Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 1, 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 comments regarding the proposed PY14-PY18 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2014 Action Plan including the proposed strategic goals and 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 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.

The County is required to prepare a Consolidated Plans that includes data on community needs and strategic goals for program. 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 end September 30, 2019. The Consolidated Plan includes an Action Plan for the next program year (PY14) that outlines the projects and goals for the program year. The Travis County Commissioners Court approved the projects for inclusion on June 10, 2014 with the location of the Rental Housing project still to be determined.

Travis County expects to receive an estimated $997,649 in CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year 2014 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015.) The Program Year 2014 is the first year of funding in a five-year cycle. The public is invited to comment on the Consolidated Plan's goals and Action Plan's proposed projects.

During the week of June 9, 2014, advertisements in English and in Spanish appeared in newspapers of general circulation announcing the dates, times, locations and purpose of the public hearings. Notices were also sent out via postal mail, internet, TCTV-17, and posted at the seven Travis County Community Centers.

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 draft document and proposed projects.

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 slide format document 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 27, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. through on July 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Comments may be emailed to cdbg@co.travis.tx.us or sent 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 1, 2014 at 9 a.m and Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 9 a.m. at Travis County Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX 78701.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
None.

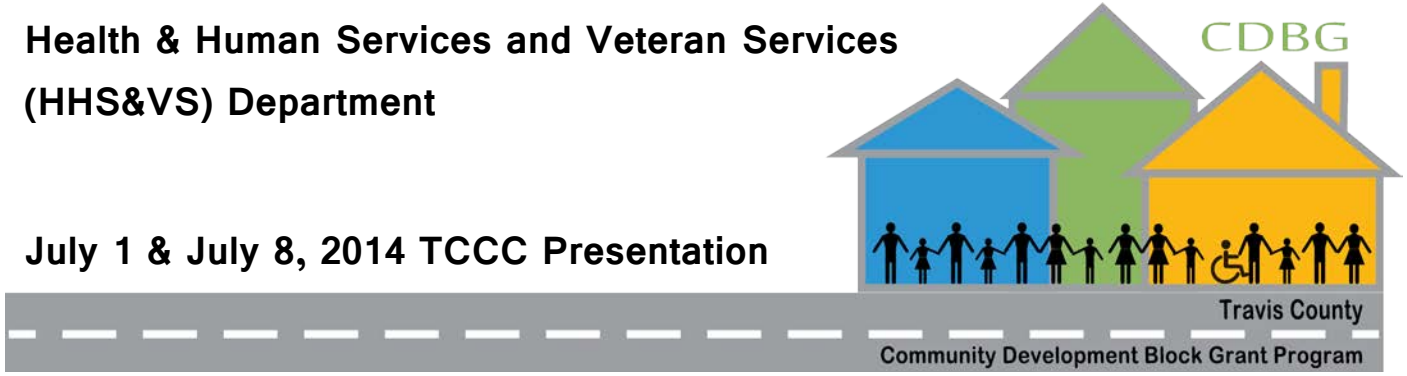
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:
None.

Travis County
Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) Program

SUMMARY OF THE PY14-PY18 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND PY14 ACTION PLAN

Health & Human Services and Veteran Services (HHS&VS) Department

July 1 & July 8, 2014 TCCC Presentation



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.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Key Findings:

Housing

- Imbalance in housing supply and demand due to rapid population growth in the Austin area.
- Housing prices and rents steadily increasing at higher rate than median incomes in Travis County.
- Cost burden (paying >30% of income on housing) is most prevalent housing issue facing Travis County residents.
- Housing repair for owner-occupied housing indicated as most urgent housing need by residents in unincorporated areas.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Key Findings:

Infrastructure

- Infrastructure consistently ranked as highest priority need by residents in unincorporated areas.
- Water/wastewater improvements ranked as a high need in Precincts 1, 3 and 4, in particular.
- Approximately 400 miles of roadways in unincorporated areas currently not within County-maintained system.
- CDBG program is a good option for low-to-moderate income neighborhoods to be competitive with the County's Substandard Road Program.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Key Findings:

Community Services

- Community Services ranked as 2nd highest priority both by residents and social service agencies.
- Only about 5% of social service contract investments by the Department benefits persons living in the unincorporated areas, and 25% benefits residents in areas that are mixed incorporated and unincorporated; whereas the remaining 70% benefits the incorporated areas.

