

Item 2



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 9, 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 comments regarding the proposed Program Year 2013 Action Plan 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 three years and the specific allocation of dollars for the first year's funding. An annual action plan is due each August 15th.

Travis County expects to receive an estimated \$909,925 in CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year 2013 (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014). 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 2013 is the third year of funding in a three -year cycle.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

On 05/28/13, Travis County Commissioners Court approved the public comment period and public hearing dates and on June 11, 2013 the Travis County Commissioners Court approved all proposed projects for Program Year 2013 funding.

During the week of June 3, 2013, 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends conducting the hearing as advertised.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Comments may be received in writing beginning June 24, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. through on July 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Comments may be emailed to 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, July 2, 2013 at 9 a.m and Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 9 a.m. at Travis County Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX 78701.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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None.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

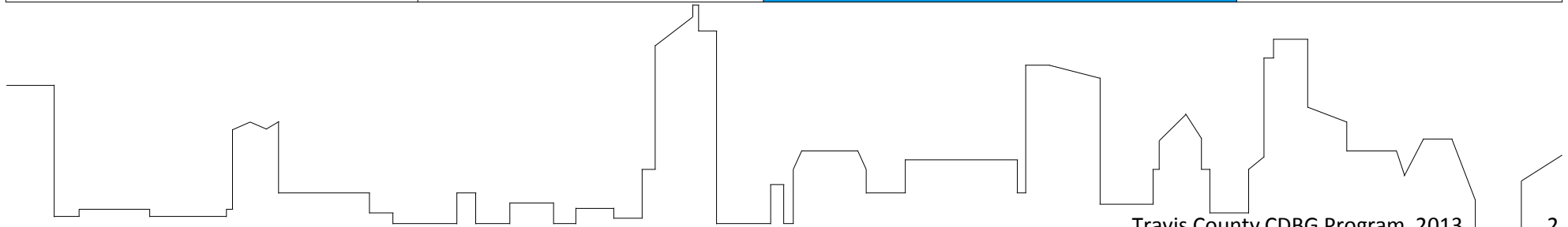
Public Hearings on the Program Year 2013 (PY13)
Action Plan

July 2 and July 9, 2013
Travis County Commissioners Court

TIMELINE: DEVELOPMENT FOR PY13 ACTION PLAN



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 fund uses		



CDBG BASICS

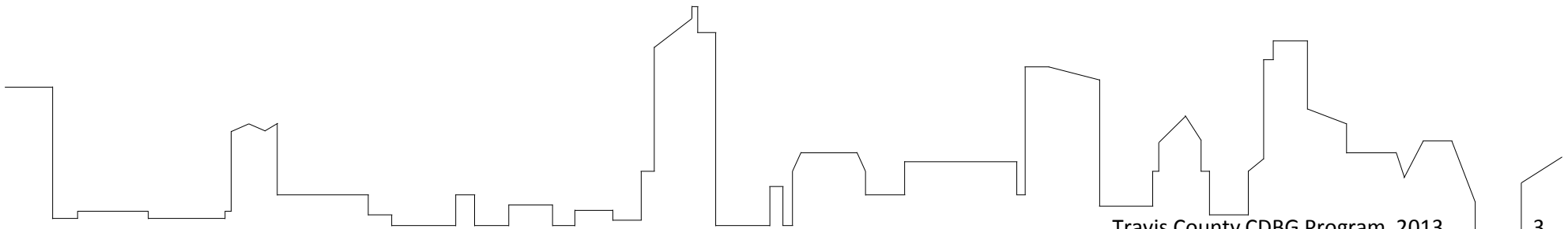


PURPOSE

- 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



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



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

Economic Development

Public Services

Redevelopment
(Improvements)

