

SUMMARY
2013 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The **2013 Annual Action Plan (Plan)** is the City of Houston's application for federal funds, as well as its guide for increasing and conserving affordable housing through rehabilitation and homeownership assistance, assisting those with special needs, and providing infrastructure upgrades to low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The Plan outlines the priorities of these activities for the City of Houston's Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). The City will submit its Plan, which includes its consolidated application, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Throughout the 2013 Plan development process, Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) collaborates with various community stakeholders to determine which improvement strategies benefit low- and moderate-income Houstonians. Information about the planning process was made available at the first two (2) of four (4) public hearings on Monday, October 29, 2012 and Thursday, November 11, 2012. HCDD also solicited public comment from residents, neighborhood-based organizations, and non- and for-profit agencies.

Funding priorities are housing, supportive services, infrastructure/neighborhood facilities, and economic development. The goal of the **2013 Plan** is to promote strategies that will result in the (1) **creation of suitable living environments**, (2) **improvement of the housing stock**, and (3) **expansion of economic development opportunities** for Houstonians, the majority of whom are low- and moderate-income. The format and information presented in the Plan are based on HUD requirements.

The **Draft Summary of the 2013 Annual Action Plan** describes how the estimated \$37,832,270 in federal funds and \$292,777 in program income will be used to benefit income-eligible residents during the 39th Program Year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). The allocations that follow reflect HUD's anticipated reduction of federal funds for the 2013 Annual Action Plan:

Sources of Federal Funds

Community Development Block Grant - \$22,002,465

Public Facilities and Improvements	\$3,000,000
Public Services	\$3,215,864
ESG Match	\$473,949
Single-Family Housing	\$2,300,000
Relocation	\$450,000
Lead-Based Paint	\$1,375,000
Multifamily Housing	\$1,500,000
Economic Development	\$2,578,624
Code Enforcement	\$2,708,535
Program Administration	\$4,400,493

HOME Investment Partnerships Grant - \$7,175,910

Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation	\$4,265,819
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Single-Family Downpayment/Closing Cost Assistance for New/Existing Homes	\$2,192,500
Program Administration	\$717,591

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant - \$6,815,657

Operating Costs	\$954,192
Supportive Services	\$1,363,131
Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance	\$2,195,167
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$1,567,601
Resource Identification/Technical Assistance	\$54,000
Grantee Administration	\$204,470
Sponsor Administration	\$477,096

Emergency Solutions Grant - \$2,131,015

HMIS	\$117,000
Emergency Shelter	\$832,500
Homeless Prevention	\$400,500
Rapid Rehousing	\$621,189
Administration	\$159,826

The draft 2013 Annual Action Plan will include a revised Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and a new Language Assistance Plan (LAP) in the Appendix section. The CPP describes the framework through which citizens can have input in the planning, implementation, coordination, and assessment of HCDD's projects and activities. The CPP was last revised in August 2012. The draft LAP outlines a new process in which HCDD will provide greater access and participation in its services, programs, and activities for Houstonians with limited English proficiency.

The general public may comment on this Draft Summary and the draft 2013 Annual Action Plan, including the CPP and LAP, during the 30-day review period extending from Monday, March 18 through Wednesday, April 17. HCDD encourages public input and participation in the Plan development process. Public comments may also be submitted by email to: andrea.jones@houstontx.gov or by mail: HCDD, ATTN: Andrea Jones, 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77007.

The public may also submit comments at the scheduled public hearings on **Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at West End Multi-Service Center, 170 Heights Blvd** and on **Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Third Ward Multi-Service Center, 3611 Ennis Street.**

Responses to public comments will be available upon completion of the entire 2013 Annual Action Plan. A draft copy of the complete Plan may be obtained, from the Housing and Community Development Department, on March 18. Also, the 2013 Plan draft will be placed on HCDD's website at www.houstonhousing.org, at the City of Houston's main public library (500 McKinney), at the City of Houston Secretary's Office (900 Bagby), at HCDD's Office (601 Sawyer), and will also be submitted to City Council for approval. Please contact HCDD if special arrangements are needed for the public hearings. For more information, contact Andrea Jones at 713.868.8439 or Mary Itz at 713-865-9314. TTY/TDD: 713.864.2734.