second Ward is in need of additional assistance from the City.
11. The eleventh commenter is a community development representative of a financial institution. He serves as on the Board of the Coalition for the Homeless and is a resident of Kashmere Gardens. He requested assistance for the Kashmere Gardens community and for it to be part of a Complete Community. He's asked for the City to meet the Coalition for the Homeless and its consultants concerning the problem of homelessness and how to provide permanent housing.

12. The Twelfth commenter thanked the other speakers for coming out and supporting the Kashmere Gardens community.
13. The Thirteenth commenter encouraged the City to coordinate efforts between the Solid Waste Department, the Parks and Recreation Department, Code Enforcement, and the Appraisal District to identify, target, and address substandard properties within or near the Northside, Hardy Yards, Kashmere, and Fifth Ward owned by people living outside of the area. This will assist to eliminate blight in the community.
14. The fourteenth commenter was concerned about the growing tax amounts for homeowners in gentrifying areas and asked for the City and the Appraisal District to make taxes more affordable in order help families maintain and stay in their homes.

Summary of Public Comments (December 8, 2016)

1. The first commenter serves as the president of the Lindsey Village Civic Club. Her concerns centered around old and dilapidated sidewalks in her community. In the current condition, these sidewalks are hazardous for residents, especially for seniors, and the repairs needed are too costly for many of the residents. She asked for the City's assistance to repair aging neighborhood infrastructure, like sidewalks.
2. The second commenter asked for information about ways small non-profit organizations can receive funding to assist the community. She also asked if assistance is available for churches.
3. The third commenter was concerned that managers of apartment complexes take advantage of people with disabilities.
4. The fourth commenter provides services, including architecture and construction in his community. He is interested in learning more about HCDD and its programs.
5. The fifth commenter is the president of the Keswick Place-Rablewood Park Civic Club. She encourages homeownership in her community and asked to learn more about HCDD's homeownership program. Second, she encouraged the City to take affordable housing out of minority areas and construct affordable housing in high opportunity areas. Finally, she is concerned that housing discrimination is occurring based on source of income, where households with Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) are denied housing based on their voucher. She commented that the State Legislature struck down an Austin law making source of income a protected class under housing discrimination laws.
6. The sixth commenter works with Capital Idea and the Coalition of Churches. He was proud to mention that Capital Idea, with the help of CDBG funding, recently graduated their 50th person from community college, ultimately increasing their earning potential.
7. The seventh commenter spoke on behalf of Serenity Innovations, an organization that provides transitional housing and services to homeless veterans. They are seeking funding for equipment, technology, office supplies, and staffing.
8. The eighth commenter requested assistance for homeownership classes in the community that teaches homeowners how to maintain their property.

9. The ninth commenter is a homeowner in District J. He is interested in learning how CDBG and other HCDD funding can be used to lift up communities, especially in communities that were affected by Hurricane Ike, foreclosures, and delinquencies, and to help residents who are on fixed incomes, such as retirees.
10. The tenth commenter spoke about the difficulties living with a physical disability in inaccessible housing. He encouraged the City to address the lack of accessible housing in Houston.
11. The eleventh commenter is a representative from the Local Initiative Support Corporation. She thanked HCDD for accepting input as part of process of allocating resources. She encouraged the City to allocate funding for single family housing and housing for families.
12. The twelfth commenter is a Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) holder and spoke about the importance of this program. In addition, he said there should be more accessible housing for persons with disabilities. He described an instance when he was discriminated against in housing, due to his voucher, and he thought there needs to be a change in the perception of people using housing assistance.
13. The thirteenth commenter is the Executive Director of a non-profit in Acres Home known for their signature program called the HEART Program, which provides job training, education, and employment to low-income persons with cognitive disabilities or developmental delays. She thanked HCDD for its past support of the Program. She said that the Program's long waitlist shows the need for similar services in the community. She mentioned that it is becoming harder to serve more people when funding is dwindling each year. She encouraged the City to fund services to address the top three needs for persons with disabilities which are housing, transportation, and jobs.
14. The fourteenth commenter encouraged the City to promote entrepreneurship in low-income communities. She also encouraged the City to support homeowners assisted with HCDD funding throughout the loan term so that they can maintain their home.
15. The fifteenth commenter asked for more information on the homeless initiative and was interested in opportunities grant funding for a new shelter she is building for homeless youth.
16. The sixteenth commenter is with the Houston Center for Independent Living, an organization that advocates for affordable housing in the City of Houston. She said there is not only a need for more accessible, affordable housing, but there is also a need for better marketing of the existing, available units to low-income people with disabilities.

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The spring public hearings were held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the City Hall Annex 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Acres Homes Multi-Service Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both public hearing venues were easily accessible for persons traveling on public transportation. The venues also provided interior and exterior accessibility features for persons with a physical disability. CART 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 listed HCDD's Fair Housing Hotline as a resource for landlord/tenant or fair housing questions.

Approximately 50 people collectively attended the fall public hearings, 22 people offered public comments, and no one offered written comments regarding the information presented. Each attendee received an agenda and HCDD's Public Hearing Guidelines. In support of HCDD's fair housing education efforts, fair housing, and other HCDD program information was made available on the resource table.

Summary of Public Comments (March 28, 2017):

1. The first comment was the Executive Director of A Caring Safe Plan and Lydia's Place Apartments which has operated for 20 years, 18 of which funded by formula grants from HCDD. Their program has a success rate of 87 percent, which would not be possible without receiving the grants from HCDD. He said this funding is imperative to continue the work that his organization carries out.
2. A resident from Lydia's Place Apartments was the second speaker. He suffered from drug addiction for over 30 years. He came to Houston in June of 2015 for long-term treatment. He chose to live at A Caring Safe Place because they offered long term transitional housing for the homeless, offered services for those that were HIV positive, offered services to those with histories of substance abuse, offered case management, offered counseling and support groups. He also liked that they had a job training program and services for those that are dealing with any mental illness. He accredits the program for making him a confident and responsible person who now advocates for others' recovery.
3. The third speaker is also a part of the community at A Caring Safe Place. Before coming to A Caring Safe Place he was homeless and suffered from mental illness and drug addiction. He credited A Caring Safe Place and its staff for giving him the tools, resources and opportunities to take care of his health, which includes a safe place

to sleep. He has been clean for 10 months and is not looking for employment. He said the HCDD grant funding is very important to A Caring Safe Place.

4. The fourth speaker is the CEO and Executive Director of the ReCenter, located in Midtown and formerly known as the Men's Center. After listening to the other speakers, he commented that it takes a community of collaborations to make all these programs work. The mission of the ReCenter is to aid people who are predominantly homeless recovering from alcohol and drug abuse to live more productive lives. He said there are not many other organizations in the city that house people, both men and women, directly off the streets. He said that CDBG funding has assisted them to build one of their facilities and to provide additional case management services for their resident which has resulted in an increase of their monthly earnings by 43 percent and 82 percent of their program graduates have gone on to nonsubsidized housing. He is hoping to work with HCDD in the future.
5. The Executive Director of the Greater Houston Fair Housing Center was the fifth speaker. His organization's mission is the elimination of housing discrimination and the provision of equal housing opportunities for all people. He has seen that the two groups that suffer the most discrimination are families with children and people with disabilities. Families with children cannot find decent affordable housing near good schools, transportation, and neighborhood infrastructure, like streets and sidewalks. There is not enough affordable and accessible housing for people with disabilities. He encouraged developers to build accessible homes. He thanked HCDD's staff for their presentation on fair housing.
6. The fifth commenter serves as the Interim Bureau Chief of the Community Environmental Health at the Houston Health Department. She spoke in support of the 2017 Annual Action Plan. The goal of the program at the Health Department is to eliminate lead hazards in homes through lead poison prevention and abatement activities. CDBG funds support this program and thanked HCDD for their partnership.
7. The Director of Housing and Economic Opportunities at Catholic Charities was the seventh speaker. He applauded HCDD's effort to educate the community and commended HCDD for drafting the multifaceted plan. He encouraged the HCDD and the community to look at housing as more of a multifaceted approach with federal, state, and local assistance. He commented that the 2017 Annual Action Plan is not a substitute for a housing plan for the city and encouraged HCDD to move forward with the housing plan.
8. The eighth speaker is the Executive Director of Educational Programs Inspiring communities, Inc. which is most well-known for the H.E.A.R.T. Program. This Program provides education and job training to low-income individuals who have intellectual challenges such as Down Syndrome or Autism. The Program has grown in 11 years since it was first funded with CDBG funding. Through the H.E.A.R.T. Program, individuals with special needs worked at the Super Bowl, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and the Shell Houston Open. The speaker supported the Annual Action Plan's support for people with special needs and economic development opportunities such as job and employment training. She encourages the priorities and selection criteria for the RFP to incorporate the needs of persons with disabilities. Without CDBG funding in this area, many persons with disabilities would fall through the cracks. The H.E.A.R.T. Program has 5,000 individuals on the waiting list.
9. The ninth speaker is a community specialist with the Houston Center for Independent Living, which is an organization that provides advocacy, support, information and referral, independent living skills training for different disabilities for over 25 years. The main purpose of the organization is to promote inclusion and independent living for people with disabilities. She has worked for over 13 years and housing has always been a struggle. Also shelters are not sufficiently equipped for people with disabilities. She urges more funding to be allocated for vouchers and for shelters for people with a disability.

10. The President and CEO of SEARCH Homeless Services was the tenth speaker. She commented that the Housing First model was the lead reason that Houston was able to reduce homelessness significantly by 57 percent over the course of five years. Through CDBG and ESG, SEARCH has been able to connect with people on the street through their mobile outreach and welcome center. She said that it is not about preventing homelessness, but its about investing in the community's future capacity and therefore is concerned about the cuts to funding that the President has proposed. The lack of available, affordable housing is the community's greatest challenge, and fair housing is a big factor. She looks forward to continue working with HCDD, advocates, investors, intervenors, ad thought leaders to not only end homelessness but build thriving communities.
11. The eleventh presenter lives in Acres homes. She showed appreciation for the other speakers' testimonies. She said that homelessness is a problem and she commended those that work on homelessness issues. She thanked HCDD for its work.
12. The twelfth speaker is with Five Woods and is a real estate professional working in the development of affordable workforce housing. He encourages the City to tap into all the funding sources available including affordable housing bonds. He said that land costs are the main reason housing costs have increased. He sees now as an opportunity to develop more housing because oil prices are low and TIRZ and bond funds are available. He encouraged the Mayor, City Council, and HCDD to include multifamily housing as an important part of the City's mix of housing.
13. The next speaker works at the Center for Independent Living. She said while homelessness is an issue that needs to be addressed, people with disabilities are fully forgotten most of the time. Homeless individuals with a disability have no place to go. She also said that housing discrimination is real and happens consistently. She encouraged funding to serve persons with disabilities.

Summary of Public Comments (March 28, 2017):

1. The first speaker was a staff member at the Houston Area Women's Center, an organization that provides counseling, shelter, and advocacy for women affected by domestic and sexual violence. She said that they provided services to 124 households, including 304 adults and children with the help of HCDD's funding. She said it was very imperative to continue these funds to support Houston Area Women's Center's services helping the community to be violence free.
2. The second speaker is a board member of Educational Programs Inspiring Communities. This organization runs the HEART Program. This Program provides education and job training for low-income individuals with developmental disabilities and is funded by HCDD's public service funds. The speaker asked for HCDD to continue funding the Program.
3. The third speaker described a need for more housing and job opportunities for persons with felonies or prison records who have rejoined their communities. He asked how such individuals can advance themselves and receive equal treatment in housing.
4. The fourth speaker is the Chief Operating Officer of the Women's Home. Located in the Spring Branch community, the Women's Home provides mental health and substance abuse treatment for homeless women and housing with wrap-around services. The organization has been a recipient of both HOME and CDBG funds which support projects that provide treatment and permanent supportive housing to women and their families. The speaker spoke in support of the 2017 Annual Action Plan.

5. A resident of Spring Branch, the fifth speaker asked how communities, such as hers, would get selected for improvement projects. She stated that her neighborhood is not particularly senior citizen friendly, and is concerned that because property values are declining, she will not be able to afford a home in another neighborhood that is more senior friendly. She is interested in helping to improve her neighborhood.
6. The sixth speaker represented the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC), an organization that support comprehensive community development. She commended HCDD on the blue Tarp Initiative and the Homebuyer Assistance Program. She encouraged the city to take a balanced approach and to fund developments and initiatives that address the full spectrum of housing for people in the city, all incomes, all housing types, and in all areas. This includes options like single family, multifamily, rental, reconstruction, and housing preservation. She also encouraged the City to continue its efforts to increase openness and accessibility to information about the resources and programs available. She stated that local community organizations are critical and LISC is ready to collaborate and partner with HCDD on comprehensive housing and other initiatives to address the housing gap.
7. The seventh speaker congratulated the City on its recent work to provide seniors better housing through home repair activities.
8. The eighth speaker is concerned about the rising costs of taxes. She suggested capping taxes so people can stay in their homes or be able to move in neighborhoods that they desire to live in. She also asked how much of the formula grant funding serves veterans in the community.
9. The ninth speaker serves as Director of Properties and Communities for Temenos Corporation. He said that they are renting units in Temenos II, their newest single room occupancy building, and waiting for Temenos III, which is 15 units with wrap around services for chronic inebriants. He said that many of their residents are becoming ineligible for their current units, through increased income or getting married, and he stated that Temenos is interested in building single family homes.