Planning

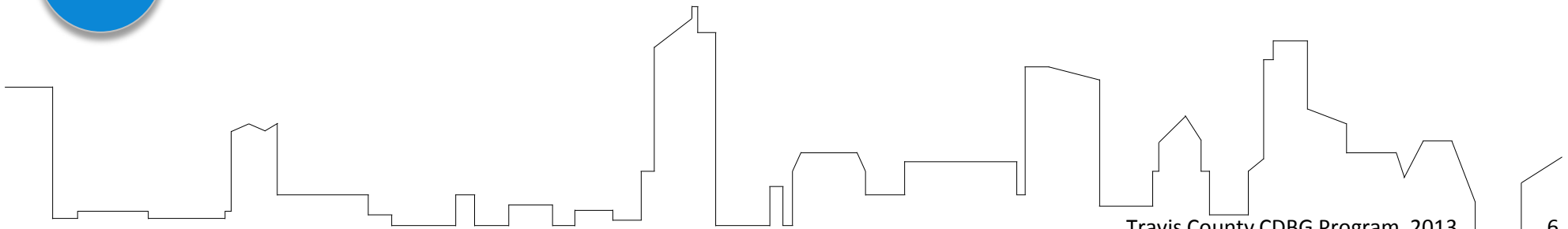
Housing

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

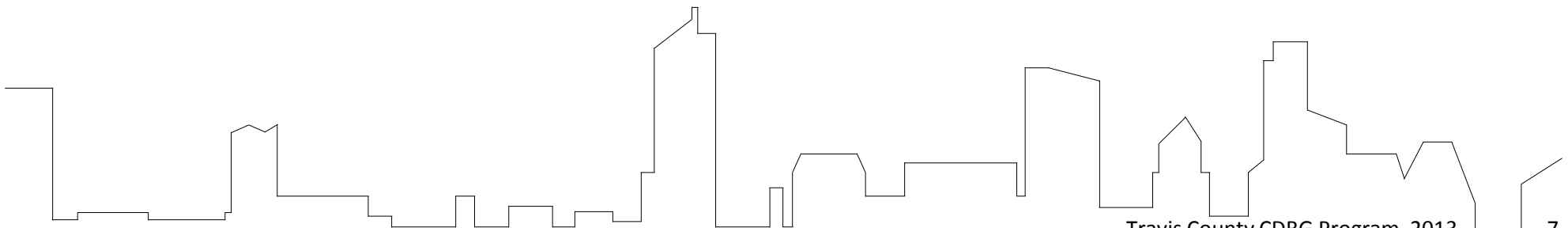
Medium

Business and Jobs

Medium

Public Facilities

Medium

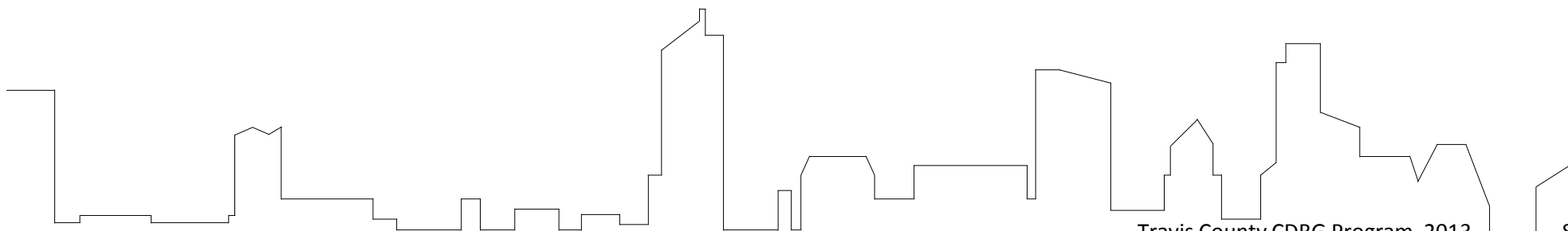
