



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 21, 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:

Consider and take appropriate action on the following items related to the planning for the Program Year 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2014 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant funds available from HUD:

- A. Approve the public hearing dates for the public to provide input on community needs; and
- B. Approve the advertisements announcing the public hearing dates in newspapers of general circulation.

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.

Each year HUD requires each grantee to develop an Action Plan specifying the activities to be undertaken with CDBG funds. For the program year 2014, which spans from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, Travis County is expected to receive an estimated \$909,925 in CDBG funds. 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.

Consolidated Plans are completed every 3, 5 or 6 years (based on the County's interest) and include data on community needs and strategic goals. The County is currently working under a three year Consolidated Plan spanning from program years 2011-2013. The next Consolidated Plan will span 5 years, taking effect on October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2018. During the proposed community meetings information from the public will be gathered to assist in determining the priorities for CDBG funding for the next five program years. Please refer to "Attachment A" for a full schedule for the development of the PY 2014 Action Plan and PY2014-2018

Consolidated Plan, please note that some dates are tentative and subject to change based on scheduling needs.

A. 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 18, 2014 9:00 am; Tuesday March 11, 2014 9:00 am
Precinct 1	Travis County Community Center at Manor	Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:30 pm
Precinct 2	Westside Meeting Hall, Austin	Thursday, February 20, 2014 6:30 pm
Precinct 3	Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill	Wednesday, March 5, 2014 6:30 pm
Precinct 4	Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	Thursday, March 6, 2014 6:30 pm

Beginning on February 18, 2014, 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 on the Travis County CDBG website www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG, at the seven Travis County Community Centers, or if requested the form can be mailed.

B. Notification of the hearings must occur 14 days prior to the public hearings in newspapers of general circulation and must target the grant’s service areas– the Village of Webberville and the unincorporated areas of the county.

The advertisement will appear in the following newspapers of general circulation: The Austin Chronicle, Pflugerville Pflag, Hill Country News, Oak Hill Gazette, and The Villager.

To reach the Spanish speaking population the ad will be advertised in the Spanish language newspaper *Ahora Sí*.

Additionally, staff will possibly placing ads on different websites including the blacklandreporter.com, asianaustin.com and local independent school districts.

Please see “Attachment B” for the proposed advertisement in English, and “Attachment C” for the proposed advertisement in Spanish.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the public hearing dates and advertisements.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Moving forward with the development of a CDBG Action Plan and 5 year Consolidated Plan indicates that the County has a continued interest in applying for CDBG funds over the next 5 years. Additionally, the County will be undergoing the Urban County Renewal process this year, during which other jurisdictions within Travis County are invited to participate in the Travis County CDBG program. Undertaking this process also indicates an ongoing interest in pursuing CDBG funding.

A review of the advertising strategy was completed and adjustments have been made to address gaps.

After reviewing the data from the Community Needs meetings and other sources, staff will come back to the Commissioners Court in April for approval of a proposed strategic direction and project selection criteria so that projects for the next program year can be identified in May 2014.

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
**Calendar for the Development of the CDBG PY14-PY18 ConPlan
 & PY14 Action Plan**



At Commissioners Court



Key Dates

JAN	Turn in back-up for Jan 21st agenda item	14
	Approve all dates and advertisements for public hearings	21
	Advertise the week of January 27th	27
FEB	Request project ideas from TC departments	1
	Turn in back-up for February 18th agenda item	11
	Public Hearing at the TCCC	18
	Public Hearing in Precinct 1 - Manor	19
	Public Hearing in Precinct 2 –Westside Meeting Hall	20
MAR	Evaluate projects as they come in and review last year's project list	
	Public Hearing in Precinct 3 – Oak Hill	5
	Public Hearing in Precinct 4 –Del Valle	6
	Public Hearing at the TCCC	11
	Service Providers Forum	19
	All projects ideas & proposals due for PY14	31
APR	Turn in back-up for April 15 th agenda item	8
	Approval of Strategic Direction & Project Selection Criteria	15
MAY	Turn in back-up for May 20th agenda item	13
	Presentation of Projects	20
	Turn in back-up for June 3rd agenda item	27
JUN	Approve dates and advertisements for public hearings; Project Approval by TCCC	3
	Advertise the Week of June 9	9
	Turn in back-up for June 17 th agenda item	10
	Approve of Public Comment Draft by TCCC	17
	Public Comment period begins	23
	Turn in back-up for July 1 st agenda item	24
JUL	Public Hearing at TCCC	1
	Turn in back-up for July 8 th agenda item	1
	Public Hearing at TCCC	8
	Public Comment Period Ends	22
AUG	Turn in back-up for August 12 th agenda item	5
	Approve final PY14-PY18 Con Plan and PY11 Action Plan at TCCC	12
	Con Plan and Action Plan due to HUD	15



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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Help Identify Community Needs in Travis County During Public Meetings in February & March 2014

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 2014 (October 2014-September 2015) and help determine the priorities for the funding of the next five program years (October 2014 – September 2018).

The 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 the current program year, Travis County anticipates to receive an estimated \$909,925.

The forums will be held according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 9:00 am, and Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 9:00 am	Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm	Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm	Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 6:30 pm	Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:30 pm
Travis County Commissioners Court 700 Lavaca St. Austin, TX 78701	Travis County Community Center at Manor 600 W. Carrie Manor St. Manor, TX 78653	Westside Meeting Hall (Austin) 4501 FM 620 Austin, TX 78732	Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill 8656-A Hwy 71W, Ste. 1000 Austin, TX 78735	Travis County Community Center at Del Valle 3518 FM 973 Del Valle, TX 78617

Beginning February 18, 2014, 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.



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Solicitamos Su Ayuda Identificando Necesidades Comunitarias Durante Foros Públicos En Febrero Y Marzo de 2014

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 2014 (desde octubre de 2014 a septiembre de 2015) y ayudará a determinar las prioridades de financiamiento para los próximos cinco años programáticos (desde octubre de 2014 a septiembre de 2018).

El Programa de 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 \$909,925 en fondos CDBG.

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

Martes, 18 de febrero de 2014 a las 9:00 am y martes, 11 de marzo de 2014 a las 9:00 am	Miércoles, 19 de febrero de 2014 a las 6:30 pm	Jueves, 20 de febrero de 2014 a las 6:30 pm	Miércoles, 5 de marzo de 2014 a las 6:30 pm	Jueves, 6 de marzo de 2014 a las 6:30 pm
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Comenzando el 18 de febrero de 2014, 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 más 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.