



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: February 19, 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:

Receive input from the public related to the Community Development Block Grant available from HUD regarding the community needs and project ideas for the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville for Program Year 2013.

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 Community 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 and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.

Annually, HUD requires each grantee to develop an Action Plan specifying the activities to be undertaken with CDBG funds. For the program year 2013 (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014), Travis County is expected to receive an estimated \$896,762 in CDBG funds.

To be compliant with 24 Congressional Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 91.105 and the approved Travis County Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), Travis County must hold a public hearing at the Travis County Commissioners Court, and one public hearing in each of the four County

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precincts. During these hearings the public will learn about CDBG objectives, eligible activities, available funds, and CDBG project history. This information is available in a power point presentation (in English and Spanish, see Attachments A and B). Additionally, the public will have the opportunity to provide information on community needs and make recommendations for projects. This information will guide the selection of CDBG projects for PY13.

On Tuesday, January 22, 2013, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved the public hearing dates and advertisements for the spring public hearings. Notice of the public hearings was provided in newspapers of general circulation, through postal and electronic mailings, and postings on the County's website, Facebook, Twitter and at the seven Travis County Community Centers. The hearing on February 19, 2013 is the first of five public hearings. A quorum of the Commissioners Court may attend the remaining hearings occurring Feb 20-March 7, 2013.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Additional public hearings will be held on:

Locations of Hearings		Dates/Times of Public hearings
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

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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.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No budget impacts are anticipated by this item.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

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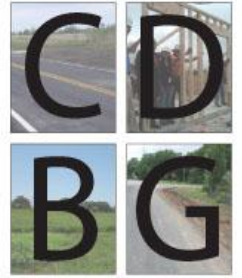
TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Spring 2013 Public Hearings:
Identification of Community Needs and Project Ideas
February-March 2013



Presentation by the Travis County Health and Human Services & Veteran Services Department

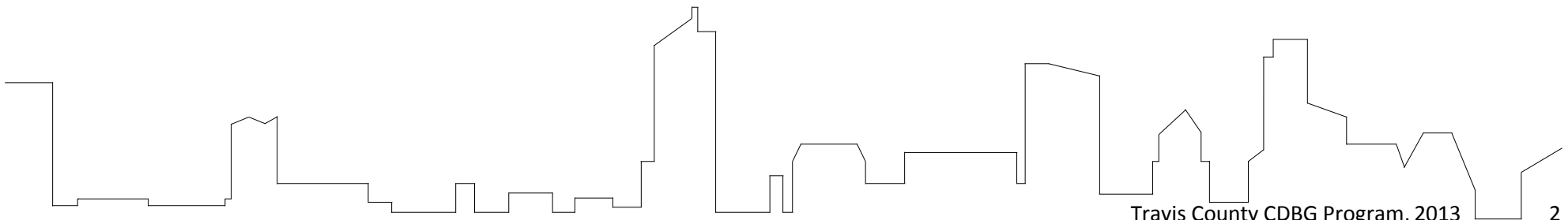
SPRING 2013 PUBLIC HEARINGS



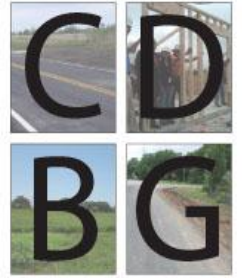
Five public hearings will be conducted to help the County determine how to spend an estimated \$896,341 in CDBG funds for Program Year 2013.

PUBLIC HEARING TIMES & LOCATIONS

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

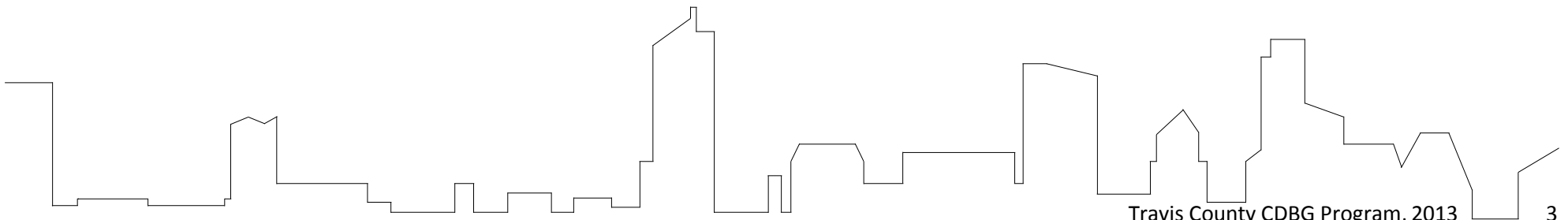


PUBLIC COMMENTS

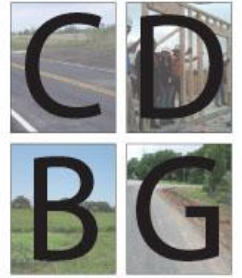


DURING THE MEETINGS THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- 1 Identify which of the CDBG priorities established for the 2011-2013 period need to be addressed in Program Year 2013
- 2 Identify specific projects ideas



OTHER PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES



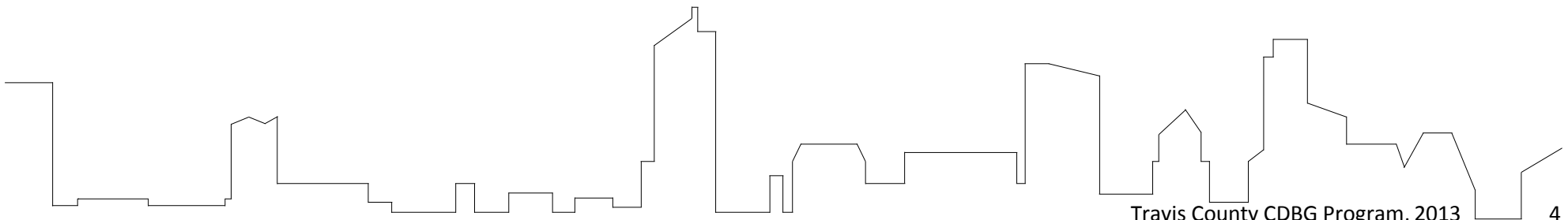
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FORM:

Available to the public that cannot attend the public hearings to identify needs

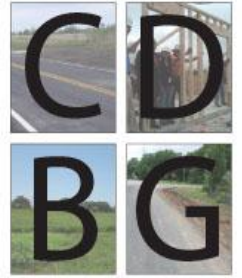
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM:

Available to individuals, agencies, or county departments that have specific project ideas

- Both forms can be found on the CDBG website (www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG) and at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers and are available February 19, 2013 through March 31, 2013.
- Forms can also be requested by calling 512-854-3460.



HOW ARE PROJECTS PRIORITIZED?