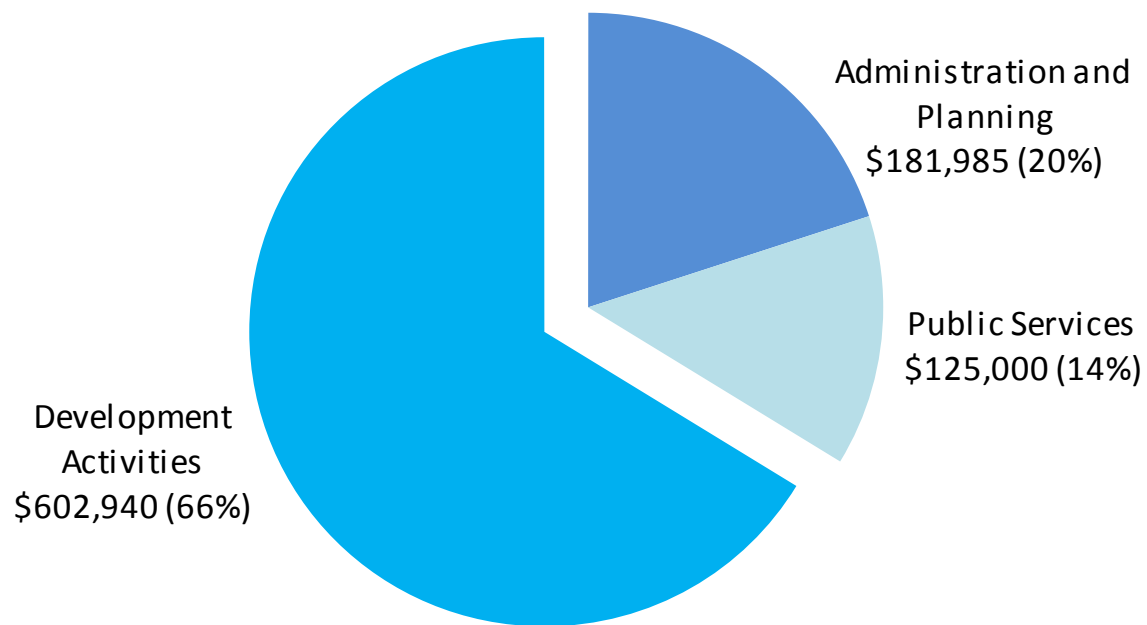


PROGRAM YEAR 2013

ESTIMATED GRANT: \$909,925



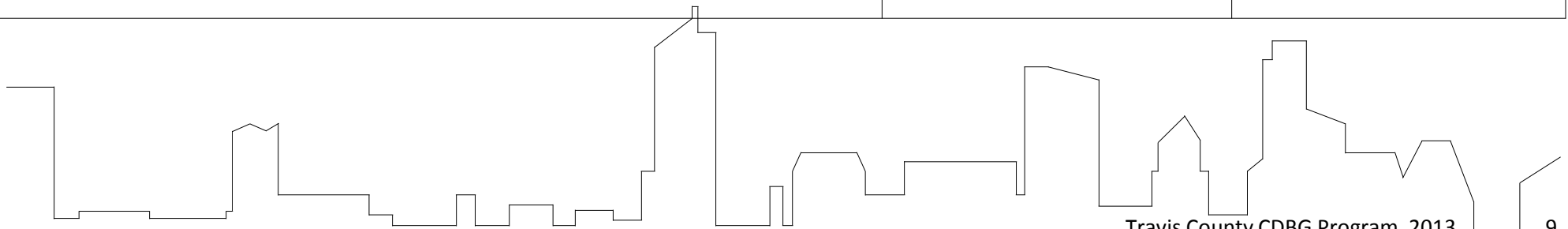
CDBG Activities



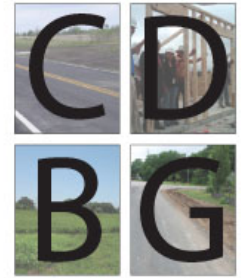
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS



PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR PY 2013	PY 12 RE- ALLOCATED FUNDS	PY13 ALLOCATION
Street Improvements: Lake Oak Estates		\$425,000
Home Rehabilitation	\$33,885	\$177,940
Public Services: Social Work Services		\$75,000
Public Services: Fair Housing Counseling		\$50,000
CDBG Administration & Planning		\$181,985
Total	\$33,885	\$909,925

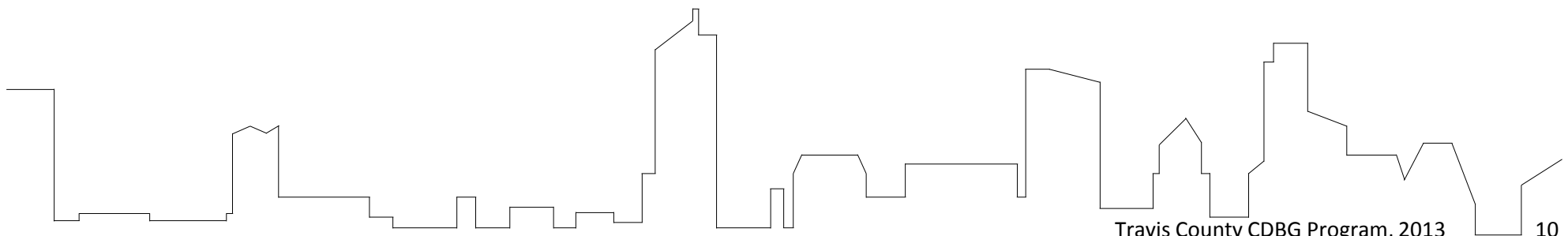


SUMMARY OF ALTERNATE PROJECTS



Alternate Projects for PY 2013	Allocation
Home Rehabilitation	Up to \$1 Million
Water and Wastewater Project at Las Lomitas	Up to \$480,000

Alternate Projects are defined as projects that could be considered, if necessary, to replace a slow-moving project. Using an alternate project in lieu of another requires approval from the Travis County Commissioners Court.



NEXT STEPS



1

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

2

Commissioners Court will approve the final draft for submission to HUD in early August 2013

3

Final versions of the documents will be available to the public by August 15th, 2013

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HUD will provide a decision on the submission no later than September 30th, 2013

CDBG CONTACT INFORMATION



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

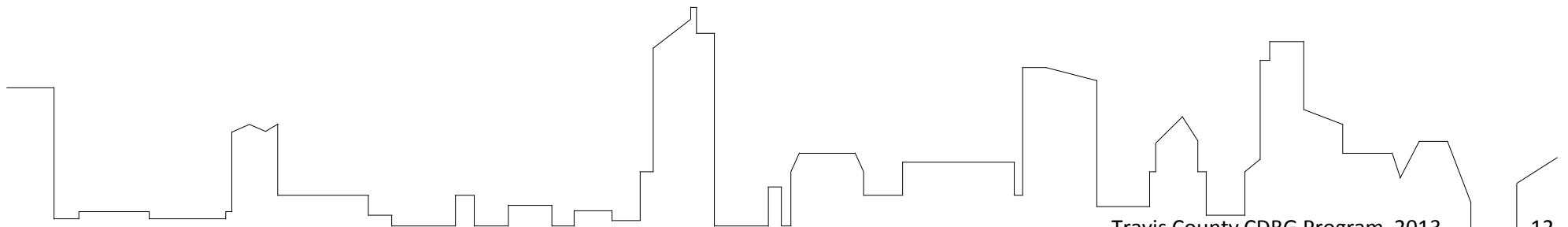
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PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

Audiencias Públicas Acerca del Plan de Acción
del Año Programático 2013 (PY13)
Desde el 2 de julio hasta el 9 de julio de 2013

