



PY 2015

ACTION PLAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT



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Executive Summary

Introduction

1. The Program Year 2015 Action Plan describes how the City of Arlington intends to use funds available under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs to meet priority community needs. The Action Plan also serves as the application for these grant funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the program year which begins July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016. The primary objectives of the Plan include provision of decent housing, creation of a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities to citizens, primarily low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals and households.

The Action Plan describes the use of funds for the first year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, including activities and budgets that address the needs and priorities established in the Consolidated Plan. Priorities include activities addressing affordable and decent housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development needs. The development and implementation of the plan is a coordinated effort with neighborhood groups, private sector contractors, developers, non-profit organizations, City departments, neighboring jurisdictions, and regional planning groups. An overview of the Program Year 2015 budget is in the table below. A summary of the Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan goals is on page 3.

Source	CDBG	HOME	ESG	Total
PY2015 Entitlement Allocation	\$2,913,648	\$837,670	\$264,459	\$4,015,777
Prior Year Reprogrammed Funds	\$351,281	\$339,896		\$691,177
Estimated Program Income	\$6,868			\$6,868
Total	\$3,271,797	\$1,177,566	\$264,459	\$4,713,822

Table – Program Year 2015 Budget Summary

Program Year 2015 Action Plan Goals Summary

Strategy Area	Strategy	Citywide Output	Target Area Output ¹	
	1 Homebuyers' Assistance	28 households	5 households	
	2 Housing Rehabilitation	50 households	5 households	
Affordable Housing	3 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	40 households		
	4 CHDO Acquisition/Demo/Reconstruction or Acquisition/Rehab/Resale	1 unit	1 unit	
	5 Homebuyer Education	10 seminars		
	6 Fair Housing Seminars	2 seminars		
	7 Homeless Shelter Care	1,500 persons		
Homelessness	8 Case Management and Support Services	1,000 persons		
	9 Transitional and Permanent Housing	150 units		
	10 Rapid Rehousing	12 households		
	11 Support State ESG and SHP applications	1 application		
	12 Housing Rehabilitation for Elderly and Disabled	15 households		
	13 Meals and Case Management for Elderly	200 persons		
	Special Needs	14 Transportation for Elderly	80 persons	
		15 Day Habilitation for Persons with Disabilities	50 persons	
		16 Case Management - HIV/AIDS	100 persons	
		17 Case Management - Substance Abuse	100 persons	
Community Development	18 Youth Services	1,500 persons		
	19 Transportation ²	300 persons		
	20 Victim Services	75 persons		
	21 Adult Literacy/ESL	1,000 persons		
	22 Advocacy Services - Abused/Neglected Children	30 persons		
	23 Code Compliance	1,000 households	1,000 households	
	24 Neighborhood Infrastructure Projects	2 projects		
	25 Health Services	8,000 persons		
Anti-Poverty	26 Childcare	24 persons		
	27 VITA/Financial Stability	2,000 Tax Returns		
Lead-Based Paint	28 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Education	1 seminar		
	29 Lead Testing to Reduce Hazards	15 households		
Planning	30 United Way - Arlington	1 report		

1 Target Area Outputs are a subset of Citywide Outputs.

2 Services providing access to jobs, training, and health and social services for low-income and homeless individuals.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

Projects and activities are focused in two low-income target areas: The Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) and the East Arlington Target Area. A map of these target areas can be found on page 7. Other activities will be provided city-wide to serve citizens that are predominantly low- to moderate-income. Planned activities are designed to produce measurable impacts at the neighborhood level and include homeownership opportunities, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, new owner-occupied housing, rapid rehousing for the homeless, neighborhood infrastructure improvements, NRSA code compliance, and access to job training and educational services. The funds budgeted in the PY2015 Action Plan for CDBG, HOME, and ESG, including reprogrammed funds and anticipated program income, are summarized on page 2.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Arlington has successfully utilized CDBG, HOME and ESG funds to meet community needs and anticipates that annual goals will be met or exceeded based on past performance. Accomplishment highlights from the most recent complete program year (PY13) include:

- Public services provided for over 13,190 citizens;
- Transportation services for over 420 low-income persons seeking access to employment and educational opportunities;
- Homeless services for over 2,912 individuals;
- Two new affordable housing units were completed and sold to eligible homebuyers;
- Down payment and closing costs assistance provided to 27 low-income, first-time homebuyers;
- Housing rehabilitation for 61 low- to moderate-income homeowners.
- Temporary rental assistance was provided to 74 households;
- Over 2,136 free tax returns were prepared by partner organizations for low-income, working Arlington residents resulting in total tax refunds of \$3,832,024.

Overall, in PY2013 the City met or exceeded 30 of 34 annual program goals and made significant progress toward meeting the remaining objectives in the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan. Activities that were behind schedule in PY2013 (e.g., Homebuyer's Assistance, Housing Rehabilitation, CHDO Housing Development and transportation services), are now on track to meet projected goals. Emergency shelter services were lower than anticipated due to a combination of longer clients stays in the shelters, and state and local resources available to divert families from the emergency shelters.

Similarly, transportation services in PY2013 did not meet ridership goals; however, more rides were given than anticipated, indicating that fewer riders used the available services on a more frequent and regular basis than projected.

Outcomes through the third quarter of Program Year 2014 (PY2014) demonstrate a continued high level of performance.

4. Summary of citizen participation process

Residents, organizations, and elected officials have been integrally involved in the development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan which established the five-year objectives guiding the strategies proposed in this Action Plan. Public hearings, stakeholder meetings and community surveys were utilized to solicit public participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. Additional community input is sought for the development of this Action Plan during the 30 day public comment period.