Interests identified by
Travis County
Commissioners Court

Suggestions made by
the public via
Public Hearings and
Participation Forms

Proposals submitted
by non-profit agencies,
County departments or
resident groups

List of
Possible
Projects
Identified

FEASIBILITY OF
EXPENDITURES:
HUD National
Objectives,
Regulations,
and Eligible
Activities

SCORING MATRIX

Meets Travis County's
overarching investment
strategies

Meets CDBG Priorities
established for the 2011-2013
period

Benefits low- to moderate-
income residents

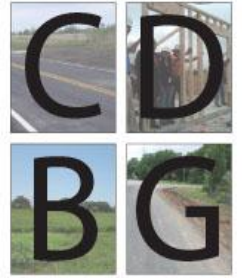
Project impact (Number of
families benefitting)

Leveraged other funding

Project Feasibility

**PROJECTS
SELECTED**

CDBG BASICS

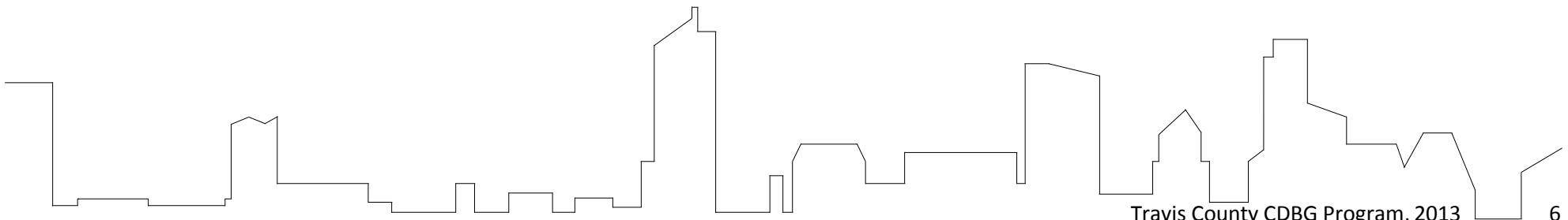


PURPOSE

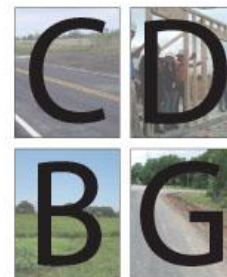
- Improve affordable housing options
- Improve community facilities and services
- Revitalize neighborhoods

WHO BENEFITS?

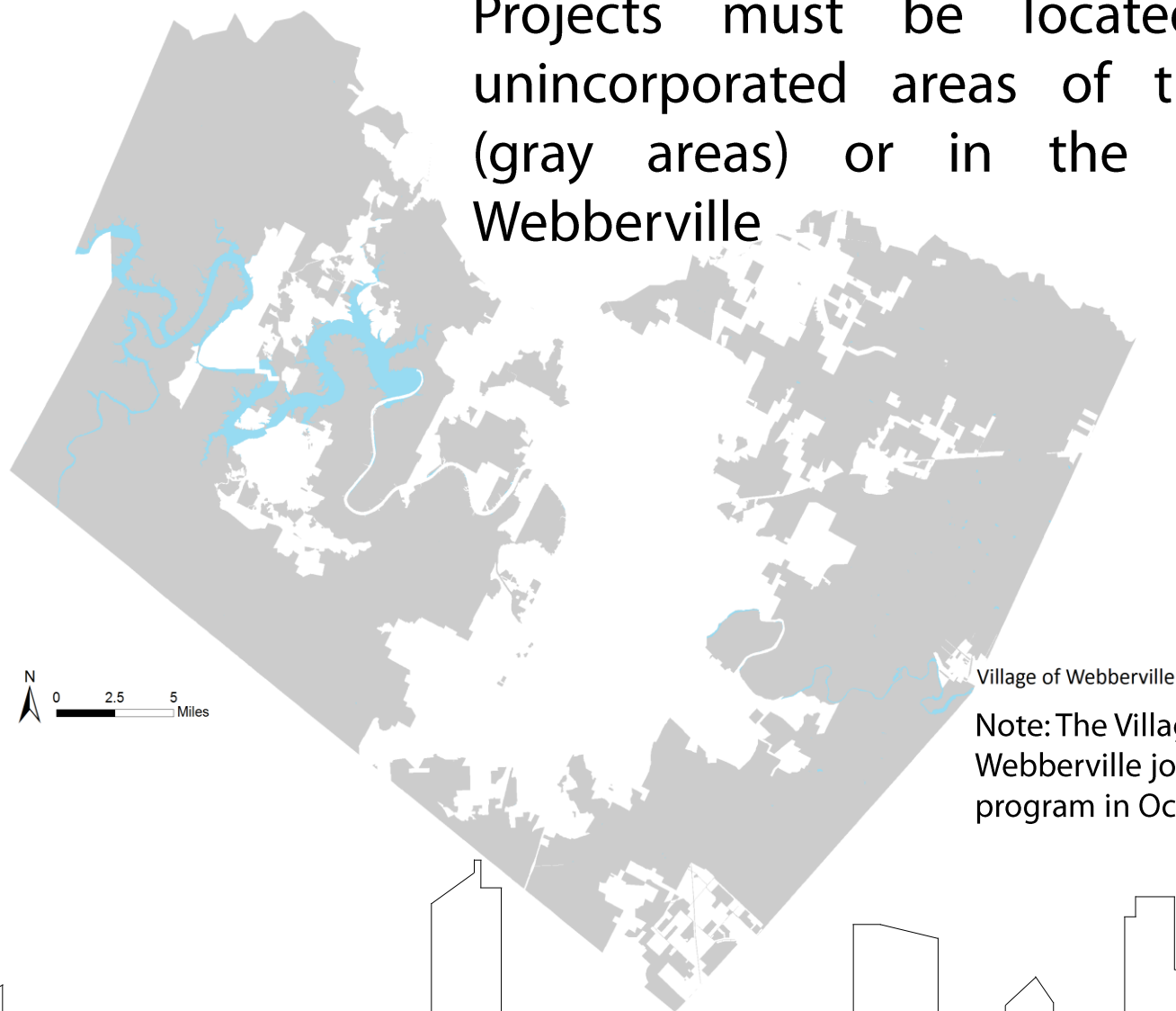
- At least 70% of the funds must benefit low- to moderate-income residents in the unincorporated areas of Travis County or the Village of Webberville.