Summary of the Written Comments

Two written comments were received during the public comment period for the 2017 Annual Action Plan.

| Summary of Comment | Summary of Response |
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| 1. Request for facility updates for the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center because current structures are outdated and accessibility improvements are needed. | Comments were directed to HCDD's Public Facility staff members. Public Facilities funded with HCDD funding are chosen periodically through a Request for Proposals located on HCDD's website: http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/rfp.html |
| 2. Request for information about education, housing employment or funding services for previously incarcerated individuals. | Referrals were made to the Houston Health Department's Community Re-Entry Network Program and to 3-1-1. |

Appendix # 8: Ordinances

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2016-912

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF HOUSTON ORDINANCE NOS. 2010-372 PASSED MAY 12, 2010, AS AMENDED; 2012-353 PASSED APRIL 25, 2012, AS AMENDED; 2013-353 PASSED APRIL 24, 2013, AS AMENDED; 2015-338 PASSED APRIL 15, 2015, AS AMENDED; AND 2016-340 PASSED APRIL 27, 2016, AS AMENDED, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2010 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN AND THE 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 AND 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS, TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”), INCLUDING THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) PROGRAM, AMONG OTHERS; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, on May 12, 2010 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2010-372, the City Council (“City Council”) of the City of Houston (“City”) approved and authorized the submission of the 2010 Consolidated Plan, including the 2010 Annual Action Plan (“2010 Plan”) containing an application for funding the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program (“CDBG Application”) and Projected Use of Funds Budget (“Budget”), to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), which 2010 Plan has been further amended; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2012 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2012-353, the City Council approved and authorized the submission of the 2012 Annual Action Plan (“2012 Plan”), including a CDBG Application and Budget, to HUD, which 2012 Plan has been further amended; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2013 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2013-353, the City Council approved and authorized the submission of the 2013 Annual Action Plan (“2013 Plan”), including a CDBG Application and Budget, to HUD, which 2013 Plan has been further amended; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2015 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2015-338, the City Council approved and authorized the submission of the 2015 Annual Action Plan (“2015 Plan”), including a CDBG Application and Budget, to HUD; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-340, the City Council approved and authorized the submission of the 2016 Annual Action Plan (“2016 Plan”), including a CDBG Application and Budget, to HUD, which 2016 Plan has been further amended; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Housing and Community Development Department (“HCDD”) now desires to amend the 2010 Plan, including the CDBG Application and Budget for the 36th CDBG Program Year, to make the following changes: (i) decrease funding for the “Public

Facilities and Improvements (Community Facilities) –Unallocated” activity (-\$6,000.00); and (ii) add funding for the “Homebuyer Assistance” activity (+\$6,000.00); and

WHEREAS, HCDD also desires to amend the 2012 Plan, including the CDBG Application and Budget for the 38th CDBG Program Year, to make the following changes: (i) decrease funding for the “Lead Based Paint Matching Grant – Transfer to Health Department” activity (-\$71.45); and (ii) add funding for the “Homebuyer Assistance” activity (+\$71.45); and

WHEREAS, HCDD also further desires to amend the 2013 Plan, including the CDBG Application and Budget for 39th CDBG Program Year, to make the following changes: (i) decrease the “Public Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private)” activity (-\$414.00), and (ii) add funding for the “Homebuyer Assistance” activity (+\$414.00); and

WHEREAS, HCDD further desires to amend the 2015 Plan, including the CDBG Application and Budget for the 41st CDBG Program Year, to make the following changes: (i) decrease funding for the “Public Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private)” activity (-\$1,112,950.38); (ii) decrease funding for “Multifamily Housing” (-\$0.75); (iii) decrease funding for “Code Enforcement” (-\$79,618.85) and (iv) add funding for the “Homebuyer Assistance” activity (+\$1,192,569.98); and

WHEREAS, HCDD also further desires to amend the 2016 Plan, including the CDBG Application and Budget for the 42nd CDBG Program Year, to make the following changes: (i) decrease funding for the “Acquisition” activity (-\$1,800,944.57); and (ii) add funding for the “Homebuyer Assistance” activity (+\$1,800,944.57); and

WHEREAS, changes to the affected CDBG Applications and Budgets are necessary to reallocate funds to meet current funding requests; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HUD regulations, the City is required to amend components of a Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan when (1) an activity is added; (2) an activity is deleted; (3) there is a change in the scope of an activity or a reallocation of funds that increases or decreases the budget of an activity by more than twenty-five (25%) of the original budget; or (4) there is a change in the purpose, location or beneficiary of an activity or a priority is changed; and

WHEREAS, HCDD has publicized in the Houston Chronicle its intent to amend the 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 Plans, including the CDBG Applications and Budgets for the 36th, 38th, 39th, 41st, and 42nd CDBG Program Years; and

WHEREAS, the public notice period expired on November 27, 2016, at this time no citizen's comments have been received, and any updates to HUD will follow, as necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the recitals set forth above and hereby amends the 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 Plans, including the CDBG Applications and Budgets for the 36th, 38th, 39th, 41st and 42nd CDBG Program Years, authorized by Ordinance Nos. 2010-372, passed on May 12, 2010, as amended; 2012-353, passed on April 25, 2012, as amended; 2013-353, passed on April 24, 2013, as amended; 2015-338, passed on April 15, 2015, as amended, and 2016-340, passed on April 27, 2016, as amended, respectively, in the manner set forth below:

| Budget Year Amended | Activity | Budget Decrease | Budget Increase |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2010 | Public Facilities and Improvements (Community Facilities) – Unallocated | (\$6,000.00) | |
| 2010 | Homebuyer Assistance | | \$6,000.00 |
| 2012 | Lead Based Paint Matching Grant – Transfer to Health Department | (\$71.45) | |
| 2012 | Homebuyer Assistance | | \$71.45 |
| 2013 | Public Facilities and Improvements (Community Facilities) – | (\$414.00) | |
| 2013 | Homebuyer Assistance | | \$414.00 |
| 2015 | Public Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | (\$1,112,950.38) | |
| 2015 | Multifamily Housing (Public/Private) | (\$0.75) | |
| 2015 | Code Enforcement | (\$79,618.85) | |
| 2015 | Homebuyer Assistance | | \$1,192,569.98 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2016 | Acquisition | (\$1,800,944.57) |
| 2016 | Homebuyer Assistance | \$1,800,944.57 |
| Total CDBG Budget Changes | (\$3,000,000.00) | \$3,000,000.00 |

Section 2. That by this amendment, the aforementioned reallocation of funds will result in a current allocation of funds under the 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016 Plans, including the Budgets for the 36th, 38th, 39th, 41st and 42nd CDBG Program Years, as set forth under **EXHIBIT "A"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. That the City Council finds that citizens residing in community development areas and residents and members of neighborhood-based organizations were given an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes contained in this amendment.

Section 4. That the City Council takes cognizance of the fact that in order to facilitate operations of various City community development programs, projects and activities, and to make adjustments occasioned by events transpiring during the year, it may become necessary to make adjustments to the projected uses of some of the CDBG program activities as originally adopted. Accordingly, the Mayor, through the Director of the HCDD, has determined:

- (1) that a formal amendment may not be required by HUD nor the City Council for such administrative changes to the budget; and
- (2) that this document will serve as a transmittal to HUD in compliance with 24 CFR §91.505(c), if applicable.

Section 5. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2016.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is DEC 06 2016.



City Secretary

(Prepared by Legal Dept.

(BJP/ TE/10/26/16)

Senior Assistant City Attorney

(Requested by Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
(L.D. File No.0291600097001)

FUND REF: No Funding Required

Grant Fund

Community Development Block Grant Program (Fund 5000)

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EXHIBIT A

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
THIRTY-SIXTH PROGRAM YEAR
JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011**

PREPARED:
APPROVED:
AMENDMENT:
ORDINANCE NO:

October 27, 2016

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**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
THIRTY-SIXTH PROGRAM YEAR**
July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

| COUNCIL DISTRICT | | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % of CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|---|---|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS | | | | | |
| B | Deluxe Theater | \$ 1,500,000.00 | | \$ 1,500,000.00 | |
| I | Stanaker - Library | \$ 500,000.00 | | \$ 500,000.00 | |
| ALL | Houston Police Department-Fondren | \$ 500,000.00 | | \$ 500,000.00 | |
| I | Ibn Sina Clinic | \$ 1,200,000.00 | | \$ 1,200,000.00 | |
| C | Korean Community Center | \$ 500,000.00 | | \$ 500,000.00 | |
| | Schwartz Park | \$ 346,074.92 | | \$ 346,074.92 | |
| | SPARKS Parks | \$ 350,000.00 | | \$ 350,000.00 | |
| | Program Delivery Costs | \$ 300,000.00 | | \$ 300,000.00 | |
| | Pro-Vision Charter School | \$ 200,000.00 | | \$ 200,000.00 | |
| | Public Facilities and Improvements (Community Facilities) - Unallocated | \$ 2,354,140.41 | \$ (6,000.00) | \$ 2,348,140.41 | |
| | Ft. Bend Senior Citizens Center | \$ 250,000.00 | | \$ 250,000.00 | |
| | Star of Hope Womens and Family Emergency Shelter | \$ 300,000.00 | | \$ 300,000.00 | |
| | Bering Omega | \$ 518,599.53 | | \$ 518,599.53 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 8,818,814.86 | \$ (6,000.00) | \$ 8,812,814.86 | 24.63% |
| HOUSING | | | | | |
| VARIOUS | Single Family Home Repair | \$ 592,978.44 | | \$ 592,978.44 | |
| VARIOUS | Lead Based Paint | \$ 1,040,859.16 | | \$ 1,040,859.16 | |
| VARIOUS | Single Family Home Repair Relocation | \$ 428,331.78 | | \$ 428,331.78 | |
| VARIOUS | Rehabilitation Administration, Project Delivery | \$ 1,090,000.00 | | \$ 1,090,000.00 | |
| | Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Relocation | \$ 2,300,897.00 | | \$ 2,300,897.00 | |
| | Homebuyer Assistance | \$ 184,997.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 190,997.00 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 5,638,063.38 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 5,644,063.38 | 15.77% |
| PUBLIC SERVICES | | | | | |
| VARIOUS | Various Public Services | \$ 4,880,997.42 | | \$ 4,880,997.42 | |
| VARIOUS | Emergency Shelter Grants (Match) | \$ 794,912.68 | | \$ 794,912.68 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 5,675,910.10 | \$ - | \$ 5,675,910.10 | 15.86% |
| PLANNING | | | | | |
| VARIOUS | Planning | \$ 131,993.69 | | \$ 131,993.69 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 131,993.69 | \$ - | \$ 131,993.69 | 0.37% |

PREPARED:
APPROVED:
AMENDMENT:
ORDINANCE NO:

October 27, 2016

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**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
THIRTY-SIXTH PROGRAM YEAR**
July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

| COUNCIL DISTRICT | | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % of CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT* | | | | | |
| VARIOUS | Economic Development Assistance Programs | \$ 4,749,482.15 | | \$ 4,749,482.15 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 4,749,482.15 | \$ - | \$ 4,749,482.15 | 13.27% |
| CLEARANCE | | | | | |
| VARIOUS | Dangerous Building & Legal Department | \$ 3,431,215.29 | | \$ 3,431,215.29 | |
| VARIOUS | Code Enforcement | \$ 865,507.93 | | \$ 865,507.93 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 4,296,723.22 | \$ - | \$ 4,296,723.22 | 12.01% |
| PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION | | | | | |
| N/A | CDBG Program Administration | \$ 6,160,708.19 | | \$ 6,160,708.19 | |
| N/A | Other Departments Administration | \$ 308,226.41 | | \$ 308,226.41 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 6,468,934.60 | \$ - | \$ 6,468,934.60 | 18.08% |
| | TOTAL | \$ 35,779,922.00 | \$ - | \$ 35,779,922.00 | 100.00% |

**ESTIMATE OF THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR CDBG
PROGRAM INCOME**

| | Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| Sources of Program Income | |
| Multi-Family Housing Loan Repayments | \$ 610,520.00 |
| Small Business Revolving Loan Repayments | \$ 1,300,000.00 |
| Palm Center Operations | \$ 1,100,000.00 |
| Other Program Income | \$ - |
| Sub-Total | \$ 3,010,520.00 |
| Projected Use of Program Income | |
| Small Business Revolving Loan Funds | \$ 1,300,000.00 |
| Palm Center Operations | \$ 1,100,000.00 |
| All other Programs: | |
| Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Services, CDBG | |
| Administration | \$ 610,520.00 |
| Sub-Total | \$ 3,010,520.00 |

TOTAL FUNDING DOLLARS AVAILABLE FY 2011

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Thirty-sixth Year CDBG Allocation | \$ 32,769,402.00 |
| Estimated Program Income | \$ 3,010,520.00 |
| Total | \$ 35,779,922.00 |

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
THIRTY-EIGHTH PROGRAM YEAR
JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013**

PREPARED: October 27, 2016
 APPROVED:
 AMENDMENT:
 ORDINANCE NO: 7

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
 THIRTY-EIGHTH PROGRAM YEAR
 July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013**

| COUNCIL DISTRICT | | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % of CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CDBG ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| | Neighborhood Facilities (Public/Private) | \$ 6,108,594.41 | | \$ 6,108,594.41 | |
| | Program Delivery Single Family Home Repair Program | \$ 935,407.02 | | \$ 935,407.02 | |
| | Relocation for Single Family Home Repair Program | \$ 357,402.10 | | \$ 357,402.10 | |
| | Lead-Based Paint Matching Grant - Transfer to Health Dept. | \$ 951,300.53 | \$ (71.45) | \$ 951,229.08 | |
| | Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Relocation | \$ 3,562,340.03 | | \$ 3,562,340.03 | |
| | Economic Development Assistance Programs | \$ 2,421,376.00 | | \$ 2,421,376.00 | |
| | Program Delivery (Department of Neighborhoods (DON) - Code Enforcement) | \$ 2,791,483.00 | | \$ 2,791,483.00 | |
| | Program Delivery (Legal Services Supporting Code Enforcement) | \$ 198,408.66 | | \$ 198,408.66 | |
| | Program Delivery Cost (Procurement Legal & Audit Services) | \$ 250,000.00 | | \$ 250,000.00 | |
| | Acquisition | \$ 729,078.06 | | \$ 729,078.06 | |
| | Homebuyer Assistance | | \$ 71.45 | \$ 71.45 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 18,305,389.81 | \$ - | \$ 18,305,389.81 | 65.33% |
| PUBLIC SERVICES | | | | | |
| | Public Services Activities | \$ 4,196,059.32 | | \$ 4,196,059.32 | |
| | Public Services - ESG Match (1:1 – Includes In-Kind) | \$ 581,495.00 | | \$ 581,495.00 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 4,777,554.32 | \$ - | \$ 4,777,554.32 | 17.05% |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | | | |
| | Legal Department (Transfer for Administration Costs) | \$ 260,232.49 | | \$ 260,232.49 | |
| | Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (HMIS) | \$ 133,415.00 | | \$ 133,415.00 | |
| | Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Activity | \$ 150,000.00 | | \$ 150,000.00 | |
| | CDBG Program Administration to HCDD | \$ 4,395,226.51 | | \$ 4,395,226.51 | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 4,938,874.00 | \$ - | \$ 4,938,874.00 | 17.63% |
| | TOTAL | \$ 28,021,818.13 | \$ - | \$ 28,021,818.13 | 100.00% |

THIRTY-EIGHTH CDBG AWARD - FY2013

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Thirty-eighth Year CDBG Allocation | \$ 24,227,493.00 |
| Actual Program Income | \$ 3,794,325.13 |
| Total | \$ 28,021,818.13 |

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
THIRTY-NINTH PROGRAM YEAR
JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

PREPARED: October 27, 2016
 APPROVED:
 AMENDMENT: 5
 ORDINANCE NO:

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
 THIRTY-NINTH PROGRAM YEAR
 July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**

| COUNCIL DISTRICT | CDBG ACTIVITIES | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % of CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | ¹ - Program Administration* | \$ 4,788,866.76 | \$ - | \$ 4,788,866.76 | 20.00% |
| | ¹ - Public Services** | \$ 3,464,429.61 | \$ - | \$ 3,464,429.61 | 14.47% |
| | ESG Match (1:1 - Includes In-Kind) | \$ 550,000.00 | | \$ 550,000.00 | 2.30% |
| | ¹ - Public-Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 6,460,325.71 | \$ (414.00) | \$ 6,459,911.71 | 26.98% |
| | Single Family Housing | \$ 338,379.64 | | \$ 338,379.64 | 1.41% |
| | Relocation | \$ 450,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 450,000.00 | 1.88% |
| | Lead-Based Paint | \$ 1,062,174.87 | \$ - | \$ 1,062,174.87 | 4.44% |
| | Multifamily Housing | \$ 1,500,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,500,000.00 | 6.26% |
| | Economic Development | \$ 2,578,624.00 | | \$ 2,578,624.00 | 10.77% |
| | Code Enforcement | \$ 2,708,535.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,708,535.00 | 11.31% |
| | ¹ - Interim Assistance | \$ 43,001.22 | \$ - | \$ 43,001.22 | 0.18% |
| | Homebuyer Assistance | \$ - | \$ 414.00 | \$ 414.00 | 0.00% |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 23,944,336.81 | \$ - | \$ 23,944,336.81 | 100.00% |

*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%

¹ - Funds in the amount of \$134,378.81 shown in the Reallocation column is a result of additional unrecognized Program Income earned in Grant Year 2013.

