



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** June 26, 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:**

Receive comments regarding the proposed Program Year 2012 Action Plan and substantial amendments to the Program Year 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan and 2006-2010 Action Plans including the proposed usage of Community Development Block Grant funds available through 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 sponsors a program that provides annual grants 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.

The 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan was completed and approved in December 2011 which acts as the application to HUD and outlines strategic direction for five years and the specific allocation of dollars for the first year's funding. An annual action plan is due each August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Travis County expects to receive an estimated \$896,341 in CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year 2012 (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013). The County develops an Annual Action Plan in response to community needs and priorities identified in the 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan and through a public participation process held annually. The Program Year 2012 is the second year of funding in a three -year cycle.

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Additionally, substantial amendments are being made to the PY 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan and to the PY 2006-2010 Action Plans. The Consolidated Plan amendment reflects the Village of Webberville joining our Urban County effective October 1, 2012. The 2001-2010 Action Plan amendments are occurring to delete one project and to reprogram project savings in the amount of \$227,935.96

On 05/22/12, Travis County Commissioners Court approved the public comment period and public hearing dates and on 06/5/12, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved all proposed projects for Program Year 2012 funding. Furthermore, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved the reprogramming of project savings to home rehabilitation, the deletion of the PY09 Youth and Family Assessment Center and to make the changes to the PY11-13 ConPlan to add the Village of Webberville.

During the week of May 31, 2012, advertisements in English and in Spanish appeared in newspapers of general circulation announcing the dates, times, locations and purpose of the public hearings.

To comply with the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 24 Part 91.105 and the approved Travis County Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), Travis County will hold two public hearings during a 30-day public comment period that will allow the public to comment on the proposed projects and the amendments for the upcoming year.

To be compliant with 24 CFR Part 91.105, the public hearings must provide the following information:

- a) Purpose and intent of CDBG funds,
- b) Eligible activities and the range of activities including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low and moderate income,
- c) Amount of funds expected, and areas of Travis County eligible for CDBG funded activities.

A PowerPoint is attached to provide a concise representation of the required information.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends conducting the hearing as advertised.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

Staff have been notified that some monolingual Spanish speaking people may be attending the public hearing to provide comment; therefore, program staff have arranged to have someone available for translation.

Comment may be received in writing beginning June 18, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. through on July 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Comments may be emailed to [cdbg@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:cdbg@co.travis.tx.us) or send via postal mail to Travis County CDBG Program, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX, 78767. Two opportunities are available to receive verbal comments via public hearings: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 9 a.m and Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 9 a.m. at the Travis County Granger Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 314 W. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

None.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

None.

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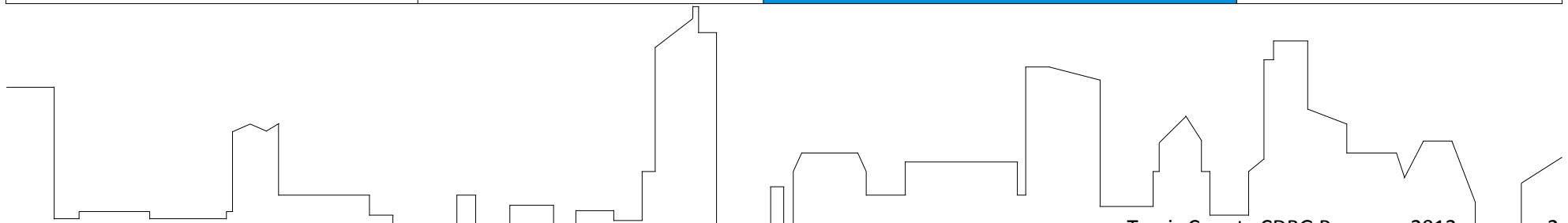
# TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Spring, 2012 Public Hearings:  
Draft of the Program Year 2012 (PY12) Action Plan &  
Draft of Substantial Amendments to the PY11- PY13  
Consolidated Plans and PY 06-10 Action Plans  
June 26/July 10, 2012

# TIMELINE: DEVELOPMENT FOR PY12 ACTION PLAN & SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS



FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	
Five (5) Public Hearings seeking input on community needs and uses of funds		Evaluation of Project Ideas			Travis County Commissioners Court Approves Projects	Final approval of Action Plan by the Commissioners Court and Submission to HUD by the 15th	
Solicitation of Project Ideas (deadline for submission of project proposals: March 31 <sup>st</sup> )					Two (2) Public Hearings and a 30-day Comment Period to comment on proposed CDBG uses		