PROJECT LOCATIONS



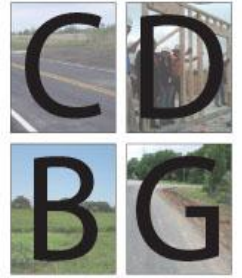
Projects must be located in the unincorporated areas of the county (gray areas) or in the Village of Webberville



Village of Webberville

Note: The Village of Webberville joined the program in October 2012

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



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

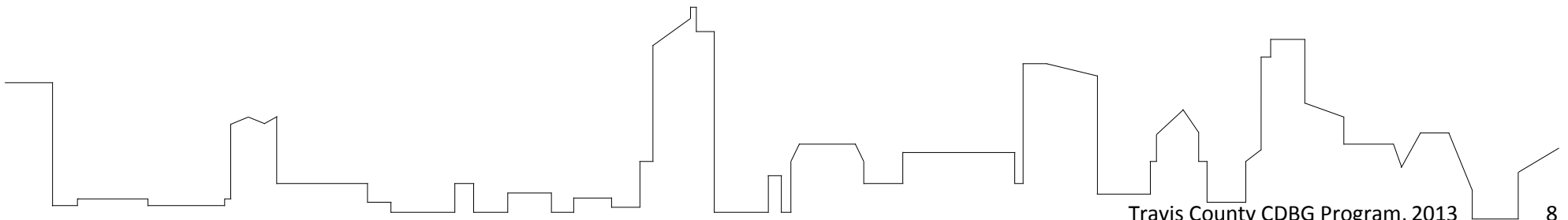
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC SERVICES

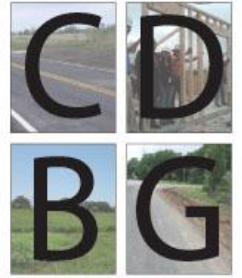
REDEVELOPMENT
(IMPROVEMENTS)

PLANNING

HOUSING

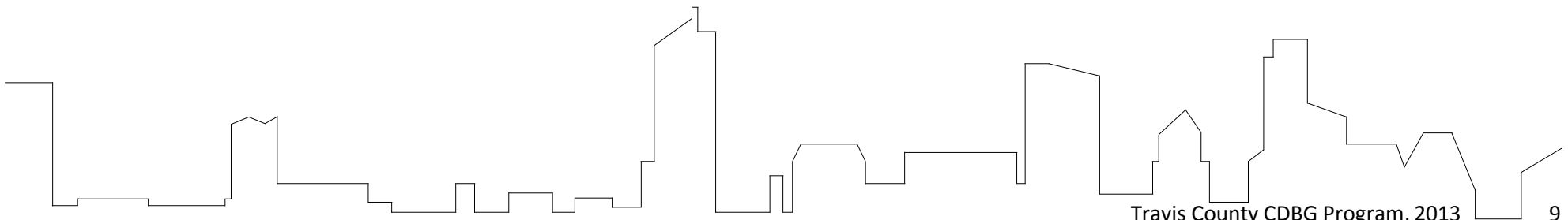


INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

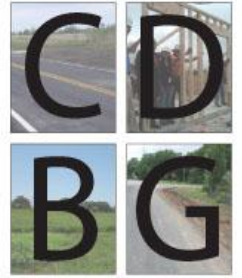


Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:

- 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

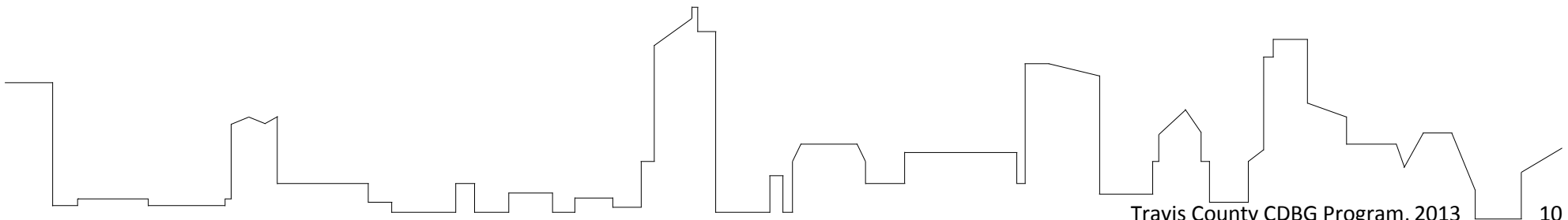
Medium

Business and Jobs

Medium

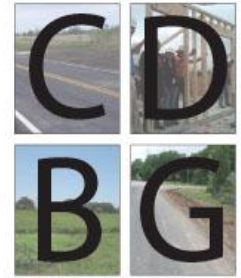
Public Facilities

Medium

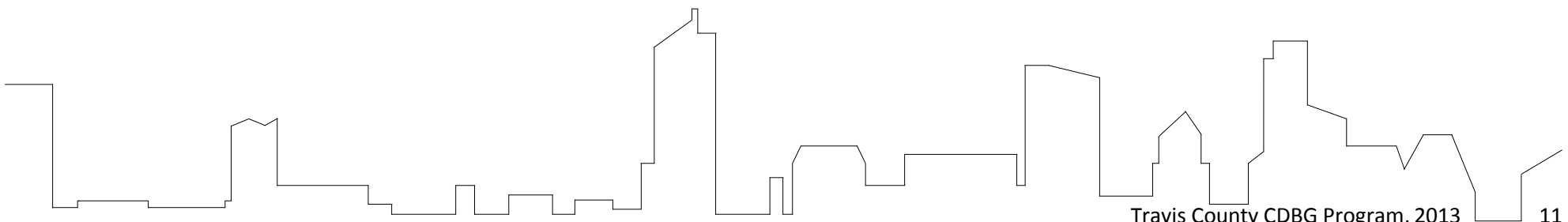
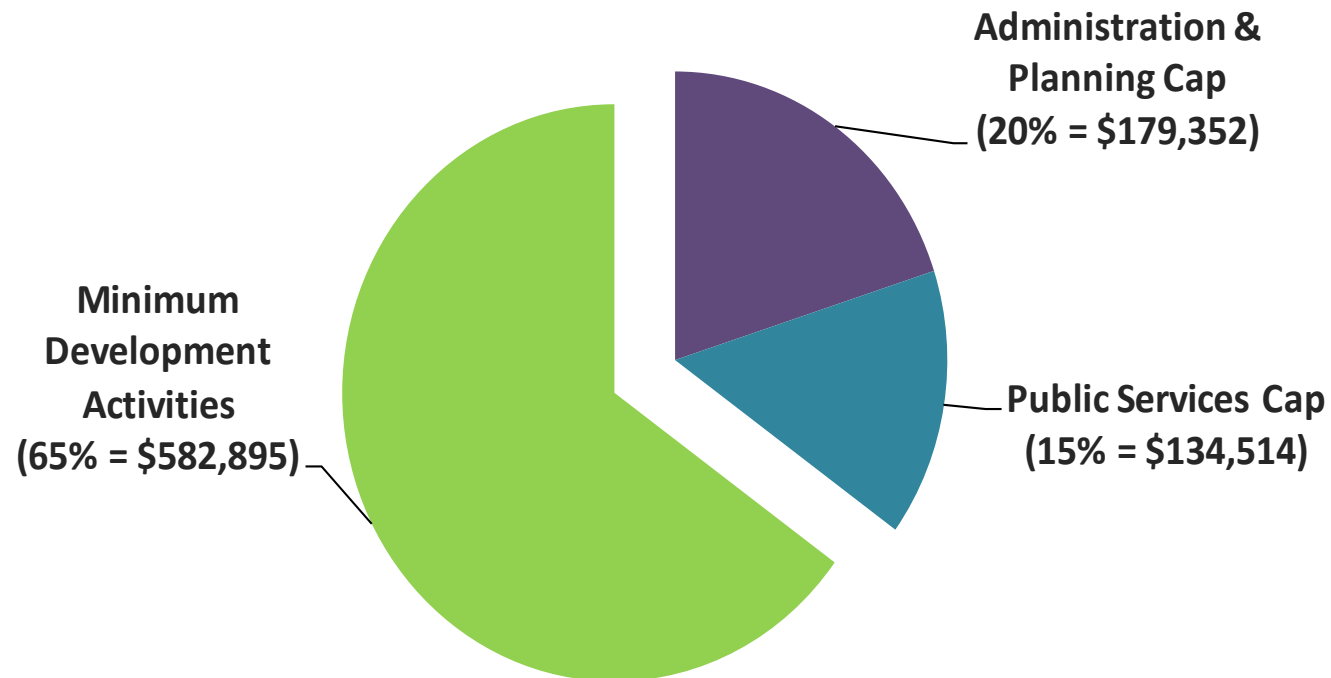