Key Findings:

Public Building & Facilities

- Residents have requested public facilities such as:
  - neighborhood parks (including playgrounds and walking trails),
  - recreational centers,
  - community centers,
  - health facilities, and
  - childcare centers.
- Whereas some of these public facilities, such as parks and community centers, are available in the unincorporated areas, some may not be accessible to residents who have no, or limited, access to personal or public transportation.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Key Findings:

Populations with Specialized Needs

- Approximately 5% of clients receiving services for the elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, or persons living with HIV/AIDS were from the unincorporated areas of the county. Another 24% live in areas that are a mix of incorporated and unincorporated.

Business & Jobs

- According to Texas Workforce Commission, the number of jobs in every major industry in Texas increased in 2013.
- And as of December 2013, the unemployment rate for Travis County (4.5%) has consistently remained lower than the state (5.6%) and national (6.5%) rates.

Public Participation

Summary of Participation:

- Six Public Hearings

  22 participants

- Needs Assessment Survey

  65 responses

- Project Proposals

  7 submitted

- Service Providers Forum

  19 attendees representing 17 agencies

Public Participation

Summary of Results for Consolidated Planning Period

Category	Resident Ranking	Service Provider Ranking
Infrastructure	1	5
Community Services	2	2
Housing	3	1
Populations with Specialized Needs/Services	4	3
Business & Jobs	5	4
Public Building & Facilities	6	6

Consolidated Plan Goals

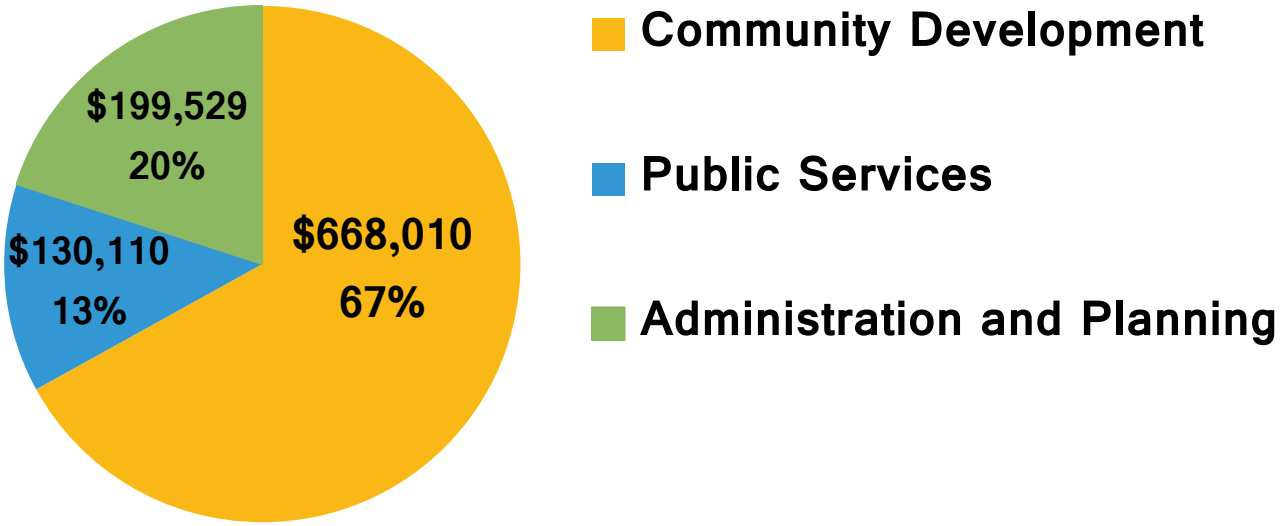
Summary of Goals for PY14-18

Category	Need Addressed/ Priority Ranking	5 Year Investment Goal	5 Year Benefit
Street Improvements	Infrastructure High	$1,000,000	6,106 People
Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation	Housing High	$2,000,000	72 Homes
Creation of New Rental Units	Housing High	$343,000	192 units
Tenants Rights and Fair Housing Counseling	Community Services High	$250,000	340 People
Expansion of Social Work Services	Community Services High	$400,000	2000 people

Funding Available

PY14 Estimated Allocation:

$997,649



Public Participation

Summary of Results for PY14 Action Plan

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Community Services	3	2
Public Building & Facilities	4	4
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Business & Jobs	6	6

PY2014 Project Evaluation Criteria:

- Addresses a high priority goal of the Strategic Plan
- Feasibility of project
- Impacts a significant number of households
- Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons
- Leverages/matches with funding from another source

PROJECTS

Proposed PY14 Projects:

Project	Funding Amount	Goals
Acquisition for the Development of New Rental Housing	$343,010	192 Units
Street Improvements: Forest Bluff	$125,000	564 people
Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation	$200,000	8 homes
Public Services: Social Work	$80,110	400 people
Public Services: Fair Housing & Tenant's Rights Counseling	$50,000	68 people
CDBG Administration & Planning	$199,529	N/A