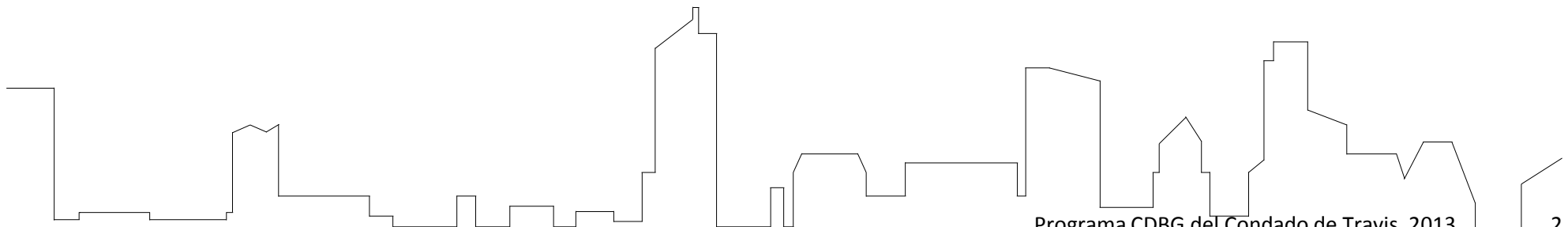


Presentación del Departamento de Servicios Humanos y de Salud y Servicios para Veteranos del Condado de Travis

CRONOGRAMA: DESARROLLO DEL PLAN DE ACCION AP13



FEBRERO	MARZO	ABRIL	MAYO	JUNIO	JULIO	AGOSTO
				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 del mes
	Cinco (5) audiencias públicas para obtener información acerca de las necesidades comunitarias y uso de los fondos	Evaluación de las ideas de proyectos		Dos (2) audiencias públicas y un periodo de 30 días para comentar sobre los usos propuestos de los fondos de CDBG		
	Solicitud de ideas de proyectos (fecha límite para presentar propuestas: 31 de marzo)					



ASPECTOS BÁSICOS DEL CDBG

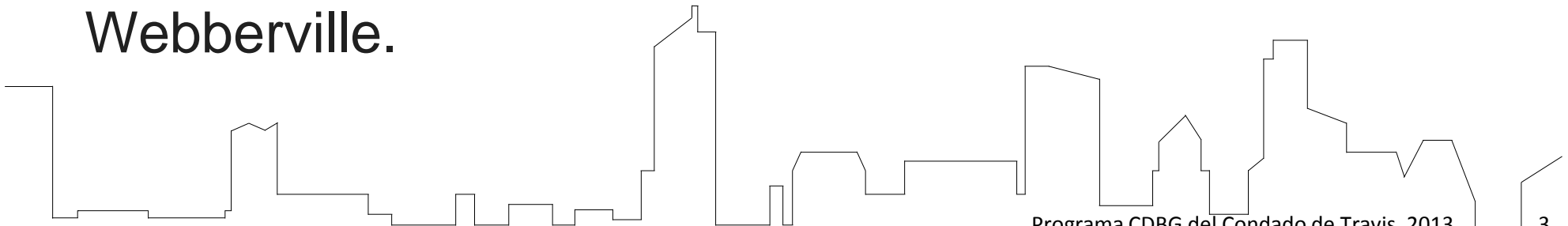


PROPÓSITO

- 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 moderados ingresos en áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Travis o el Pueblo de Webberville.