THIRTY-NINTH CDBG AWARD - FY2014

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Thirty-ninth Year CDBG Allocation | \$ 23,714,902.00 |
| Earned Program Income | \$ 229,434.81 |
| Total | \$ 23,944,336.81 |

**ACTUAL THIRTY-NINTH YEAR CDBG
 PROGRAM INCOME**

| | Amount |
|---|----------------------|
| Sources of Program Income | |
| Multi-Family Housing Loan Repayments | \$ 145,231.79 |
| Single Family Housing Payments | \$ 2,804.37 |
| Sub-Total | \$ 81,398.65 |
| Use of Program Income | |
| Program Administration | \$ 45,886.76 |
| Public Services | \$ 37,440.61 |
| Public-Facilitied and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 146,107.44 |
| Sub-Total | \$ 229,434.81 |

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
FORTY-FIRST PROGRAM YEAR
JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016**

PREPARED: October 27, 2016
 APPROVED:
 AMENDMENT: 2
 ORDINANCE NO:

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
 FORTY-FIRST PROGRAM YEAR
 July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

| CDBG ACTIVITIES | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % of CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Program Administration* | \$ 4,781,273.51 | | \$ 4,781,273.51 | 20.00% |
| Public Services** | \$ 3,484,097.84 | | \$ 3,484,097.84 | 14.57% |
| ESG Match (1:1 - Includes In-Kind) | \$ 525,000.00 | | \$ 525,000.00 | 2.20% |
| Public-Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 8,684,017.46 | \$ (1,112,950.38) | \$ 7,571,067.08 | 31.67% |
| Lead-Based Paint | \$ 650,000.00 | | \$ 650,000.00 | 2.72% |
| Multifamily Housing | \$ 3,184,148.75 | \$ (0.75) | \$ 3,184,148.00 | 13.32% |
| Code Enforcement | \$ 2,597,830.00 | \$ (79,618.85) | \$ 2,518,211.15 | 10.53% |
| Homebuyer Assistance | \$ - | \$ 1,192,569.98 | \$ 1,192,569.98 | 4.99% |
| TOTAL | \$ 23,906,367.56 | \$ - | \$ 23,906,367.56 | 100.00% |

*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%

| 2015 CDBG AWARD - FY2016 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Prjectd CDBG Grant Award | \$ 22,352,814.00 |
| Estimated Program Income | \$ 194,470.00 |
| Additional Earned Program Income | \$ 1,359,083.56 |
| Total | \$ 23,906,367.56 |

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
FORTY-SECOND PROGRAM YEAR
JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**

PREPARED: October 27, 2016
 APPROVED:
 AMENDMENT: 1
 ORDINANCE NO:

**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
 FORTY-SECOND PROGRAM YEAR
 July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017**

| CDBG ACTIVITIES | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % of CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Program Administration* | \$ 4,464,349.00 | | \$ 4,464,349.00 | 20.00% |
| Public Services** | \$ 3,218,357.00 | | \$ 3,218,357.00 | 14.42% |
| ESG Match (1:1 - Includes In-Kind) | \$ 525,000.00 | | \$ 525,000.00 | 2.35% |
| Public-Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 3,316,212.00 | | \$ 3,316,212.00 | 14.86% |
| Multifamily Housing | \$ 300,000.00 | | \$ 300,000.00 | 1.34% |
| Acquisition | \$ 4,900,000.00 | \$ (1,800,944.57) | \$ 3,099,055.43 | 13.88% |
| Economic Development | \$ 3,000,000.00 | | \$ 3,000,000.00 | 13.44% |
| Code Enforcement | \$ 2,597,830.00 | | \$ 2,597,830.00 | 1431.22% |
| Homebuyer Assistance | | \$ 1,800,944.57 | \$ 1,800,944.57 | 8.07% |
| TOTAL | \$ 22,321,748.00 | \$ - | \$ 22,321,748.00 | 100.00% |

*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%

| 2016 CDBG AWARD - FY2017 | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Projected CDBG Grant Award | \$ 22,140,237.00 |
| Estimated Program Income | \$ 181,511.00 |
| Total | \$ 22,321,748.00 |

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2017-441

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF HOUSTON ORDINANCE NOS. 2013-353 PASSED APRIL 24, 2013, AS AMENDED, AND 2016-340 PASSED APRIL 27, 2016, AS AMENDED, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2013 AND 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE APPLICATIONS AND BUDGETS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) PROGRAM, AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (“HOME”) PROGRAM, AMONG OTHERS; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* * * *

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2013, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2013-353, the City Council of the City of Houston (“City Council”) approved and authorized the submission of the 2013 Annual Action Plan (“2013 Plan”), including an application and budget for the 39th Program Year of the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program, among others, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), and the acceptance of the funds if awarded; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-340, the City Council approved and authorized the submission of the 2016 Annual Action Plan (“2016 Plan”), including an application and budget for funding the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program, among others, to HUD, the acceptance of the funds if awarded, and an amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, there have been several amendments to the 2013 Plan and 2016 Plan since the aforementioned ordinances were approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, HCDD now desires to further amend the 2013 Plan, including the CDBG Application and Budget, to make the following changes: (i) decrease funding for the “Lead Based Paint” activity (-\$63,578.31), (ii) decrease funding for the “Economic Development” activity (-\$176,421.69), and (iii) increase funding for the new “Housing Services” activity (+\$240,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned changes to the 2013 Plan including the Application and Budget for the CDBG Program will help implement and administer the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program under the new “Housing Services” activity; and

WHEREAS, HCDD also desires to amend the 2016 Plan, including the HOME Program Application and Budget, to make the following changes: (i) decrease funding for the “Multifamily Development” activity (-\$2,400,000.00), and (ii) increase funding for the new “Tenant Based Rental Assistance” activity (+\$2,400,000.00), and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned changes to the 2016 Plan, including the Application and Budget for the HOME Program, will help provide rental subsidies for eligible households to afford housing costs such as rent and security deposits, among other things; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HUD regulations, the City is required to amend components of a Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan when any of the following occur: (1) an activity is added; (2) an activity is deleted; (3) there is a change in the scope of an activity or a reallocation of funds that increases or decreases the budget of an activity by more than twenty-five (25%) of the original budget; or (4) there is a change in the purpose, location or beneficiary of an activity or a priority is changed; and

WHEREAS, HCDD has publicized in the Houston Chronicle its intent to amend the 2013 Plan and the 2016 Plan, including the Applications and Budgets for the CDBG and HOME Programs; and

WHEREAS, the public notice period expired on June 14, 2017, at this time no citizen's comments have been received, and any updates to HUD will follow, as necessary; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

* * * *

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the recitals set forth above and hereby amends the CDBG Application and Budget under the 2013 Plan, and the HOME Program Application and Budget under the 2016 Plan, authorized pursuant to Ordinance No. 2013-353 passed on April 24, 2013, as amended, and Ordinance No. 2016-340 passed on April 27, 2016, as amended, respectively, in the manner set forth below:

| Budget Year Amended | Activity | Budget Decrease | Budget Increase |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2013 | Lead Based Paint | (\$63,578.31) | |
| 2013 | Economic Development | (\$176,421.69) | |
| 2013 | Housing Services | | \$240,000.00 |
| Total CDBG Budget Changes | | \$240,000.00 | \$240,000.00 |

| Budget Year Amended | Activity | Budget Decrease | Budget Increase |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2016 | Multifamily Development | (\$2,400,000.00) | |
| 2016 | Tenant Based Rental Assistance | | \$2,400,000.00 |
| Total HOME Budget Changes | | (\$2,400,000.00) | \$2,400,000.00 |

Section 2. That by this amendment, the aforementioned reallocation of funds will result in a current allocation of funds under the 2013 Plan and 2016 Plan, including the Applications and Budgets for the CDBG and HOME Programs, as set forth under **EXHIBIT "A"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. That the City Council finds that citizens residing in community development areas and residents and members of neighborhood-based organizations were given an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes contained in this amendment.

Section 4. That the City Council takes cognizance of the fact that in order to facilitate operations of various City community development programs, projects and activities, and to make adjustments occasioned by events transpiring during the year, it may become necessary to make adjustments to the projected uses of some of the program activities as originally adopted. Accordingly, the Mayor, through the Director of the HCDD, has determined:

- (1) a formal amendment may not be required by HUD nor the City Council for such administrative changes to the budget; and
- (2) this document will serve as a transmittal to HUD in compliance with 24 CFR §91.505(c), if applicable.

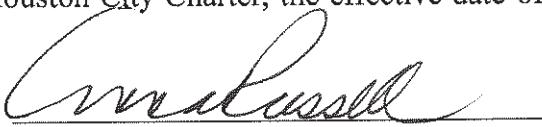
Section 5. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2017.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is JUN 27 2017.


City Secretary

(Prepared by Legal Dept.

(BJP/ TE/05/24/17) Senior Assistant City Attorney

(Requested by Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
(L.D. File No.0291600040004)

FUND REF: No New Funding Required

Grant Fund

Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships (Fund 5000)

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| AYE | NO | |
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| ✓ | | MAYOR TURNER |
| | | COUNCIL MEMBERS |
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| ABSENT | | BOYKINS |
| ✓ | | MARTIN |
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| ABSENT | | GALLEGOS |
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| ✓ | | KUBOSH |
| ✓ | | EDWARDS |
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CAPTION PUBLISHED IN DAILY COURT
REVIEW
DATE: JUN 27 2017

EXHIBIT A

PREPARED:
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**PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS BUDGET FOR
THIRTY-NINTH PROGRAM YEAR
July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**

| COUNCIL DISTRICT | CDBG ACTIVITIES | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % OF CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | ¹ - Program Administration* | \$ 4,788,866.76 | \$ - | \$ 4,788,866.76 | 20.00% |
| | ¹ - Public Services** | \$ 3,464,429.61 | \$ - | \$ 3,464,429.61 | 14.47% |
| | ESG Match (1:1 - Includes In-Kind) | \$ 550,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 550,000.00 | 2.30% |
| | ¹ - Public-Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 6,459,911.71 | \$ - | \$ 6,459,911.71 | 26.98% |
| | Single Family Housing | \$ 338,379.64 | \$ - | \$ 338,379.64 | 1.41% |
| | Relocation | \$ 450,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 450,000.00 | 1.88% |
| | Lead-Based Paint | \$ 1,062,174.87 | \$ (63,578.31) | \$ 998,596.56 | 4.17% |
| | Multifamily Housing | \$ 1,500,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,500,000.00 | 6.26% |
| | Economic Development | \$ 2,578,624.00 | \$ (176,421.69) | \$ 2,402,202.31 | 10.03% |
| | Code Enforcement | \$ 2,708,535.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,708,535.00 | 11.31% |
| | ¹ - Interim Assistance | \$ 43,001.22 | \$ - | \$ 43,001.22 | 0.18% |
| | Homebuyer Assistance | \$ 414.00 | \$ - | \$ 414.00 | 0.00% |
| | Housing Services | \$ - | \$ 240,000.00 | \$ 240,000.00 | 1.00% |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$ 23,944,336.81 | \$ - | \$ 23,944,336.81 | 100.00% |

*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%

¹ - Funds in the amount of \$134,378.81 shown in the Reallocation column is a result of additional unrecognized Program Income earned in Grant Year 2013.

THIRTY-NINTH CDBG AWARD - FY2014

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Thirty-ninth Year CDBG Allocation | \$ 23,714,902.00 |
| Earned Program Income | \$ 229,434.81 |
| Total | \$ 23,944,336.81 |

ACTUAL THIRTY-NINTH YEAR CDBG PROGRAM INCOME

| | Amount |
|---|----------------------|
| Sources of Program Income | |
| Multi-Family Housing Loan Repayments | \$ 145,231.79 |
| Single Family Housing Payments | \$ 2,804.37 |
| Sub-Total | \$ 81,398.65 |
| Use of Program Income | |
| Program Administration | \$ 45,886.76 |
| Public Services | \$ 37,440.61 |
| public-Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private) | \$ 146,107.44 |
| Sub-Total | \$ 229,434.81 |

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PROJECTED USE OF HOME FUNDS
Allocation of Funds
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

| HOME ACTIVITIES | CURRENT ALLOCATION | REALLOCATION | CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION | % OF CURRENT REVISED ALLOCATION |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Planning and Administration* | \$ 695,212.00 | \$ - | \$ 695,212.00 | 10.00% |
| Multifamily Development | \$ 4,256,908.00 | \$ (2,400,000.00) | \$ 1,856,908.00 | 26.71% |
| Single Family Home Development | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,000,000.00 | 28.77% |
| Tenant Based Rental Assistance | \$ - | \$ 2,400,000.00 | \$ 2,400,000.00 | 34.52% |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,952,120.00 | \$ - | \$ 6,952,120.00 | 100.00% |

*Planning and Administration up to 10% of Grant Amount + Projected Program Income

**15% CHDO Set Aside included

2016 PROJECTED HOME AWARD - FY2017

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Projected HOME Grant Award | \$ 6,857,177.00 |
| Estimated Program Income | \$ 94,943.00 |
| Total | \$ 6,952,120.00 |

HOME ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME

| Sources of Program Income | Amount |
|---|---------------------|
| Multi-Family Housing Loan Repayments/Fees | \$ 94,943.00 |
| Sub-Total | \$ 94,943.00 |
| Uses of Program Income | |
| Program Administration | \$ 9,494.00 |
| Multifamily Development | \$ 85,449.00 |
| Sub-Total | \$ 94,943.00 |

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2017-442

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF HOUSTON ORDINANCE NO. 2015-338 PASSED APRIL 15, 2015, AS AMENDED, WHICH APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND TO CITY OF HOUSTON ORDINANCE NO. 2016-340 PASSED APRIL 27, 2016, AS AMENDED, WHICH APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO HUD AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* * * *

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2015 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2015-338 the City Council of the City of Houston (“City Council”) approved and authorized the submission of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-340, City Council approved and authorized the submission of the 2016 Annual Action Plan and an amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan (“CPP”); and

WHEREAS, there have been subsequent amendments to the aforementioned ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCDD”) now desires to make a substantial amendment to Ordinance No. 2015-338 as it relates to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, to add information about local target areas referred to as “Complete Communities” under a new strategic effort to improve selected communities, and also to add updated information on disaster related needs from the 2015 flood events; and

WHEREAS, HCDD now also desires to make a substantial amendment to Ordinance No. 2016-340 as it relates to the CPP, to add updated regulatory language resulting from a HUD Final Rule published in December, 2016 which mandates among other things, the addition of types of organizations to be used for consultation purposes during the development of the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HUD’s CPP regulations, the City is required to amend components of a Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan for various reasons, including when changing allocation priorities or changing the method of distributing funds; and

WHEREAS, HCDD has publicized in the Houston Chronicle its intent to amend the

2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan in the manner set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the public notice period expired on June 12, 2017, and at this time no comments from citizens have been received; however, updates to HUD will follow, as necessary; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

* * * *

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby authorizes a substantial amendment to Ordinance No. 2015-338 as it relates to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan to add "Complete Communities" as local target areas and to also add information about disaster related needs from the 2015 flood events.