# CDBG BASICS

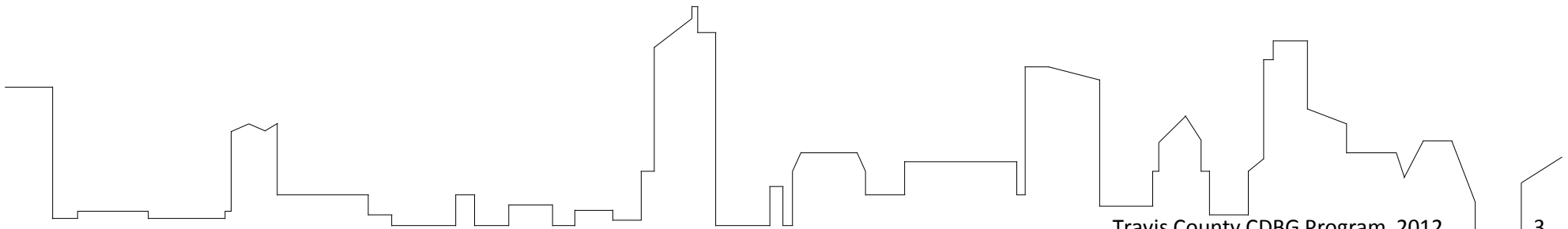


## PURPOSE

- Improve affordable housing options
- Improve community facilities and services
- Revitalize neighborhoods

## WHO BENEFITS?

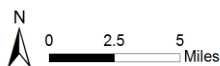
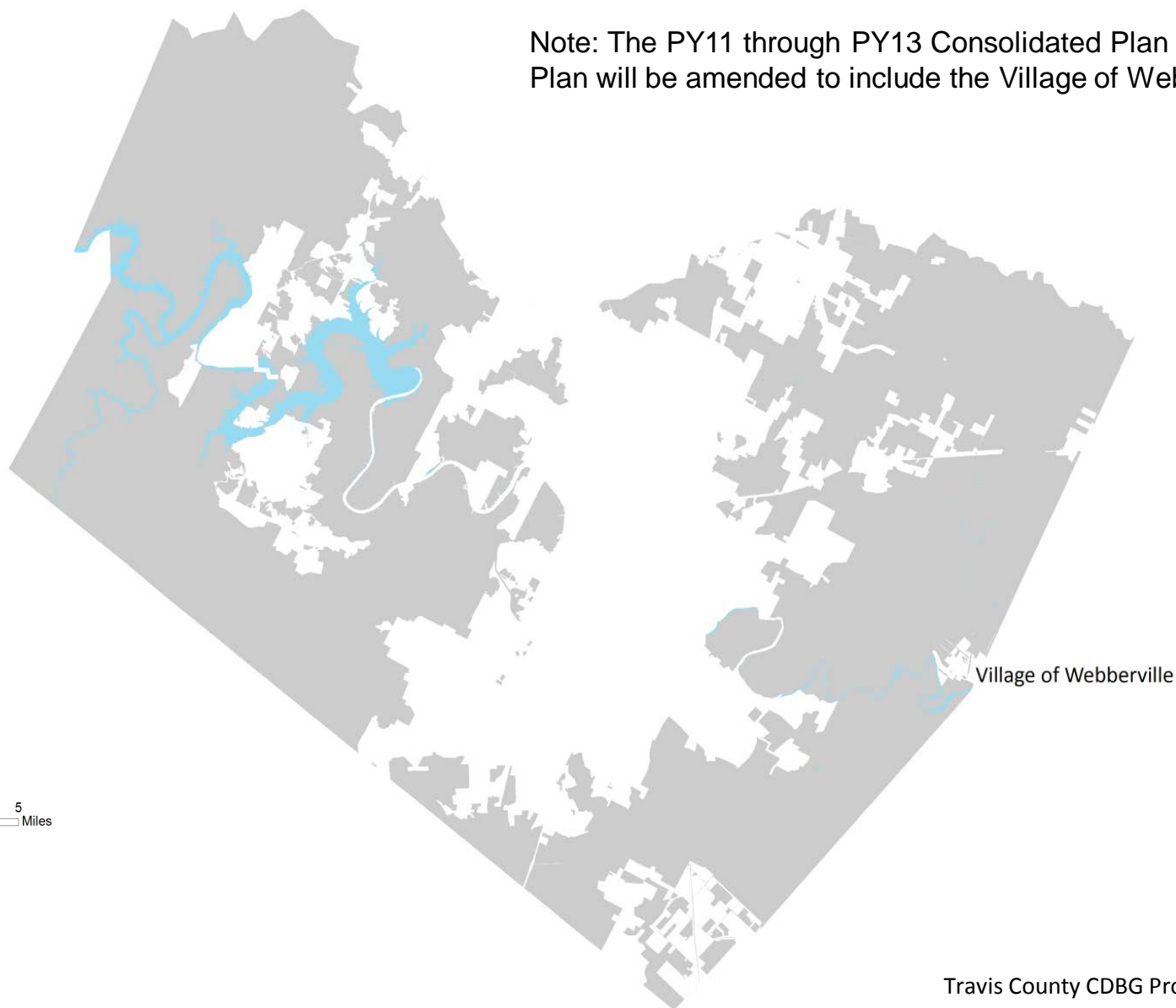
- At least 70 % of the funds must benefit low- to moderate-income residents in the unincorporated areas of Travis County or the Village of Webberville.