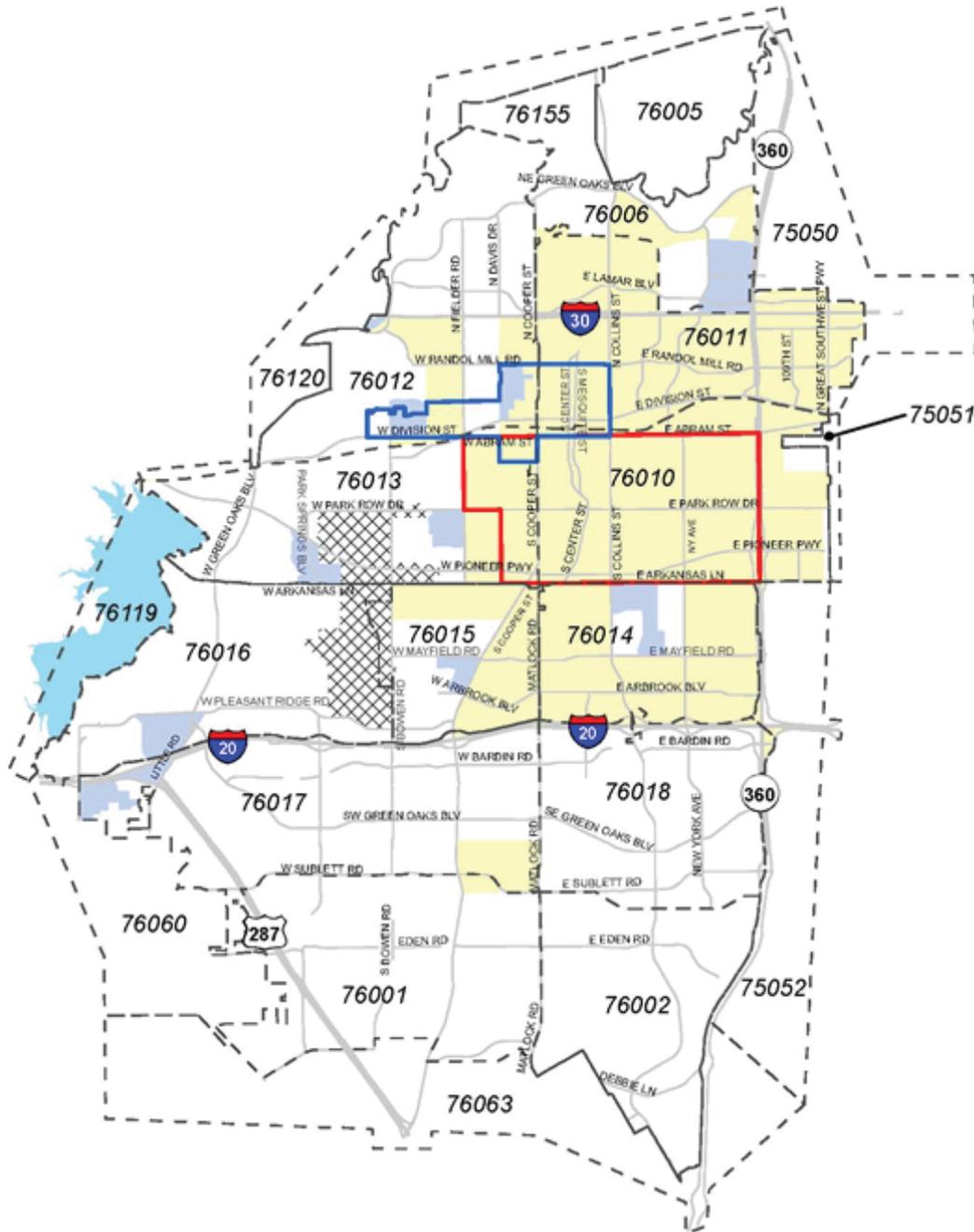
A notice informing the public of the Action Plan was published in the Star-Telegram on March 20, 2015. The notice announced a 30-day public comment period from March 20 through April 21. A public hearing will be conducted during this time period at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 101 W Abram, Arlington, TX 76010 on March 26th at 6:00 p.m., and 2) Hugh Smith Recreation Center in the Senior Recreation Center, 1815 New York Ave, Arlington, TX 76010 on April 9th at 6:00 p.m. A third public hearing was conducted on January 29, 2015 to inform the plan priorities.

The proposed Action Plan will be made available for review and comment by citizens, public organizations, and other interested parties prior to City Council approval. The Action Plan Summary is available through the City website, the City Secretary's Office, and at public libraries. A copy of the plan is also available to residents and organizations upon request.

Program Year 2015 Proposed Action Plan Budget

		CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING		<i>Cap = \$582,730</i>	<i>Cap = \$83,767</i>	<i>Cap = \$19,834</i>	
1	City of Arlington and AHA General Administration	\$ 541,964	\$ 83,767	\$ 19,834	\$ 645,565
2	United Way Tarrant County	\$ 40,766	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,766
SUBTOTAL		\$ 582,730	\$ 83,767	\$ 19,834	\$ 686,331
CITY PROJECTS - RENEWALS		CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
3	Housing Rehabilitation - Arlington Housing Authority	\$ 856,201	\$ 343,799	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000
4	NRSA Code Compliance	\$ 119,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,000
5	Demolition and Clearance	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
6	Project Support - Grants Management	\$ 29,142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,142
7	Neighborhood Infrastructure - East Arlington Streets Phase III	\$ 800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800,000
8	Homebuyer Assistance	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
9	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - AHA	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
10	New York Corridor Infrastructure	\$ 334,774	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 334,774
SUBTOTAL		\$ 2,189,117	\$ 943,799	\$ -	\$ 3,132,916
SUBRECIPIENT REQUESTS		CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
		<i>Public Services</i>		<i>Cap = \$244,625</i>	
		<i>Cap = \$438,077</i>			
City-Administered Public Services					
11	Parks and Recreation Department - Build a Dream	\$ 29,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,053
12	Public Library - Arlington Reads Program	\$ 20,241	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,241
Non-Profit Public Services					
13	Advocates for Special People, Inc.	\$ 31,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,037
14	AIDS Outreach Center, Inc.	\$ 11,902	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,902
15	Arlington Life Shelter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,675	\$ 76,675
16	Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas	\$ 19,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,335
17	Boys and Girls Clubs of Arlington	\$ 22,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,033
18	CASA of Tarrant County	\$ 20,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,163
19	Catholic Charities - Ride2Work	\$ 46,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,988
20	Community Enrichment Center, Inc.	\$ 23,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,802
21	Dental Health for Arlington, Inc.	\$ 31,262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,262
22	Development Corporation of Tarrant County (CHDO Housing)	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
23	Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County	\$ 12,811	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,811
24	H.O.P.E Tutoring Center, Inc.	\$ 17,669	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,669
25	Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County	\$ 18,149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,149
26	Mission Metroplex, Inc.	\$ 38,778	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,778
27	Philosophical Research Institute	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
28	Recovery Resource Council	\$ 15,543	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,543
29	SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Shelter Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000
30	SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Rapid Rehousing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,535	\$ 41,535
31	Senior Citizen Services - Claremont	\$ 12,743	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,743
32	Senior Citizen Services - New York Ave.	\$ 12,743	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,743
33	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition HMIS Licence Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,880	\$ 2,880
34	The Salvation Army	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
35	Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc.	\$ 18,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,757
36	YWCA of Fort Worth and Tarrant County	\$ 33,941	\$ -	\$ 41,535	\$ 75,476
SUBTOTAL		\$ 436,950	\$ 150,000	\$ 244,625	\$ 831,575
Other - Community Based Development Organization - Excluded from Public Services Cap					
37	Water From The Rock (CBDO)	\$ 63,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,000
TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS		\$ 3,271,797	\$ 1,177,566	\$ 264,459	\$ 4,713,822
TOTAL FUNDS		\$ 3,271,797	\$ 1,177,566	\$ 264,459	\$ 4,713,822
DIFFERENCE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

2015-2019 HUD Consolidated Plan Low and Moderate Income Census Tracts



Legend

- LM Tracts
- LM Block Groups
- NRSA
- Promise Zone
- Zip Codes
- Access Road
- Partego/DWG
- Lake Arlington



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AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The following section outlines anticipated federal funds to be received during the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan period as well as how those funds will be leveraged with other non-federal funds to meet the goals and objectives outlined in this plan.

Anticipated Resources

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan
			Annual Allocation:	Program Income:	Prior Year Resources	Total:	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,913,648	6,868	351,282	3,271,798	11,654,592
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	837,670	0	339,896	1,177,566	3,350,680
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	264,459	0	0	264,459	1,057,836

Federal funds will leverage additional resources in several ways. Non-profits who receive public service funding match those resources at various levels with private and other foundation funding. With regards to HOME and ESG, the City will match TBRA, Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation funding with other programs and services provided by grantees, such as below market interest rates, counseling and services for TBRA voucher recipients, and private donations of programs and resources. ESG subrecipients are required to demonstrate how the required match will be met for ESG. In recent years this has been met with other agency resources such as food donations, Salvation Army Red Kettle funds and shared staff resources.

