

INTRODUCTION TO CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Would you like decent housing? How about improvements on your block? Or a businesses in your neighborhood?

Each year, the City of Dallas - along with other U. S. cities with more than 50,000 people - receives Federal dollars that helps to achieve these very goals. Funds are approved by Congress and distributed through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to eligible communities. Funds are provided through a number of programs including the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**, **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)**, **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**, and the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** programs. These four grants make up the Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is a strategic planning document developed to identify what the needs of Dallas are; prioritizes the needs that are identified; describes what the plans are to address the identified needs; and proposes various resources that may be used to address needs that have been identified. Dallas is now in year three of the 5-year Consolidated Plan (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2018).

The City of Dallas encourages your participation in this process and has prepared this information pamphlet to assist you. Please remember that the primary purpose of the process is to solicit citizen input on the potential use of funds. Ideas and concepts that are included in the final budget and approved by the Dallas City Council may still be subject to competitive bidding.

This document describes how all citizens, particularly low and moderate-income individuals can become involved in the planning and development of the City of Dallas Consolidated Plan.

NOTE: All activities must comply with HUD's federal rules and regulations

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)



Building Better Neighborhoods

The primary objective of the CDBG Program is “the development of viable urban communities” accomplished “by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities”, principally for persons of low/moderate income. While other citizens (residents) can derive the benefits of such activities, either directly or indirectly, the focus of the programs are “principally for low/moderate income persons. Any eligible activity may be financed in whole or in part with CDBG funds only if it accomplishes one of the following national objectives:

1. Benefits low/moderate income individuals
2. Aids in prevention/elimination of slums or blight
3. Meets an urgent need

Who is eligible?

- 501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations
- Local development corporations
- For-profit businesses/sole proprietorships
- City departments
- Low/moderate income persons
- Low/moderate income areas

What are eligible uses?

- Homeownership assistance
- Housing rehabilitation
- Acquisition of real property
- Public facilities/improvements
- Code compliance
- Interim assistance
- Removal of architectural barriers
- Public Services (*not to exceed 15% of Grant*)
- Relocation assistance
- Special economic development assistance to private for-profit entities

- Commercial/industrial improvements by grantee
- Planning/program oversight (*not to exceed 20% of Grant*)
- Repayment of Section 108 Loans

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)

The purpose of the HOME program is to provide, develop, support, produce and expand the supply of decent and affordable housing to serve low and very low-income persons.



Who is eligible?

Eligibility is based on specific program requirements, but may include:

- 501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations
- Developers
- Low-income individuals seeking financial assistance to purchase a home

What are eligible uses?

- Mortgage assistance for purchase of single family homes for low-income persons
- Rehabilitation/acquisition of multi-family and single-family homes
- New construction

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

The purpose of HOPWA is to provide housing and/or supportive services to individuals with AIDS, persons who are HIV positive and their families.



Who is eligible?

- Low-income persons with AIDS, individuals infected with HIV, and their families
- 501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations (*individuals cannot receive funds directly*)

What are eligible uses?

- Housing information
- Resource identification

- Acquisition/repair of facilities to provide housing and services
- New single room occupancy construction
- Rental assistance
- Support services
- Health care
- Operational cost for community home

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

The purpose of ESG is to prevent homelessness and to assist those already homeless.



Who is eligible?

- Individuals must be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Individuals cannot receive funds directly
- 501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations

What are eligible uses?

- Rapid Re-Housing
- Emergency Shelter Services
- Street Outreach
- Homelessness Prevention

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

The budget development process begins in January with the Neighborhood Public Hearings. During the month of January *Citizen Comment Forms* are available at all Neighborhood Public Hearings and online http://dallascityhall.com/financial_services/ for citizens to provide input into the proposed use of funds. Citizen Comment Forms must be submitted either in-person, online, or mailed and postmarked by the deadline date and time of:

Friday, January 29, 2015 by 5:15 p.m.

For additional Citizen Comment Forms, please contact the Office of Financial Services-Community Development Division at (214) 670-4557.

MORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM (NIP)

The NIP consists of five (5) target areas:

- 1) **South Dallas – Greater Fair Park**
Census Tracts: 25.00, 27.01, and 27.02,
- 2) **South Dallas – Ideal/Rochester Park**
Census Tracts: 39.02 and 115.00 (pt)
- 3) **West Dallas**
Census Tracts 101.01 and 101.02
- 4) **North Oak Cliff – Marsalis**
Census Tracts: 20.00, 48.00 (pt)
- 5) **Lancaster Corridor – Cigarette Hill**
Census Tracts: 55.00 (pt), 57.00, 87.03 (pt), 87.04 (pt), 87.05 (pt), 88.01 (pt), 88.02 (pt), 113.00 (pt), and 114.01 (pt)

The following long-term actions will be undertaken:

- Commit 60%-80% of CDBG & HOME resources in target areas
- Aggressively foreclose on tax delinquent, unproductive properties within the target areas to create new housing opportunities
- Create a code compliance team of inspectors to focus on target areas
- Solicit neighborhood project proposals addressing specific needs to improve 4-12 blocks within the target areas

HOW CAN AN ORGANIZATION RECEIVE HUD FUNDS?

There is no Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application process. Funds cannot be awarded directly to an organization. To receive CDBG funds, organizations must compete in a publicly advertised solicitation process.

If an organization is proposing a program NOT currently included in the CDBG Budget, the organizations may only recommend concepts (i.e. programs or services) for funding that is based on an un-served or under-served need in the community. Requests for funding to meet an identified need in the community may be made by appearing in person

before the Community Development Commission (CDC) at their monthly meetings during the Public Speakers period of the agenda. Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except July) at City Hall, 1500 Marilla St. – Room 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201 at 6:00 p.m.

The Office of Financial Services/Community Development Division (OFS), in coordination with the CDC, provides assistance to citizens and organizations seeking CDBG funds. Following the close of the funding request period, citizens and organizations to be considered for funding are contacted by OFS staff. The purpose of this follow up is to provide the Funding Fact Sheet (Fact Sheet) form.

PROCESS FOR BECOMING A CITY OF DALLAS CONTRACTOR UTILIZING HUD FUNDS

To view open bids, the city must have an email address. Email addresses are provided to the City by either registering as a new vendor or re-registering as an existing vendor at www.bids.dallascityhall.org

For additional information on registering as a vendor, please contact:

Business Development & Procurement Services
City Hall, 1500 Marilla St., Room 3FS
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 67003326

NOTE: Verbal Requests, Comment Forms and/or Funding Fact Sheets do not guarantee that a project concept will be recommended for funding.

GENERAL 501(C)(3) INFORMATION

How to become a 501(c)(3):

<https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits>

IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Account Services: (877) 829-5500 (toll-free number)

CITY OF DALLAS HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

| DEPARTMENT / OFFICE | PHONE NUMBER |
|---|----------------|
| Building Inspection | (214) 948-4480 |
| Business Development & Procurement Services | (214) 670-5246 |
| Code Compliance | (214) 670-5708 |
| Court & Detention Services | (214) 670-0109 |
| Department of Street Services | (214) 670-4491 |
| Fair Housing Office | (214) 670-3247 |
| Grant Admin./Community Development Division | (214) 670-3659 |
| Housing/Community Services | (214) 670-5988 |
| Human Resources | (214) 670-3120 |
| Library | (214) 670-1400 |
| Office of Economic Development | (214) 670-1685 |
| Parks & Recreation | (214) 670-4100 |
| Police / SAFE Team | (214) 671-3471 |
| Public Works Department | (214) 948-4650 |
| Sanitation Services | (214) 670-5111 |

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