PROJECTS

Alternate Projects:

Project	Funding Amount
Homeowner Rehabilitation	Up to $500,000
Las Lomitas Sustainability Onsite Project	Up to $480,000
Street Improvements: Forest Bluff Phase 2	$240,000
Street Improvements: Forest Bluff Phase 3	$235,000
Street Improvements: Chamberlain Court	$53,998
Street Improvements: Mossycup Lane	$35,413

PROJECTS

Alternate Projects:

Project	Funding Amount
Street Improvements: Nuttall Drive	$50,619
Street Improvements: Netleaf	$32,878
Street Improvements: Mimebark Way	$55,688
Street Improvements: Sabal Palm	$48,085
Street Improvements: Bullace Street	$50,619
Street Improvements: Vasey Blvd	$50,619

PROJECTS

Alternate Projects:

Project	Funding Amount
Street Improvements: Ross Rd #1	$110,600
Street Improvements: Ross Rd #2	$201,680
Street Improvements: Shadowglen Trace	$172,640

Next Steps

Timeline for Submission of Consolidated Plan

- Final date to approve Projects: June 10, 2014
- Approval of Public Comment Draft: June 24, 2014
- Public Comment Period: June 27-July 28, 2014
- Approval of Final Draft: August 5, 2014
- Submission to HUD: August 15, 2014

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Condado de Travis
Programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG)

Resumen Del Plan Consolidado Para AP14-18 Y El Plan de Acción Para AP14

Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos y Servicios al Veterano (HHS&VS)

Presentación a la Corte de Comisionados el 1 y el 8 de julio de 2014

ACERCA DE CDBG

Propósito:

- Mejorar optiones para vivienda económica
- Mejorar instalaciones y servicios públicos
- Revitalizar vecindarios

¿A quién beneficia?

- Al menos 70% de los fondos benefician a residentes de bajos o moderados ingresos que viven en las áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Travis o en el Pueblo de Webberville.

Asesoramiento de Necesidades

Resultados Clave:

Vivienda

- Desbalance en la oferta y demanda de vivienda debido al crecimiento rápido de la población en la ciudad de Austin.
- Aumento en los precios de casas y alquiler de vivienda a un nivel mayor que los ingresos en el Condado de Travis.
- Carga de costos (pagando >30% del ingreso de la familia) es el problema más prevalente entre los residentes del Condado de Travis.
- Reparación de casas ocupadas por sus dueños es la necesidad más urgente según los residentes de las áreas no incorporadas.

Asesoramiento de Necesidades

Resultados Clave:

Infraestructura

- Infraestructura clasificada como alta prioridad por los residentes de las áreas no incorporadas.
- Mejoramiento a sistemas de agua/desague clasificada como alta prioridad en los Precintos 1, 3 y 4.
- Aproximadamente 400 millas de carreteras en las áreas no incorporadas corrientemente no están dentro del sistema de mantenimiento del Condado.
- El programa de CDBG es una buena opción para vencidarios de bajos o medianos ingresos para poder calificar para fondos del Programa de Carreteras Deficientes del Condado.

ASESORAMIENTO DE NECESIDADES

Resultados Clave:

Servicios Comunitarios

- Servicios Comunitarios son clasificados como segunda prioridad más alta por los residentes y por las agencias de servicios sociales.
- Solo un 5% de las inversiones del Departamento en servicios sociales contratados beneficia a personas que viven en las áreas no incorporadas, y 25% beneficia a residentes en áreas que son una mezcla de áreas incorporadas y no incorporadas; mientras que la mayoría (70%) de los fondos benefician a las áreas incorporadas.

ASESORAMIENTO DE NECESIDADES

Resultados Clave:

Edificios e Instalaciones Públicas

- Residentes han pedido instalaciones públicas tales como:
  - Parques de vecindarios (incluyendo parques de juego para niños y senderos para caminar),
  - Centros de recreación,
  - Centros comunitarios,
  - Establecimientos de salud, y
  - Centros de cuidado de niños.
- Mientras algunas de estas instalaciones, tales como parques y centros comunitarios, están disponibles en las áreas no incorporadas, algunas no son accesible a los residentes que no tienen carro o acceso a transportación pública.

ASESORAMIENTO DE NECESIDADES

Resultados Clave:

Población con Necesidades Especiales

- Aproximadamente 5% de los clientes que reciben servicios para personas mayores, personas con descapacidades, víctimas de violencia doméstica, o personas viviendo con HIV/AIDS viven en las áreas no incorporadas del Condado. Otro 24% viven en áreas que son una mezcla de áreas incorporadas y no incorporadas.

