



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** December 9, 2014

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Sherri E. Fleming, County Executive for 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 related to the Community Development Block Grant available through HUD:

- A. Approve the reprogramming of \$10,743.97 in project savings from the Program Year 2013 Barkley Meadows Flood Repair project to Program Year 2014 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation; and
- B. Approve the reprogramming of \$1.00 in project savings from the Program Year 2006 Gilbert Lane Land Acquisition project to Program Year 2014 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation.

## **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 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.

The Barkley Meadows Flood Repair project was completed in July 2014, and had project savings of \$10,743.97 which must be reprogrammed. The PY 2006 Gilbert Lane Land Acquisition project was completed in September 2014, and had project savings of \$1.00 which must be reprogrammed. The funding is from program years 2009 and 2006, respectively, before the County started using an alternate projects list. The movement of this money can occur by Commissioners Court action because it does not trigger a substantial amendment. A substantial amendment is triggered if movement of more than 25% of a project's total budget occurs.

While, this amount of money is not sufficient to improve a house (typically about \$25,000), moving a total of \$10,744.97 into the PY2014 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation project will help offset the County's cost for site specific environmental review.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends approval of the reprogramming of project savings from Program Year 2006 & 2009 projects to PY14 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation project.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

- The need for Home Repair is consistently voiced by residents during the CDBG community meetings, and is observed by social workers during home visits.
- The Home Repair project is an ongoing project with approximately \$650,000 available for PY14. It is administered by Meals on Wheels and More.
- A total of 47 homes have been completed with more currently under repair.
- Additional funding would be used to offset environmental costs as well as the staff time

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

All funds are from the CDBG program, there is no impact on the general fund.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

None.

Cc:

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