

# Program Year 2025 Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME)
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Grants Management Department 101 West Abram Street P.O. Box 90231 Arlington, TX 76004-3231

**Executive Summary** 

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#### 1. Introduction

The Program Year 2025 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, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026. The primary objectives of the plan include affordable and decent housing, creation of a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities for Arlington residents who are primarily low- and moderate-income.

The Action Plan describes the use of funds for the first year of the 2025-2029 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.

If actual CDBG, HOME or ESG allocations differ from the estimated allocations in this plan, activity budgets will be proportionately increased or decreased by the percent of the overall funding amount. For example, if the City receives a one percent increase or decrease in funding, the activity will receive a corresponding one percent increase or decrease in funding.

Source	CDBG	НОМЕ	ESG	Total
PY2025 Entitlement Allocation	3,096,788	\$1,145,088	\$290,498	\$4,522,332
Prior Year Reprogrammed Funds		\$608,010		\$608,010
Total	\$3,096,788	\$1,753,098	\$280,456	\$5,130,342

Table 1 - Program Year 2025 Budget Summary

Program Year 2025 Action Plan Goals Summary									
Strategy Area - Priority Needs		Strategy	Citywide Output	Target Area Output <sup>i</sup>					
	1	Housing Rehabilitation	50 households	6 households <sup>1</sup>					
	2	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	40 households						
<b>Quality Housing Opportunities</b>	3	Homebuyers Assistance Program	2 persons						
	4	Homebuyer Education	10 seminars						
	5	Homeownership Fair/Fair Housing Seminars	1 seminar						
	6	Housing Development	1 project						
	8	Emergency Shelter for Homeless	1,500 persons						
Homeless Support	9	Rapid Rehousing Housing	22 households						
eapport	10	Homeless Prevention	10 households						
	11	Street Outreach Services	200 persons						
	12	Adult Literacy & Support Services	600 persons						
	13	Case Management for Persons with Mental Health/Substance Abuse	430 persons						
	14	Childcare & Child Advocacy Service	35 persons						
	15	Food Pantry Services	3,300 persons						
Social Service Support	16	Health Services	7,000 persons						
	17	Human Services Planning <sup>2</sup>	14 collaborations/ engagements						
	18	Job Training Services & Financial Support Services	2,037 persons						
	19	Senior Health & Wellness	290 persons						
	20	Services for Persons with Disabilities	80 persons						
	21	Youth Mentoring Services	650 persons						
	22	Housing Code Enforcement	1,500 households	1,500 households <sup>3</sup>					
Neighborhood Development &	23	Infrastructure Improvements	2,000 persons						
Revitalization	24	Neighborhood Infrastructure	1,000 persons						
	25	Public Facility Development/Improvement	2,000 persons						
Load Barrel Brist	26	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Education	1 seminar <sup>4</sup>						
Lead-Based Paint	27	Lead Testing to Reduce Hazards	7 households						

Table 2 - Program Year 2025 Action Plan Goals Summary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the Housing Rehabilitation program the number of households noted is for the Target Area output for NRSA and East Arlington.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Human Services Planning goals are based on the number of non-profit engagements and collaborations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Code Compliance goals for servicing households are within the Target Area for NRSA and East Arlington.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Seminars will be available during the Homeownership Fair events.

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Projects and activities are provided city-wide as well as in two low-income target areas: The Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) and the East Arlington Target Area. A map of these proposed target areas can be found below on page 7. Other activities will be provided city-wide to serve residents that are predominantly low- to moderate-income. Planned activities are designed to produce measurable impacts at the neighborhood level and include affordable housing opportunities, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, new owner-occupied housing, homeless services, neighborhood infrastructure improvements including broadband in low-income areas, public facilities, NRSA code compliance, and access to job training and educational services.

