



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 14, 2014

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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 public comments regarding the Substantial Amendments to the Program Year 2009-2013 Action Plans and Program Years 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant provided by 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, through the U.S Department of Housing and Urban 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, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.

Travis County needs to amend its PY11-PY13 Consolidated Plan goals to align with proposed project changes. Amendments to its PY09-PY13 Action Plans to address a 5% reduction in PY13 funds, to direct project savings totaling \$862,673.99 to new projects and to add additional alternate projects for PY2013 also need to occur. The large amount of project savings is due to the homebuyer assistance project that did not perform as projected.

On December 17, 2013, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved a 30-day public comment period spanning from January 3, 2014, through February 3, 2014, as well as a public hearing on January 14, 2014. Notice of the comment period and public hearing was provided in newspapers of general circulation, through postal and electronic mailings, on the County's

website, Facebook, Twitter and the seven Travis County Community Centers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Comments may be received in writing beginning January 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. through on February 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The public can access the draft document by visiting www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG, by visiting any of the seven Travis County Community Centers or by calling 512-854-3460 to request a copy. The public can submit written comments by mailing them to CDBG Program, Travis County HHSVS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or emailing them to cdbg@co.travis.tx.us.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No budget impacts are anticipated by this item.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Public Hearing for the Substantial Amendments to
PY 2009-2013 Action Plans & PY2011-2013
Consolidated Plan

Travis County Commissioners Court
January 14, 2014



Amendment to the PY13 Action Plan



PY 2013 Action Plan Substantial Amendment

Figure 1: PY13 Action Plan Changes

Project	Original Funding Level	Reduced Funding Level	Reduction Impact
PY13 Administration and Planning	\$181,985	\$171,106	Loss of \$10,879. This project does not have beneficiaries associated with it.
PY13 Social Work Expansion	\$75,000	\$75,000	No Fiscal or Beneficiary Changes
PY13 Fair Housing & Tenants' Rights	\$50,000	\$50,000	No Fiscal or Beneficiary Changes
PY13 Lake Oak Estates, Phase 3	\$425,000	\$425,000	No Fiscal or Beneficiary Changes
PY13 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation	\$177,940	\$134,428	Loss of \$43,512. Reduction in beneficiaries by 3 houses. Will use project savings to make the project whole so long term impact to beneficiaries is 0.*
TOTAL	\$909,925	\$855,534	Loss of \$54,391 and 3 less homes rehabilitated.*



Project Savings from PY2009- 2012 Projects



PY 2009-2012 Project Savings

Figure 2: PY09-12 Project Savings

Original Project	Project Savings
PY11 Administration and Planning	\$4,854.17
PY11 Social Work Expansion	\$29,031.23
PY12 Administration and Planning	\$34,036.76
PY12 Social Work Expansion	\$18,989.14
PY12 Fair Housing	\$21,816.00
PY09 Homebuyer Assistance	\$470,596.35
PY10 Homebuyer Assistance	\$283,350.34
TOTAL	\$862,673.99



Proposed Projects for Reallocation of Funds



Proposed Projects for Project Savings

Figure3: Reallocation of PY09-12 Project Savings

Project	Amount	Impact	Priority in the PY11-13 Consolidated Plan	Summary of Project
PY13 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation	\$315,572	12 houses 100% low/mod households	High	Assistance to homeowners with up to \$24,999 in repairs to improve substandard housing, accessibility or energy efficiency. A 5-year deferred, forgivable loan will be made to eligible households. Program targets households at 80% Median Family Income (MFI).
PY13 Barkley Meadows Flood Damage Repair	\$547,101.99	8559 people 57.7% low to moderate income area	Medium, but Urgent Need due to Flood	Assistance to restore Barkley Meadows to its state prior to the October 31, 2013 flood. Project includes tree/debris removal, play area resurfacing and replacement of playscape, fencing, replace curb stops, bank stabilization and erosion mitigation. Replanting of trees, re-sodding or other re-vegetation, if needed.
TOTAL	\$862,673.99			

Proposed Alternate Projects for Project Savings

Project	Amount	Impact	Priority in the PY11-13 Consolidated Plan	Summary of Project
Richard Moya Park Flood Damage Repair [^]	Up to \$250,000	9162 people 57.1% low to moderate income area	Medium, but Urgent Need due to Flood	Assistance to restore Richard Moya Park to its state prior to the October 31, 2013 flood. Project includes replacing Small Play Area East with surfacing, bank stabilization and re-sodding, tree planting and re-vegetation/reconstruction of Park.
Detention Pond Rehabilitation due to Flood Damage: Precinct 4 – 5000 block of S US Hwy 183, south of Burlison Rd intersection [^]	Up to \$50,000	4738 people 53.3% low to moderate income area	Medium, but Urgent Need due to Flood	Restore the detention pond to its state prior the October 31, 2013 flood. Project includes: repairing embankment and berm, grading and stabilization.
Outfall: Northeast Metro Park ^{^*}	Up to \$15,000	394 people 36.1% low to moderate income area	Medium, but Urgent Need due to Flood	Restore the outfall to its state prior the October 31, 2013 flood. Project includes: reconstruction and repair of outfall and outfall channel.

Proposed Alternate Projects for Project Savings, Continued

Project	Amount	Impact	Priority in the PY11-13 Consolidated Plan	Summary of Project
Detention Pond: Gattis School Road^*	Up to \$250,000*	1495 people 20.9% low to moderate income area	Medium, but Urgent Need due to Flood	Restore the detention pond to its state prior the October 31, 2013 flood. Project includes: reconstruction of pond including addressing extensive channel embankment erosion. *If re-design is needed, the project will not be CDBG eligible.
Detention Pond: Howard Lane^	Up to \$50,000	4364 people 53.5% low to moderate income area	Medium, but Urgent Need due to Flood	Restore the detention pond to its state prior the October 31, 2013 flood. Project includes: reconstruction of pond including addressing clogged culvert, erosion of channel, debris clean up and stabilization.
Richard Moya Park Flood Damage Repair^	Up to \$500,000	9162 people 57.1% low to moderate income area	Medium, but Urgent Need due to Flood	Assistance to restore Richard Moya Park to its state prior to the October 31, 2013 flood. Project includes any remaining unfunded items that need to be repaired to restore the Park to its pre-flood state. Work can include a variety of tasks from additional re-vegetation, reconstruction of paths and amenities, erosion controls, etc.

PY-11-13 Consolidated Plan Amendments



PY 2011-2013 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment

Tables which outlined the goals and objectives for housing by income category, homebuyer assistance, home rehabilitation, non-housing community development by investment, and parks were changed.

- Reduced the outcomes homebuyer assistance program
- Increased the outcomes for the owner occupied home rehabilitation project.
- Added an outcome for Parks (public facility) to capture the flood repair work in Barkley Meadows.