# PROJECTS MUST BE LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY (GRAY AREAS) OR THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE



Note: The PY11 through PY13 Consolidated Plan and PY 11 Action Plan will be amended to include the Village of Webberville



# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



CDBG programs implement a variety of community development activities including but not limited to:

Economic Development

Public Services

Redevelopment  
(Improvements)

Planning

Housing

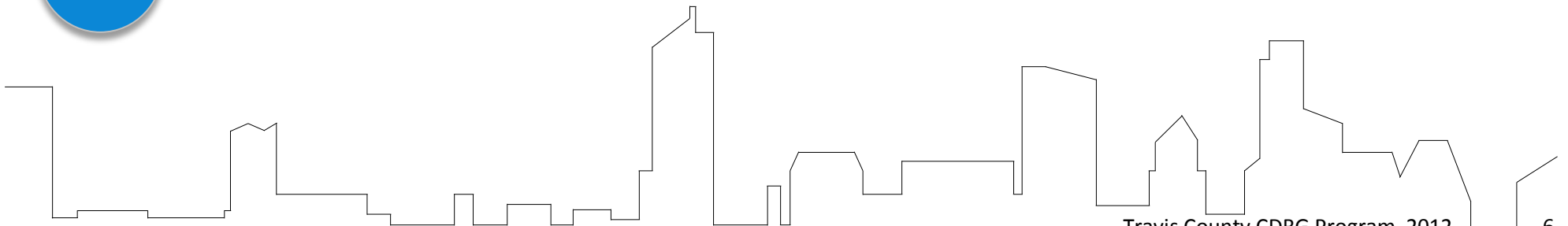


# INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:

- 1 Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
- 2 Construction of new housing by units of general local government
- 3 Certain income payments
- 4 Political activities