Additional resources that have partnered with the City in the past and will continue to on future projects partially funded with federal community development dollars include Arlington ISD bond funding, Tarrant County Community College, UT-Arlington, TDHCA, Workforce Solutions, Texas Education Agency, United Way, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation and other local foundations.

Several publicly owned properties are used to address ongoing needs of low and moderate-income households in Arlington, including the Arlington Human Services Center at 401 Sanford, the Alliance for Children facility at 1312 W. Abram, which serves abused and neglected children, and the Boys and Girls Club facility at 2011 Wynn Terrace. At this time, there are no additional plans to use publicly owned land or property to address new needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

The resources outlined in this section will be used to leverage the work of the City and its community partners in addressing the needs of low and moderate income persons in the City of Arlington. During this 5 year period, the City will also seek to identify additional funding and resources that may be used to meet needs that may not be addressed due to resource limitations.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	EAST ARLINGTON	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization	CDBG: \$1,134,774	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6000 Persons Assisted
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON	Quality Housing Opportunities	CDBG: \$856,201 HOME: \$343,799	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit
3	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization	CDBG: \$232,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 1 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1000 Household Housing Unit

4	Homebuyer Program	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON	Quality Housing Opportunities	HOME: \$300,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 28 Households Assisted
5	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON	Quality Housing Opportunities	HOME: \$300,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 40 Households Assisted
6	Housing Development	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA	Quality Housing Opportunities	HOME: \$150,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
7	Homeless Services	2015	2019	Homeless	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON	Homeless Services	ESG: \$244,625	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1500 Persons Assisted
8	Public Services	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON	Social Service Support	CDBG: \$436,950	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Households Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	<i>Infrastructure Improvements</i>
	Goal Description	<i>In PY2015, the Infrastructure Improvements Goal will focus on East Arlington Streets, Phase III and New York Corridor Phase I.</i>
2	Goal Name	<i>Housing Rehabilitation</i>
	Goal Description	<i>Funding for the City of Arlington Housing Rehabilitation Program</i>
3	Goal Name	<i>Neighborhood Development and Revitalization</i>
	Goal Description	<i>Activities under this goal will support the revitalization and overall improvements in neighborhoods through activities such as NRSA Code Compliance, Demolition and Clearance activities, and services for NRSA residents by a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO).</i>
4	Goal Name	<i>Homebuyer Program</i>
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	<i>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</i>
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	<i>Housing Development</i>
	Goal Description	<i>Activities that will support the Housing Development Goal include the development of CHDO housing units.</i>
7	Goal Name	<i>Homeless Services</i>
	Goal Description	<i>Activities such as Shelter Services and Rapid Rehousing will support the Homeless Services Goal.</i>
8	Goal Name	<i>Public Services</i>
	Goal Description	<i>The PY15 Action Plan proposes to fund a variety of public services including literacy, transportation, senior meals, child care, substance abuse counseling, HIV AIDS prevention and case management, youth mentoring, day habilitation for persons with disabilities, and services for abused and neglected children, among others.</i>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Arlington PY2015 Action Plan outlines the proposed use of funding for its PY2015 funding allocations for CDBG, HOME and ESG. The specific activities which the City of Arlington PY2015 Action Plan proposes to fund can be found in Attachment 3: Program Year 2015 Action Plan Budget.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	PY15 CDBG Administration
2	PY15 HOME Administration
3	PY15 East Arlington Streets, Phase III
4	PY14 Neighborhood Infrastructure: New York Corridor
5	PY15 Housing Rehabilitation
6	PY15 Homebuyer Assistance
7	PY15 Tenant Based Rental Assistance
8	PY15 Public Services
9	PY15 Demolition and Clearance
10	PY15 NRSA Code Compliance
11	PY15 Community Based Development Organization
12	PY15 CHDO Housing Development (DCTC)
13	PY15 Emergency Solutions Grant

Table 3 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities were determined based on continued funding of existing housing programs that are making an impact on the community as well as needed infrastructure projects that were determined to be a priority in low and moderate income areas. ESG funding provides for shelter funding to the maximum allowed by program regulations as well as rapid rehousing funds to assist homeless families quickly transition back to stable housing. Obstacles to underserved needs include limited funding resources to support needed services such as transportation support to homeless and low-income families.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	PY15 CDBG Administration
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements Housing Rehabilitation Neighborhood Development and Revitalization Public Services Homeless Services
	Needs Addressed	Quality Housing Opportunities Neighborhood Development and Revitalization Social Service Support Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$582,730
	Description	Funding for administration of the PY2015 CDBG Activities (20% of PY2015 Grant allocation)
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The administration activity benefits all activities, but does not require a direct benefit to individuals and/or families.
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administration will include support for monitoring, technical assistance, performance tracking, financial management, and overall grant oversight and implementation.
2	Project Name	PY15 HOME Administration
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Homebuyer Program Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Quality Housing Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$83,767
	Description	Funding to administer PY2015 HOME funding.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	PY15 East Arlington Streets, Phase III
	Target Area	EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$800,000
	Description	This project will cover infrastructure improvements to Barton Street in the East Arlington Target Area. Barton Drive will serve census block group 1219.06 which is 71.49% LMI. According to CPD Maps, this tract has 1,118 households with an average household size of three persons.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1,118 families will benefit from this infrastructure improvement of which 71.5% will be low or moderate income.
	Location Description	East Arlington Target Area
	Planned Activities	Planned infrastructure improvements including curbs, pavement (concrete), subgrade, sidewalks, ADA ramps, drive approaches, as well as water and/or sanitary line renewals as needed

4	Project Name	PY14 Neighborhood Infrastructure: New York Corridor
	Target Area	EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$334,774
	Description	The City will make significant improvements in a low-income neighborhood in East Arlington to include accessible sidewalks and pedestrian amenities along New York Avenue from Abram to Arkansas. This \$1,500,000 consist of funding from PY2014 Action Plan (\$911,851); PY2013 CAPER Reprogramming (\$253,375.28) and PY2015 Action Plan (\$334,774)
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The New York Corridor Infrastructure Improvements will take place in the East Arlington Target Area
	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	PY15 Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Quality Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$856,201 HOME: \$343,799
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The PY2015 Housing Rehabilitation Program will benefit 50 low and/or moderate income households.
	Location Description	This program will target low and/or moderate income households city-wide.
	Planned Activities	
6	Project Name	PY15 Homebuyer Assistance
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Program
	Needs Addressed	Quality Housing Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$300,000
	Description	The PY 2015 Homebuyer Assistance program will assist first time low and/or moderate income home buyers with down payment assistance.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 28 households will benefit from the PY2015 Homebuyer Assistance Program
	Location Description	This program will target low and/or moderate income homebuyers who wish to purchase properties city-wide.
	Planned Activities	
7	Project Name	PY15 Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Quality Housing Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$300,000
	Description	This program will target low income and homeless families with tenant-based rental assistance.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 40 households who are low income and/or homeless will be served by this program.
	Location Description	This program will target households city-wide.
	Planned Activities	