#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

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 (PY23) include the following:

- Public services provided for over 26,177 residents
- Public services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus provided to 2,854 residents
- Youth services provided dental health education, day camps, one-on-one mentoring, computer classes, educational tutoring, health and life skills training, and after-school programming to more than 9,806 low-income youth
- Transportation services for over 1,039 low-income persons seeking access to employment and educational opportunities
- Homeless services for over 1,784 individuals
- Rental vouchers provided to 61 households through various housing assistance programs
- Rapid rehousing assisted 77 individuals
- Housing rehabilitation for 24 low- to moderate-income homeowners
- Day habitation services were provided to 100 adults with physical and mental disabilities
- Temporary rental assistance provided to 61 households through Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program
- Food pantry services were provided to 7,680 residents
- There were 3,563 meals provided and nutritional counseling to 40 seniors
- Substance abuse counseling and referrals provided to 156 individuals
- Land for a childcare facility was purchased with construction in PY2025 to provide care for up to 100 children
- Architectural barrier removals for 7 households for seniors and persons with disabilities

Overall, in PY2023 the City met or exceeded 24 of 27 annual program goals and made significant progress towards meeting the remaining objectives in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The explanation of goals where progress was not made, or activities falling behind schedule include the following:

- 1) The Housing Rehabilitation activities fell below the targeted goal due to some applications being denied for not submitting the required documentation or not being current on property taxes.
- 2) The Arlington Homebuyer's Assistance activity fell below the projected goal due to increase in market values, which escalated home prices above the HUD maximum purchase price value.
- 3) The New Construction Activities fell below the target goal as the remaining 4 units are still in design.

#### 4. Reprogramming of Program Year 2024 HOME funds

The City of Arlington proposes to add to the Program Year 2025 Annual Action Plan the following activity.

1. Reprogramming from the PY24 Action Plan of HOME funds in the amount of \$608,010 from the Development Corporation of Tarrant County, Dan Gould Project to the Arlington Housing Authority Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. This will assist with rent, security deposits, and utility deposits based upon tenant eligibility per 24 CFR 92.209 to benefit very low- and low-income persons.

# PY25 ACTION PLAN REPROGRAMMING SUMMARY

TYPE	PROG. YEA	R GRANT	GRANT DESCRIPTION	FUND	COST CENTER	SPEND CAT	REPROGRAI	M AMOUNT
HOME	<u> </u>							
			DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF TARRA	ANT				
	2022	GR000469	COUNTY	FD3515	CC418605	SC0533	\$	(608,010.00)
			ARLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY - TENA	ANT				
	2025		BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA)	FD3515	CC418605	SC0533	\$	608,010.00
							7	
						HOME	\$ 6	08,010.00

# Program Year 2025 Action Plan Budget Recommendations

ESTIMATED PY25 AVAILABLE FUNDS		CDBG HOME		HOME	ESG		TOTAL
Entitlement Funds	\$	3,096,788	\$	1,145,088	\$	280,456	\$ 4,522,332
Prior Year Reprogram Funds			\$	608,010			\$ 608,010
SUBTOTA	L \$	3,096,788	\$	1,753,098	\$	280,456	\$ 5,130,342

		CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING		Cap = 20%	Cap = 10%	Cap = 7.5%	
City of Arlington - Grant General Administration		\$ 580,740	\$ 114,509	\$ 21,034	\$ 716,283
United Way Tarrant County - Human Service Planning		\$ 38,618.23			\$ 38,618
Arlington Housing Authority -Tenant Based Rental Assistance Administration					\$ -
S	SUBTOTAL	\$ 619,358	\$ 114,509	\$ 21,034	\$ 754,901
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CITY PROJECTS - RENEWALS		CDBG	HOME	E	ESG	TOTAL
Code Compliance Department - NRSA Code Compliance	\$	179,149				\$ 179,149
Arlington Housing Authority - Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$	776,364	\$ 600,000			\$ 1,376,364
Asset Management - Tarrant County Human Services Center	\$	912,233				\$ 912,233
Arlington Urban Ministries	\$	83,000				\$ 83,000
City of Arlington Admin Infrastructure Compliance	\$	552				\$ 552
Tarrant County - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)				\$	8,000	\$ 8,000
Arlington Housing Authority - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance & Operations			\$ 615,000			\$ 615,000
SUBT	TOTAL \$	1.951.297	\$ 1,215,000	\$	8.000	\$ 3.174.297