# CDBG PRIORITIES 2011-2013



## CATEGORY

## PRIORITY

Infrastructure

High

Housing

High

Community Services

High

Populations with Specialized Needs/Services

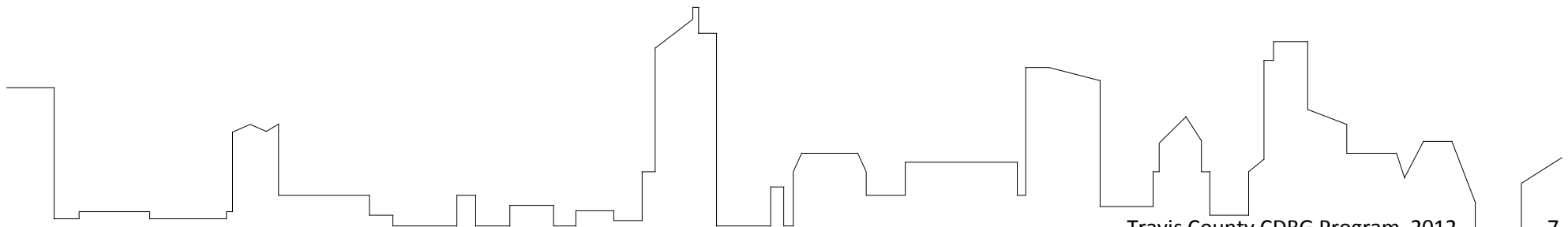
Medium

Business and Jobs

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Public Facilities

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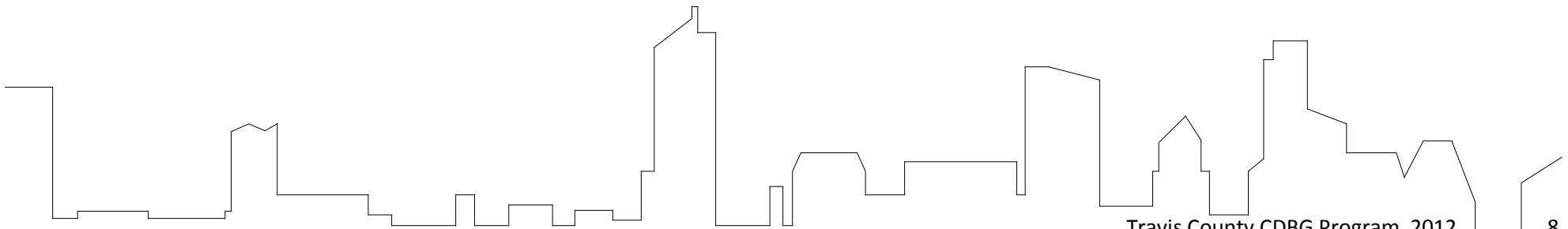
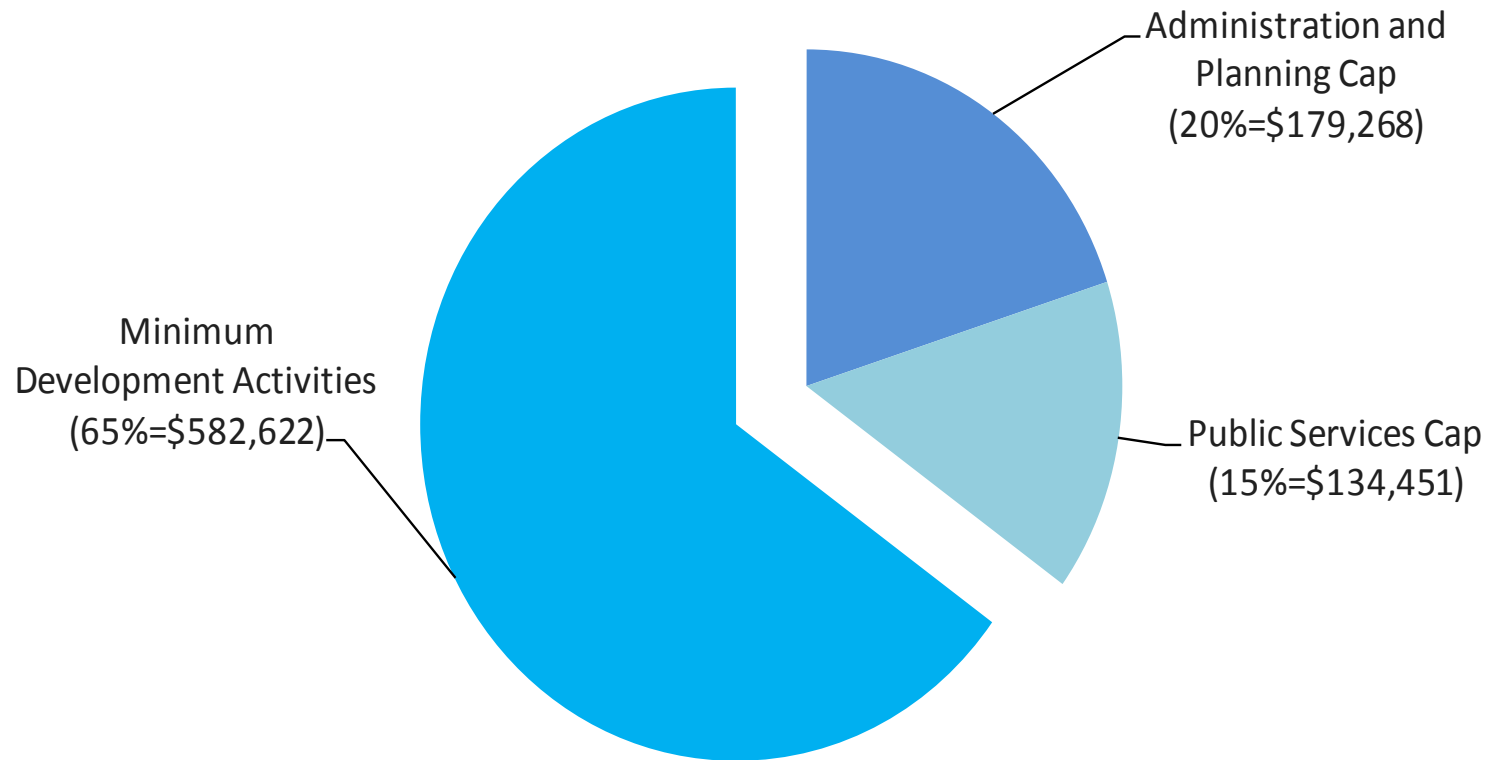