8	Project Name	PY15 Public Services
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Service Support
	Funding	CDBG: \$436,950
	Description	Funding to provide public services to low and/or moderate income persons in the City of Arlington. 15% of the annual CDBG allocation
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 10,000 individuals will benefit from PY2015 Public Services funding.
Location Description	PY2015 Public Services will be provided city-wide.	
Planned Activities		
9	Project Name	PY15 Demolition and Clearance
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funding activities that improve neighborhood conditions by demolition and clearance funding for unsafe properties.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	It is anticipated that one property will be returned to a safe and stable condition with demolition and clearance funding	
Planned Activities		
10	Project Name	PY15 NRSA Code Compliance
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Development and Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$119,000
	Description	Funding to provide Code Enforcement services in the NRSA.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1,000 unduplicated households will be inspected for code correction activities.
Location Description	Central Arlington NRSA	
Planned Activities		
11	Project Name	PY15 Community Based Development Organization
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Service Support
	Funding	CDBG: \$63,000
	Description	Funding to support public services in the NRSA over and above the 15% Public Service cap.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimate that 100 persons will be provided with job training and GED preparation and 400 will be provided with general social service support.
Location Description	This activity will serve families residing in the Central Arlington NRSA	
Planned Activities	GED, Job Skills Training/Job readiness and general social services.	

12	Project Name	PY15 CHDO Housing Development (DCTC)
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA
	Goals Supported	Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Quality Housing Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$150,000
	Description	To provide funding to Development Corporation of Tarrant County for the Development of one affordable homeownership unit.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One low to moderate income family.
	Location Description	Property to be developed in the NRSA.
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	PY15 Emergency Solutions Grant
	Target Area	REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA EAST ARLINGTON
	Goals Supported	Homeless Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	ESG: \$264,459
	Description	Provide funding to address homeless issues in the City of Arlington
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1500 individuals will be served by shelter services and 15 families will be served by Rapid Rehousing assistance.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The Central Arlington NRSA and the East Arlington target areas are both areas with a concentration of low-income households. It is anticipated that a majority of PY2015 CDBG and HOME funding will be spent in these two areas.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA	20
EAST ARLINGTON	40

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The Central Arlington NRSA and the East Arlington target areas are older areas of the City and have some of the greatest needs for infrastructure improvement and neighborhood revitalization.

Discussion

CDBG and HOME funds will be used to meet priority community needs.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The Central Arlington NRSA and the East Arlington target areas are both areas with a concentration of low-income households. It is anticipated that a majority of PY2015 CDBG and HOME funding will be spent in these two areas.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
REVISED CENTRAL ARLINGTON NRSA	20
EAST ARLINGTON	40

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Discussion

CDBG and HOME funds will be used to meet priority community needs.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City plans to foster and maintain affordable housing for Arlington residents by funding activities for homebuyers’ assistance, homebuyer education and foreclosure prevention, housing rehabilitation of single family, new owner-occupied housing, housing reconstruction, and temporary rental assistance. The HOME match requirement of 25 percent is met by HOME subrecipients and CHDOs through a combination of resources that are available to support housing activities and address identified housing needs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	40
Non-Homeless	59
Special-Needs	20
Total	119

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	40
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	50
Acquisition of Existing Units	28
Total	119

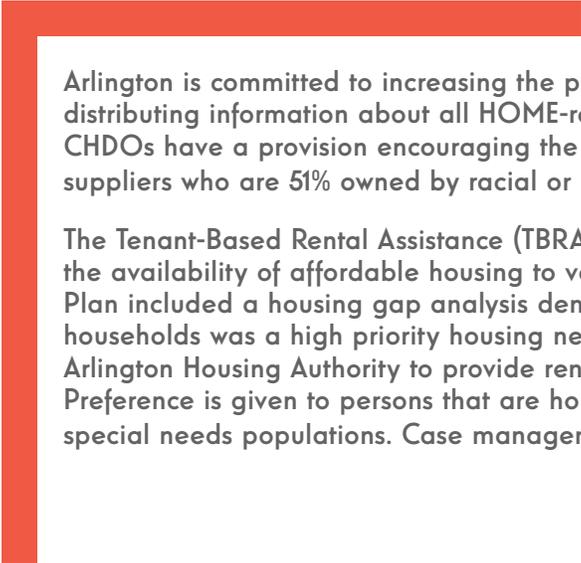
Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Housing rehabilitation is intended to enhance, improve, and preserve neighborhoods. The program is designed to help low- to moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their homes, which may include removal of architectural barriers by installing ramps or widening doorways to ensure safety and decent housing. During PY15 CDBG funds will be allocated for the Housing Rehabilitation Program which is offered citywide to approximately 50 households.

The Arlington Homebuyers’ Assistance Program (AHAP) is designed to increase the supply of affordable housing for approximately 28 low- to moderate-income households. A portion of the funds will serve homebuyers within the NRSA and East Arlington target areas. Homebuyers will receive a zero percent interest-rate forgivable loan if the housing is their primary residence for the required period of affordability. The City contracts with a subrecipient which will provide homebuyer education and foreclosure prevention seminars to participants of AHAP. HOME funds will support at least one CHDO housing activity such as housing acquisition, demolition, reconstruction or housing acquisition, rehabilitation, resale of single-family housing. CHDO proceeds will be used from the sale of the initial properties to build an additional housing unit for low- to moderate-income households.

In the event that the City of Arlington undertakes any homebuyer projects containing five or more HOME-assisted housing units, affirmative marketing procedures will be enforced in compliance with 24 CFR 92.351. To the maximum extent possible, the City of Arlington and any provider of HOME-assisted housing programs and/or projects will take steps to ensure outreach to minority groups without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, and/or disability. Marketing activities include but are not limited to using the Equal Housing Opportunity logo, providing fair housing materials in English, Spanish, and other languages as necessary and targeting efforts toward minority groups who are otherwise unlikely to apply for housing. City staff will coordinate with public and non-profit groups, lenders, social service agencies, community leaders, neighborhood and realty groups, and/or other interested groups through a variety of methods including distribution of printed materials. The City of



Arlington is committed to increasing the participation of businesses owned by minorities and women by distributing information about all HOME-related projects to encourage submission of bids. Contracts with CHDOs have a provision encouraging the use of historically under-utilized businesses, sub-contractors and suppliers who are 51% owned by racial or ethnic minorities and/or women.