SUBRECIPIENT REQUESTS		CDBG	HOME		ESG	TOTAL
	\$	Public Servc. Cap 15% 464.518		Shelte \$	er/Outreach Cap 60% 168.274	
City-Administered Public Services	<u> </u>	404,010		<u> </u>	100,214	
City of Arlington - Parks and Recreation Department - Build a Dream	\$	36,172				\$ 36,172
Arlington Housing Authority - Case Management	\$	36,172				\$ 36,172
SUBTOTAL	\$	72,344				\$ 72,344
Non-Profit Public Services				•		·
Advocates for Special People, Inc Services for Persons with Disabilities	\$	35,343				\$ 35,343
Arlington Charities, Inc Food Pantry and Services	\$	51,396				\$ 51,396
Arlington Life Shelter - Shelter Services				\$	29,539	\$ 29,539
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County - Youth Programming	\$	33,375				\$ 33,375
C5 Youth Foundation of Texas - Youth Development Program (New Applicant)	\$	22,634				\$ 22,634
CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children	\$	28,453				\$ 28,453
Center for Transforming Lives (CTL - Child Care Subsidy)	\$	13,387				\$ 13,387
Center for Transforming Lives (Rapid Rehousing)				\$	28,951	\$ 28,951
Dental Health for Arlington, Inc Dental Clinic and Smiles Program	\$	37,591				\$ 37,591
DRC Solutions - Street Outreach				\$	79,656	\$ 79,656
Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County - Financial Empowerment (New Applicant)	\$	22,635				\$ 22,635
Foundation Communities - Support Low-Income Residents	\$	22,634				\$ 22,634
Goodwill North Central Texas - North Texas Institute for Career Development	\$	27,384				\$ 27,384
H.O.P.E Tutoring Center, Inc Youth Tutoring	\$	24,153				\$ 24,153
Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County - Nutrition Program	\$	26,840				\$ 26,840
Recovery Resource Council - Recovery Connections	\$	19,231				\$ 19,231
SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Shelter Services				\$	29,539	\$ 29,539
SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Rapid Rehousing				\$	31,936	\$ 31,936
The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corp Shelter Services				\$	29,539	\$ 29,539
The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corp Rapid Rehousing				\$	22,262	\$ 22,262
The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc A.C.T.S. of the City of Arlington	\$	27,118				\$ 27,118
SUBTOTAL	\$	392,175	\$	- \$	251,422	\$ 643,596

#### Other - Community Based Development Organization - Excluded from Public Services Cap

Water From The Rock (CBDO) - Adult Literacy and Support Services	\$	61,614			\$ 61,614
CHDO Reserves			\$ 171,763		\$ 171,763
SUBTOTAL	- \$	61,614	\$ 171,763	\$ -	\$ 233,377

FUNDING LESS REQUESTS	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
PY25 ENTITLEMENT FUNDS	\$ 3,096,788.00	\$ 1,145,088	\$ 280,456	\$ 4,522,332
Reprogrammmed from Prior Year	\$ -	\$ 608,010	\$ -	\$ 608,010
Total Funds Available	\$ 3,096,788.00	\$ 1,753,098	\$ 280,456	\$ 5,130,342
Total Recommendations	\$ 3,096,788.00	\$ 1,501,272	\$ 280,456	\$ 4,878,516
Difference	\$ -	\$ 251,826	\$ -	\$ 251,826

Target Areas: Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) (76011, 76012)

# **Boundary:**

Randol Mill/Sanford (north)
Collins (east)
Abram (south)
Crowley (west)

- 15,345 population
- 53.5% poverty
- 59.1% lowmoderate income
- 66% minority

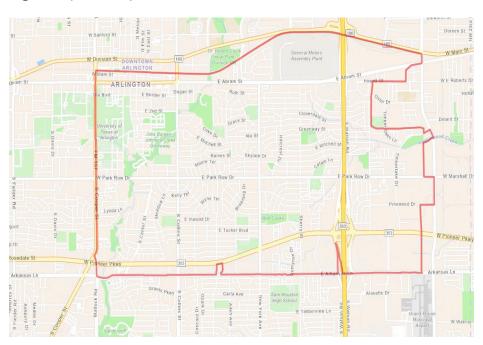


# Target Areas: East Arlington (76010)

## **Boundary:**

Division (north)
Great SW Parkway (east)
Arkansas (south)
Cooper (west)

- 55,610 population
- 24.3% poverty
- 69% low-moderate income
- 89.3% minority



#### 5. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

A notice informing the public of the Action Plan was published in the Star-Telegram on Thursday, March 27, 2025. The notice will announce a 30-day public comment period from March 26th through April 24th.