LOS PROYECTOS DEBEN ESTAR UBICADOS EN ÁREAS NO INCORPORADAS DEL CONDADO (ÁREAS GRISES) O EN EL PUEBLO DE WEBBERVILLE



ACTIVIDADES PERMITIDAS



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

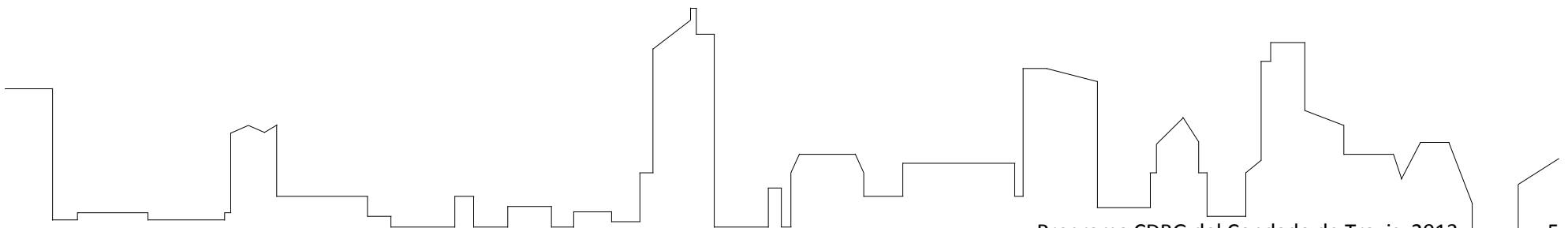
Desarrollo económico

Servicios públicos

Reconstrucción
(Mejoramiento)