The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program will continue to be provided city-wide to maintain the availability of affordable housing to very low-income individuals and households. The Consolidated Plan included a housing gap analysis demonstrating that rental assistance for low-income individuals and households was a high priority housing need. The funds allocated for the TBRA program will allow the Arlington Housing Authority to provide rental assistance to approximately 40 families for up to 24 months. Preference is given to persons that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and may include special needs populations. Case management for this program is provided by non-profit organizations.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Arlington operates a Housing Choice Voucher program, but does not operate publicly-owned housing projects.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

N/A

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Participants in the Housing Choice Voucher program are included in policy making for the organization through a tenant advisory board. A family self-sufficiency program also connects Housing Choice Voucher participants to homeownership opportunities.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The Arlington Housing Authority has not been designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion

The City of Arlington has an interlocal agreement with the Arlington Housing Authority for the provision of housing and homeless services for Arlington residents. The Arlington Housing Authority is part of the City's Community Development and Planning Department, and as a result, programs are well coordinated to meet community needs.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

TCHC conducted a survey in 2013 of case managers that serve homeless individuals and families. The survey indicated that homeless clients' overall priority needs include employment assistance, transportation, housing options, mental health services, health care, and household set up/ furniture. TCHC has developed a continuum-wide strategic plan that includes the following objectives:

- Increase progress toward ending chronic homelessness
- Increase housing stability
- Increase income of participants
- Increase participants obtaining mainstream benefits
- Use rapid re-housing to reduce family homelessness
- Lead the continuum of care

The City of Arlington will continue to work in coordination with the Continuum of Care and neighboring jurisdictions to improve systems, services, and outcomes for homeless individuals and families based on the continuum-wide strategic plan.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

One-year goals for reducing and ending homelessness in Arlington include: 1) support for homeless shelters that will serve approximately 1,500 individuals experiencing homelessness, 2) Rapid Re-housing assistance for 15 households who are homeless, 3) Support services and case management for approximately 305 homeless individuals, 4) temporary rental assistance for 40 homeless households.

The City will continue to work with local providers and the Continuum of Care to enhance referral systems and build partnerships to increase access to services for homeless individuals, particularly individuals that are unsheltered. Organizations in Arlington that focus on outreach and assessment of unsheltered homeless individuals and families include the Arlington Independent School District, Arlington Housing Authority, Arlington Life Shelter, Arlington Police Community Outreach Unit, Arlington Urban Ministries, Catholic Charities Outreach Team, Mental Health Mental Retardation of Tarrant County (MHMR), AIDS Outreach Center, Community Enrichment Center, Workforce Development Center, Recovery Resource Council, Mission Metroplex, The Salvation Army, SafeHaven of Tarrant County, and the YWCA of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Common intake and assessment tools were established for HPRP and continue to evolve for use by Emergency Solutions Grant and related programs.

Organizations may also have specialized intake and assessment tools for specific homeless populations such as victims of domestic violence, which record the needs of homeless individuals and provide appropriate referrals. Outreach tools for case managers have been coordinated, and are available on the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition website, which contains links to a variety of provider resources and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for assessment and referral tools.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will continue to support the existing emergency shelters in Arlington and provide resources to enable ongoing operations. Emergency shelters in Arlington include the Arlington Life Shelter, SafeHaven of Tarrant County, and the Salvation Army Arlington Family Life Center. The City will allocate \$158,000 of its ESG funds to assist emergency shelter operations and services.

The City will continue to support existing transitional housing programs using CDBG funds to support case management for homeless families served by Community Enrichment Center and by using HOME funds to provide temporary rental assistance to very low-income individuals, including families that are homeless. The City will coordinate referrals to shelter and transitional housing resources with the Continuum of Care central intake and assessment system. Transitional housing programs include those offered by the Arlington Housing Authority, Arlington Life Shelter,

Samaritan House, SafeHaven, and Community Enrichment Center. Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again. The City of Arlington will support CoC efforts to help homeless persons transition to permanent housing by supporting rapid rehousing programs, and related supportive services, including employment and skills training programs, transportation for homeless families, substance abuse treatment, AIDS prevention and treatment, child care, expanding employment readiness training to accommodate additional transitional housing households.

According to the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, the Tarrant Area Continuum of Care is addressing the needs of individuals who are chronically homeless through aggressive street outreach. These efforts will continue with increased emphasis on accessing main stream benefits for persons with disabilities and increasing the inventory of inpatient and outpatient treatment beds in order to stabilize and prepare for housing the most vulnerable chronic homelessness. The CoC will work to end chronic homelessness by addressing the underlying medical and behavioral health barriers as its top priority. The CoC is leading the effort through the Taskforce on Health Care for the Homeless to create a HRSA Health Care for the Homeless new access point clinical services for the unsheltered and emergency sheltered homeless with a primary focus on dual diagnosed, severely mentally ill and chronic substance abuse patients.

ESG funds will be increasingly allocated to focus on rapid rehousing and referrals to homeless prevention resources. CoC prevention strategies are centered on expanding cash and non-cash benefits for eligible families to retain housing. Prevention resources include the state-funded Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), Tarrant County Department of Human Services, Arlington Urban Ministries, Mission Metroplex, and numerous faith-based organizations.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Arlington has adopted the CoC Discharge Planning Policy: Mental Health: JPS is the primary provider of emergency or in-patient mental health care. If a patient presents as homeless and there are no housing options immediately available, social services at JPS attempts contact family & friends to arrange placement during recovery. If this is not possible, JPS locates group home providers or other facilities to meet the specific needs of the patient. For severe cases, JPS refers to onsite mental health court that determines if a longer stay at Trinity Springs or a transfer to a state hospital is warranted. The hospital discharge committee reviews mental health care cases that have had difficulty with placement & provides feedback & resources to JPS to avoid discharge to homelessness. Foster Care: ACH Child and Family Services, Preparation for

Adult Living (PAL) and Circle of Support (COS) staff coordinate with DFPS to connect youth exiting foster care with benefits allowed by Texas including transitional living allowances, transitional Medicaid, and tuition and fee waivers for college attendance. It is the policy of DFPS agencies to provide discharge planning services within one year prior to a youth aging out of foster care in coordination with PAL & COS staff & with ACH child & family services when necessary. The CoC uses PAL and COS practices to ensure discharge planning and individual service plans include a thorough review of individual housing needs and options. COS is a youth-driven process to help youth exiting foster care plan for the future and focuses on bringing together a healthy support system. These practices are provided to youth aged 15-21 and help to ensure youth exiting foster care are not discharged into homelessness. For youth that cannot be re-united with family or find safe and suitable housing independently upon discharge from foster care or through the PAL and COS assistance, housing is provided by ACH that is specific to youth aged 18-21 who need additional support and includes provision for housing for those exiting foster care. Health Care: The CoC hospital discharge committee meets monthly to facilitate collaboration between hospitals, EMS, shelter and outreach staff. JPS Health Network is the primary indigent health care provider. JPS social workers and discharge nurses coordinate with shelters to provide discharge plans for currently homeless persons. Those with chronic health conditions are prioritized for SH or assisted by Housing Specialists to identify long term, rehab, or assisted living care. True Worth, a new nonprofit serving the homeless is developing a central resource facility in collaboration with JPS that will include at least 10 respite beds connected to discharge housing, projected to be complete in 2016. When a homeless person presents at an emergency shelter with health conditions that indicates an inappropriate discharge, shelter staff will call Medstar and return the patient to the discharging hospital until appropriate care and shelter is identified. Corrections: Cornerstone Assistance Network, and providers in the criminal justice system, formed the TC Reentry Coalition. This coalition began in February 2013 and includes personnel from local probation & parole departments, as well as smaller faith based halfway houses and other providers. Jail personnel have been pro-active in partnering with the community to create reentry programs within the jail system to ensure that discharge planning begins at arrest and not release. Included in this programming is the increased effort to partner with TDPS to assist offenders in securing state IDs prior to release, increasing an ex-offender's ability to integrate back into society and avoid homelessness.

