

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

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 program is “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 CDBG National Objectives.

1. Benefit low/moderate income individuals
2. Aid in prevention/elimination of slums or blight
3. Meet an urgent need

CDBG - 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

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

HOME - 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

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

HOPWA - Who is eligible?

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

HOPWA - 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 SHELTER GRANT (ESG)

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

ESG - Who is eligible?

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

ESG - What are eligible uses?

- Renovation/conversion for use as emergency shelter
- Rental/utility payments to prevent homelessness
- Operational costs for shelter/transitional facilities
- Direct services to clients

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

Neighborhood Investment Program

The Neighborhood Investment Program consists of 5-target areas:

South Dallas – Greater Fair Park

Census Tracts: 25.00, 27.01, and 27.02,

South Dallas – Ideal/Rochester Park

Census Tracts: 39.02 and 115.00 (pt)

West Dallas

Census Tracts 101.01 and 101.02

North Oak Cliff – Marsalis

Census Tracts: 20.00, 48.00 (pt)

Lancaster Corridor – Cigarette Hill

Census Tracts: 55.00 (pt) , 57.00, 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 YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

The budget development process begins in January each year with Neighborhood Public Hearings. Citizen Comment Forms are available at all Neighborhood Public Hearings during the month of January for citizens to provide input into the proposed use of funds. The comment deadline is **Tuesday, January 31, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. and must be submitted in person or postmarked on or before the deadline.** If you need assistance or additional Citizen Comment Forms, please contact the Office of Financial Services-Community Development Division at (214) 670-4557.

Process for Becoming a City of Dallas Contractor Utilizing HUD Funds

If you are an existing vendor, re-register with the City of Dallas online today – **we must have your e-mail address.**

If you are a new vendor wanting to do business with the City of Dallas, register online today – **we must have your e-mail address.**

To view open bids, provide e-mail address, register as a new vendor or re-register as an existing vendor, please use the following website:

www.bids.dallascityhall.org

The following is the City of Dallas home page:

www.dallascityhall.com

For additional information, please contact:

Business Development & Procurement Services
City Hall, 1500 Marilla St., Room 3FS
Dallas, Texas 75201
(214)-670-3330

General 501(c)(3) Information

For information on how to become a 501(c)(3):

www.irs.gov/charities/article

For Frequently Asked Questions about General 501(c)(3) information:

<http://members.aol.com/irsforms1023/misc.faq>

City of Dallas Listing of Helpful Numbers

Code Compliance	214-670-5708
Economic Development	214-670-1685
Housing/Community Services	214-670-3615
Library	214-670-1400
Community Development Division	214-670-4557
Management Services/ Fair Housing	214-670-5677
Park and Recreation	214-670-4100
Police/SAFE Team	214-671-3453
Public Works & Transportation	214-948-4270
Business Development & Procurement Services	214-670-3326
Sanitation Services	214-670-3555
Street Services	214-670-4491
Water Utilities	214-671-8083

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for YOUR Community**



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Introduction to the Consolidated Plan

You want decent housing? You want improvements on your block? You want 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 Shelter 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 four of the 5-year Consolidated Plan (October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2013).

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.