The City will host three hybrid public hearings during the 30-day comment period to obtain additional input on the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2025 Action Plan:

- April 2nd, 2025 12:00 p.m. CST Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 (Toll-free) and enter Conference ID: 717 278 395# to join the virtual public hearing.
- April 9th, 2025 12:00 p.m. CST Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 (Toll-free) and enter Conference ID: 915 399 027# to join the virtual public hearing.
- April 10th, 2025–12:00 p.m. CST Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 (Toll-free) and enter Conference ID: 385 522 913# to join the virtual public hearing.

The location of the hearings will take place at the address listed below for in person attendance:

Arlington City Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Rooms A & B

101 West Abram Street

Arlington, TX 76010

The draft plan is open for public comment for 30 days from March 26 to April 24, 2025, and can be mailed or emailed upon request by contacting <a href="mailed-emailed-grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov">grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</a> or by calling 817-459-6221. Submit written comments and questions regarding the plans to <a href="mailed-grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov">grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</a>.

Written comments may also be submitted by mail to:

City of Arlington Grants Management P.O. Box 90231, MS 01-0330 Arlington, TX 76010

The Action Plan Summary is available through the City website at <a href="www.arlingtontx.gov">www.arlingtontx.gov</a> and by going to the Planning and Reporting tab at the Grants Management webpage.

For questions, please call (817)459-6251.

#### HYBRID Public Hearing for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Action Plan

Public Hearing #1, September 12, 2024 at City Hall with Microsoft Teams online option

101 West Abram St.
City Hall, Arlington Conference room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
Arlington, TX 76004

#### Attendees (in-person):

- 1. Taylor Oldroyd, Arlington Board of REALTORS
- 2. Mindy Cochran, Arlington Housing Authority
- 3. (unnamed) Member of Public

#### Attendees (online):

4. Elva Roy, Chair, Arlington Mayor's Advisory Council for Older Adults& Ambassadors for Aging Well.

#### **Staff & Consultant**

- 5. Nikky Lewis, City
- 6. Haider Akram, City
- 7. Karen Dash, Karen Dash Consulting LLC

Dr. Nikky Lewis welcomed attendees. She provided an overview of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan processes, including the Housing Needs Assessment and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

Karen Dash, of Karen Dash Consulting LLC, who assisted the City with the Consolidated Planning process, provided an overview of the Consolidated Planning/Housing Needs Assessment process, including the preliminary results of the Community Survey. She then asked attendees to provide their feedback on a variety of issues related to housing needs, Fair Housing, needs for Public Facilities, etc.

#### **Public Comments Summary**

The group discussed the challenges of the growth of Arlington and the acceleration in housing prices within Arlington.

Ms. Roy expressed her concerns about the purchases of Arlington owner and rental housing by institutional investors, and recommended a PBS special, "Who is Responsible for the U.S. Housing Crisis?" to learn more about institutional investment and its effect on prices and availability of housing.

Another attendee discussed the impact of high housing prices on lower-income and fixed-income households.

#### 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Action Plan

#### **Public Comment Summary**

#### HYBRID Public Hearing for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Action Plan

Public Hearing #2, April 2, 2025 at City Hall with Microsoft Teams online option

101 West Abram St.
City Hall, Arlington Conference room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
Arlington, TX 76004

#### Attendees (in-person):

1. Casey McCollum, Arlington Charities

#### Attendees (online):

- 2. Jessica Gauthier, Arlington Board of Realtors
- 3. Sheri Campbell-Husband, Safe Haven of Tarrant County
- 4. Stephanie Arredando, HOPE Tutoring
- 5. Kristine Behrhorst, UT-Southwestern Medical Center
- 6. Jason Upshaw, Upwards Care
- 7. Lisa Hawkins, Center for Transforming Lives
- 8. Joni Wilson, Center for Transforming Lives
- 9. Tony Wilson, DRC Solutions
- 10. JoAnn Shankle, Water From the Rock
- 11. Elva Roy, Chair, Arlington Mayor's Advisory Council for Older Adults& Ambassadors for Aging Well.
- 12. Deborah (not identified)