Planificación

Vivienda

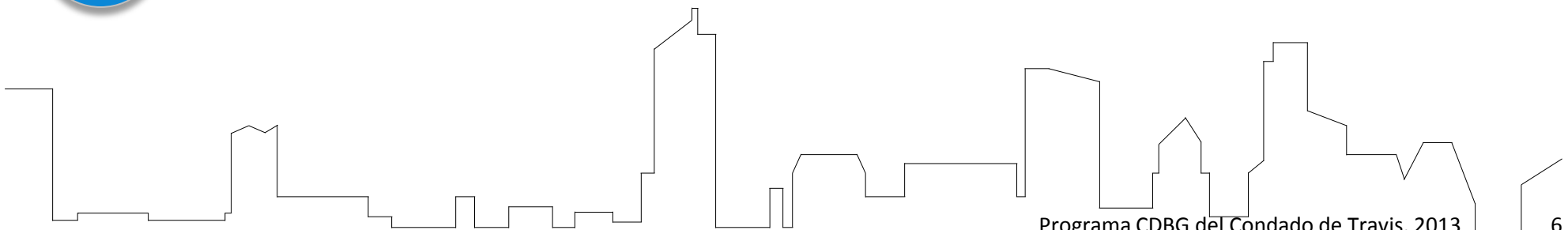


ACTIVIDADES NO PERMITIDAS



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

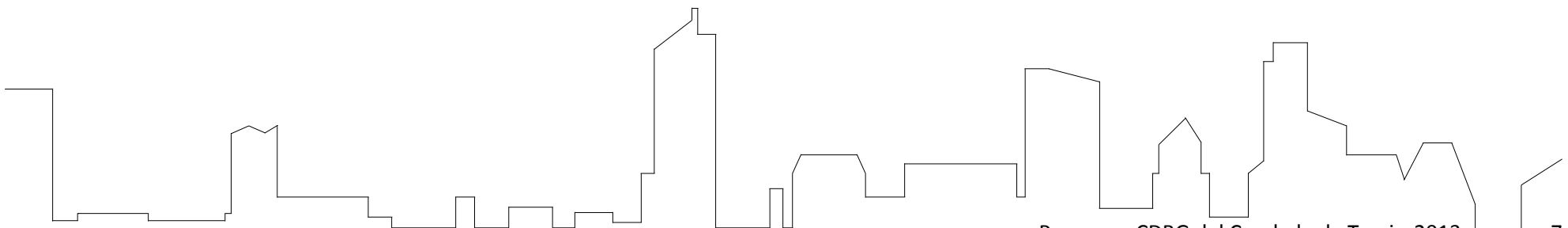
Mediana

Empresas y empleos

Mediana

Instalaciones públicas

Mediana

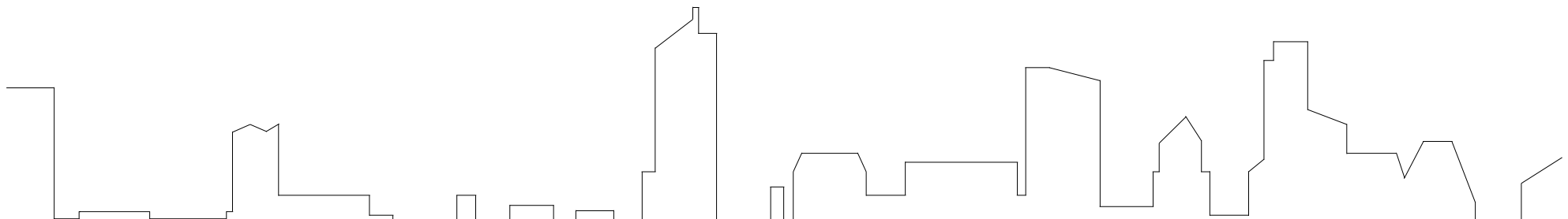
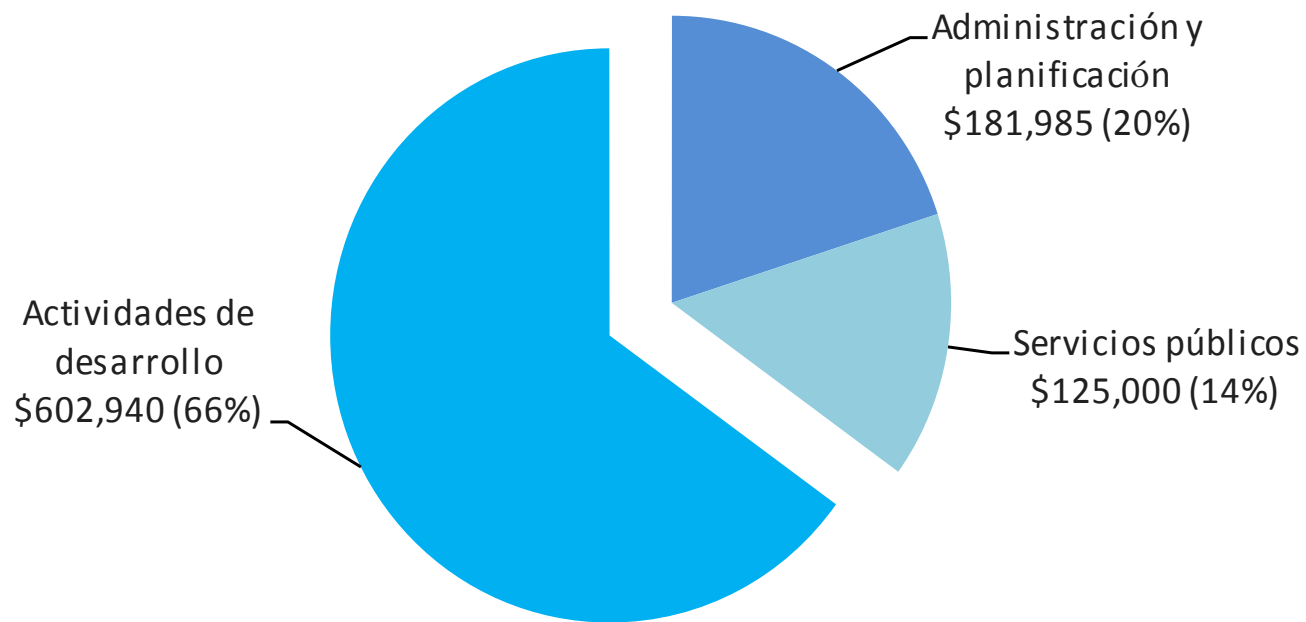