Discussion

The City of Arlington will continue to consult and coordinate with the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition and the partnering agencies through the Continuum of Care to ensure the strategies for addressing and ending homelessness remain effective for Arlington residents. City Staff will be active participants in the CoC planning process, and continue to serve on the HMIS Committee and the Fort Worth Commission on Ending Homelessness. Arlington is represented on the Continuum of Care Board by Council member Charlie Parker.

The strategies outlined in the Continuum of Care Strategic Plan will also guide service strategies, and will include a focus on CoC goals to make progress toward ending chronic homelessness, ending veterans homelessness, reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness, reducing the length of stay in homelessness, ending family homelessness, and reducing the incidence of sexual and physical assault against homeless women.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City of Arlington relies on accurate and up-to-date data and analysis to prevent barriers to affordable housing for homeless and low-income persons. The City has completed its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). This analysis not only examines what discriminatory practices may potentially be occurring in Arlington, but also determines if housing costs or availability are barriers that exist to affordable housing for low- to moderate- income households. The AI was completed as part of a comprehensive housing strategy for the City of Arlington. The AI study was conducted with extensive primary and secondary research and included contacts with persons who are knowledgeable about the housing market in the City of Arlington, including builders, real estate agents, bankers, non-profit housing developers, government representatives, elected officials, community advocates, and representatives that serve special needs populations. The Housing Strategy included facilitating online community forums, email surveys, and focus groups on housing issues. Interviews were conducted with key individuals who are knowledgeable about home ownership, rental and special needs housing marketing in Arlington, potential barriers to affordable housing, and market factors affecting the production/maintenance of affordable housing. In addition, the study included extensive demographic, economic and land use data with a comparison to peer cities with similar geographic or socioeconomic demographics. Stakeholders will be able to use the data for strategic planning purposes, and the Housing Strategy will inform the public, policy makers, industry representatives and community-based organizations about housing conditions and trends in the City of Arlington.

One impediment listed in the AI is the limited supply of affordable housing units. The City of Arlington has taken or will take the necessary actions in order to eliminate this barrier. Those actions are as follows:

- Continue to support existing housing programs funded through CDBG and HOME such as the Housing Rehabilitation, First-time Homebuyer, CHDO, and TBRA.
- Continue to support developers, contractors, non-profits, and housing advocacy groups to further increase the supply of disability, accessible affordable housing units.
- Implement housing policies for seniors and persons with disabilities while exploring various incentives for housing developers.
- Identify a viable mixed-use housing opportunity for target groups such as seniors, veterans and persons with disabilities.
- Identify aging and/or substandard multifamily housing and rehabilitate or replace with affordable housing units.
- Increase homebuyer assistance from \$7,500 to \$10,000 in the East Arlington target area.
- Devise a marketing campaign to target additional first-time homebuyers by targeting UT-Arlington graduates.
- Seek to further expand the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the NSRA to include households with incomes up to 120% with the exception applied to seniors and/or person with disabilities.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The AI was completed as part of a comprehensive housing strategy for the City of Arlington. The review of public policy issues in the AI showed the following:

- The newly updated City's Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the development of a range of housing opportunities for all residents.
- The City's Building and Zoning Codes do not limit fair housing, and the development of the new Unified Development Code addresses key issues concerning group living in particular.
- The City's new public transit system is a first step in addressing the transportation needs of persons without a car, the elderly and the disabled.

In order to ameliorate any barriers to affordable housing, the City of Arlington has taken the following actions:

- Continue to update Comprehensive Plan to develop a new set of goals and necessary policies to achieve them
- Promote a range of available, accessible affordable housing
- Provide quality housing to preserve existing neighborhoods
- Protect the city's history
- Identify areas to reduce review and approval process times for both new constructions, home modification applications, encourage use of universal design in new housing
- Ensure local ordinances and building codes property address issues of concern with respect to higher density housing, persons with disability, and group homes, congregate living, and community care.

In summary, current public policies do not serve as substantial barriers to affordable housing and residential investment. The City's One-Start Center assist in expediting the plan review process and enables developers to move expeditiously throughout the development process. The City also has a Building Code and a Zoning Code, which serve to protect the public interest and create safe and sanitary living conditions. The Zoning Code permits this range of development and permits a range of housing in a range of areas within the City.

Discussion:

The City of Arlington is a relatively affordable housing community, with housing options available at all income levels. The basic premise of all housing markets is there should exist a spectrum of housing choice and opportunity for local residents. The City of Arlington will take all necessary actions in city-wide planning efforts and future development initiatives to address the needs of low- to moderate- income residents and special needs populations, including persons with physical and mental disabilities, individuals living with HIV/AIDS, homeless persons and families, and the elderly to ensure negative effects of public policies are not barriers to affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Arlington plans to take significant actions over the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, evaluation and reduce lead based paint hazards, reduce the number of families in poverty, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies as outlined in the narrative below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The principal obstacles to meeting underserved needs in Arlington include:

- limited funding
- distances between those in need and service locations
- limited provider and staff capacity
- lack of community awareness of available services

Perhaps the most significant of these obstacles is limited funding. As CDBG and HOME funds decline, the City's ability to meet the goals of the Consolidated Plan is also limited. Projects that use CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds as seed money are encouraged to leverage other public and private funds. Arlington neighborhoods and organizations have access to grants from several local funding sources, including grants from Arlington Tomorrow Foundation. CDBG funds are paired with City of Arlington general funds administered by other departments to maximize benefits in providing improvements to parks, infrastructure, and other neighborhood revitalization projects.

The City of Arlington continues to pursue transportation solutions in order to improve service delivery and provide access to jobs and education for low- to moderate-income individuals. The City sub-grants CDBG funds to provide transportation services for low-income and homeless individuals seeking access to health care, employment and education, and job-related activities. In FY14 the City Council identified Enhancing Regional Mobility as a priority for the second year in a row, and a transportation pilot project was launched in Summer 2013. The Metro-Arlington Express (MAX) connects the City of Arlington to regional transportation systems including the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART).

Non-profit organizations often have limited funding and capacity to meet multiple needs of low-income individuals. Support and capacity-building resources for non-profits are available from organizations such as the University of Texas at Arlington, the Funding Information Center of Fort Worth, the Center for Non-Profit Management, the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, and United Way.

In addition, the City offers two technical assistance workshops to non-profit organizations throughout the year, provides monthly desk monitoring, and individual technical assistance to grant subrecipients as needed. The City also informs its subrecipients and other organizations of upcoming training opportunities such as seminars, webinars, and conferences while also investing time and resources to allow its staff to participate in such capacity-building events.

Another obstacle to meeting community needs is effective outreach to low-income families. In general, many Arlington families are unaware of resources available in the community supported with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Continued promotion of United Way's 2-1-1 information referral phone line will assist with connecting these families to needed services. The City of Arlington Neighborhood Network and NRSA Code Enforcement Officers will be utilized to disseminate information to neighborhood organizations regarding services and programs available for low- to moderate-income residents. The City and many grant recipients provide program information in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as participate in neighborhood events as part of outreach efforts.