PROGRAM YEAR 2013

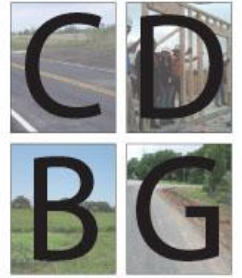
ESTIMATED GRANT: \$896,341



CDBG Activities



CDBG PROJECT HISTORY



Over the last 7 years, the CDBG program has funded:

HOME REHABILITATION

LAND ACQUISITION

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

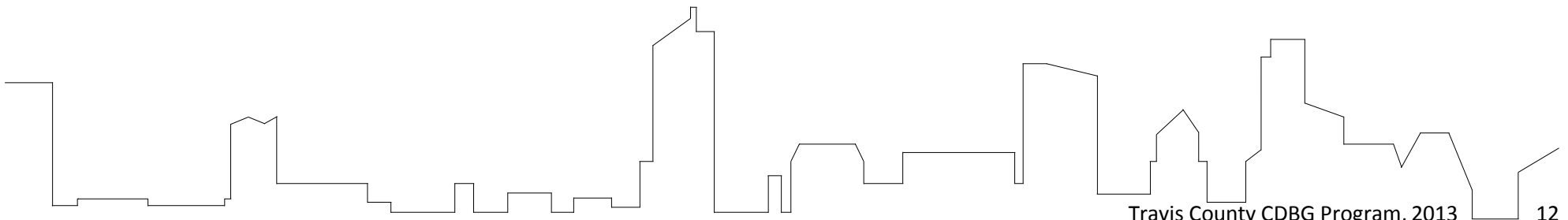
PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE

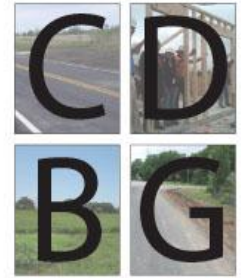
WATER IMPROVEMENTS AND
CONNECTIONS

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
EXPANSIONS

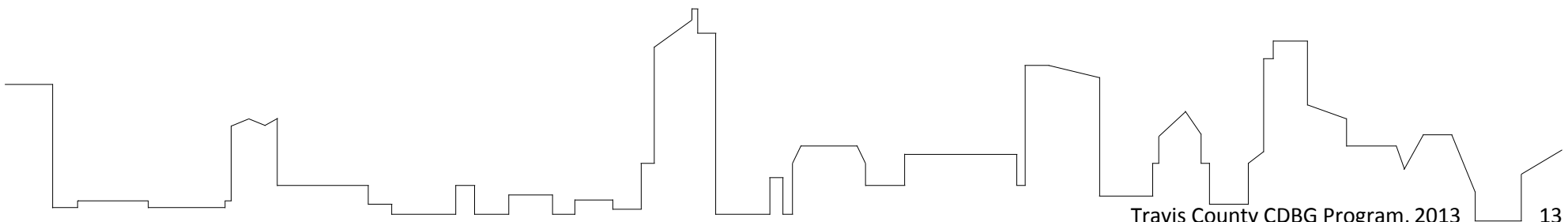
FAIR HOUSING COUNSELING



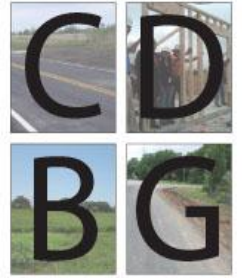
SPRING 2013 –NEXT STEPS



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 st)				Two (2) Public Hearings and a 30-day Comment Period to comment on proposed CDBG uses		



CDBG CONTACT INFORMATION



WEBSITE: www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG

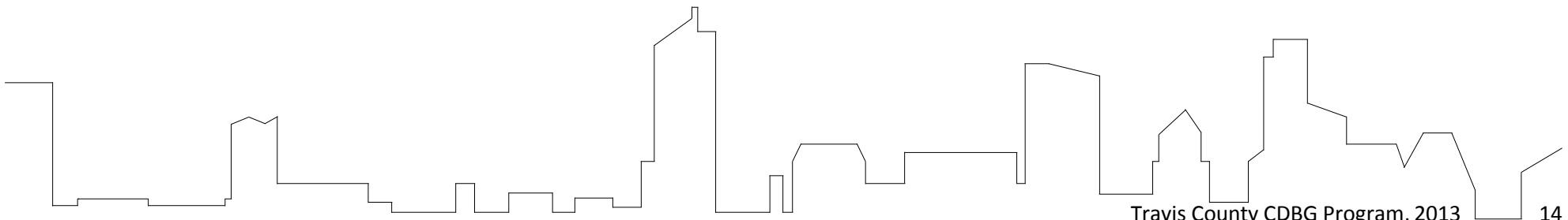
CONTACT PERSON: Christy Moffett
Planning Project Manager

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PHONE: 512-854-3460

FAX: 512-279-2197

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1748
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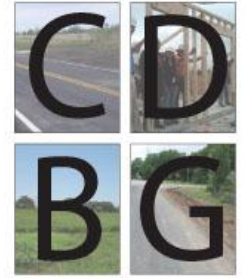
PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

Audiencias Públicas de la Primavera de 2013:
Identificación de Necesidades Comunitarias e Ideas de
Proyectos
Febrero-Marzo 2013



Presentación del Departamento de Servicios Humanos y de Salud y Servicios de Veteranos del Condado de Travis