Section 3. That the City Council hereby authorizes a substantial amendment to Ordinance No. 2016-340 as it relates to the Citizen Participation Plan to add updated regulatory language pursuant to a Final Rule published by HUD in December, 2016.

Section 4. That by this amendment, changes to the 2015-2019 Consolidated and the Citizen Participation Plan are reflected under **EXHIBIT "A"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 5. That the City Council finds that citizens residing in community development areas and residents and members of neighborhood-based organizations were given an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes contained in this amendment.

Section 6. That the City Council takes cognizance of the fact that in order to facilitate operations of various City community development programs, projects and activities, and to make adjustments occasioned by events transpiring during the year, it may become necessary to make adjustments to the projected uses of some of the program activities as originally adopted. Accordingly, the Mayor, through the Director of the HCDD, has determined:

- (1) that a formal amendment may not be required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") nor the City Council of the City of Houston for such administrative changes; and
- (2) that this document will serve as a transmittal to HUD in compliance with 24 CFR §91.505(c), if applicable.

Section 7. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2017.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is JUN 27 2017.


Barbara J. Price
City Secretary

(Prepared by Legal Dept. Barbara J. Price GWD
(BJP/TE/05/18/17) Senior Assistant City Attorney

(Requested by Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
(L.D. File No. 0291600040003)

FUND REF: No Funding Required
Grant Fund

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| ✓ | | DAVIS |
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| ABSENT | | BOYKINS |
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EXHIBIT A

2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

City of Houston

Annise D. Parker, Mayor

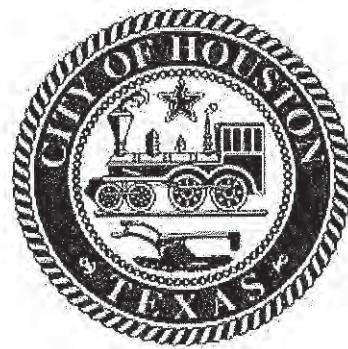
Housing and Community Development Department

Neal Rackleff, Director



2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN



**CITY OF HOUSTON
ANNISE D. PARKER, MAYOR**

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
NEAL RACKLEFF, DIRECTOR
ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED MAY 2015
AMENDMENT– JUNE 2017**

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Table 4 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|--|--|--|
| Continuum of Care | Coalition for the Homeless of Houston / Harris County | The CoC's priorities and its Strategic Plan to End Homelessness directly correspond to HCDD's Strategic Plan goals related to homeless populations. |
| Continuum of Care's Priorities and Program Standards | Coalition for the Homeless of Houston / Harris County | The CoC's priorities and standards directly overlap with the Strategic Plan and are used by the City of Houston when developing standards for its ESG funding. |
| Our Great Region 2040 | Houston-Galveston Area Council | HCDD's Strategic Plan has many of the same goals as H-GAC's regional plan, including addressing quality of life issues, specifically affordable housing and serving Houston's low-income populations through community development activities. |
| Fair Housing Equity Assessment | Houston-Galveston Area Council | Both HCDD and the FHEA have goals to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Houston and the region. The development of the FHEA served as part of the analysis for Our Great Region 2040. |
| Livable Centers | Houston-Galveston Area Council | The Livable Centers Plans have been conducted in various areas of the City of Houston. Some areas overlap with HCDD's Areas for Community Reinvestment. The objectives of these Plans, including improving quality of life, overlap with the Strategic Plan's public facilities strategy. |
| Annual Plan | Houston Housing Authority | HHA's PHA plan provides details about agency operations and programs, including participants for the upcoming year. Both HHA and HCDD aim to help very low-income households secure housing. |
| Harris County Consolidated Plan | Harris County | HCDD's Consolidated Plan has many of the same goals as Harris County's Consolidated Plan including addressing homelessness and improving the quality of life of underserved and low- and moderate-income communities. |
| City of Houston's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) | City of Houston Finance Department | Both the CIP and the Consolidated Plan address the infrastructure needs in Houston. |
| Rebuild Houston | City of Houston | Rebuild Houston is a new pay-as-you-go funded business model for restructuring and maintaining Houston's drainage and street system. Rebuild Houston and the Consolidated Plan address neighborhood improvements. |
| CDBG-DR2 Planning Study | City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department | Through a combined effort with community leaders and statewide advocates, HCDD analyzed data to produce a Needs Assessment resulting in areas in which housing activities using CDBG-DR2 funding will be targeted. These areas are illustrated in the map titled, "Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs), CRA Outreach Areas, and Target Areas for Disaster Recovery Round II". |
| 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) | City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department | The AI is currently under development. Both plans use housing and demographic data and citizen and stakeholder outreach to determine city housing needs and barriers. The AI analyzed many different housing needs and the housing market in Houston, especially as related to the protected classes. The data for both plans was prepared together. In addition, the Con Plan's citizen and stakeholder outreach processes coincided in development of these plans. The overall goal for the AI is to eliminate housing discrimination, and HCDD works hard to align all of its Con Plan goals with the AI. |
| Complete Communities | City of Houston Planning and Development Department | The City of Houston's Planning Department will work with five pilot neighborhoods that have been historically under-resourced to identify goals and priority projects and develop implementation strategies that are transferable to other communities across the entire city. Providing access to quality services and amenities to improve underserved neighborhoods are goals that are part of both Complete Communities and the Consolidated Plan. |

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The City of Houston faces overwhelming housing needs. To better understand community needs, the City examines needs based on household income level as well as other descriptive categories. Income levels can be defined by the HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI). Using recent Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data from 2007 to 2011 provided by HUD the following was found:

- 16.5% of all households (127,120) are extremely low-income (0-30% HAMFI)
- 49.1% of all households (377,920) have incomes ranging from zero to 80% HAMFI
- Approximately 33.8% households are severely cost burdened: 92,435 (22.5%) renter households pay over 50% of their income for rent and 40,575 (11.3%) homeowners pay half or more of their income for housing costs
- 7.1% of all City households (54,770) are overcrowded, and of those, almost three quarters are severely overcrowded.

The development of the 2015-2019 Con Plan coincided with the drafting of the 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) allowing for coordination of demographic research and analysis, program evaluation, and development. Research has highlighted similar problems.

- The decreasing affordability of the City's housing stock
- The lack of homeownership opportunities for most City residents
- The mismatch of jobs, wages, rent, and for-sale prices
- The shortage of apartments able to accommodate large families
- The shortage of affordable and accessible housing for persons with disabilities
- Aging housing stock and a lack of new construction and private housing investment in many areas of the City
- High cost of land in certain areas of the City
- The poor condition or lack of the City's infrastructure that reduces the availability of amenities and the mobility of persons with disabilities

CHAS data is one dataset that demonstrates the number of households in need of housing assistance. For instance, it estimates the number of households with housing problems. A housing problem consists of one or more of the following four problems: cost burdened – monthly household costs exceed 30% of monthly income, overcrowding – more than one person per room, unit lacks complete kitchen facilities, and unit lacks complete plumbing facilities. A very small percentage of housing units in Houston and the region have housing problems that include a lack of complete plumbing or kitchen. However, almost all households experiencing housing problems are cost burdened and/or overcrowded.

In September 2016, HCDD submitted the *Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events* as an application for CDBG Disaster Recovery funding for two federally declared disasters in 2015 (CDBG-DR15), the Memorial Day floods and the Halloween floods. Needs assessment information from the *Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events* is included in this needs assessment.

Single-headed families earn less than married couples and therefore are at greater risk of losing housing. Comparing single-headed households by sex of the head of household reveals a stark difference between median incomes. Female-headed family households, with and without children, made up over a quarter of the family households in Houston, at 26.5%, and had a very low median family income at \$27,180, much lower than male-headed family households at \$38,338 (2008-2012 ACS).

Extremely low-income seniors and persons with disabilities represent two other groups that are at high risk of homelessness due to their limited income and additional needs.

HCDD has been targeting rapid rehousing assistance to those that: are first time homeless, have few recent episodes of homelessness, are part of a family that is homeless, and are fleeing/attempts to flee domestic violence. In 2013, HCDD served 1,211 victims of domestic violence and 194 persons with disabilities out of a total of 1,489 people served with ESG funding in 2013. This shows that there is a need for rapid rehousing and homeless prevention for victims of domestic violence and persons with disabilities because they are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

Houston does not currently estimate the at-risk population within the jurisdiction. Currently the Continuum of Care is working on this issue.

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

There are large numbers of households in Houston paying half of their gross monthly income for housing costs. Other expenses such as transportation, food, utilities, healthcare, and other costs decrease dispensable income and a household's ability to save. Consequently, a household can be more vulnerable if unexpected life issues such as illness, job loss or another circumstance that causes a loss of income or an unexpected expense. Limited or lack of income can be linked to instability and risk of becoming homeless.

Discussion

Houstonians face overwhelming housing needs. About two in five renter households have at least one severe housing problem and one in three owner households have at least one severe housing problem. These problems stem from low incomes and can lead to overcrowding, unsuitable housing, and, in extreme circumstances, homelessness.

In addition, environmental impacts can affect household needs. This includes loss of property and damages to housing units during severe rain events and flooding. For instance, the impact and unmet need analysis from the *Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events* showed that of three major categories, housing, infrastructure, and economic development, it was housing that had the most damage and had the greatest remaining unmet need after resources including FEMA, SBA, and funding from local agencies were considered. The unmet need for housing damaged by the 2015 flood events was \$38,795,964.05.

Approximately 6,621 homes in the City of Houston alone were impacted by the 2015 disasters. Of these homes, 1,596 were extensively damaged and two were damaged beyond repair. FEMA residential losses from both 2015 flood events include 2,539 single family homes and 4,082 multifamily homes. To determine the approximate number

of renters and homeowners that had a residential loss, 2010-2014 American Community Survey data was used. In the City of Houston, approximately 22% of single family units (attached and detached) are renter occupied and 6% of multifamily units are owner occupied. Using the citywide data, it is estimated that approximately 4,396 renter units had residential losses and 2,225 owner occupied units had residential losses in the 2015 flood events. This shows that significantly more residential renters had some type of loss from these events.

However, most of the losses suffered by residential renter households are categorized as "Affected," which is only cosmetic damage, and does not alter the livability of the unit. Instead a more representative number of residential losses that decrease the livability of a unit would consider only three categories, "Minor", "Major", and "Destroyed". Without considering cosmetic only damages and using the same methodology as above, there are an estimated 1,001 residential rental units that had losses and 1,729 residential owner occupied units that had losses.

Clearly the housing impact from the Memorial Day and Halloween flooding events in 2015 was widespread, but also unique in many ways. Both single family and multifamily residents, in various housing types were affected. Additionally, many homes experienced damages due to these flooding events despite being located outside of the floodplain. The City identified that many of the impacts to the housing sector were due to repeat flooding and were rooted in infrastructure inadequacies.

There is a high rate of mental illness and substance abuse issues in the homeless population. About one third had substance abuse problems and two in five had mental health issues.

Discussion:

The number of homeless persons counted has been on the decline since 2011 and the number of unsheltered homeless has become less than the number of sheltered homeless. This decline directly correlates to the City's focus on ending chronic homelessness and its initiative to create more permanent supportive housing units. There was an increase in the number of permanent supportive housing units available in Houston. According to the Coalition's 2014 Homeless Count Overview presentation, there was a 28% increase in the number of permanent supportive housing units available compared to 2013 and an 81% increase compared to 2011.

The City is mindful about the availability of shelters and transitional housing needed for its homeless population, as well as for those that may become homeless or need shelter due to extreme weather events. Critical in the temporary care of individuals extremely impacted by weather events is the use of emergency shelters. For instance, in the aftermath of the 2015 disasters, emergency shelters offered temporary shelter and living arrangements for impacted residents. The American Red Cross immediately opened multiple shelters throughout the Houston region, assisting impacted residents by quickly providing safe environments. The City did not find any emergency shelters that suffered damage during the 2015 disasters and found that there were no disaster related impacts remaining to be addressed for existing emergency shelters.

Another important component of the housing services available in the City is Houston's Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Program. Participants in the HOPWA program receive assistance to achieve and maintain housing stability so to avoid the risk of homelessness and improve their access to HIV treatment and care. Through this needs assessment, potential impacts to HOPWA sites were considered. It was confirmed through interviews with HOPWA program managers that the HOPWA sites were not impacted by the 2015 Disasters. While there was no direct impact to HOPWA sites, road closures and damages due to the storm make access to these services more difficult.

In addition, the City sought available Public Housing Units to temporarily house impacted Houstonians. While there were no Public Housing Units available for shelter, the Houston Housing Authority utilized—in addition to the aforementioned shelters—hotels to house displaced Houstonians following the 2015 Disasters.

The needs for the homeless vary depending on the situation. Some need housing with intensive services such as mental health services and case management. Others may not be chronically homeless or not need as many supportive services. A homeless system that has a variety of options of services, including permanent supportive housing, depending on the needs of the homeless individual or family is needed to continue to reduce the amount of unsheltered homeless individual in Houston.

In addition, as a result of the needs analysis performed as a part of the *Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events*, the City identified that many of the flood impacts to the housing sector were due to repeat flooding and were rooted in infrastructure inadequacies. The same communities, consisting of both renter and homeowner occupied units, are routinely affected by Houston's flooding. A long-term recovery solution for the impacted housing units is impossible without first creating additional capacity within the City's flood mitigation infrastructure. Similarly, a strong infrastructure system promotes economic growth. Inadequate supply of infrastructure or unreliability of services deters critical investment of capital in these communities. Thus, the ability of the City to retain current businesses, as well as develop new businesses, is dependent upon a strong infrastructure system supporting these businesses.

HCDD will endeavor to promote the equitable distribution of public improvements and infrastructure throughout different neighborhoods, especially those in underserved areas like areas with high minority population or populations of low- and moderate-income.

How were these needs determined?

The citizen participation process influenced the public improvement needs. Firstly, the Community Needs Survey asked about public improvements needed. The highest rated infrastructure needs were street reconstruction, flood drainage improvements, and pedestrian improvements. Related to the development of public infrastructure, are economic development needs. The respondents of the Survey rated the top three economic development needs in the community as job creation and retention, employment training, and small business loans. Economic development activities that included buying land or creating or renovating a space for commercial or industrial development rated lower. Finally, the top three neighborhood services needed were the demolition of substandard buildings, enforcement of cleanliness and safety codes, and neighborhood crime awareness and prevention.

Secondly, the Neighborhood Discussion Groups influenced the needs for public improvements. Many community members reiterated the needs identified in the Survey for enhanced city services such as cleaning up sites that are known for dumping, the need to address abandoned buildings, and the need for greater police presence. Some citizens felt that different neighborhoods received different levels of service through actual services provided or through infrastructure improvements from the City.

Most public infrastructure projects are identified through the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is a five-year plan updated annually that prioritizes and identifies funding sources for infrastructure improvements. The CIP is greatly influenced by community needs and on an evaluation of existing infrastructure. The Department of Public Works and Engineering updates data on public improvement needs by continuing to evaluate infrastructure throughout the year. The CIP identifies funding sources; many of these identified projects are met with local funding sources. As determined by regulation, federal grants, such as CDBG, may not be used to supplant already identified local funding. Because of this HCDD prioritizes projects that directly improve a neighborhood that are not likely funded by local funding sources.