Non-profit leaders and the public alike have called attention to the need to maximize opportunities to better coordinate and streamline program delivery. The City has enlisted United Way Arlington (UWA) as its primary coordinator of human services and will work with UWA to identify gaps in services as well as communication and coordination needs among service providers.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In PY15, the City of Arlington will spend over \$2 million in CDBG and HOME funds to foster and maintain affordable housing. The Homebuyer's Assistance Program (AHAP) will help 28 households become first-time homebuyers. Participants in the program will attend homebuyer education seminars and foreclosure prevention counseling. Additionally, the City will partner with a certified CHDO to rehabilitate and/or construct energy-efficient single-family housing.

Affordable housing objectives will also be met through the Housing Rehabilitation Program. In PY15, at least 50 households will participate in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Housing rehabilitation activities include full rehabilitations, emergency rehabilitations, and architectural barrier removals. Finally, the City will promote affordable housing by providing temporary rental assistance (TBRA) to at least 40 households.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Consolidated Plan analysis of HUD provided data, approximately 17,180 households with children live in units at risk of containing lead-based paint (built prior to 1980). The primary means by which lead poisoning among young children can be prevented is to have lead-safe housing. The following activities will be implemented by the City of Arlington's housing programs to reduce or eliminate lead hazards in federally-assisted housing units built before 1978.

- Offer a lead-based paint training seminar to contractors for the City's Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs and sub-recipients. All contractors used by the City will have "Safe Work Practices" or "Lead Abatement" certification;
- Issue the pamphlet "Renovate Right" to each household scheduled for rehabilitation under the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair Programs;
- Issue the pamphlet "Renovate Right" to each household assisted under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program that is moved into a housing unit built prior to 1978 and that includes either young children or a pregnant woman;
- Distribute the pamphlet "Renovate Right" to owners of rental properties within the Central Arlington NRSA and other target areas with a high percentage of housing units built before 1978;
- Provide unit occupants with notification of the results of any lead hazard evaluation or the presumption of lead-based paint or hazards after results are determined;
- Provide unit occupants with notification of the results of hazard reduction activities. The type of reduction activity will vary according to the level of assistance provided;
- Utilize funds for recipients of the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs and the Emergency Repair Program for lead remediation activities as needed.

The goals of lead reduction activities are to: 1) reduce lead poisoning or the risk of lead poisoning to children and families; 2) educate families about lead poisoning prevention; and 3) provide intervention through the reduction of lead-based paint hazards in pre-1978 units that contain lead-based paint hazards in the City's federally-assisted housing programs.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

To help reduce the number of families at or below the poverty level, the City of Arlington plans to provide the maximum amount of funding allowable for public services. Currently, the City funds 20 non-profit organizations to provide services to low-income youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, and those experiencing homelessness. The City will coordinate with public and private organizations to produce and preserve affordable housing and related services for low-income persons in the City.

The City of Arlington plans to reduce the number of families in poverty through strategies such as:

- Coordinating with United Way Arlington on financial literacy and asset-building strategies for low-income families;
- Continued to partnership with Catholic Charities to provide employment-related transportation through the Ride2Work program;
- Continued funding for housing, community, and economic development for low-income residents;
- Concentrated redevelopment and services in the Central Arlington NRSA, where approximately one in four persons lives in poverty;
- Continued support of United Way Arlington to facilitate coordinated solutions to reduce poverty;
- Continued support of services to homeless families and families at risk of homelessness to

- increase housing options;
- Continued support of information and referral networks to allow easier access to community resources; and
- Dissemination of information about specific anti-poverty programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Head Start, and mainstream public assistance resources.

Some initiatives to increase the capacity of individuals and community organizations in providing a suitable living environment include the Financial Stability Partnership (FSP) and Out of School Time (OST). The FSP is a partnership of United Way Arlington, Foundation Communities, The Women's Center, YWCA, Catholic Charities, the IRS, Texas AgriLife Extension, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, AARP, and the City of Arlington to promote self-sufficiency and financial health among Arlington citizens. The partnership seeks to raise awareness and promote the use of the EITC and increase financial literacy opportunities in the community.

In 2014, the City partnered with Foundation Communities to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Arlington. Working closely with Foundation Communities, approximately 2,200 Arlington low- and middle-income families received increased access to free tax assistance and EITC. Locally, AARP assists taxpayers age 60 and older.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Grants Management staff team is part of the Community Development and Planning Department, and is the responsible entity for the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The team works in partnership with public institutions and private and non-profit partners to implement activities and projects that require multiple funding sources. Staff members work with other City departments to develop coordinated plans and to leverage resources for parks, infrastructure, code enforcement, clearance of substandard structures, housing development and other projects in the Central Arlington NRSA. The team also coordinates with adjacent HUD entitlement grantees and regional planning groups such as the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

The Arlington Housing Authority (AHA) plays a key role in the implementation of Consolidated Plan activities. AHA has an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Arlington to oversee the City's housing rehabilitation program, homeless services, and other related programs. AHA also receives HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance funds which provide them with an additional tool for serving low-income households and special needs clients.

The City subcontracts with approximately twenty non-profit organizations to carry out public service activities, homeless services, and affordable housing activities. The City also works with private industry to provide design and construction services for infrastructure, housing, and related projects.

The City of Arlington contracts with United Way Arlington, a local arm of the United Way of Tarrant County, to identify human service needs and recommend and coordinate responses. UWA also provides networking and coordinating among social service providers, emergency housing, and non-profits in Arlington. The UWA Work Plan during the program year includes facilitation of the Grant Review Committee, conducting roundtables and studies of priority needs in Arlington (especially aging and older adults), and participation in initiatives such as the Financial Stability Partnership, Arlington Resource Sharing Group, and the Mental Health Connection.

The City is also assisted in its affordable housing mission by two CHDOs which develop or rehabilitated and offer for sale single family affordable housing within the City and its target areas.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Coordinated approaches to service delivery are common in Tarrant County. Examples of collaborative approaches include:

- United Way - Arlington and partnering agencies participate in monthly service provider meeting to share ideas and resources for low-income families;
- Habitat for Humanity partners with local housing developers and volunteers to provide affordable housing and improve aging housing stock.
- Meals on Wheels partners with Neighbors Helping Neighbors to provide meals and case management to home-bound senior citizens.
- Tarrant County Housing Partnership (TCHP) partners with financial institutions and other non-profit organizations to plan community events in Arlington, while also providing affordable housing and foreclosure prevention classes.
- Mission Metroplex partners with the school district and local apartment complexes to provide tutoring and afterschool care to students living in high-risk areas.
- Senior Citizen Services partners with Neustro Hogar to provide transportation from the retirement community to the senior center.
- Other long-standing coordination groups include TCHC, Continuum of Care, Mental Health Connection, United Way Impact Councils, and the North Central Texas Housing Coalition.

The City and local non-profits continue to seek collaboration opportunities that will maximize the effectiveness of many housing and social services available to Arlington residents.

Discussion:

The City of Arlington leverages public and private resources to address the communities most pressing needs. CDBG, HOME, and ESG provide important resources to allow the City to address the urgent needs of low-income residents and special needs populations.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Program specific requirements are included in this section for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Arlington does not engage in other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Homeowners receiving down payment assistance will meet the affordability period if they remain in their home for the time specified based on the amount of assistance received, normally five years. The actual required period of affordability will be based on the total amount of the HOME assistance provided, as noted in the following table.