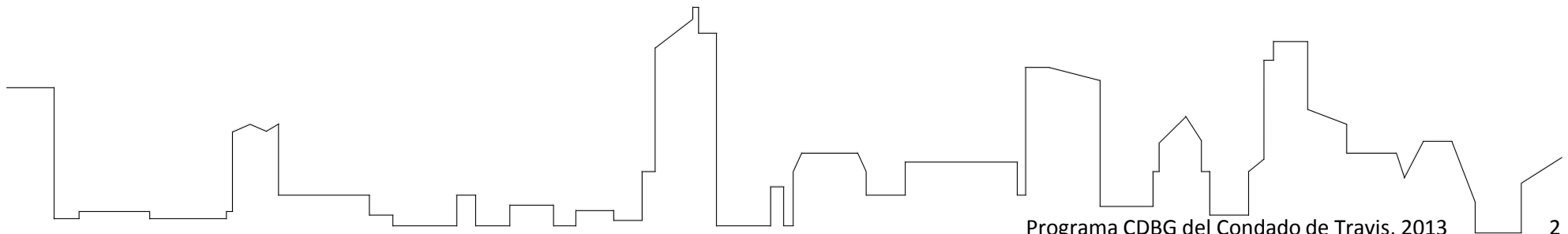
AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS PRIMAVERA 2013



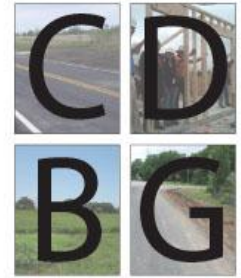
Se llevarán a cabo *cinco audiencias públicas* para ayudar al Condado a determinar cómo gastar aproximadamente \$896,341 en fondos del programa CDBG para el año programático 2013

UBICACIÓN Y HORARIOS DE LAS AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS

19 de febrero de 2013 a las 9:00 am	20 de febrero de 2013 a las 6:30 pm	21 de febrero de 2013 a las 6:30 pm	6 de marzo de 2013 a las 6:30 pm	7 de marzo de 2013 a las 6:30 pm
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COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO



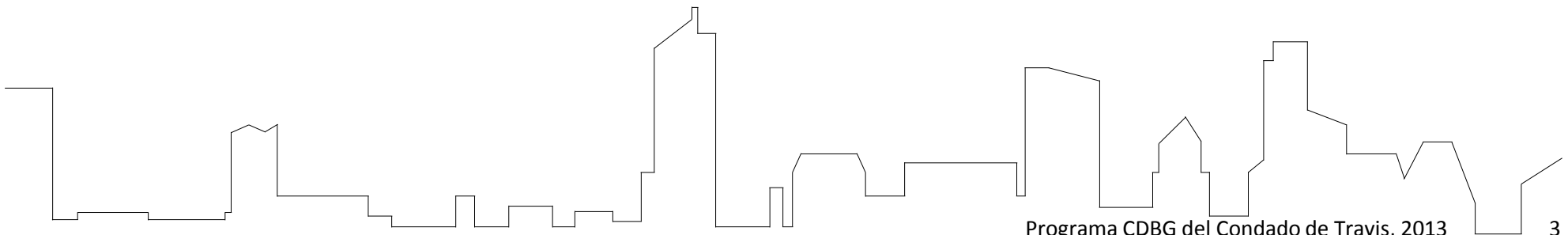
DURANTE LAS REUNIONES EL PÚBLICO TENDRÁ LA OPORTUNIDAD DE:

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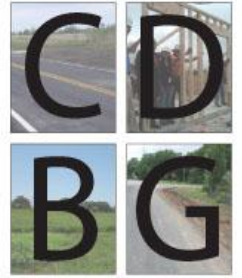
Identificar cual de las prioridades del programa CDBG establecidas para el período 2012-2014 necesitan ser atendidas en el año programático 2013

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Identificar ideas específicas de proyectos



OTRAS OPORTUNIDADES PARA PARTICIPAR



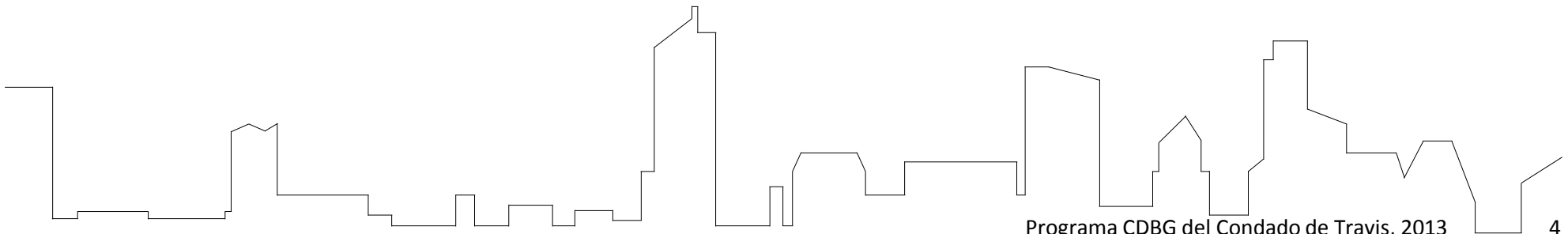
PLANILLA DE PARTICIPACIÓN PARA CIUDADANOS:

Disponible para el público que no puede asistir a las audiencias públicas para identificar necesidades

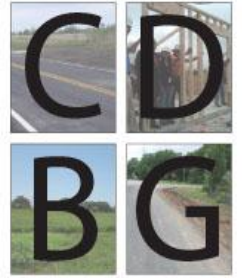
PLANILLA DE PROPUESTA DE PROYECTOS:

Disponible para personas, agencias o departamentos del Condado que tienen ideas específicas de proyectos

- Las planillas se encuentran en el sitio web del programa CDBG (www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG) y en cualquiera de los siete Centros Comunitarios del Condado de Travis. Estarán disponibles desde el 19 de febrero de 2013 hasta el 31 de marzo de 2013.
- También puede solicitar las planillas llamando al 512-854-3460.



¿CÓMO SE PRIORIZAN LOS PROYECTOS?



La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Travis identifica los intereses

El público brinda sugerencias durante las audiencias públicas y en las planillas de participación

Las agencias no lucrativas, departamentos del Condado y grupos de residentes presentan propuestas

Lista de posibles proyectos identificados

VIABILIDAD DE LOS GASTOS: metas nacionales de HUD, reglamentación y actividades permitidas

MATRIZ DE EVALUACIÓN

Cumple con las estrategias generales de inversión del Condado de Travis.

Cumple con las prioridades del CDBG establecidas para el período 2011-2013.

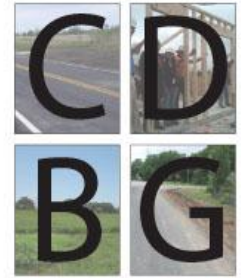
Beneficia a los residentes de bajos o medianos ingresos.