The *Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events* used application information from FEMA Public Assistance Project to determine unmet needs based on damage estimates. From this information, there were approximately \$21,201,826.41 in infrastructure and public facility damages and FEMA Public Assistance provided \$1,239,771.80 for repairs. The remaining unmet need was calculated as \$19,962,054.61. In addition, mapping software was used to view the locations of FEMA public assistance applications as well as 311 call data that reported flooding.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

As discussed earlier in the Housing Needs section of the report, there are many low- and moderate-income families and persons with unique needs living in Houston who may be more vulnerable to housing instability. Public services

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

The City of Houston has a majority of 1-unit both detached and attached structures making up 51% of the total housing stock. The next most common housing units are in structures with 5-19 units making up 24% of the housing stock and in structures with 20 or more units making up 18% of the housing stock.

The majority of residents living in Houston are renters. The ratio of owner and renter housing in Houston remained steady from 2000 to 2012 with homeowners representing 45.9% of the occupied housing. Houston remains a predominately renter occupied city and showed little change across this time period. The region is occupied by almost two-thirds homeowners and that percentage increased from 2000 to 2012. The majority (79%) of Houston homeowners live in housing units that consist of 3 or more bedrooms. This differs from those living in apartments with the majority of renters living in units that are either 1 bedroom (40%) or 2 bedroom (39%) units.

As land is less expensive and plentiful in areas surrounding Houston, development in the surrounding region will likely continue to outpace the City's development in the next five years. Chapter 42, which serves as the development code in the city, recently changed to allow smaller lot subdivisions in a much larger area of the city than was previously allowed. This creates more opportunity for infill residential development beyond the city's 610 Loop.

Recently, HCDD worked with a non-profit organization, The Reinvestment Fund, to create a Market Value Analysis for the City of Houston. Using data from 2010 through 2012, this analysis revealed that the market is strongest in areas inside the 610 Loop west of downtown and also in the west of Houston. Although the private market is likely to continue investing in the same strong market areas as illustrated in the Market Value Analysis, it is also likely that private investment near the new METRORail lines will increase over the next five years.

The impact and unmet need analysis from the *Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events* showed that of three major categories, housing, infrastructure, and economic development, it was housing that had the most damage and had the greatest remaining unmet need after resources including FEMA, SBA, and funding from local agencies were considered. The unmet need for housing damaged by the 2015 flood events was \$38,795,964.05.

Approximately 6,621 homes in the City of Houston alone were impacted by the 2015 disasters. Of these homes, 1,596 were extensively damaged and 2 were damaged beyond repair. FEMA residential losses from both 2015 flood events include 2,539 single family homes and 4,082 multifamily homes.

All residential properties by number of units

Table 40 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

| Property Type | Number | % |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1-unit detached structure | 410,894 | 46% |
| 1-unit, attached structure | 45,416 | 5% |
| 2-4 units | 52,623 | 6% |
| 5-19 units | 214,209 | 24% |
| 20 or more units | 165,788 | 18% |
| Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc. | 9,572 | 1% |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>898,502</i> | <i>100%</i> |

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

Many housing problems, such as cost burden and overcrowding, can be directly related to the cost of housing in the community. If housing cost is high relative to the income of a household, this may result in a high rate of housing problems as it has in Houston. This section evaluates the affordability of the housing stock in Houston available for low- and moderate-income households.

The average and median home values for the Houston area have spiked just in the past few years and hit an all-time high in 2014. Texas A&M Real Estate Center has available data from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). According to this data, the average sales price in the Houston area was \$265,700 in 2014, an 8.4% annual increase over the year before, and the single family median sales price was \$196,700, a 9.5% annual increase from 2013. Housing prices in the past few years have been on the rise because people have been moving to the Houston area for employment. Historically and even today, much of Houston's economy is based on oil prices and the oil industry. The recent decline in oil prices at the end of 2014 is likely to slow the rapidly upward momentum of housing costs and could lead to a decline in home values in some areas of the City. There is some uncertainty in the Houston real estate market about the next few years because of the recent decline in oil prices.

Reinforcing the MLS data, the ACS data shows a 61% increase in home value over a 12 year period. In addition, median rent prices had also increased during this time by 33%, from \$501 in 2000 to \$665 in 2011.

Finally, thousands of homes were flooded as a result of the 2015 flood events and the flooding that occurred again in 2016. According to the *Action Plan for Disaster Recovery- 2015 Flood Events*, the average amount for disaster home loans to help residents repair their homes and recover personal property from the Small Business Administration were \$63,457 for May 2015 flooding and \$26,570 for October 2015 flooding. In addition, there were a total of 6,698 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims for an average claim amount of \$67,167. This shows the additional high cost of housing repair and property replacement when housing is impacted by flooding. Many housing units affected in the 2015 flood events were located outside the flood plain.

Cost of Housing

Table 42 – Cost of Housing

| | Base Year: 2000 | Most Recent Year: 2011 | % Change |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Median Home Value | 77,500 | 124,400 | 61% |
| Median Contract Rent | 501 | 665 | 33% |

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Table 43 - Rent Paid

| Rent Paid | Number | % |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Less than \$500 | 93,944 | 22.8% |
| \$500-999 | 254,617 | 61.9% |
| \$1,000-1,499 | 46,832 | 11.4% |
| \$1,500-1,999 | 10,399 | 2.5% |
| \$2,000 or more | 5,692 | 1.4% |
| Total | 411,484 | 100.0% |

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

The age of a building unit is used to estimate the number of homes with lead-based paint hazards, as lead-based paint was prohibited on residential units after 1978. As an estimate, units built before 1980 are used as a baseline for units that contain lead based paint. Therefore, it is estimated that approximately 67% of the owner-occupied housing stock may have lead-based paint hazards. According to the 2008-2012 ACS, approximately 30% of households have children less than 18 years old present. From this, we can estimate that approximately 30%, or 142,036 units, of the 473,455 units built before 1980 have children under the age of 18.

Lead hazards affect children under 6 years old the greatest and low- and moderate-income families have the least amount of resources to address the costly repairs to remediate for lead hazards. The following table shows that 63% of low- and moderate-income renters are likely to be living in housing units with lead hazards, of which 47,105 units have children at risk of lead poisoning. In addition, 75% of low- and moderate-income renters are likely living in housing units with lead hazards, of which 15,250 have children at risk of lead poisoning.

Table 51 – Low- and Moderate-Income Households with Children Under 6 Years Old at Risk of Lead Hazards

| | Renter | | | | Owner | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total |
| Total Households | 96,675 | 76,380 | 84,510 | 257,565 | 30,440 | 35,670 | 54,230 | 120,340 |
| Built before 1980 | 62,060 | 50,730 | 50,600 | 163,390 | 23,755 | 27,505 | 39,815 | 91,075 |
| Built before 1980 with children 6 and under | 19,865 | 16,155 | 11,085 | 47,105 | 3,110 | 4,895 | 7,245 | 15,250 |

Data: CHAS 2007-2011; Table 13
Source:

Discussion

Much of the City's housing stock is old and some dilapidated, unfit for habitation, or in need of repair. There is a clear need as well as desire for the community for the repair of both owner and renter housing units. According to the 2008-2012 ACS the median year residential structures were built in Houston was 1975, meaning half of the structures in Houston are over 40 years old. The median age for homeowner structures was 1972, slightly older than renter occupied structures as 1978.

Children, six years of age and younger, have the highest risk of lead poisoning as they are more likely to come into greater contact with objects that could have lead-based paint dust or flakes and ingest these by placing their hands in their mouths. The effects of lead poisoning include damage to the nervous system, decreased brain development, and learning disabilities. As shown earlier in this section approximately 62,355 households live with risk of lead-based paint and contain children age 6 and younger.

HCDD and Houston Department of Health and Human Services' (HDHHS) Bureau of Community and Children's Environmental Health (BCCEH) work closely together to reduce lead hazards. From 1996, HDHHS 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.

As a result of the 2015 flood events, the majority (58%) of housing units impacted had only cosmetic damage. Approximately 17% had minor damage requiring minimal repair and 24% had major damage including structural or significant damage needing extensive repair. Only two of the 6,621 homes damaged were destroyed.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The City of Houston has many neighborhoods in which residents are more affected by housing problems than the general City population. For instance, households that are lower-income, female-headed, rent-burdened, or overcrowded are more affected by multiple housing problems. Households with multiple housing problems are households with two or more of the following four problems: 1) lack of complete plumbing facilities, 2) lack of complete kitchen facilities, 3) more than one person per room, and 4) housing cost burden greater than 30%. According to 2008-2012 ACS information, 4.3% of all Houston's occupied households had multiple housing problems. Only 1.6% of owner occupied units had multiple housing problems, while 6.5% of renter occupied units had multiple housing problems. Areas with a concentration of households with multiple housing problems are identified as census tracts with greater than 8.6% of households with multiple housing problems, which is equal to twice the citywide percent.

Areas with concentrations of multiple housing problems include the southwest side of Houston in neighborhoods such as Gulfton, Sharpstown, Westwood and Alief. Neighborhoods near downtown also had tracts with concentrated housing problems including neighborhoods such as Near Northside, Kashmere Gardens, Greater Fifth Ward, Denver Harbor, Magnolia Park, and Lawndale/Wayside. A third area of Houston with concentrated areas of households with multiple housing problems is in the northwest side of Houston in neighborhoods such as Spring Branch and Northwest Crossing. In the Appendix of this document, a map titled "Households with Multiple Housing Problems by Census Tract in Houston" illustrates where these concentrations are in the city.

A flood density map illustrating the flooding reports from the 2015 flood events is in the Appendix of this document. Many of the flood reports were located in higher income neighborhoods without numerous housing problems, like Meyerland. However, there were extensive flood reports located in Spring Branch and Fifth Ward which have high percentages of households with multiple housing problems.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

A neighborhood with a racial or Hispanic concentration is one in which the percentage of persons of a racial or ethnic group is at least 20 points higher than that group's percentage in the city as a whole. A minority concentrated neighborhood is one in which the total percentage of minority persons is at least 20 points higher than the total percentage of minorities in the city as a whole. To determine racial and Hispanic concentrations, census tracts were used as a proxy for neighborhood. In addition, racial groups were categorized as non-Hispanic and the Hispanic group included persons of Hispanic or Latino origin of any race.

The map titled "Racial, Hispanic, & Minority Concentrations by Census Tract in Houston" in the Appendix of this document illustrates these areas in the city. Houston is a majority minority city where 75% of the population is minority. Census tracts where 95% or more of its residents are minorities than the city as a whole are considered areas of minority concentration. These areas are mainly located to the east of Interstate 45 on the north side of downtown and east of Highway 288 on the south side of downtown. There is also a minority area in southwest Houston extending into Fort Bend County, which is the nation's most diverse county.

Racial and Hispanic concentrations are described as follows. There were only a few census tracts with racial concentrations of Asian and Pacific Islanders, which were categorized as census tracts with more than 26% of this racial group. These were located in west Houston, near the Texas Medical Center, and in southeast Houston. Some Asian concentrations overlapped with tracts that were also racially concentrated with White residents.

Concentrations of Black/African Americans are located mainly near downtown in neighborhoods including the Greater Third Ward, Greater OST/South Union, and Greater Fifth Ward, in south Houston in neighborhoods including

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| 2 | Area Name: | Community Revitalization Area (CRA) |
| | Area Type: | Local Target area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | N/A |
| | HUD Approval Date: | N/A |
| | % of Low/ Med: | N/A |
| | Revital Type: | Comprehensive |
| | Other Revital Description: | N/A |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | The Community Revitalization Areas includes the following Super Neighborhoods: Near Northside (southern portion), Greater Fifth Ward (southern portion), and Greater OST/South Union (eastern portion). The Community Revitalization Outreach Areas include the following Super Neighborhoods: Acres Home, Independence Heights, Near Northside (northern portion), Greater Fifth Ward (northern portion), Greater OST/South Union (western portion), and Sunnyside. |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | Although each Super Neighborhood has very distinct and unique characteristics, the CRA represents areas of opportunity. Identified through a process for expending CDBG DR2 funding, these are neighborhoods that have aging housing stock, some affected by Hurricane Ike and are in need of public and private investment, but also have seen recent private and public market investment. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | Stakeholder groups that were involved in the process included: HUD, GLO, Houston Mayor's Office, Houston Housing Authority, Texas Organizing Project, Texas Appleseed, and Texas Low Income Housing Information Service. Extensive community engagement was also conducted during this process. The full engagement process is documented in the <i>Disaster Recovery – Round 2 Market Analysis /Areas Selection Planning Study</i> . |
| | Identify the needs in this target area. | Although these target areas are in close proximity to downtown Houston, there has been historical disinvestment. Each neighborhood has a unique set of needs but some overarching needs can be concluded. Many of the housing units are vacant or in need of repair or reconstruction. Increased investment in commercial development as well as development of new or enhanced public facilities is also needed. |
| | What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | Opportunities for these areas include improved housing stock and increased amenities including infrastructure, public facilities, and economic development. MetroRail has been added to two of these neighborhoods and could present a major opportunity for improvement and promotion of private investment. |
| | Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | There are barriers for these target areas. As these areas of opportunity are seeing market investment, it may become more difficult and/or expensive to maintain or introduce new affordable housing to the area. |

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| 2 | Area Name: | Complete Communities: Acres Home |
| | Area Type: | Local Target Area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | N/A |
| | HUD Approval Date: | N/A |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | N/A |
| | Revital Type: | Comprehensive |
| | Other Revital Description: | N/A |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | The Acres Home Complete Community is located in northern Houston, west of I45 and north of I610. A map of the boundaries of the five Complete Communities is included in the Appendix of this document. |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | Acres Homes has a rich African American heritage and a semi-rural character. Many of the residential lots are large and allow livestock, which is a unique characteristic compared to other Houston neighborhoods. There is little commercial or industrial development and a large amount of undeveloped land. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | <p>The five pilot Complete Communities are a group of neighborhoods that represent a diversity of conditions and challenges. The five pilot 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.</p> <p>The Planning and Development Department staff initially analyzed data such as: City of Houston's 3-1-1 calls, crime rate, civic engagement capacity, development patterns, housing availability, value and costs, access to public and private facilities, and income and education factors. Next, the Planning and Development Department convened an Advisory Committee to review the analysis of chosen areas and to serve as links to residents and businesses in the selected neighborhoods. The committee is comprised of approximately 25 community leaders and advocates that have balanced perspective ranging from city-wide to neighborhood specific.</p> <p>Further citizen participation and consultation will take place in each of the Complete Communities in order to create a planning/implementation document unique to each of the five communities.</p> |
| | Identify the needs in this target area. | As historically under-resourced communities, there are needs in Complete Communities for increased levels of City services such as park maintenance and debris removal, as well as, for additional infrastructure investment to improve streets, sidewalks, and drainage. Unique neighborhood needs will be identified in each Complete Community planning/implementation document after public engagement has been undertaken. |

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| | What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | The Complete Communities are neighborhoods with community capacity to help with implementation of planned activities. Specifically, Acres Home has many opportunities that future activities can build from, including its African American heritage, large residential lots, rural character, and undeveloped land. These opportunities are likely to assist in the efforts to address the needs within the area. Opportunities for improvement may include single-family affordable home development, increase grocery store access, stray animal pick up, civic leadership training, addressing flooding issues, park maintenance, enhanced walkability and mobility, and jobs training and placement. Specific projects and activities will be identified from the results of community engagement. |
| | Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | As the City has selected five pilot Complete Communities and offered additional investment in these areas, land speculation, displacement/gentrification, and rising housing costs may occur. These may become barriers to the improvement in these Complete Communities. Also, because Complete Communities is a city-sponsored initiative, there may be trust issues that could also become a barrier. |