#### **Staff & Consultant**

- 13. Nikky Lewis, City
- 14. Catherine Donaldson, City
- 15. Richard Pine, City
- 16. Shana Washington, City
- 17. Sarah Kanema, City
- 18. Haider Akram, City
- 19. Krystal Almaraz, City
- 20. Karen Dash, Karen Dash Consulting LLC

Dr. Nikky Lewis welcomed attendees and invited them to introduce themselves. She provided an overview of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan processes, including the Housing Needs Assessment and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. She also provided information regarding anticipated CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding and explained how the City planned to allocate those funds for Public Facility Development/Improvement, Housing Rehabilitation, Social Services, Infrastructure Improvements, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Housing Development, Homeless Services, Neighborhood Development and

Revitalization, and Homebuyer Programs. She encouraged attendees to review the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan online and provided a brief overview of the AAP Executive Summary and planned subrecipient funding.

Karen Dash, of Karen Dash Consulting LLC, who assisted the city with the Consolidated Planning process, provided an overview of the current HUD funding and staffing situation, as well as information about the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) and targeted areas and the City's proposed strategies for supporting these neighborhoods. She also provided a summary of public stakeholder feedback based on community surveys, focus groups, and key stakeholder interviews. Ms. Dash provided attendees with the opportunity to provide their feedback regarding the community's needs and priorities, including those of the NRSA.

#### **Summary of Comments**

Elva Roy shared her concerns regarding the affordable housing crisis faced by Arlington and communities across the country. She noted that private equity buying properties, including mobile home parks, and then significantly increasing rents, is an important part of the problem. Additionally, she shared that she and her colleagues have been petitioning City leaders to make changes to the Unified Development Code based on Universal Design principles: (1) Incorporating no-step entrances; (2) Ensuring doorways are wide enough for wheelchair accessibility; and (3) Placing at least one bathroom on the first floor.

Stephanie Arredando noted the importance of strengthening education to realign or catch students who are behind in academic performance.

In their comments, Kristine Behrhorst noted the need for public transportation and measures to address food insecurity, particularly in central and eastern Arlington.

Other Comments to thank the Grants Management department for providing information at the public hearing from Lisa Hawkins and Kristine Behrhorst.

#### HYBRID Public Hearing for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Action Plan

Public Hearing #3, April 9, 2025 at City Hall with Microsoft Teams online option

101 West Abram St.
City Hall, Arlington Conference room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
Arlington, TX 76004

#### Attendees (online):

- 1. Jessica Parry, City of Arlington Housing Authority
- 2. Becky Salandy, City of Arlington Housing Authority
- 3. Jean Goodwin-Grisham, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County
- 4. Matt Sinclair, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County
- 5. Jennifer Strand, Catholic Charities Fort Worth
- 6. Lesa Robinson, Citizen

Phone Conference Call in

7. Unidentified Citizen

#### **Staff**

- 8. Nikky Lewis, City
- 9. Catherine Donaldson, City
- 10. Haider Akram, City
- 11. Richard Pine, City
- 12. Sarah Kanema, City
- 13. Shana Washington, City
- 14. Krystal Almaraz, City

Dr. Nikky Lewis welcomed attendees and invited them to introduce themselves. She provided an overview of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan processes, with a brief overview of the Housing Needs Assessment and key talking points on affordable housing needs and access to affordable housing supply. She also provided information regarding anticipated CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding and explained how the City planned to allocate those funds for Public Facility Development/Improvement, Housing Rehabilitation, Social Services, Infrastructure Improvements, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Housing Development, Homeless Services, Neighborhood Development and Revitalization, and Homebuyer Programs. She encouraged attendees to review the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan online and provided a brief overview of the AAP Executive Summary and planned subrecipient funding.

#### **Summary of Comments**

There were no questions or comments about information from the plan.

Other comments from Jean Goodwin-Grisham, Jennifer Strand, & Matt Sinclair expressed thanks to the City and Staff for the information provided in the plan.