Impacto del proyecto (número de familias que se beneficiarán).
Apalanca otros fondos.

Es un proyecto factible.

**PROYECTOS
ESCOGIDOS**

ASPECTOS BÁSICOS DEL CDBG

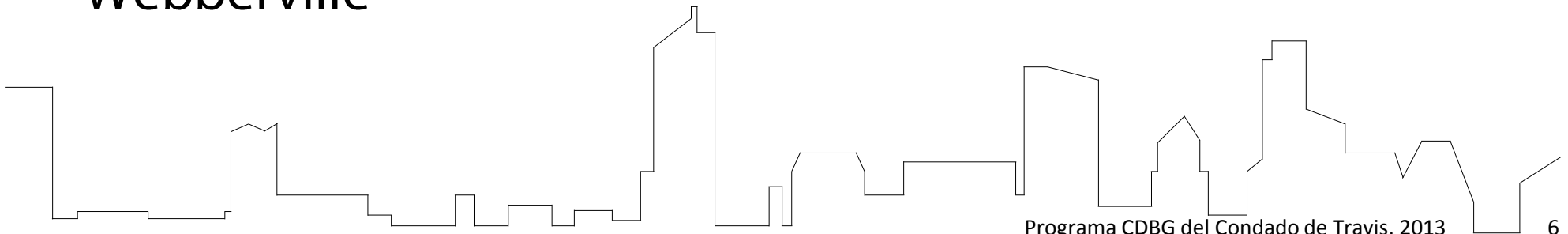


PROPÓSITO

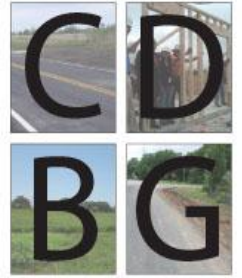
- Mejorar las opciones de viviendas asequibles
- Mejorar los servicios e instalaciones en la comunidad
- Revitalizar vecindarios

¿QUIÉNES SE BENEFICIAN?

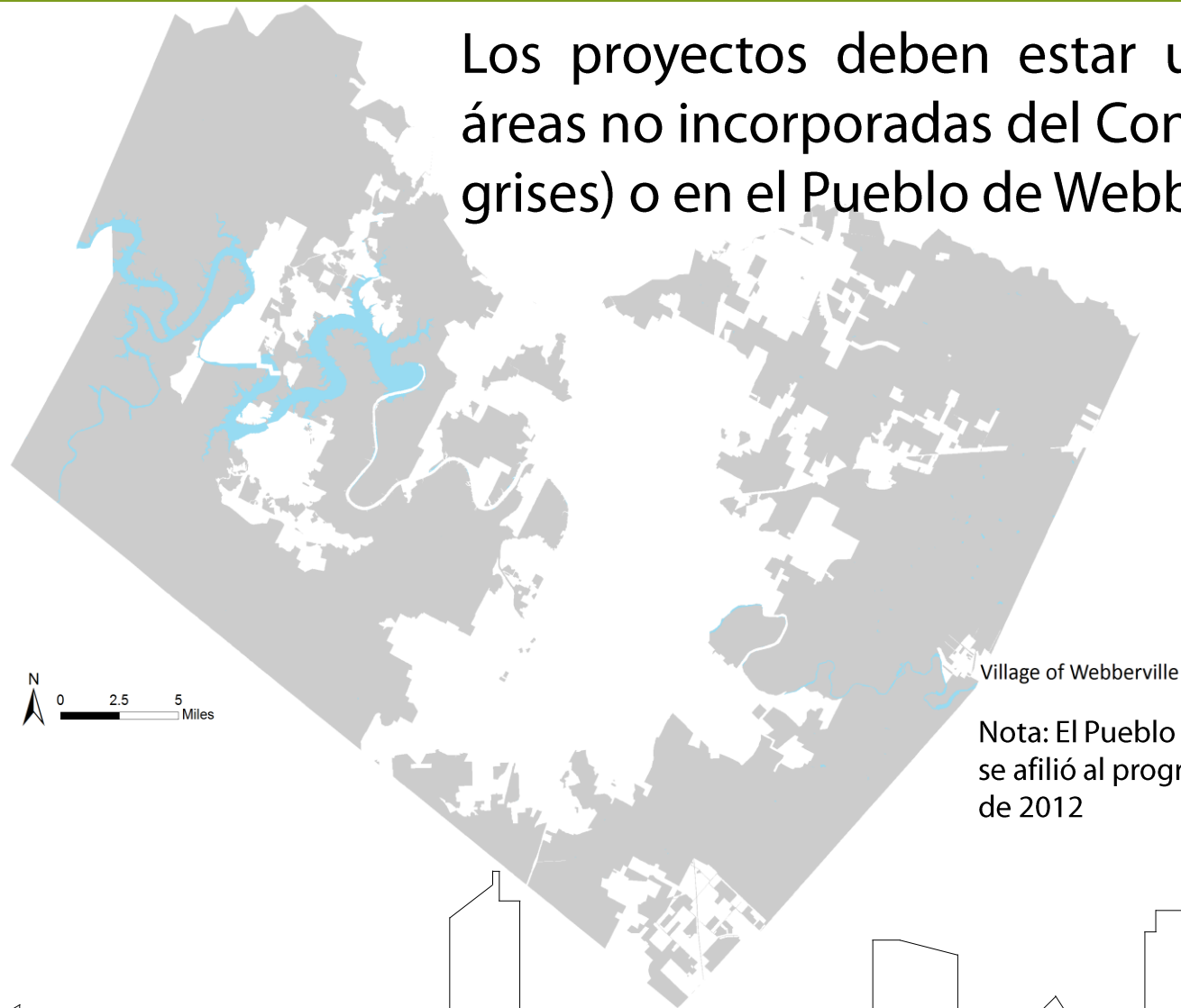
- Por lo menos 70% de los fondos deben beneficiar a residentes de bajos a medianos ingresos en áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Travis o en el Pueblo of Webberville



LOCALIZACIÓN DE PROYECTOS



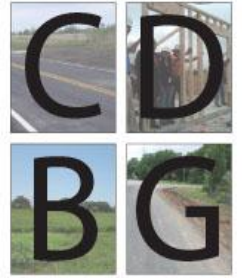
Los proyectos deben estar ubicados en áreas no incorporadas del Condado (áreas grises) o en el Pueblo de Webberville



