



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 24, 2012

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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:

Consider and take appropriate action on request to set public hearings to gather needs and project ideas to benefit the Village of Webberville and the unincorporated areas and to assist in the planning for the Program Year 2012 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant funds available from HUD:

- A. The following public hearing dates for the public to provide input on community needs:
1. Travis County Commissioners Courtroom at 9 am on February 21, 2012;
 2. Eastside Service Center at 6:30 pm on February 22, 2012;
 3. South Rural Community Center at 6:30 pm on February 23, 2012;
 4. Steiner Ranch Community Center at 9:00 am on February 25, 2012; and
 5. West Rural Community Center at 6:30 pm on February 27, 2012.
- B. Approve the advertisement announcing the public hearing dates and in newspapers of general circulation: Austin Chronicle, Pflugerville Pflag, Hill Country News, Lake Travis View, North Lake Travis Log, Oak Hill Gazette, Westlake Picayune, The Villager, Ahora Si, and El Mundo.

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 sponsors a program that provides

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Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and 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 and is currently working under its second Consolidated Plan.

A. Each year HUD requires each grantee to develop an Action Plan specifying the activities to be undertaken with CDBG funds. For the program year 2012, which spans from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, Travis County is expected to receive an estimated \$896,762 in CDBG funds. Travis County must determine how the funds will be allocated, and to do so CDBG staff will work with the public, Travis County departments, and social service agencies to receive input on the community needs and proposed projects. Program Year 2012 marks the second Action Plan under the Program Year 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan.

Staff has identified the following dates, times and locations for the public hearings:

**Travis County Granger Building
Commissioners Courtroom**
314 W. 11th St.
Austin, TX 78701

Tuesday, February 21 @ 9:00 am

Eastside Service Center
6011 Blue Bluff Rd.
Austin, Texas, 78724

Wednesday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

South Rural Community Center
3518 FM 973
Del Valle, Texas, 78617

Thursday, February 23 @ 6:30 pm

Steiner Ranch Community Center
1255 Country Trails Lane
Austin, TX 78732

Saturday, February 25 @ 9:00 am

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West Rural Community Center
8656-A Hwy 71 W., Suite A
Oak Hill, Texas, 78735

Monday, February 27 @ 6:30 pm

Beginning on February 21, 2012, those that are not able to attend the public hearings will have an opportunity to provide their input in writing by filling out a Participation Form. This form will be available at the Travis County CDBG website www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG, at one of the seven Travis County Community Centers, or by requesting the form be mailed.

- B. Notification to the public of the public hearings must occur 14 days prior to the public hearings in newspapers of general circulation and must target the areas the grant serves – the Village of Webberville and the unincorporated areas of the county.

To meet these criteria, the following papers will be targeted for advertising in English.

The Villager
Hill Country News
North Lake Travis Log
West Lake Picayune

Pflugerville Pflag
Lake Travis View
Oak Hill Gazette
Austin Chronicle

To reach the Spanish speaking population, the ad will be advertised in the Spanish language newspapers *Ahora Sí* and *El Mundo*. Please see Attachment “A” for the proposed advertisement in English. Refer to Attachments “A” & “B” for a copy of the notice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the public hearing dates and advertisements.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- A. The changing of the precinct boundaries this year afforded staff the opportunity to review the normal locations of the public hearings. Travis County’s Citizen Participation Plan requires that a public

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hearing be held in each precinct which required a location change. Typically, one of the five public hearings is held at the Community Center in Pflugerville, however, that Center is now in precinct 1 resulting in a change of venue to the Steiner Ranch Community Center. Additionally, staff changed to Precinct 1 hearing to the Eastside Service Center as it is in the epicenter of the work the grant is doing in that area. This year also marks the first year that the County will plan for projects along with its first participating jurisdiction: The Village of Webberville.

- B. Staff also reviewed the circulation areas and coverage of the newspapers typically used to advertise. The review found that Del Valle and Manor had gaps in coverage with no newspapers targeting those areas. As a result, staff are outreaching to a variety of governmental and non-governmental entities who maintain informational websites to determine how to add the public notices.

Additionally, this year, the Program is recommending the expansion of The Villager newspaper to better outreach to the African American population on the eastside of the county.

Finally, over the next couple of weeks, staff will work with the Village of Webberville to ensure postings and outreach to its residents.