AÑO PROGRAMÁTICO 2013

SUBSIDIO ESTIMADO: \$909,925



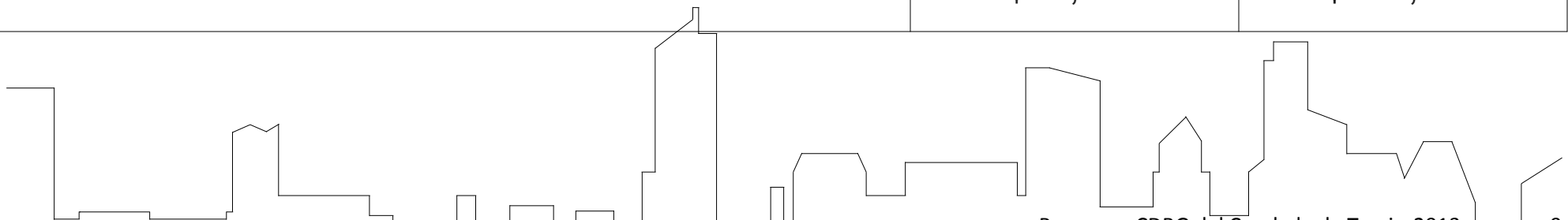
Actividades del Programa CDBG



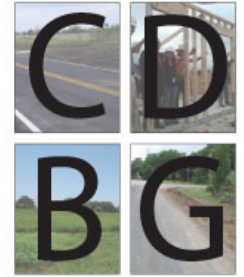
RESUMEN DE LOS PROYECTOS RECOMENDADOS



PROYECTOS PROPUESTOS PARA AP2013	FONDOS RE-ASIGNADOS	ASIGNACIÓN AP13
Mejoramiento de calles: Lake Oak Estates		\$425,000
Rehabilitación de viviendas	\$33,885	\$177,940
Servicios públicos: Servicios de trabajo social		\$75,000
Servicios públicos: Asesoramiento sobre la ley de vivienda justa		\$50,000
Administración y planificación del CDBG		\$181,985
Total	\$33,885	\$909,925

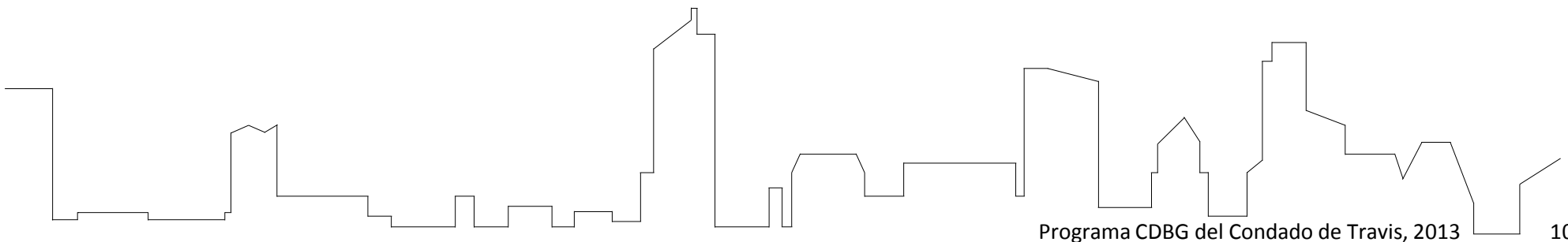


RESUMEN DE PROYECTOS ALTERNATIVOS



Proyectos alternativos para AP 2013	Asignación
Rehabilitación de viviendas	Hasta \$1,000,000
Proyecto de agua y aguas residuales en Las Lomitas	Hasta \$480,000

Los proyectos alternativos por definición son proyectos que podrían tomarse en consideración, si fuera necesario, para reemplazar un proyecto que marcha muy despacio. Para reemplazar un proyecto ya aprobado con un proyecto alternativo, se requiere la aprobación de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Travis.



PRÓXIMOS PASOS



1

Después del período para comentarios, se revisarán y tomarán en cuenta los comentarios del público en la preparación final del documento

2

La Corte de Comisionados aprobará la versión final para presentarla a HUD a principios de agosto de 2013

3

Las versiones finales de los documentos estarán disponibles al público el 15 de agosto de 2013

4

HUD dará su decisión sobre la presentación a más tardar el 30 de septiembre de 2013

INFORMACIÓN PARA COMUNICARSE CON EL CDBG



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