



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: December 6, 2011

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:

Sherri E. Fleming, County Executive of Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Receive public comments regarding the Program Year 2010 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for the Community Development Block Grant provided by HUD.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Under the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 5301), the federal government, through the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), sponsors the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a program that provides annual grants to cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.

Since 2006, Travis County has received CDBG funds from HUD on an annual basis. As a CDBG urban entitlement, Travis County must compile and publish a report detailing the use of CDBG funds and associated progress and accomplishments for every program year. HUD calls this annual report the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER describes the County's CDBG housing and community development activities as well as the County's overall housing and community development efforts. This year's CAPER corresponds to activities conducted during the 2010 program year spanning October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

On October 25, 2011, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved a 15-day public comment period spanning from December 1, 2011, through December 15, 2011, as well as a public hearing on December 6, 2011. Notice of the comment period and public hearing was provided in newspapers of general circulation, through postal and electronic mailings, on the County's website, Facebook, Twitter and the seven Travis County Community Centers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the public hearing to be compliant with HUD regulations and Travis County's Citizen Participation Plan.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Comments may be received in writing beginning December 1, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. through on December 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The public can access the draft document by visiting www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG, by visiting any of the seven Travis County Community Centers or by calling 512-854-3460 to request a copy. The public can submit written comments by mailing them to CDBG Program, Travis County HHSVS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or emailing them to cdbg@co.travis.tx.us.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No budget impacts are anticipated by this item.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



Travis County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

PY10 CDBG Annual Report Public Hearing

**Travis County Commissioners Court
Presentation by the Health & Human Services and Veteran
Services (HHS & VS) Department
December 6, 2011**

PY10 Accomplishments: Land Acquisition

- **In October 2010 Austin Habitat for Humanity closed on 27 lots on Gilbert Lane to build affordable single-family housing for low-income families.**



- **In January 2011 a substantial amendment was approved to provide an additional \$174,000 in CDBG funding from prior year project savings for the acquisition of an additional 4 lots on the Gilbert Lane parcel.**
- **Austin Habitat for Humanity closed on the final four lots in July, 2011.**
- **The first house for the project was 90% complete at the end of PY10.**
- **Of the \$1,076,613.70 budgeted, \$1,044,505.02 was expended in PY10.**

PY10 Accomplishments: Lava Lane

- **Roadway improvements are complete for Lava Lane, a substandard road in Precinct 4. The project was substantially complete on June 13, 2011.**



- **The road has been accepted on to the Travis County system.**
- **The project benefits 1,297 people.**
- **Of the \$475,000 budgeted in PY10, \$334,762.79 was expended in PY10.**

PY10 Accomplishments: Social Services Expansion

- **175 people benefitted from services, exceeding annual project goals.**
- **Outreach conducted to 29 organizations, to inform the community about social work services available.**
- **Four clients received assistance through the Youth and Family Assessment Center program.**
- **Eleven clients were assisted with Best Single Source funds.**
- **Of the \$69,295 budgeted in PY10, \$65,374.48 was expended in PY10.**

PY10 Accomplishments: Planning and Administration

- **Staff continue to complete grant administration and project development.**
- **In February 2011, the two vacant CDBG Planner positions were filled.**
- **The PY2011-2013 Consolidated Plan and PY2011 Action Plan were completed on time.**
- **Staff were active in homelessness and housing planning efforts.**
- **Of the \$188,454 budgeted in PY10, \$159,860.35 was expended in PY10.**

PY10 Other Accomplishments

- **Achieved timeliness compliance in August 2011. In September 2011, the ratio was 1.34.**
- **In PY10, Travis County renewed its Urban County status for 2012-2014.**
- **The Village of Webberville elected to join the Urban County, and a Cooperative Agreement was approved by TCCC in July, 2011.**

Pipeline Projects

Project	Budgeted	Status
1. Homebuyer Assistance	PY09: \$509,945 PY10: \$285,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program design is complete. • A Request-for-Services (RFS) process is underway to identify a sub-recipient.
2. YFAC Flex Fund Expansion	PY09: \$32,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The project was delayed due to competing priorities in getting other projects completed.
3. Home Rehabilitation	PY08: \$106,136 PY09: \$130,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A Request-for-Services (RFS) process will take place in Program Year 2011 to identify a sub-recipient. •Anticipated to begin in PY2011.

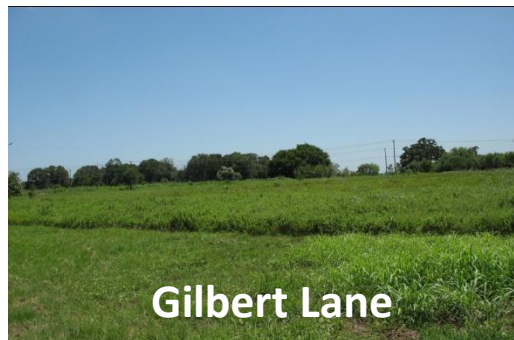
Summary of PY 2006 – 2010 Accomplishments



Completed 12 projects

Spent over \$3 million

Benefitted over 3550 people



Public Comment Period

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