

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 9, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Follow-Up to the January 31, 2024, Special Called City Council Briefing - HUD Consolidated Plan for FY 2024-25 through FY 2028-29**

On January 31, 2024, the City Council was briefed on the City Manager's approach for developing the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2024-25 through FY 2028-29 that is due to HUD by August 16, 2024.

The following information is provided in response to questions from City Council.

1. What are eligible CDBG public services activities?

Eligible CDBG Public Services activities (including labor, supplies, and materials) include but not limited to childcare, out of school time care and youth services, education, employment, health and social services, and recreational needs. This eligible use category is limited to 15% of the annual grant amount.

2. What is the strategy for CDBG Public Services?

CDBG is the most flexible of the four Consolidated Plan grants, with more eligible categories for programs and services to multiple target populations. The City Manager's recommendation for CDBG will address the drivers of poverty, with a focus on reducing and/or eliminating barriers to work and closing disparity gaps for residents with the greatest need. The Mayor's Task Force on Poverty presented its findings and recommendations to City Council on September 7, 2016 and identified nine drivers of poverty in Dallas. The study findings will inform the recommendation.

Additionally, the Community Development Commission (CDC) and City staff hosted six community meetings to inform residents and receive feedback. Based on preliminary survey data (as of January 26), residents identified Affordable Childcare, and After-School/Out-of-School Care as a priority need. The survey will be available online for resident input until February 29. The survey results will inform the recommendation.

3. How many children were served in FY 2022-23 by the Early Childcare and Out of School Program?

Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Services Program assisted 330 individuals in FY 2022-23. This is a correction to the response provided during the meeting.

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4. Why is the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) Four-Track Strategic Plan recommended for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)? What were the input opportunities for residents related to ESG and why the Continuum of Care (CoC)?

ESG is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and focuses on engaging homeless individuals and families living on the streets, in emergency shelters, and those at-risk of homelessness, specifically, to:

- Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families
- Help operate emergency shelters
- Provide essential services to shelter residents
- Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families
- Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) departmental programs are grounded in a Four Track Strategy that was refreshed and approved by the City Council in October 2022 (Resolution #22-1640): (1) increasing shelter capacity; (2) providing inclement weather shelter; (3) providing subsidized supportive housing (like rental assistance); and (4) investing in facilities that combat homelessness. OHS ESG funding is allocated by activities (emergency shelter, street outreach, and rapid rehousing), in line with the HUD focus for ESG and the OHS Four-Track Strategy.

HUD requires that the City solicit input from the residents of Dallas and the local Continuum of Care (CoC) regarding the FY 2024-25 through FY 2028-29 Consolidated Plan. Specifically, HUD regulations require that the City consult with the CoC in determining how to allocate ESG funds each year. All comments and feedback from residents and CoC members are considered in the development of the Consolidated Plan and FY 2024-25 Action Plan Budget Submission. Comments are scheduled to be received until February 29.

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Consolidated Plan feedback and/or comments to identify potential uses not currently in the Consolidated Plan may be submitted via:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mail comments to: City of Dallas Office of Budget/Grant Administration Division 1500 Marilla Street, Room 4FS Dallas, TX 75201	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take Community Survey Online at: https://bit.ly/CDSurvey2• Email comments to: ofscommunitydevelopment@dallas.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment during Virtual Public Meetings• Speak at Community Development Commission monthly meetings or City Council public hearings• Call 214-670-4557 to make a comment to Budget & Management Services
Mail 	Online 	Verbal 

Below is the list of community meetings held to obtain feedback on the development of the Consolidated Plan and the FY 2024-25 Action Plan Budget:

- January 4, Dallas City Hall (Virtual & In-Person)
- January 8, Tommie M. Allen Recreation Center (In-Person)
- January 9, Virtual
- January 10, Ryan White Planning Council (Virtual & In-Person) *
- January 11, Virtual
- January 11, Virtual
- January 18, Telephone Town Hall
- January 23, Continuum of Care Assembly (Virtual)*

*Stakeholder meetings

Please contact me, Janette Weedon, Director of Budget and Management Services, or Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions if you need additional information.



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