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| 3 | Area Name: | Complete Communities: Gulfton |
| | Area Type: | Local Target Area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | N/A |
| | HUD Approval Date: | N/A |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | N/A |
| | Revital Type: | Comprehensive |
| | Other Revital Description: | N/A |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | The Gulfton Complete Community is located in southwest Houston, south of I69 and just outside I610. A map of the boundaries of the five Complete Communities is included in the Appendix of this document. |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | Gulfton is a very diverse and densely populated neighborhood. It has many large apartment complexes, some single-family homes, and scattered commercial and light industrial uses. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | <p>The five pilot Complete Communities are a group of neighborhoods that represent a diversity of conditions and challenges. The five pilot 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.</p> <p>The Planning and Development Department staff initially analyzed data such as: City of Houston's 3-1-1 calls, crime rate, civic engagement capacity, development patterns, housing availability, value and costs, access to public and private facilities, and income and education factors. Next, the Planning and Development Department convened an Advisory Committee to review the analysis of chosen areas and to serve as links to residents and businesses in the selected neighborhoods. The committee is comprised of approximately 25 community leaders and advocates that have balanced perspective ranging from city-wide to neighborhood specific.</p> <p>Further citizen participation and consultation will take place in each of the Complete Communities in order to create a planning/implementation document unique to each of the five communities.</p> |
| | Identify the needs in this target area. | As historically under-resourced communities, there are needs in Complete Communities for increased levels of City services such as park maintenance and debris removal, as well as, for additional infrastructure investment to improve streets, sidewalks, and drainage. Unique neighborhood needs will be identified in each Complete Community planning/implementation document after public engagement has been undertaken. |

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| | <p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p> <p>The Complete Communities are neighborhoods with community capacity to help with implementation of planned activities. Specifically, Gulfton has many opportunities including its diverse population, international population, and very high density of housing. These opportunities are likely to assist in the efforts to address the needs within the area. Opportunities for improvement may include single-family affordable home development, increase grocery store access, stray animal pick up, civic leadership training, addressing flooding issues, park maintenance, enhanced walkability and mobility, and jobs training and placement. Specific projects and activities will be identified from the results of community engagement.</p> |
| | <p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p> <p>As the City has selected five pilot Complete Communities and offered additional investment in these areas, land speculation, displacement/gentrification, and rising housing costs may occur. These may become barriers to the improvement in these Complete Communities. Also, because Complete Communities is a city-sponsored initiative, there may be trust issues that could also become a barrier.</p> |

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| 4 | Area Name: | Complete Communities: Near Northside |
| | Area Type: | Local Target Area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | N/A |
| | HUD Approval Date: | N/A |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | N/A |
| | Revital Type: | Comprehensive |
| | Other Revital Description: | N/A |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | The Near North Side Complete Community is located directly north of downtown Houston and bounded by I45 to the west and Hardy to the east. A map of the boundaries of the five Complete Communities is included in the Appendix of this document. |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | The southern portion of the Near Northside consists of wood frame homes surrounding commercial properties along the main north/south corridors. The north portion of the Near Northside consists of homes built on larger residential lots. Development and investment has been spurred in the area with the recent opening of the northern portion of METRORails Red Line. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | <p>The five pilot Complete Communities are a group of neighborhoods that represent a diversity of conditions and challenges. The five pilot 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.</p> <p>The Planning and Development Department staff initially analyzed data such as: City of Houston's 3-1-1, crime rate, civic engagement capacity, development patterns, housing availability, value and costs, access to public and private facilities, and income and education factors. Next, the Planning and Development Department convened an Advisory Committee to review the analysis of chosen areas and to serve as links to residents and businesses in the selected neighborhoods. The committee is comprised of approximately 25 community leaders and advocates that have balanced perspective ranging from city-wide to neighborhood specific.</p> <p>Further citizen participation and consultation will take place in each of the Complete Communities in order to create a planning/implementation document unique to each of the five communities.</p> |
| | Identify the needs in this target area. | As historically under-resourced communities, there are needs in Complete Communities for increased levels of City services such as park maintenance and debris removal, as well as, for additional infrastructure investment to improve streets, sidewalks, and drainage. Unique neighborhood needs will be identified in each Complete Community planning/implementation document after public engagement has been undertaken. |

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| What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | The Complete Communities are neighborhoods with community capacity to help with implementation of planned activities. Specifically, the Near Northside has many opportunities including its proximity to downtown, the recently opened METRORail Red Line, new development, and previous neighborhood planning and capacity building efforts. These opportunities are likely to assist in the efforts to address the needs within the area. Opportunities for improvement may include single-family affordable home development, increase grocery store access, stray animal pick up, civic leadership training, addressing flooding issues, park maintenance, enhanced walkability and mobility, and jobs training and placement. Specific projects and activities will be identified from the results of community engagement. |
| Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | As the City has selected five pilot Complete Communities and offered additional investment in these areas, land speculation, displacement/gentrification, and rising housing costs may occur. These may become barriers to the improvement in these Complete Communities. Also, because Complete Communities is a city-sponsored initiative, there may be trust issues that could also become a barrier. |

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| 5 | Area Name: | Complete Communities: Second Ward |
| | Area Type: | Local Target Area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | N/A |
| | HUD Approval Date: | N/A |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | N/A |
| | Revital Type: | Comprehensive |
| | Other Revital Description: | N/A |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | The Second Ward Complete Community is located directly east of downtown Houston with Harrisburg Boulevard to the south, Buffalo Bayou to the north, and Terminal Street to the east. A map of the boundaries of the five Complete Communities is included in the Appendix of this document. |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | The northern portion of the Second Ward has industrial uses, some which use Buffalo Bayou for transportation. Most housing was built before World War II. Clayton Homes is a public housing development located on the western edge of the neighborhood. The recent opening of the METRORail's Green Line along Harrisburg gives Second Ward residents additional transportation opportunities and has spurred development. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | <p>The five pilot Complete Communities are a group of neighborhoods that represent a diversity of conditions and challenges. The five pilot 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.</p> <p>The Planning and Development Department staff initially analyzed data such as: City of Houston's 3-1-1 calls, crime rate, civic engagement capacity, development patterns, housing availability, value and costs, access to public and private facilities, and income and education factors. Next, the Planning and Development Department convened an Advisory Committee to review the analysis of chosen areas and to serve as links to residents and businesses in the selected neighborhoods. The committee is comprised of approximately 25 community leaders and advocates that have balanced perspective ranging from city-wide to neighborhood specific.</p> <p>Further citizen participation and consultation will take place in each of the Complete Communities in order to create a planning/implementation document unique to each of the five communities.</p> |
| | Identify the needs in this target area. | As historically under-resourced communities, there are needs in Complete Communities for increased levels of City services such as park maintenance and debris removal, as well as, for additional infrastructure investment to improve streets, sidewalks, and drainage. Unique neighborhood needs will be identified in each Complete Community planning/implementation document after public engagement has been undertaken. |

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| | <p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p> | <p>The Complete Communities are neighborhoods with community capacity to help with implementation of planned activities. Specifically, Second Ward has many opportunities including its proximity to downtown and the recently opened METRORail Green Line. These opportunities are likely to assist in the efforts to address the needs within the area. Opportunities for improvement may include single-family affordable home development, increase grocery store access, stray animal pick up, civic leadership training, addressing flooding issues, park maintenance, enhanced walkability and mobility, and jobs training and placement. Specific projects and activities will be identified from the results of community engagement.</p> |
| | <p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p> | <p>As the City has selected five pilot Complete Communities and offered additional investment in these areas, land speculation, displacement/gentrification, and rising housing costs may occur. These may become barriers to the improvement in these Complete Communities. Also, because Complete Communities is a city-sponsored initiative, there may be trust issues that could also become a barrier.</p> |

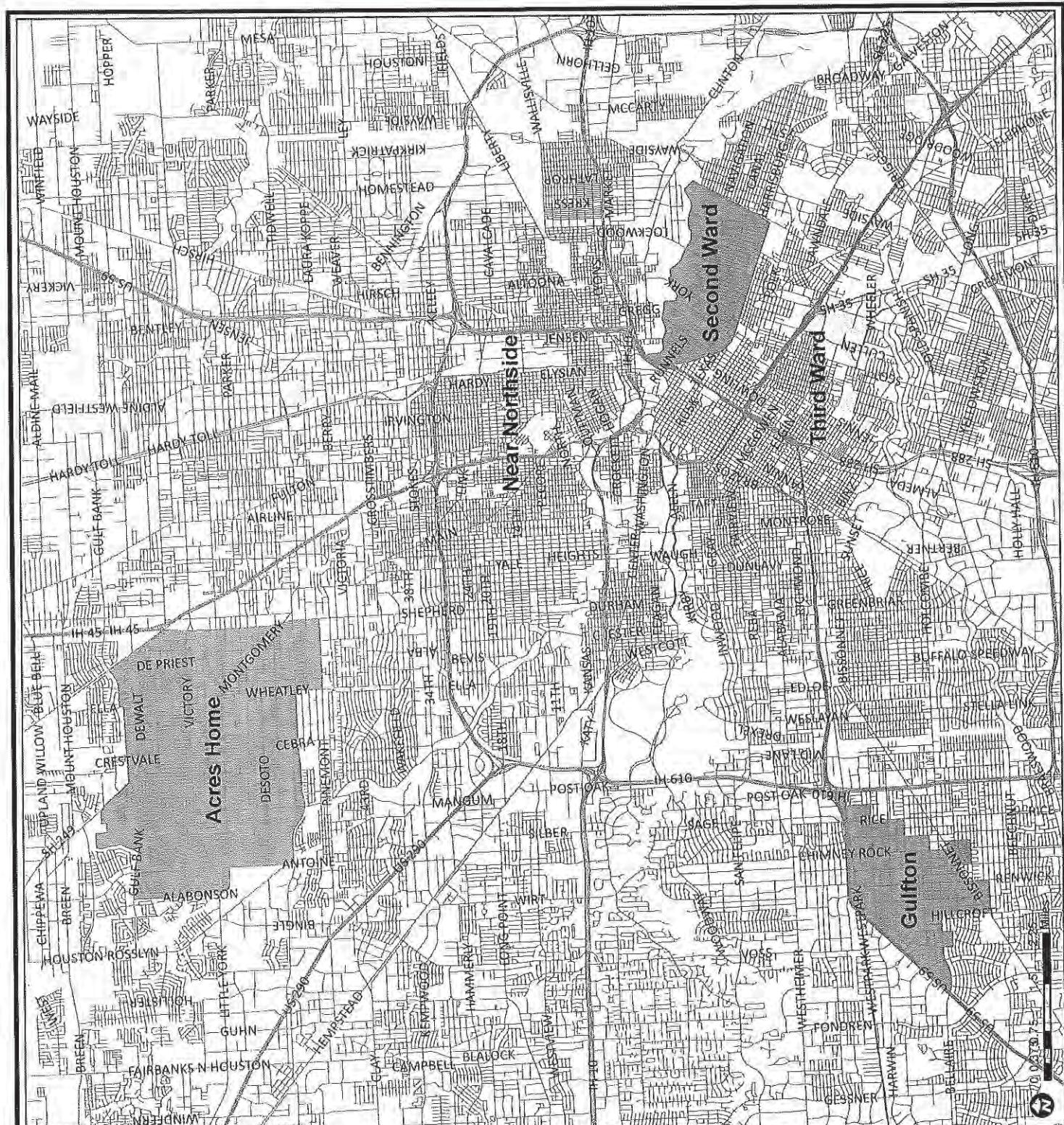
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| 6 | Area Name: | Complete Communities: Third Ward |
| | Area Type: | Local Target Area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | N/A |
| | HUD Approval Date: | N/A |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | N/A |
| | Revital Type: | Comprehensive |
| | Other Revital Description: | N/A |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | The Third Ward Complete Community is located directly south of downtown Houston. The borders of this Complete Community are I45 to the northeast, I69 to the northwest, Almeda to the West, SH 35 to the east, and Wheeler and Blodgett to the south. A map of the boundaries of the five Complete Communities is included in the Appendix of this document. |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | The Third Ward is home to some important institutions to Houston's African American community, including Texas Southern University, Emancipation Park, Riverside Hospital, and many prominent churches. In addition, the University of Houston and the METRORail's Purple Line are also located in Third Ward. Originally a community of shotgun and modest frame homes, development pressures have resulted in newly developed townhomes in the northwest portion of the neighborhood. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to Identify this neighborhood as a target area? | <p>The five pilot Complete Communities are a group of neighborhoods that represent a diversity of conditions and challenges. The five pilot 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.</p> <p>The Planning and Development Department staff initially analyzed data such as: City of Houston's 3-1-1 calls, crime rate, civic engagement capacity, development patterns, housing availability, value and costs, access to public and private facilities, and income and education factors. Next, the Planning and Development Department convened an Advisory Committee to review the analysis of chosen areas and to serve as links to residents and businesses in the selected neighborhoods. The committee is comprised of approximately 25 community leaders and advocates that have balanced perspective ranging from city-wide to neighborhood specific.</p> <p>Further citizen participation and consultation will take place in each of the Complete Communities in order to create a planning/implementation document unique to each of the five communities.</p> |
| | Identify the needs in this target area. | As historically under-resourced communities, there are needs in Complete Communities for increased levels of City services such as park maintenance and debris removal, as well as, for additional infrastructure investment to improve streets, sidewalks, and drainage. Unique neighborhood needs will be identified in each Complete Community planning/implementation document after public engagement has been undertaken. |

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| | <p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p> <p>The Complete Communities are neighborhoods with community capacity to help with implementation of planned activities. Specifically, Third Ward has many opportunities including its proximity to downtown, large educational institutions, the recently opened METRORail Green Line, and previous neighborhood planning and capacity building efforts. These opportunities are likely to assist in the efforts to address the needs within the area. Opportunities for improvement may include single-family affordable home development, increase grocery store access, stray animal pick up, civic leadership training, addressing flooding issues, park maintenance, enhanced walkability and mobility, and jobs training and placement. Specific projects and activities will be identified from the results of community engagement.</p> |
| | <p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p> <p>As the City has selected five pilot Complete Communities and offered additional investment in these areas, land speculation, displacement/gentrification, and rising housing costs may occur. These may become barriers to the improvement in these Complete Communities. Also, because Complete Communities is a city-sponsored initiative, there may be trust issues that could also become a barrier.</p> |

General Allocation Priorities**Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)**

Establishing target areas helps HCDD direct funding and activities to certain areas of the City to enhance these areas while also preserving affordability. The basis for choosing target areas for investment is to consolidate scarce funding to create major improvements in selected areas of the City in need. Areas of Community Reinvestment and Complete Communities Pilot Neighborhoods have been selected for particular activities based on recent data and future public involvement. Funding for code enforcement activities will be geographically targeted to only Areas for Community Reinvestment. Other entitlement funds, mostly related to housing, economic development, and public facility improvements will be prioritized in these target areas because these are neighborhoods that have been historically under-resourced.