# PROGRAM YEAR 2012

## ESTIMATED GRANT: \$896,341



### CDBG Activities



# PROJECT SAVINGS

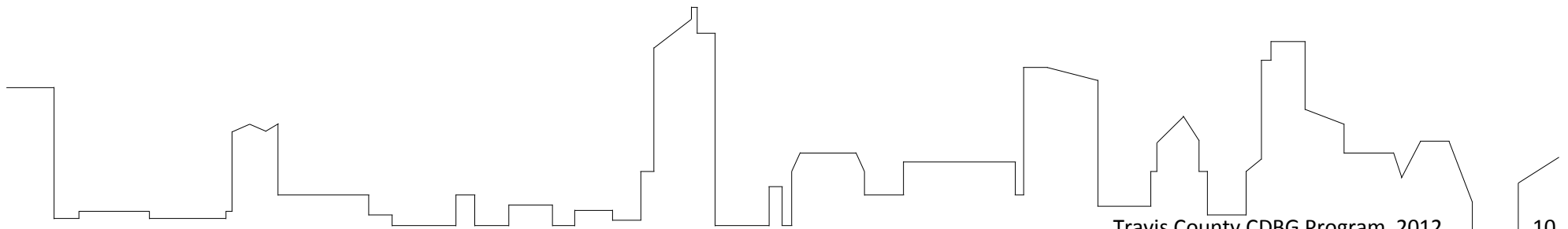


ORIGINAL PROJECT	PROJECT SAVINGS
Lava Lane (PY06 & PY10)	\$130,108.88
Administration & Planning (PY09 & PY10)	\$29,699.88
PY10 Social Work Expansion	\$3,920.52
Land Acquisition – Phase 2 (PY08 & 09)	\$32,106.68
PY09 YFAC Expansion	\$32,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$227,935.96</b>

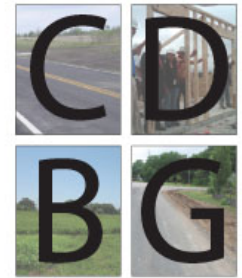
# SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS



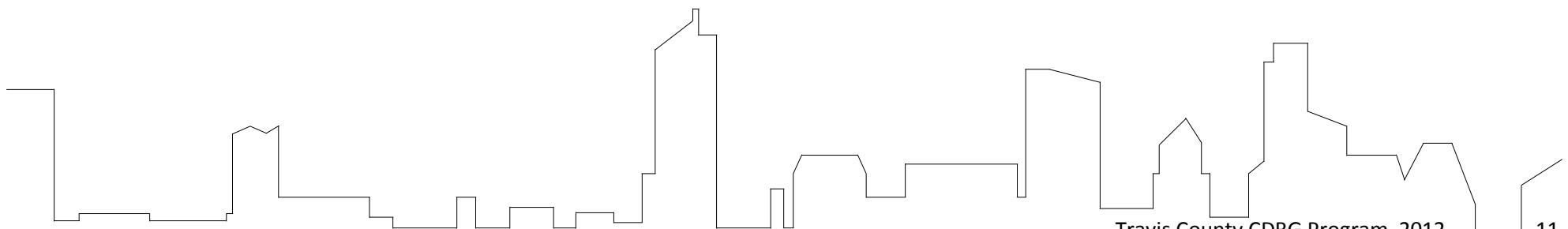
DOCUMENT BEING AMENDED	ACTION
PY 2011 - PY 2013 Consolidated Plan	Village of Webberville added to CDBG Service Area
PY 2006 – PY 2010 Action Plans	Project Savings Reallocated
PY 2009 Action Plan	Youth and Family Assessment Center Flex Fund Project Deleted and Funding Reallocated



# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS



PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR PY 2012	SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT ALLOCATION	PY12 ALLOCATION
Street Improvements: Lake Oak Estates		\$326,598
Home Rehabilitation	\$227,935.96	\$256,024
Public Services: Social Work Services		\$106,000
Public Services: Fair Housing Counseling		\$28,451
CDBG Administration & Planning		\$179,268
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$227,935.96</b>	<b>\$896,341</b>

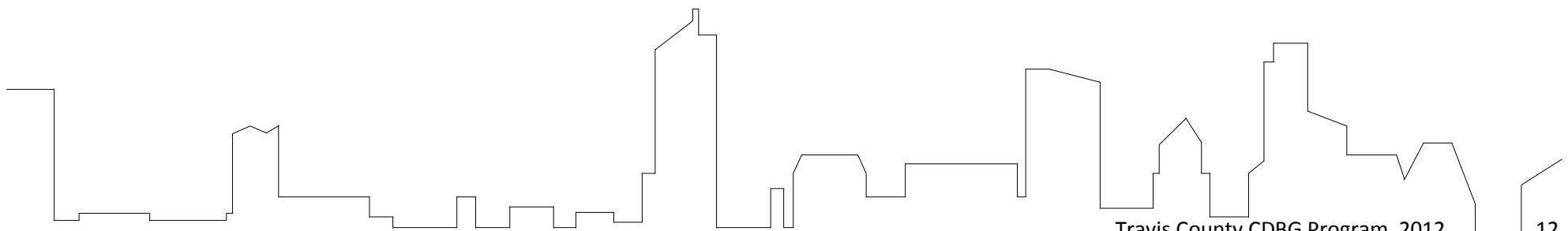


# SUMMARY OF ALTERNATE PROJECTS



Alternate Projects for PY 2012	Allocation
Water Connections: Las Lomitas	Up to \$485,000
Homebuyer Assistance	Up to \$300,000
Home Repair	Up to \$200,000

Alternate Projects are defined as projects that could be considered, if necessary, to replace a slow moving project. Approving this strategy would require amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan.



# NEXT STEPS



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After comment period, public comments will be reviewed and considered in the final preparation of document

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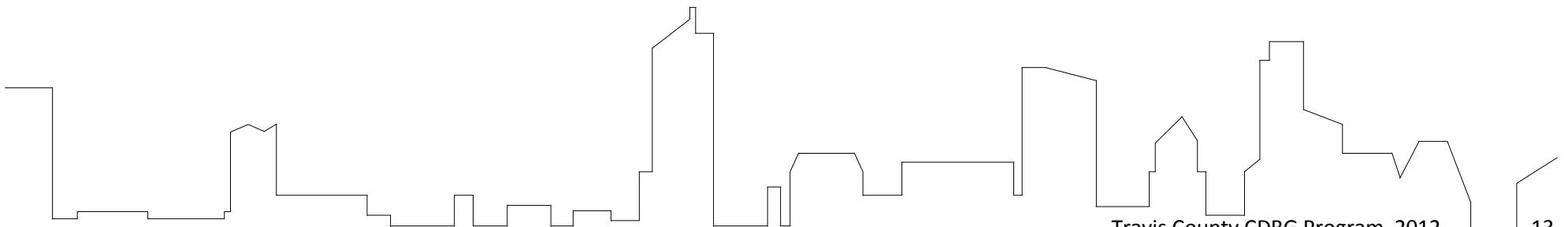
Commissioners Court will approve the final draft for submission to HUD in early August, 2012

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Final versions of the documents will be available to the public by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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HUD will provide a decision on the submission no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012





# CDBG CONTACT INFORMATION



**WEBSITE** [www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG)

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