

Item 8



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 5/28/13

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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 the following items related to the Community Development Block Grant available through HUD:

- A. Approve public comment period to commence on June 24, 2013 at 8:00 am and end of July 24, 2013 at 5:00 pm;
- B. The following public hearing dates for the public to provide input:
 - a. Travis County Commissioners Courtroom at 9 AM on July 2, 2013;
 - b. Travis County Commissioners Courtroom at 9 AM on July 9, 2013; and
- C. Approve the advertisements announcing the public comment period and hearing dates in newspapers of general circulation: The Villager, Pflugerville Pflag, Hill Country News, Lake Travis View, Oak Hill Gazette, West Lake Picayune, Austin Chronicle, Ahora Si and El Mundo.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 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. Community engagement and participation is an essential goal of this program.

Travis County anticipates receiving an estimated \$851,524 for Program Year 2013, and is required to turn in an Action Plan which details how the County intends to use the funds. The public is invited to comment on the Action Plan and proposed projects.

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.

- B. For Travis County to be in compliance with its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 91, a 30-day public comment period must be held to allow the public to comment on the proposed uses for CDBG funds for the 2013 program year, and the 2013 Action Plan. Staff recommends June 24, 2013 – July 24, 2013, for the comment period. During this time, residents, community organizations, agencies and any other stakeholders will have an opportunity to send CDBG staff comments in writing via postal mail, or e-mail or by attending a public hearing.
- C. For Travis County to be in compliance with its CPP and 24 CFR Part 91, two public hearings must be held during the Commissioners Court's approved 30-day comment period. Staff recommends these dates:

Travis County Commissioners Courtroom 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX	Tuesday, July 2, 2013 9:00 am
Travis County Commissioners Courtroom 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX	Tuesday, July 9, 2013 9:00 am

Those that are not able to attend the public hearings will have an opportunity to provide their input in writing by email or postal mail.

- D. The attached advertisements notify the public of the public hearings and public comment period to provide input on the PY 2013 Action Plan. Notification to the public must occur 14 days prior to the public hearings in newspapers of general circulation and must target the areas the grant serves: the unincorporated areas of the county and the Village of Webberville.

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

The Villager
 Hill Country News
 Oak Hill Gazette
 West Lake Picayune

Pflugerville Pflag
 Lake Travis View
 Austin Chronicle

To reach the Spanish speaking population the ad will be advertised in the Spanish language newspapers Ahora Sí and El Mundo. A copy of the ad is translated into Spanish.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the public comment period, hearings and related ads.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Moving forward with the public comment period allows the County to be in compliance with CDBG requirements and Travis County's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

A. N/A

B. N/A

C. Costs for the public notice will be paid for with the CDBG budget resources.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PY13 ACTION PLAN

Travis County is eligible to receive an estimated \$851,524 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the county or the Village of Webberville. The funds are for the program year 2013, which goes from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

CDBG activities are aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options and providing improved community facilities and services. You can comment on the proposed amendments, projects and actions by attending one of two public hearings or by sending your comments in writing via postal mail or e-mail.

COMMENT PERIOD AND DRAFT DOCUMENT

Comments will be accepted for 30 days beginning June 24, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Beginning June 24, 2013, drafts of the proposed action plan and related summaries will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG webpage at: www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG or available for review at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers:

SOUTH RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 3518 FM 973, <i>Del Valle</i>	TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER 15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D, <i>Pflugerville</i>	WEST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 8656 Hwy 71W, Bldg. A, <i>Oak Hill</i>	NORTHWEST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 18649 FM 1431, <i>Jonestown</i>	EAST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 600 W. Carrie Manor St., <i>Manor</i>	PALM SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTER 100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, <i>Austin</i>	POST ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER 2201 Post Rd., Suite 101, <i>Austin</i>
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

You can provide your comment by attending any of two Public Hearings scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 9:00 AM or Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 9:00 AM at Travis County, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX.

MAILING YOUR COMMENTS

You can mail your comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHSVS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to: cdbg@co.travis.tx.us.

Travis County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 512-854-3460 for assistance.



TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

INVITACIÓN PARA COMENTAR SOBRE EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PY13

El Condado de Travis está calificado para recibir una suma estimada de \$851,524 en fondos del Programa de Subsidio Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) destinados a beneficiar a residentes de ingresos bajos o medianos que residen en las áreas no incorporadas del condado o la Villa de Webberville. Los fondos son para el año programático de 2013, el cual cubre desde el 1 de octubre de 2013 al 30 de septiembre de 2014.

Las actividades CDBG tienen como propósito revitalizar comunidades, mejorar opciones de viviendas asequibles y proporcionar servicios e instalaciones comunitarias mejoradas. El público puede realizar comentarios sobre las rectificaciones, los proyectos y acciones durante una de dos audiencias públicas o enviando sus comentarios por escrito a través del correo postal o de un correo electrónico.

PERÍODO DE COMENTARIO Y DOCUMENTO PRELIMINAR

Los comentarios públicos se aceptarán por un período de 30 días a partir del 24 de junio de 2013 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 24 de julio de 2013 a las 5:00 p.m., borradores del plan de acción y resúmenes relacionados serán disponibles para descargar en la página de internet de CDBG del Condado de Travis en: www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG, o en uno de los siguientes siete centros comunitarios del Condado de Travis::

CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL SUR 3518 FM 973, <i>Del Valle</i>	CENTRO COMUNITARIO DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS 15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D, <i>Pflugerville</i>	CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL OESTE 8656 Hwy 71W, Bldg. A, <i>Oak Hill</i>	CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL NOROESTE 18649 FM 1431, <i>Jonestown</i>	CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL ESTE 600 W. Carrie Manor St., <i>Manor</i>	CENTRO COMUNITARIO DEL PALM SQUARE 100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, <i>Austin</i>	CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE POST ROAD 2201 Post Rd., Suite 101, <i>Austin</i>
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AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El público puede presentar sus comentarios asistiendo a cualquiera de dos audiencias públicas planificadas para el martes 2 de julio de 2013 a las 9:00 AM y el martes 9 de julio de 2013 a las 9:00 AM en la sala de justicia del Comisionado del Condado de Travis, ubicada en 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX.

ENVÍO DE COMENTARIOS

El público puede enviar sus comentarios por correo postal a la dirección: CDBG Program, Travis County HHSVS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 o por e-mail a: cdbg@co.travis.tx.us.

El Condado de Travis está comprometido a cumplir con la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) y con la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según su enmienda. Al solicitarlo, se proporcionarán modificaciones razonables e igual acceso a comunicaciones.

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al 512-854-3460.