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$ | Narrative Description |
|--|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | | |
| HOPWA | public – federal | Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMLU Supportive services TBRA | 10,343,492 | 0 | 0 | 10,343,492 | 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 | 2,027,628 | 0 | 0 | 2,027,628 | 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 | 120,000,000 | 120,000,000 | 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. |
| Homeless Housing Services Program (HHSP) | public – state | Financial Assistance Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services | 1,300,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,300,000 | 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 | 14,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 14,000,000 | 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-DR15 | public – federal | Acquisition Homeowner Rehab Public Improvements Admin and Planning | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CDBG-DR15 will be used to fund infrastructure improvements, buyout, and homeowner rehab to address damages caused by the 2015 flood events and resilience to future flooding. |



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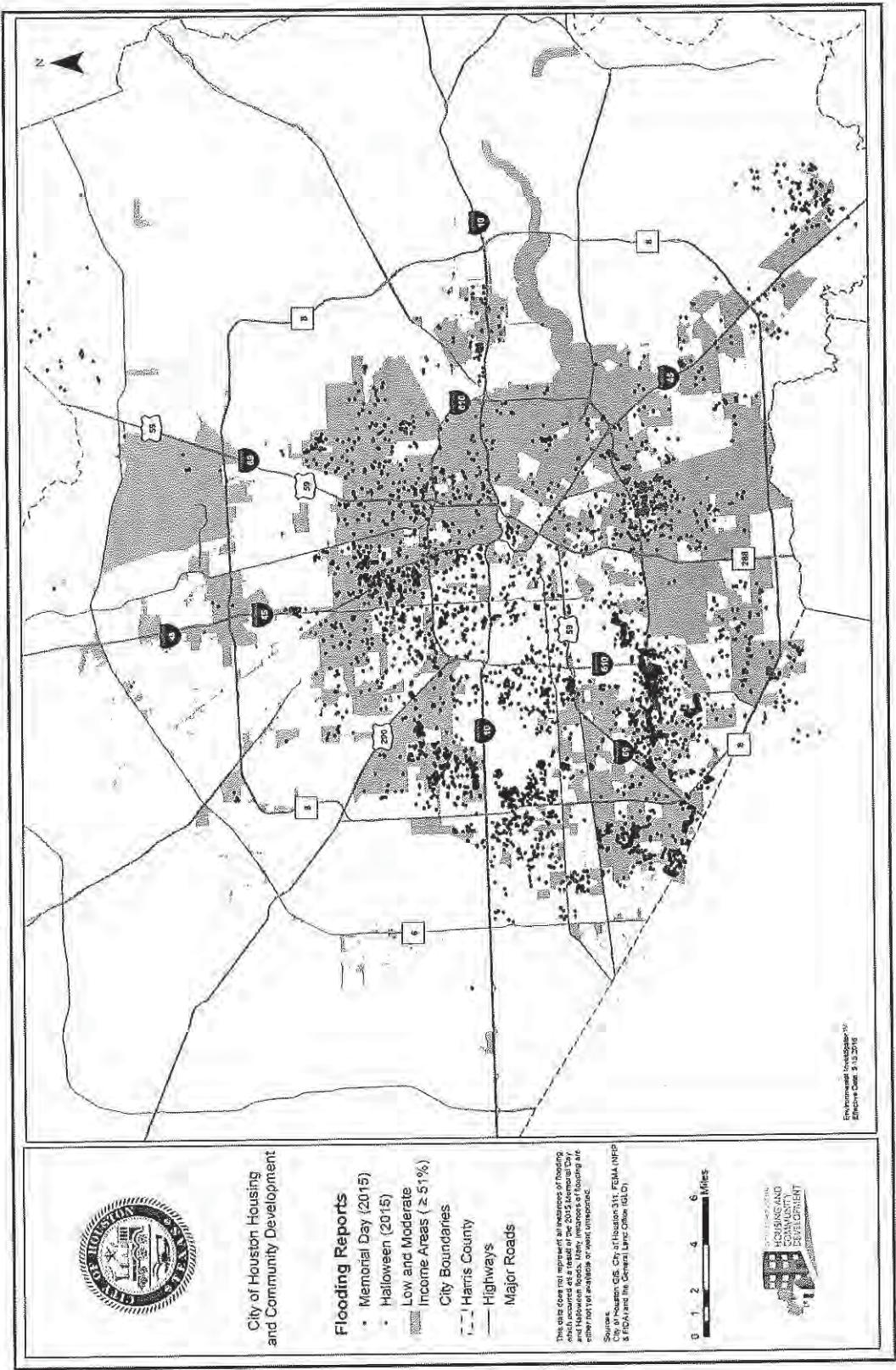
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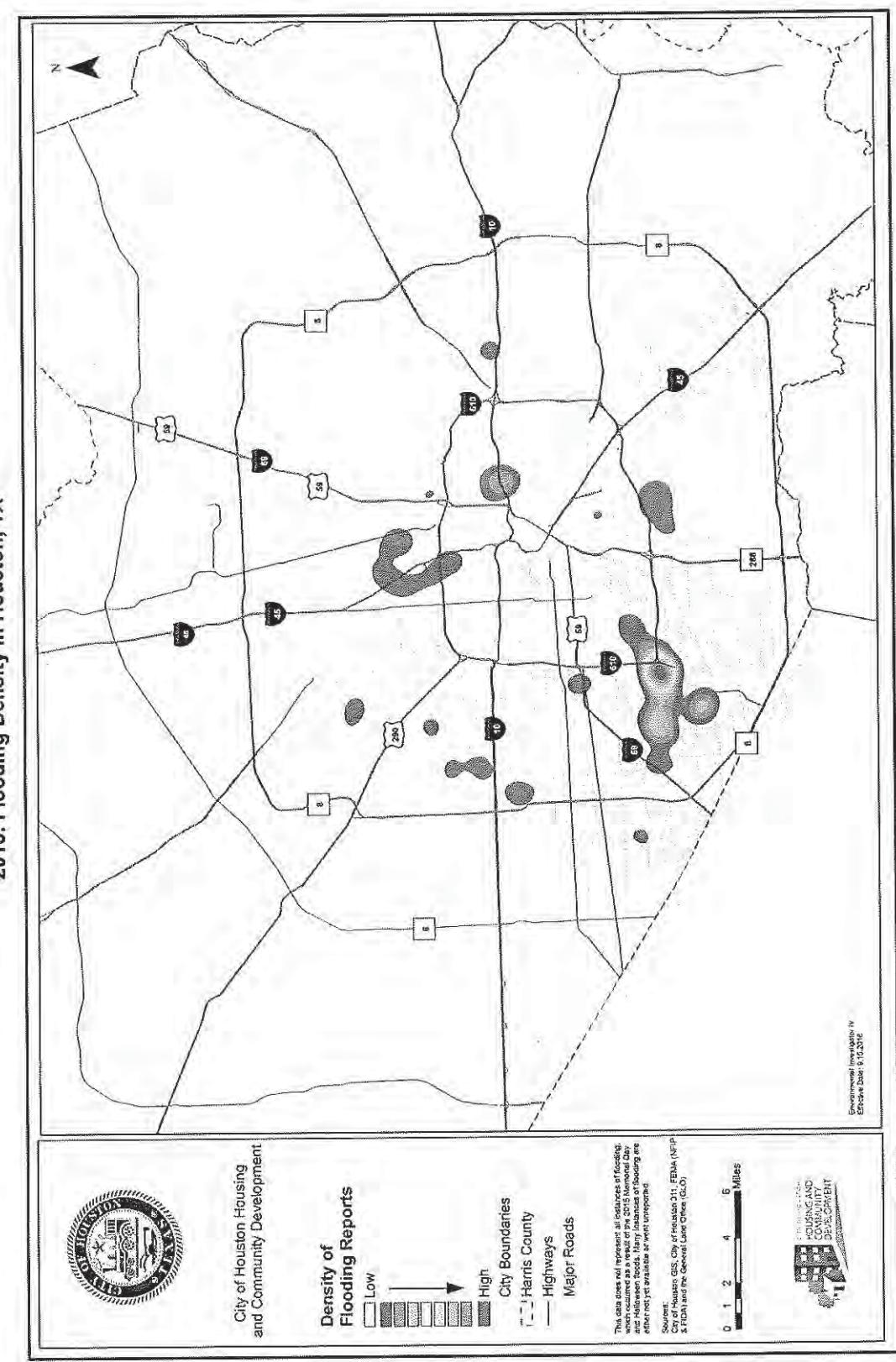


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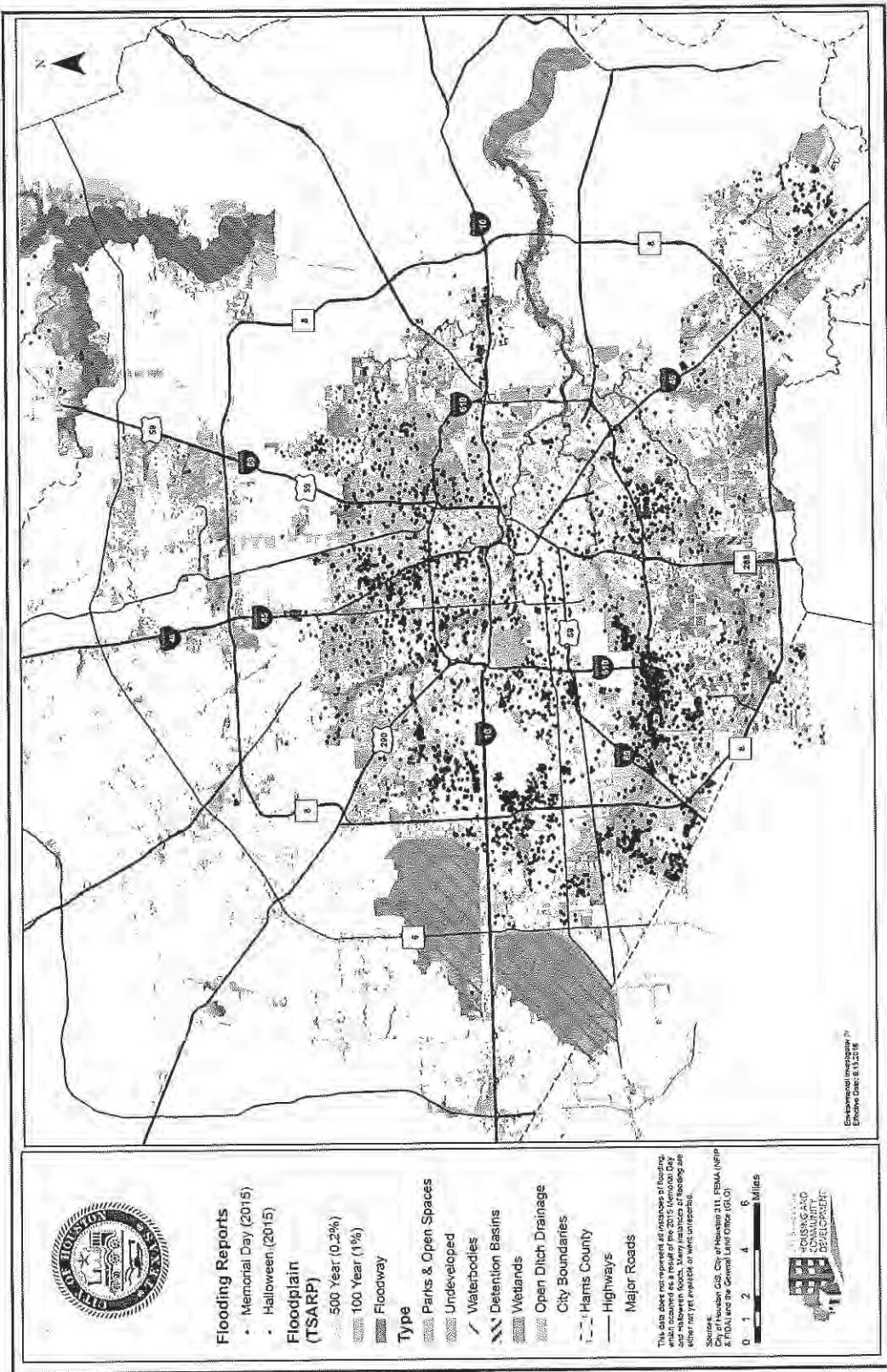
Appendix # 9: Maps of 2015 Flood Events

2015 Memorial and Halloween Flooding Reports





2015 Flooding in Neighborhoods with Open Ditches



CITY OF HOUSTON
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
FOR THE
CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Previous Amendment: April 2016
Approval: June 2017



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A. Introduction

The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) has been prepared and implemented pursuant to federal regulations (U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regulations 24 CFR Part 91.105) and the City of Houston's desire to encourage and support public participation in the development of the documents related to the consolidated planning process.

The purpose of the CPP is to establish a viable means by which residents of the City of Houston (City), public agencies, and other interested parties can actively participate in the development of documents related to the consolidated planning process including

- The Consolidated Plan
- The Annual Action Plan
- The Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) and its revisions
- Amendments to Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan(s)
- The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- Amendments to the CPP

The actions described in the CPP relate to the planning and expenditure of funds provided to the City by the HUD Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). CPD entitlement funds received by the City include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Economic Development Initiative (EDI), Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, and other grants, as may be added by law.

B. Encouragement of Citizen Participation

The City of Houston strives to encourage and facilitate the participation of its residents in the development of priorities, strategies, and funding allocations related to the consolidated planning process. The City will emphasize the involvement of low- and moderate-income persons, especially those living in slum and blighted areas, areas designated as a revitalization area, areas where the funds are proposed to be used, and low- and moderate-income neighborhoods where 51% of the residents are at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI).

The City encourages the participation of local and regional institutions, the Continuum of Care, and other organizations (including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community/faith-based organizations) in the process of developing and implementing the documents related to the consolidated planning process. Also, the City will encourage participation from broadband internet service providers, organizations engaged in narrowing the digital divide, agencies who manage flood prone areas, public land or water resources, and emergency management agencies.

To encourage citizen participation that emphasizes the involvement of low- and moderate-income residents, the City will continue to work with public housing authorities, neighborhood groups, and other organizations representing the City's low- and moderate-income areas and residents.

The CPP ensures that all parties, including residents, non-profit organizations, and other interested organizations, are afforded adequate opportunity to review and comment on plans, programs, activities, and reports covering the City's federally funded housing and community development programs. This includes minority populations, people with limited English proficiency, and persons with disabilities.

C. Consolidated Planning Activities

1. Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

Every five years, the City of Houston develops a Consolidated Plan, as required by HUD, detailing how the City plans to invest its resources to meet Houston's ongoing affordable housing, community development, economic development, and public service needs over the next five years. The Consolidated Plan is a strategic plan and is developed using a collaborative community engagement process that results in a shared strategic vision for how resources are allocated to meet needs.

The Annual Action Plan outlines the community's needs, budget priorities, local and federal resources, and proposed activities for the upcoming year. Public hearings and draft documents are necessities in the citizen participation process.

a. Public Hearings

Public hearings will be held at key stages of the consolidated planning process to obtain public input and response regarding community needs, proposed use of funds, proposed strategies and actions for affirmatively furthering fair housing consistent with the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), and program performance.