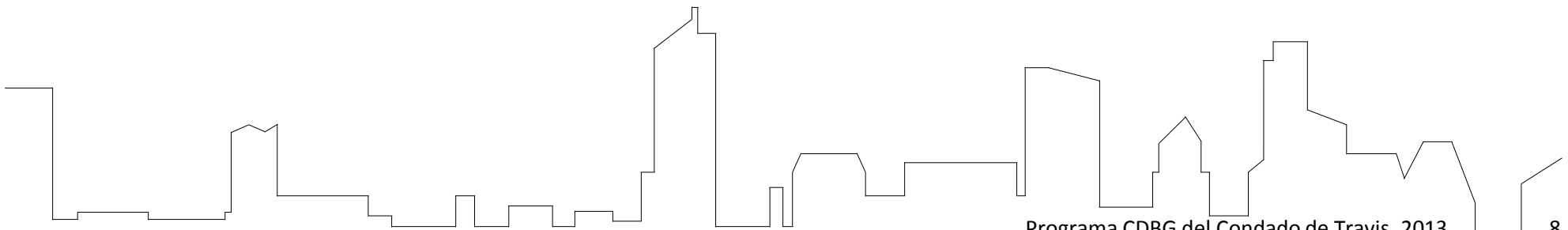
Village of Webberville

Nota: El Pueblo de Webberville se afilió al programa en octubre de 2012

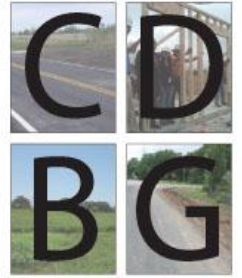
ACTIVIDADES PERMITIDAS



Los programas del CDBG implementan una variedad de actividades de desarrollo comunitario que incluyen pero no están limitadas a:

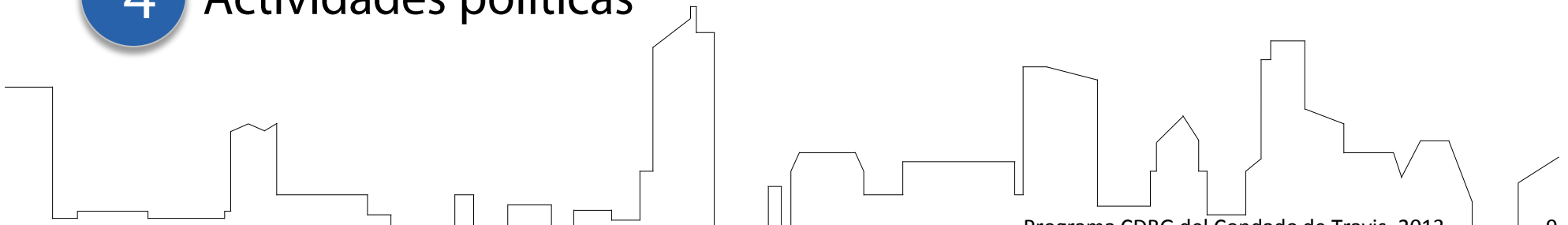


ACTIVIDADES NO PERMITIDAS

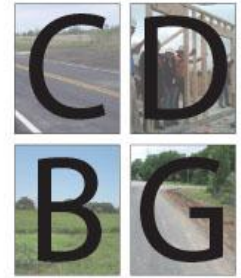


Generalmente, los siguientes tipos de actividades no están permitidas:

- 1 Adquisición, construcción o reconstrucción de edificios para uso general del gobierno
- 2 Construcción de nuevas viviendas por unidades de gobierno local general
- 3 Pagos de ciertos ingresos
- 4 Actividades políticas