#### HYBRID Public Hearing for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Action Plan

Public Hearing #4, April 10, 2025 at City Hall with Microsoft Teams online option

101 West Abram St.
City Hall, Arlington Conference room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
Arlington, TX 76004

#### Attendees (online):

- 1. Mindy Cochran, City of Arlington Housing Authority
- 2. Jyme Sandberg, City of Arlington Housing Authority
- 3. Shanna Snider, United Way
- 4. Princess Vonleh-Duo, Salvation Army
- 5. Wakeelah Ogidan
- 6. Julia Hunt

#### **Staff**

- 7. Nikky Lewis, City
- 8. Haider Akram, City
- 9. Richard Pine, City
- 10. Sarah Kanema, City

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#### **Summary of Comments**

A question from Shanna Snider with United Way asking when the notification of funding will go out to The CDBG, ESG & HOME Applicants. The response clarified that the recommended funding allocations are included in the Action Plan, which is available for public review on the Grants Management website. Official award letters will not be issued until final allocations are received from HUD.

Shanna Snider also expressed, on behalf of United Way, their appreciation for being part of this important work and their continued partnership with City of Arlington Grants Management.

#### Summary of written comments received:

#### Written Communications

- 1. Cory Ann Seldon, Citizen provided email to grantsmanagment@arlingtontx.gov expressing thanks and gratitude for the efforts of the Grants Management team in working with the plans.
- Emails received by grantsmanagment@arlingtontx.gov for endorsements and expressing support of funding Arlington Urban Ministries to facilitate the purchase of their new facility at 915 W. Mitchell St., Arlington TX 76013.
  - 1. Patrick Johnson, Energy Assistance Manager with Vistra Corp
  - 2. Mary Helen Hudspeth, Arlington Urban Ministries Board President
  - 3. Joe Stenger, Arlington Urban Ministries Board Member
  - 4. Jim Loden, Arlington Urban Ministries Board Member
  - 5. Chetura Turner, Arlington Urban Ministries Board Member
  - 6. Teresa Gaines, Arlington Urban Ministries Board Member
  - 7. Cameo Duncan, Arlington Urban Ministries Board Member
  - 8. Christopher Olson, Arlington Urban Ministries Board Member
- Letter from Advocates for Social Justice Group with First United Methodist Church Arlington expressing
  thanks and concern regarding funding levels allocated to ESG organizations within the Consolidated Plan
  and Action Plan to address the needs of individuals and families that are unsheltered.

Signed by Advocates for Social Justice Group in association with First United Methodist Church Arlington:

- 1. Emily Fairbanks
- 2. Jo Anna Cardoza
- 3. Cathy Olson
- 4. Chris Olson
- 5. Jim Russell
- 6. Nancy Russell
- 7. Johnnie Sue Bucek
- 8. Margaret Ostrom
- 9. Floyd Ostrom
- 10. Avis Davis
- 11. Gail Prager
- 12. Sarah Skinner
- 13. Kay Lancaster
- 14. Steve Newton

From:
To:
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Note of thanks
Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:15:36 AM

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## Hello!

Just a quick note of thanks at the level of rigor and thoughtfulness you all have poured into the new plan. I hope today's meeting goes well. Please pass along my gratitude to the staff!

Cheers, Corey Ann From: To: Subject:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] Grant

**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025 12:55:35 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly support Arlington Urban Ministries (AUM) in their request for \$83,000 in funding to facilitate the purchase of their new facility at 915 W. Mitchell Street, Arlington, TX 76013.

AUM has been a cornerstone of our community for many years, providing crucial services such as financial assistance and programs aimed at fostering long-term stability, including financial literacy, job readiness, and life coaching. Securing a permanent location will not only enable AUM to enhance its impact but also offer a stable and accessible environment for the individuals and families who depend on their support.

Investing in this property is an investment in the well-being and future of countless Arlington residents. I fully endorse AUM's efforts and strongly urge you to consider their funding request favorably.

Sincerely, Patrick Johnson AUM Board Member

#### **Patrick Johnson**

Energy Assistance Manager Vistra Corp 972-507-9205



From:
To:
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Support for AUM
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7:26:19 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Arlington Urban Ministries (AUM) and their request for funding in the amount of \$83,000 to support the purchase of their new facility located at <u>915 W.</u> Mitchell Street, Arlington, TX 76013.

AUM has been a vital part of our community for many years, offering essential services such as financial assistance and programs that promote long-term stability—including financial literacy, job readiness, and life coaching. Securing this permanent space will not only allow AUM to expand its impact but also provide a stable, accessible location for the individuals and families who rely on their support.