Pursuant to HUD regulations, the City will conduct a minimum of two (2) public hearings held at different planning stages within the program year prior to submission of the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan to allow for resident participation in the development process. At least one (1) of these hearings will be held during the development of the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan, before the proposed plan is published for comment.

b. Draft Plan(s)

Before the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan is adopted by the City Council and submitted to HUD (i.e., mid-May), the City will make the plan(s) available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties for review and will also establish the means to submit comments. Information made accessible to the public will include the amount of grant funds the City expects to receive (including program income), the range of activities to be undertaken, and the anticipated number of low- and moderate-income persons to benefit from funded activities.

The City will publish its Draft Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan for no less than thirty (30) days so that all affected residents will have sufficient opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan(s). A summary describing the contents and purpose of the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan will be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation. As feasible, the summary will be available in English, Spanish, and other languages.

The notice will detail locations where the entire draft plan(s) will be made available for review. Locations will include

- Housing and Community Development Department – 601 Sawyer, Suite 400
- City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department Website – www.houstontx.gov/housing
- City of Houston Main Public Library – 500 McKinney Street

A reasonable number of free copies will be available at the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department (601 Sawyer, 4th floor), upon request.

The City will consider any comments or views of residents of the community received in writing, or orally at the public hearings, in preparing the final Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, shall be attached to the final Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan.

2. Amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

For the purpose of the CPP, amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are divided into two categories: Substantial Amendments and Minor Amendments.

a. Substantial Amendments

Occasionally, it may be necessary for the City to process a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan or an Annual Action Plan to allow for new activities, modification of existing activities, or other program changes.

Substantial Amendments are subject to the citizen participation process and require formal action by the City Council and submission to HUD by the end of the program year. The City announces Substantial Amendments to the public by publishing a public notice in one or more newspapers of general circulation for a period of thirty (30) days in order to provide the opportunity for the public to review and comment on the proposed Substantial Amendments. The notice will be available in English and may also be available in Spanish and other languages, as feasible. The City will consider all written or oral comments or views received from the public concerning proposed substantial amendments in accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(3). A summary of these comments and views, including comments or views not accepted and the reason why, shall be attached to the substantial amendment.

When using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan process (except for EDI as discussed in a later section), the following criteria will be used by the City for determining what constitutes a Substantial Amendment to its approved Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan.

1. Adding a new activity¹ not previously described in the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan

¹ Activity: The first level of HUD categories of activities at 24 CFR 570.201-206 and listed on the Annual Action Plan budget page that accompanies the SF-424 Form, i.e. public services, public facilities and improvements, etc.

2. Deleting an activity previously described in the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan
3. Changing the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity or previously described in the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan
4. Changing allocation priorities or changing the method of the distribution of funds
5. Changing an activity ***total dollar amount allocated*** or budgeted by more than 25 percent from the amount previously described in an Annual Action Plan or its most recent Substantial Amendment

b. Minor Amendments

Minor Amendments (Administrative Transfers) represent any action that changes an activity budget in an Annual Action Plan by less than twenty-five percent (25%). These require the signature of the City's HCDD Director, or designated representative, but do not require public notice or City Council approval.

3. Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)

The AFH is an analysis of local fair housing landscape and sets locally determined fair housing priorities and goals. The AFH contains

- An analysis of fair housing data
- An assessment of fair housing issues which are local conditions that restrict fair housing choice or access to opportunity
- An assessment of the contributing factors that create, contribute to perpetuate, or increase the severity of one or more fair housing issues
- An identification of fair housing priorities and goals

The AFH is conducted and submitted to HUD using the HUD designated Assessment Tool and replaces the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice beginning in program year 2020.

a. Data and Information

As soon as feasible after the start of the public participation process, the City will make the HUD-provided data and other information used in the development of the AFH available to residents, public agencies, and other interested parties. A summary of data and information that is planned to be incorporated into the AFH, or links to the data and information, will be available through HCDD's website.

b. Public Hearing

At least one public hearing will be held to obtain the views of residents on AFH-related data and affirmatively furthering fair housing in the City's housing and community development programs. This public hearing will be held before the Draft AFH is published for comment.

c. Draft AFH

Before the AFH is submitted to HUD, the City will make a Draft AFH available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties for review and will also establish the means to submit comments.

The City will publish its Draft AFH for no less than thirty (30) days to provide residents with sufficient opportunity to review and comment on the Draft AFH. A summary describing the contents and purpose of the AFH will be published in one or more newspapers of general

circulation. The summary will be available in English and may also be available in Spanish and other languages, as feasible.

The notice will detail locations where the entire Draft AFH will be made available for review. Locations will include

- Housing and Community Development Department – 601 Sawyer Street, Suite 400
- City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department Website – www.houstontx.gov/housing
- City of Houston Main Public Library – 500 McKinney Street

A reasonable number of free copies will be available at the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department (601 Sawyer, 4th floor), upon request.

The City will consider any comments or views of residents of the community received in writing, or orally at the public hearings, in preparing the final AFH. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, shall be attached to the final AFH.

d. Revisions to AFH

A HUD accepted AFH must be revised and submitted to HUD for review when

1. A material change occurs. A material change is one that both a) impacts the circumstances in the City which may include natural disasters, significant demographic changes, new significant contributing factors, and civil rights findings and b) causes alterations to the AFH's analyses, contributing factors, priorities, and/or goals.
2. The City receives a written notification from HUD specifying a material change.

4. Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The City is required to submit a CAPER for its CPD programs to HUD no later than 90 days from the end of a program year. The CAPER describes how funds were spent and the extent to which these funds were used for activities that benefitted low- and moderate-income people.

To allow the public to comment on the performance report, the City of Houston will publish notice in one or more newspapers of general circulation that its Draft CAPER is available for review. The notice will be available in English and may also be available in Spanish and other languages, as feasible. The notice will detail locations where the entire Draft CAPER will be made available for review. Locations will include

- Housing and Community Development Department – 601 Sawyer, Suite 400
- City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department Website – www.houstontx.gov/housing
- City of Houston Main Public Library – 500 McKinney Street

The public will have at least fifteen (15) days to comment on the Draft CAPER. All comments and views received during the comment period will be considered and shall be included in the performance report.

5. Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)

When changes to the CPP are necessary, the City will publish notice in one or more newspapers of general circulation that the amended CPP is available to review so that the public will have sufficient opportunity to review and comment on the updates. There will be a thirty (30) day public comment period prior to the adoption of the amended CPP.

Upon request, the CPP can be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities.

D. Meetings and Public Hearings Schedule

The City of Houston's program/fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30.

October/November/December – First Public Hearing on Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan is held during plan development (performance review and citizens express their needs regarding priority housing and non-housing community development needs and affirmatively furthering fair housing).

March – Draft Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan is made available to the public for a review period of no less than thirty (30).

March/April – Second Public Hearing on Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan is held (citizens express agreement or concern(s) on draft plan(s) and proposed use of funds).

April/May – Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan is submitted to HUD.

September – Draft CAPER is made available to the public, a fifteen (15) day review period is held, and the CAPER is submitted to HUD.

E. General Requirements

1. Public Hearings and Public Meetings

During the consolidated planning process, HCDD may hold both public hearings and public meetings. The location of the public hearings are intended to be convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries and will be held at a central location in the city or in a neighborhood close in proximity to low- and moderate-income residents.

Public hearings and public meetings are held at times and in locations accessible to persons with disabilities, consistent with accessibility and reasonable accommodation requirements. Interpretation for persons with limited English proficiency or persons with hearing impairments will be provided, upon request. HCDD may also provide interpreters, without request, if a public hearing is held where a significant number of non-English speaking residents are expected to participate. Additional accommodations may be made upon advance request.

Public hearings shall be held after a minimum of a fourteen (14) day notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation. Notices will be available in English and may also be available in Spanish and other languages, as feasible.

Public hearings and public meeting notices are posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, readily accessible to the general public at least three (3) days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date, in accordance to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

2. Technical Assistance

The City will provide technical assistance, as requested, to groups representing low- and moderate-income persons that are developing proposals for entitlement funded housing and community development activities in the City of Houston. This technical assistance will be offered any time proposals for the use of entitlement funding are requested.

3. Access to Records

The City of Houston will provide the public with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to documents related to the consolidated planning process, as well as the proposed, actual, and past use of funds covered by the CPP.

The public will be provided reasonable access to information, subject to local, state, and federal public information laws and laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality. Confidential documents will be set apart from public information, and any requestors of this information will be promptly informed. The public will have access to records for at least five years from the publication date of the requested document.

4. Availability to the Public

Copies of documents related to the consolidated planning process, as described below, will be available to the public

- Adopted Citizen Participation Plan
- Final Consolidated Plans
- Final Annual Action Plans
- Final Substantial Amendments to an Annual Action Plan or Consolidated Plan
- HUD-accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) and its revisions
- Final Consolidated Annual Performance Reports (CAPER)

Copies of these documents will be available for review at the following locations

- Housing and Community Development Department – 601 Sawyer, Suite 400
- City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department Website – www.houstontx.gov/housing

Additional single copies of these documents may be obtained from the Housing and Community Development Department at no charge. These documents will also be available in a form accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request to the Planning and Grants Management Division at 832.394.6200.

All documents related to the consolidated planning process will be placed on file in the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department file room located at 601 Sawyer, Houston, Texas 77007.

5. Language Assistance

Based on HUD guidance, HCDD assesses language needs through a four factor analysis in its *Language Assistance Plan*. Vital documents and notices related to the consolidated planning process will be available in English and may also be available in Spanish and other languages, as feasible.

6. Anti-Displacement and Relocation

The City's consolidated planning activities are designed to eliminate or minimize displacement of residents. Program guidelines and limitations are structured so that permanent displacement is unlikely.

Tenants in occupied rental properties are made aware of their rights with respect to displacement and relocation. Property owners are made aware of their rights and responsibilities. Property owners must assume the financial responsibility for the relocation of their tenants.

If displacement will occur due to any planned actions, the City will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, as described in 49 CFR Part 24. If displacement should occur because the dwelling is deemed uninhabitable, it is the City's policy to provide advisory service and, if applicable, make relocation payments in accordance with local, state, and federal law.

F. Citizens' Complaints

Written complaints from the public related to the City's CPP, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Substantial Amendments, CAPERs, AFH, or AFH revisions will receive careful consideration and will be answered in writing, or other effective method of communication, within fifteen (15) business days, where practicable.

Written complaints should be sent to
 Attn: Planning and Grants Management
 City of Houston
 Housing and Community Development Department
 601 Sawyer Street, Suite 400
 Houston, Texas 77007

G. Economic Development Initiative (EDI)/Section 108 Loan Program

It should be noted that the process for amending the EDI/Section 108 grant application differs considerably from that used for the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and non-EDI Section 108 programs. First, in accordance with Item 8 of the executed grant agreement between the City of Houston and HUD, the EDI agreement can only be amended with prior written permission of HUD. Second, federal regulations require that a public hearing be held

when amending the EDI/Section 108 grant application. For any program amended, verbal and written citizen comments will be summarized and submitted to HUD along with HCDD's response to each. EDI/Section 108 applications and funding are subject to all CPP requirements applicable to the consolidated planning process where they are the same and as specifically required under 24 CFR §570.704.

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2017- 516

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HOUSTON TO SUBMIT THE 2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING 2017 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND BUDGETS: 1) 43RD PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,348,270 (WHICH AMOUNT INCLUDES \$ 22,194,626 IN CDBG FUNDS AND \$153,644 IN PROJECTED PROGRAM INCOME); 2) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,862,050 (WHICH AMOUNT INCLUDES \$6,767,107 IN HOME FUNDS AND \$94,943 IN PROJECTED PROGRAM INCOME); 3) HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,731,610; AND 4) EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,993,229; TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED GRANTS, IF AWARDED; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby approves and authorizes the City of Houston ("City") to submit the 2017 Annual Action Plan ("Plan") to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), including the following 2017 grant applications and budgets (collectively, the "Applications"): 1) 43rd Program Year Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") in the amount of \$22,348,270, (which amount includes \$22,194,626 in CDBG funds and \$153,644 in Projected Program Income); 2) Home Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Grant in the amount of \$6,862,050 (which amount includes \$6,767,107 in HOME funds and \$94,943 in Projected Program Income); 3) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Grant in the amount of \$9,731,610; and 4) Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG"), formerly known as the Emergency Shelter Grants, in the amount of \$1,993,229; all in substantially the form attached hereto under **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby designated as the official to accept the funds requested in the Applications, or a different amount awarded by HUD, for the purposes of the subject grant assistance programs, and the City Council hereby authorizes acceptance of such funds, if awarded.

Section 3. That the Mayor (or in the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-Tem) is hereby authorized to execute the Plan and Applications and all related documents on behalf of the City of Houston and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the City's intent and objectives in approving such Plan, Applications and related documents, or other undertakings in the event of changed circumstances. The City Secretary (or in the absence of the City Secretary, any Assistant City Secretary) is hereby authorized to attest to all such signatures and to affix the seal

of the City to all such instruments. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to enforce legal obligations under said contracts, agreements or other undertakings, without further authorization from City Council.

Section 4. That the Housing and Community Development Department of the City of Houston (“HCDD”) has considered comments and views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings, in response to the Plan and will make appropriate changes to the Plan prior to submission of same to HUD, as necessary. Public notice of the proposed Plan was published in the Houston Chronicle from March 13, 2017 through April 12, 2017; the applicable public comment period expired on April 12, 2017.

Section 5. That the City Council takes cognizance of the fact that in order to facilitate operations of the various City housing and community development programs, projects and activities, and to make adjustments occasioned by events transpiring during the year, some transfers will be necessary to and from some of the accounts contained within each of the Applications as originally adopted. Accordingly, if the Mayor, through the Director of HCDD, its designee, or successor, from time to time shall upon the review of each grant separately and individually determine:

- (1) that there are unexpended funds in a grant budget for one or more housing and community development programs, projects or activities, which could be transferred to another program year budget without creating deficits in the requirements for any housing and community development program, project or activity;
- (2) that all proposed transfers comply in all respects with all applicable federal laws and regulations;
- (3) that when a formal amendment is required this document and its attachment will serve as a transmittal to HUD in compliance with 24 CFR §91.505(c), when applicable;
- (4) that a formal amendment may not be required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development nor the City Council of the City for such administrative and other minor changes to the budget; and

then, for all such administrative transfers, the Director of the Department of HCDD, his/her designee, or successor, may issue a request for the proposed transfer to the Director of the Finance Department. Upon receipt of such request, the Director of the Finance Department is hereby authorized to make transfers to and from said budget account or accounts in accordance with the request and to certify to the City Controller the amounts transferred and the accounts affected. Upon receipt of such certification, the City Controller shall treat such funds as if they had been so budgeted in the first instance.

Section 6. That the City Council authorizes the Director of HCDD or his or her designee or successor to make final adjustments to the Plan prior to its full execution, as may be required by HUD, without the necessity of returning to City Council for final approval.

Section 7. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of July, 2017.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is JUL 25 2017.



City Secretary

(Prepared by Legal Dept. Barbara J. Blue)
 (BJP/TE/06/16/17) Senior Assistant City Attorney
 (Requested by Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development)
 (L.D. File No.0291700017001)

Total Amount of Funding: \$ 40,935,159

Grant Fund

CDBG (\$22,348,270), HOME (\$6,862,050), HOPWA (\$9,731,610), and ESG Grants
 (\$1,993,229)

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