The federal assistance, provided in the form of a forgivable loan, will be secured by a Promissory Note, Deed of Trust, and Beneficiary Agreement recorded in the land records of Tarrant County and will be forgiven when the following conditions are met. Under “Recapture”, if the home is sold prior to the end of the affordability period, the homebuyer may sell to any willing buyer at any price; however, a portion of the net proceeds, from the sale, if any, will be returned to the City to be used for other eligible HOME activities. The portion of net proceeds returned to the City is equal to the amount of HOME funds invested in the property, less the amount forgiven to that point. The amount forgiven will be based on 1.67% per month (for each full month) that the property has been occupied as the principal residence. Any funds remaining after the distribution of net proceeds to all lien holders, including the City, will be returned to the homebuyer. In the event of a sale, short sale and/or foreclosure, the amount recaptured will be limited to the amount of “net proceeds” available at the time of such occurrence.

If there are insufficient funds remaining from the sale of the property and the City recaptures less than or none of the recapture amount due, the City will maintain data that provides the amount of the sale and the distribution of the funds. This will document that:

- There were no net proceeds;
- The amount of net proceeds was insufficient to cover the full amount due; and
- No proceeds were distributed to the homebuyer.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The resale deed restriction will be utilized for HOME-assisted units which do not receive direct down payment/closing cost assistance through the Arlington Homebuyers’ Assistance Program (AHAP).

The resale provision ensures that a HOME-assisted property remains affordable during the entire affordability period. The affordability period is based on the amount of HOME funds invested as a development subsidy to make the unit affordable to a household at or below 80% of area median income for the Fort Worth-Arlington metropolitan area. The affordability period begins on the date the property is transferred to the buyer. The homeowner may sell the property after the expiration of the affordability period without any restrictions.

The resale provision goes into effect when the home is sold during the affordability period. At time of sale, instances where the home has been rented or leased, refinanced, or the initial homebuyer(s) is/are no longer are physical occupant(s) of the property, the total outstanding balance of the HOME loan will be immediately due and payable to the City of Arlington. Resale requires the homebuyer(s) to sell the home to a low- to moderate-income household at an affordable price as defined in the Unique Grantee Appendix labeled "Arlington Resale Policy".

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

N/A

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
The subrecipient must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the eligibility of each individual or family's eligibility for ESG assistance and the amount and types of assistance the individual or family needs to regain stability in permanent housing. These evaluations must be conducted in accordance with the centralized or coordinated assessment requirements set forth under §576.400(d) and the written standards established under §576.400(e). TCHC is the responsible entity for the centralized and coordinated assessment system.
The subrecipient must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the types and amounts of assistance the program participant needs not less than once every 3 months for program participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance, and not less than once annually for program participants receiving rapid re-housing assistance. At a minimum, each re-evaluation of eligibility must establish that:

- (i) The program participant does not have an annual income that exceeds 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; and
- (ii) The program participant lacks sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance.

When the program participant's income or other circumstances change (e.g., changes in household composition) that affect the program participant's need for assistance under ESG, the subrecipient must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the amount and types of assistance the program participant needs. When determining the annual income of an individual or family, the recipient or subrecipient must use the standard for calculating annual income under 24 CFR 5.609. Subrecipients must assist each program participant, as needed, to obtain appropriate supportive services, including assistance in obtaining permanent housing, medical health treatment, mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living; housing stability case management; other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available to assist the program participant in obtaining housing stability including;

- (i) Medicaid (42 CFR chapter IV, subchapter C);
- (ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (7 CFR parts 271-283);

- (iii) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (7 CFR part 246);
- (iv) Federal-State Unemployment Insurance Program (20 CFR parts 601-603, 606, 609, 614-617, 625, 640, 650);
- (v) Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) (20 CFR part 404);
- (vi) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (20 CFR part 416);
- (vii) Child and Adult Care Food Program (42 U.S.C. 1766(t) (7 CFR part 226));
- (viii) Other assistance available under the programs listed in §576.400(c).

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system. See attached Tarrant Area Continuum of Care Coordinated Assessment System Policy in the Grantee Unique Attachments.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations). In October, the City of Arlington issued a Request for Proposals, available to all organizations that serve Arlington citizens. The CoC reviewed the RFP document prior to issuance. The RFP was issued in hard copy at all of the libraries, on the website, and published in the local newspaper. Organizations have approximately six weeks to complete the ESG application and submit it to the City. City staff reviews the applications to verify that all applications have been submitted in their entirety and are eligible to receive ESG funds. Eligible applications are then reviewed by an independent citizen-based Grant Review Committee (GRC) that is facilitated by United Way-Arlington. The GRC reviews each application independently base upon the following rubric:

- Organizational capacity and relevant experience - 30 points
- Evidence of need for service - 30 points
- Statement of Work/Service Plan - 30 points
- Budget Narrative and Financial Management - 10 points

The scores are aggregated, and delivered to the Community and Neighborhood Development Council Committee for use in determining preliminary funding recommendations. The City Council committee then makes draft funding decisions, which are published on the City website and in the local newspaper, and can be commented on for 30 days and at one of three public hearings. Adjustments are made as needed, based on input from citizens, service providers, and CoC representatives. The final budget is presented to full Council along with the Action Plan for approval by City Council and submission to HUD.

Organizations receiving grant awards are notified by letter, and must attend a subrecipient workshop prior to signing contracts. The City of Arlington begins its program year on July 1.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Arlington has and continues to meet the homeless participation requirement as defined in 24 CFR 576.405(a). As a condition of their award funding, the City will require ESG subrecipients to have a homeless person or formerly homeless person involved in a policy-making capacity or in the operations of their programs to satisfy the ESG homeless participation requirement. The Consumer Council representing homeless individuals across the county will also ensure that homeless or formerly homeless individuals are involved in ongoing policy development and improvements.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition consulted with representatives of CoCs across the state and local jurisdictions to develop ESG performance standards. After consultation with the state network and local partners, the CoC adopted the standards included in the general appendix. The attached table summarizes the performance standards for street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing.

The performance standards will require initial evaluations and re-evaluations. Subrecipients will be required to conduct initial evaluations of all households interested in receiving ESG assistance in order to determine eligibility and the cost and type of assistance necessary for the household to regain stability in permanent housing. The evaluation must comply with the City's written standards and the CoCs centralized or coordinated assessment system.

In order to successfully record performance outcomes, the CoC system requires that once a household is enrolled in an ESG program, non-domestic violence agencies must complete an initial HUD Intake Assessment within the HMIS system (ETO), the HUD Mid-Program Assessment, and the HUD Exit Assessment upon program. Performance outcomes will be reported to the City using the HMIS generated ESG reports. Domestic Violence Organizations will provide the same data utilizing their similar data systems.

Reassessments are required for program participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance and rapid re-housing assistance. Participants receiving homeless prevention must be reassessed at least quarterly; rapid re-housing participants must be reassessed at least annually. All participants must receive an exit assessment.

Discussion:

ESG programs are continually evolving as the CoC Board of Directors makes decisions and approves policies for use in addressing the issue of homelessness. The Tarrant Area Continuum of Care Strategic Plan provides a guide for allocating limited resources to more effectively address priority needs.