PRIORIDADES DEL CDBG 2011-2013



CATEGORÍA

PRIORIDAD

Infraestructura

Alta

Vivienda

Alta

Servicios comunitarios

Alta

Poblaciones con servicios y necesidades especializadas

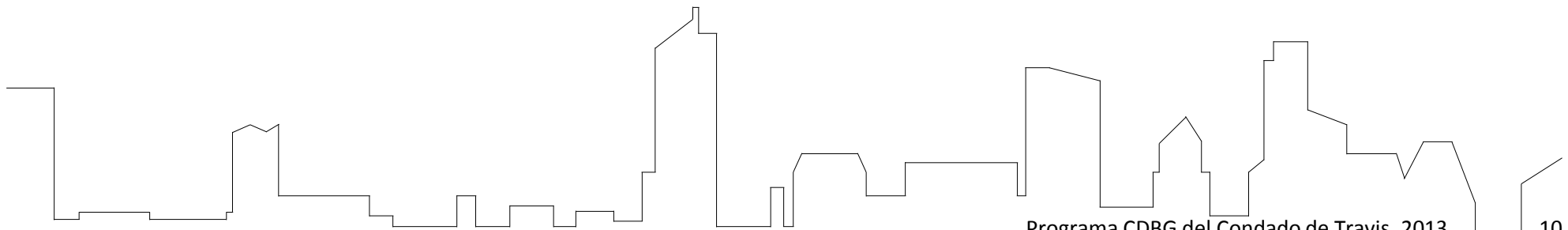
Mediana

Empresas y empleos

Mediana

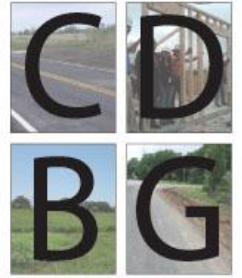
Instalaciones públicas

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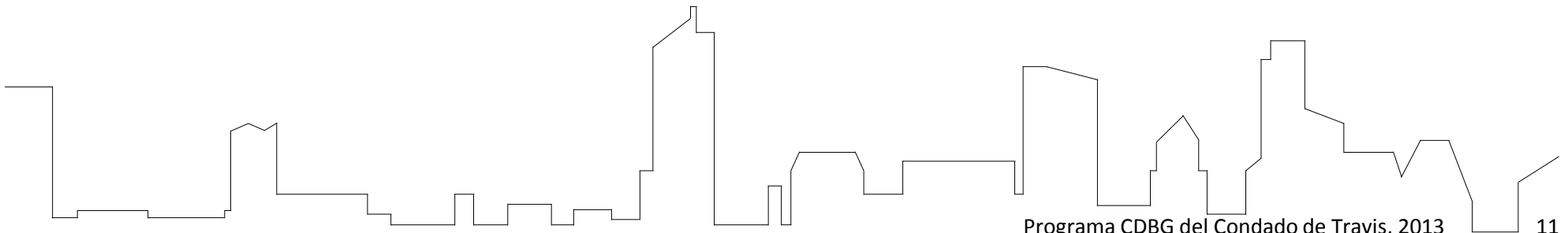
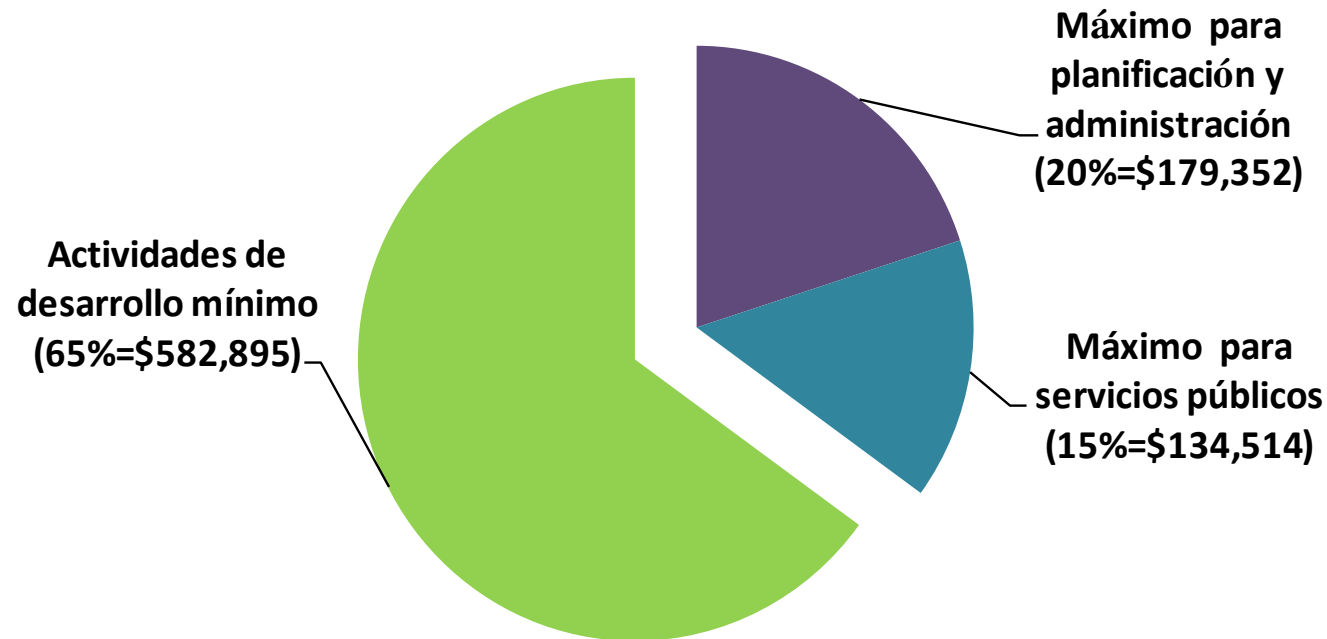


AÑO PROGRAMÁTICO 2013

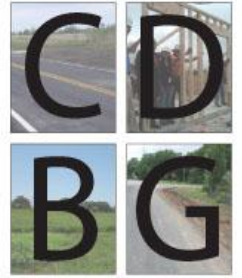
SUBSIDIO ESTIMADO: \$896,341



Actividades del Programa CDBG

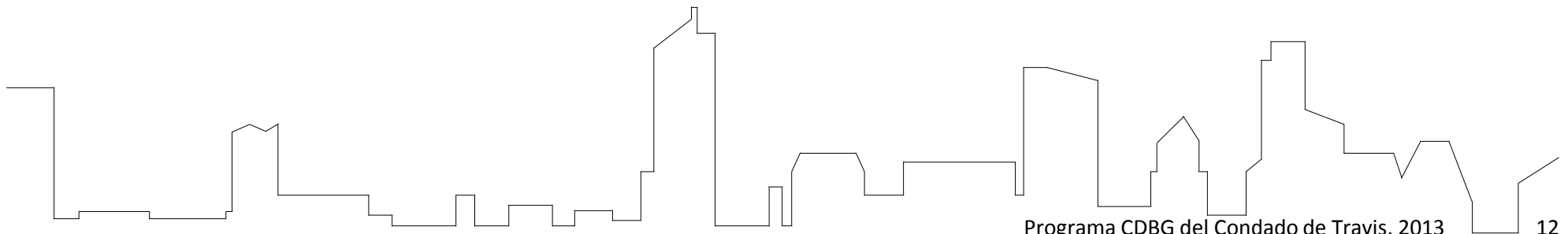


HISTORIA DE LOS PROYECTOS DEL PROGRAMA CDBG

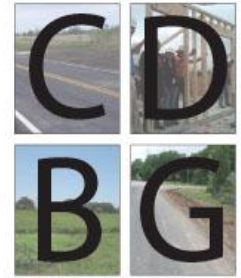


En los últimos 7 años, el programa CDBG ha financiado:

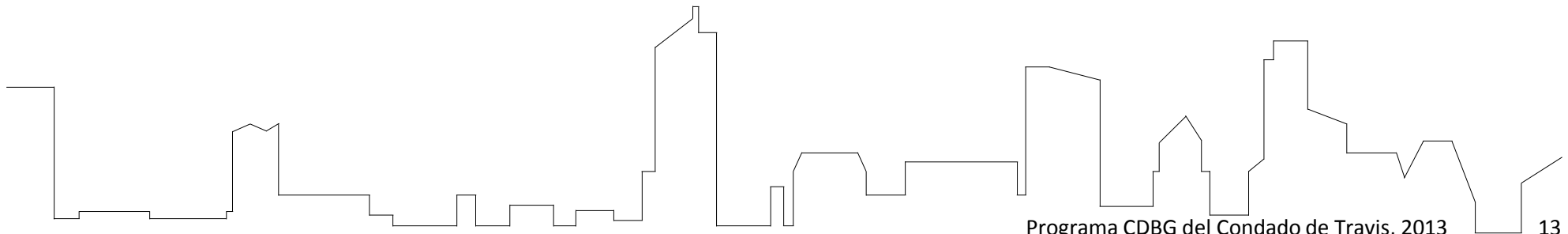
REHABILITACIÓN DE VIVIENDAS	ADQUISICIÓN DE TERRENOS
MEJORAS A LAS CALLES	PLANIFICACIÓN Y ADMINISTRACIÓN
AYUDA PARA COMPRADORES DE CASAS	CONEXIONES Y MEJORAS A SISTEMAS DE AGUA
AMPLIACIÓN A LOS PROGRAMAS DE TRABAJO SOCIAL	ORIENTACIÓN DE ALOJAMIENTO JUSTA



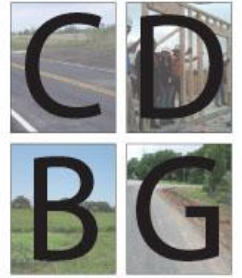
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Cinco (5) Audiencias Públicas para conocer necesidades comunitarias y recomendaciones de uso de los fondos	Evaluación de las ideas de proyectos			Aprobación de proyectos por la Corte de Comisionados del Condado		Aprobación final del Plan de Acción por la Corte de Comisionados y presentación a HUD antes del 15
Solicitud de ideas de proyectos (fecha tope para presentar propuestas: 31 de marzo)				Dos (2) audiencias públicas y un periodo de 30 días para comentar sobre los usos propuestos del CDBG		



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