

Item 13



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 22, 2013

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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 2013 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant funds available from HUD:

- A. The following public hearing dates for residents to provide input on community needs:
 - 1. Travis County Commissioners Courtroom at 9 am on February 19, 2013;
 - 2. Westside Meeting Hall at 6:30 pm on February 20, 2013;
 - 3. South Rural Community Center at 6:30 pm on February 21, 2013;
 - 4. East Rural Community Center at 6:30 pm on March 6, 2013; and
 - 5. West Rural Community Center at 6:30 pm on March 7, 2013.

- 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, 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 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, 2013 through September 30, 2014, Travis County is expected to receive an estimated \$896,341 in CDBG funds.

- B. 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 2013 marks the third Action Plan under the Program Year 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan.

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

Locations of Hearings		Dates/Times of Public hearings
Community-Wide Hearing	Travis County Commissioners Court, Granger Building	Tuesday, February 19, 2013 9:00 am
Precinct 1	East Rural Community Center, Manor	Wednesday, March 6, 2013 6:30 pm
Precinct 2	Westside Meeting Hall, Austin	Wednesday, February 20, 2013 6:30 pm
Precinct 3	West Rural Community Center, Oak Hill	Thursday, March 7, 2013 6:30 pm
Precinct 4	South Rural Community Center, Del Valle	Thursday, February 21, 2013 6:30 pm

Beginning on February 19, 2013, 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.

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.

The advertisement will appear in newspapers of general circulation that target the areas the grant serves. The following papers will be targeted for advertising in English: The Austin Chronicle, Pflugerville Pflag, Hill Country News, Lake Travis View, Oak Hill Gazette, The Villager and West Lake Picayune.

Due to newspaper coverage in the Del Valle and Manor areas, special outreach efforts will be made to Del Valle ISD and Manor ISD.

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:

The federal budget has not been passed at the time of submitting this agenda request, therefore the exact amount of the CDBG allocation for 2013 is unknown. For PY13 planning purposes, the CDBG office is using the amount of CDBG funds received in program year 2012, \$896,341. It is likely however, that the PY13 funding level will go down from PY12 levels due to anticipated spending cuts at the federal level.

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.

Attachment A
 TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
 (CDBG)

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE
 IN COMMUNITY NEEDS FORUMS
 IN FEBRUARY & MARCH 2013**

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 2013 (October 2013 – September 2014).

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 2013, Travis County anticipates to receive an estimated \$896,341.

The forums will be held according to the following schedule:

FEBRUARY 2013			MARCH 2013	
TUESDAY Feb. 19 th	WEDNESDAY Feb. 20 th	THURSDAY Feb. 21 st	WEDNESDAY March 6 th	THURSDAY March 7 th
9:00 am	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm
Travis County Commissioners Courtroom (at Granger Building)	Westside Meeting Hall (Austin)	South Rural Community Center (Del Valle)	East Rural Community Center (Manor)	West Rural Community Center (Oak Hill)
700 Lavaca Austin, Texas, 78701	4501 FM 620 Austin, TX 78732	3518 FM 973 Del Valle, Texas 78617	600 W. Carrie Manor St Manor, Texas 78653	8656-A Hwy 71W Austin, Texas 78735

Beginning February 19, 2013, if you cannot 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 the CDBG office at cdbg@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 CDBG staff at least five business days in advance.



Attachment B

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

SOLICITAMOS SU AYUDA IDENTIFICANDO

NECESIDADES COMUNITARIAS DURANTE FOROS COMUNITARIOS EN
FEBRERO Y MARZO DE 2013

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 de Travis. La información recaudada en los foros guiará la selección de proyectos CDBG para el Año Programático 2013 (desde octubre de 2013 a septiembre de 2014).

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 bajo y medianos ingresos que viven en el Pueblo de Webberville o en las otras áreas no incorporadas del condado de Travis. 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 2013, el Condado de Travis anticipa recibir un estimado de \$896,341 en fondos CDBG.

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

FEBRERO de 2013			MARZO de 2013	
MARTES 19 de febrero	MIÉRCOLES 20 de febrero	JUEVES 21 de febrero	MIÉRCOLES 6 de marzo	THURSDAY 7 de marzo
9:00 am	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm
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Comenzando el 19 de febrero de 2013, 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/ o 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 mas información, comuníquese con la oficina de CDBG a través del correo electrónico al cdbg@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 de CDBG por lo menos con cinco días hábiles de anterioridad.