Investing in this property is an investment in the well-being and future of countless Arlington residents. I fully support AUM's efforts and urge you to consider their request favorably.

Sincerely,
Mary Helen Hudspeth
AUM Board President
Sent from my iPhone

From: To:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] AUM Would Appreciate Your Support

Subject: Date:

Monday, April 14, 2025 3:52:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Joe Stenger

AUM Board Member (since March 2009)

From: <u>Jim Loden</u>

To: Grants Management
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Funding
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:22:38 PM

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AUM Board Member

# Jim Loden

From: To: Subject:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] New AUM building fund request

**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025 1:17:38 PM

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Sincerely, Chetura Turner AUM Board Member From: To: Subject:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] Help with New Building Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:09:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Teresa Gaines, AUM Board Member



101 W. Abram St. Arlington TX 76010 April 16, 2025

Arlington, TX 76015

To the City of Arlington Grants Management Team,

I am writing to express my full support for Arlington Urban Ministries (AUM) and their request for \$83,000 to assist with the purchase of their new building at 915 W. Mitchell Street.

AUM has been a vital part of our community for many years, providing essential services such as financial assistance, emergency needs support, and food distribution. Beyond meeting immediate needs, AUM offers transformative programs focused on long-term stability, including financial literacy, job readiness, and life coaching. Their work has been instrumental in helping countless individuals and families regain stability and hope.

Securing a permanent location will allow AUM to expand their impact, enhance accessibility for those they serve, and continue to be a reliable resource in our community. This investment is not just in a building—it's in the well-being and future of Arlington residents.

I strongly support AUM's efforts and respectfully urge you to consider their funding request favorably.

Sincerely,

# Cameo Duncan

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A.U.M Executive Board Secretary &

C.F.O Emerge Innovations Group, LLC

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Arlington Urban Ministries Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 10:34:53 AM

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Christopher G. Olson

**AUM Board Member** 

From:

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:09 AM

To:

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Letter to Mayor and City Council

Attachments: Signed ASJ letter to Ross & Council.docx

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Dear Mayor Ross and Arlington City Council Members:

I am subming for your perusal a leer from the Advocates for Social Jusce, First United Methodist Church Arlington,

addressing our input and concerns about the 2025 Consolidated Plan for the Community. Please see the aachment

below.

Thank you so very much! Emily Fairbanks



April 23, 2025

To: Mayor Jim Ross
Arlington City Council Members

As members of Advocates for Social Justice, an advocacy group associated with First United Methodist Church Arlington, we would like to express our appreciation for the way the City of Arlington is addressing needs in our community through the Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2025 Action Plan. We are particularly pleased that the plan is prioritizing activities and organizations that address affordable and decent housing, as well as problems of the unsheltered community here in Arlington.

The ASJ plan for advocacy this year includes prioritizing the needs of our unsheltered community here in Arlington. These individuals are very important to us, and we have come to know many of them personally through our involvement in Arlington Urban Ministries and Cloud Covered Streets. We have come to understand that this issue is very closely tied to the issue of the lack affordable housing. Another big concern is the growing awareness that more and more families are losing

their ability to afford housing, so the unsheltered population here in Arlington involves more and more women and children, and not just single men, as was the case in times past. But of course, you all know these troubling facts, and this is why you are prioritizing the use of HUD grant funds to address the needs of people in need of a stable living situation.

We applaud the designation of significant funding for organizations such as the Arlington Housing Authority, which will be able to find solutions to this growing need for affordable housing. We also want to express disappointment that more funds are not being suggested for such organizations as Arlington Urban Ministries and the Arlington Life Shelter. In a recent briefing from Bryan Perry at our latest meeting, we became aware that Arlington Life Shelter works to reinstate the unsheltered into a stable job and housing situation. More funds should be allocated to such non-profits.

Once again, thank you for your hard work and planning for a better future for all Arlington residents. We were sorry to miss the public meetings, as we weren't informed of these until they were already over, but we plan to participate in the future.

In solidarity,

Emily Fairbanks
Jo Anna Cardoza
Cathy Olson
Chris Olson

Jim Russell
Nancy Russell
Johnnie Sue Bucek
Margaret Ostrom
Floyd Ostrom
Avis Davis
Gail Prager
Sarah Skinner
Kay Lancaster
Steve Newton

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