Negocios y Trabajos

- Según la Comisión Laboral de Texas, hubo un aumento en el número de trabajos en cada industria mayor de Texas durante el año 2013.
- Y para diciembre de 2013, la tasa de desempleo en el Condado de Travis (4.5%) había permanecido más baja que el nivel del estado (5.6%) y el nivel nacional (6.5%).

Participación Pública

Resumen de Participación:

- Seis Audiencias Públicas

  22 participantes
- Encuesta de Asesoramiento de Necesidades

  65 respuestas
- Proyectos Propuestos

  7 sometidos
- Foro para Proveedores de Servicios

  19 personas atendieron, representando a 17 agencias

Participación Pública

Resumen de los Resultados del Período Consolidado de Planificación

Categoría	Clasificación según los residentes	Clasificación según los proveedores de servicios
Infraestructura	1	5
Servicios Comunitarios	2	2
Vivienda	3	1
Población con Necesidades Especiales	4	3
Negocios y Trabajos	5	4
Edificios e Instalaciones Públicas	6	6

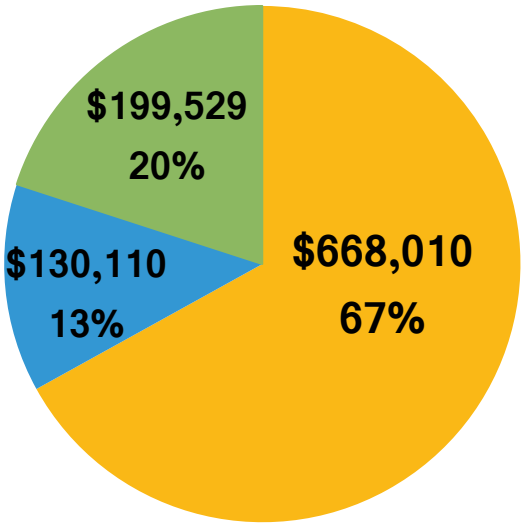
Metas del Plan Consolidado

Resumen de las Metas para AP14-AP18

Categoría	Necesidad / Clasificación de prioridad	Meta de inversión de 5 años	Beneficio a 5 años
Mejoramiento de carreteras	Infraestructura / Alta	$1,000,000	6,106 personas
Rehabilitación de Casas Ocupadas por Sus Dueños	Vivienda / Alta	$2,000,000	72 casas
Creación de Unidades Nuevas de Alquiler	Vivienda / Alta	$343,000	192 unidades
Consejería sobre Vivienda Justa y Derechos de Inquilinos	Servicios Comunitarios / Alta	$250,000	340 personas
Expansión de Servicios de Trabajores Sociales	Servicios Comunitarios / Alta	$400,000	2,000 personas

Fondos Disponibles

Asignación Estimada para AP14: $997,649



- Desarrollo Comunitario
- Servicios Públicos
- Administración y Planificación

Participación Pública

Resumen de los Resultados del Plan de Acción del AP14

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Criterio de Evaluación de Proyectos para AP14:

- Aborda una meta de alta prioridad del Plan Estratégico
- Factibilidad del proyecto
- Impacta un número significativo de hogares
- Beneficia a personas de ingresos bajos o medianos
- Contraparte fondos con fondos de otra fuente

PROYECTOS

Proyectos Propuestos para AP14:

Proyectos	Fondos	Metas
Adquisición de Propiedad para el Desarrollo de Unidades Nuevas para Alquilar	$343,010	192 Unidades
Mejoramientos de Carreteras: Forest Bluff	$125,000	564 personas
Rehabilitación de Casas Ocupadas por Sus Dueños	$200,000	8 casas
Servicios Públicos: Trabajo Social	$80,110	400 personas
Servicios Públicos: Consejería sobre Vivienda Justa y Derechos de Inquilinos	$50,000	68 personas
Administración y Planificación del Programa de CDBG	$199,529	N/A

Proyectos Alternativos:

Proyectos	Fondos
Rehabilitación de Casas Ocupadas por Sus Dueños	Hasta $500,000
Proyecto de Sostenibilidad de Las Lomitas	Hasta $480,000
Mejoramientos de Carreteras: Forest Bluff Fase 2	$240,000
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Próximos Pasos

Cronograma para Sumisión del Plan Consolidado

- Fecha final para aprobación de Proyectos: 10 de junio de 2014
- Aprobación del Borrador para Comentarios Públicos: 24 de junio de 2014
- Período para Comentarios Públicos: 27 y 28 de junio de 2014
- Aprobación del Borrador Final: 5 de agosto de 2014
- Sumisión a HUD: 15 de agosto de 2014

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