This work is being completed in conjunction with our normal outreach and notification efforts which include posting notices at all Travis County Community Centers, County website, TCTV-17, emails and postal mail to school district liaisons, neighborhood associations, former CDBG attendees and social service list serves.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The CDBG grant will pay for all the costs associated with the advertising as a part of its administration budget.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY NEEDS FORUMS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2012

Travis County invites the public to participate in community forums where residents will have an opportunity to present community needs and recommend projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for usage in the unincorporated areas of Travis County. The information collected in the forums will guide the selection of CDBG projects for the Program Year 2012 (October 2012 – September 2013).

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live in the Village of Webberville or outside any other city limit. The program supports community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services. For program year 2012, Travis County anticipates to receive approximately \$896,762.

The forums will be held according to the following schedule:

FEBRUARY 2012						
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 23	24	FEBRUARY 25	26	FEBRUARY 27
9:00 am at the Commissioners Courtroom at Granger Building	6:30 pm at the Eastside Service Center, Town Hall	6:30 pm at the South Rural Community Center (Del Valle)		9:00 am at the Steiner Ranch Community Center		6:30 pm at the West Rural Community Center (Oakhill)
314 W. 11th St. Austin, Texas, 78701	6011 Blue Bluff Road, Austin, Texas 78724	3518 FM 973 Del Valle, Texas, 78617		12550 Country Trails Lane, Austin, Texas 78732		8656-A Hwy 71W, Oak Hill, Texas, 78735

Beginning February 21, 2012, if you can not attend any of the forums, you can participate by filling out a Participation Form found at the Travis County Website at www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG/, at one of the seven Travis County Community Centers or by requesting that it be mailed to you by calling 512-854-3460.

For additional information contact Christy Moffett, at christy.moffett@co.travis.tx.us or call 512-854-3460. To request that an American Sign Language or Spanish interpreter be present at any of the public hearings, please contact staff at least five business days in advance.



NOTICIA PUBLICA

EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

SOLICITAMOS SU AYUDA EN IDENTIFICAR LAS NECESIDADES COMUNITARIAS DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

El Condado de Travis invita al público a participar en foros comunitarios donde residentes tendrán la oportunidad de identificar necesidades comunitarias y de recomendar proyectos para el uso de los fondos del Programa de Subsidios Globales de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) que se enfoca en las áreas no incorporadas del condado. La información recaudada en los foros guiará la selección de proyectos CDBG para el Año Programático 2012 (de Octubre 2012 a Septiembre 2012) y ayudará a determinar la prioridades de los fondos para los próximos tres Años Programáticos (de Octubre 2012 a Septiembre 2013).

El Programa de Subsidios Globales de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) recibe fondos del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE.UU. para beneficiar a residentes de bajos y medianos ingresos que viven en la Villa de Webberville o en las otras áreas no incorporadas del condado. El programa apoya actividades de desarrollo comunitarias que tienen como propósito revitalizar comunidades, mejorar opciones de viviendas y proporcionar servicios e instalaciones comunitarias mejoradas. Para el Año Programático 2012, el Condado de Travis anticipa recibir aproximadamente \$896,762 en fondos CDBG.

Los foros públicos se llevarán a cabo de acuerdo al siguiente horario:

FEBRERO 2012											
MARTES		MIERCOLES		JUEVES		VIERNES	SABADO		DOMINGO	LUNES	
FEBRERO	21	FEBRERO	22	FEBRERO	23	24	FEBRERO	25	26	FEBRERO	27
9:00 am en el Edificio Granger de la Corte Comisionada del Condado		6:30 pm en el Centro Servicio del Este, Town Hall		6:30 pm en el Centro Comunitario Rural del Sur (Del Valle)			9:00 am en el Centro Comunitario de Steiner Ranch			6:30 pm en el Centro Comunitario Rural del Oeste	
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Comenzando al 21 de Febrero de 2012, si no puede asistir a los foros, usted puede participar llenando una Planilla de Participación ubicada en la página web www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG/, en uno de los siete Centros Comunitarios del Condado de Travis, o puede solicitar que se le envíe una planilla por correo llamando al (512) 854-3460.

Para mayor información comuníquese con Christy Moffet a través del e-mail christy.moffett@co.travis.tx.us o llamando al 512-854-3460. Para solicitar que haya un intérprete en español o de lenguaje americano de señas en alguna de estas reuniones, por favor contacte al personal por lo menos con cinco días hábiles de anterioridad.

