Program Year 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Executive Summary



Public Comment Period August 17th, 2023, through September 17th, 2023 Public Hearing on September 7th, 2023, at 6 p.m. via Microsoft Teams Click here to join the meeting

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) CARES Act CDBG-CV and ESG-CV

Executive Summary

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a summary of the progress made by the City of Arlington to achieve the goals identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the Program Year 2022 Action Plan. Program Year 2022 (PY2022) is the third year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is a five-year plan that establishes objectives for the City's use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan is an annual plan that defines goals and strategies for the use of these funds in support of Consolidated Plan objectives.

CDBG, HOME and ESG funds received during PY2022 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) enabled the City of Arlington to improve housing, strengthen neighborhoods, and provide necessary services for low- and moderate-income residents. The City is pleased to report significant accomplishments in meeting performance objectives, which are highlighted throughout this report.

Community Development Highlights

- Public Service programs were funded with the maximum amount allowed 15 percent of the CDBG allocation. Twenty-one non-profit organizations and city departments provided services to approximately 26,148 persons. Organizations offered services such as day habilitation, food pantries, housing navigation for homeless, transportation, job skills training, childcare, meals for seniors, tutoring and mentoring for youth, and dental health services.
- United Way Arlington facilitated the Financial Stability Partnership and Arlington Resource Sharing Group, which successfully increased community awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and financial literacy programs. A total of 2,267 Arlington tax returns were prepared at four Arlington VITA sites. VITA volunteers yielded \$3,756,133.00 in tax refunds. The programs claimed a total of \$1,126,424.00 in Earned Income Tax Credit for 143 residents receiving tax preparation assistance. A total of \$1,510,836.00 in Child Tax Credits was received.
- Youth services included dental health education, day camps, one-on-one mentoring, computer classes, educational tutoring, health and life skills training, and after-school programming. Over 10,453 low-income Arlington youth benefited from these programs.
- CDBG funds were used to fund street improvements on Herschel Street from Martin Luther Drive to Browning Drive. CDBG funds covered the cost of street and sidewalk improvements for approximately 827 linear feet. Upon completion, the project will include rebuilding the 28-foot-wide street, replacing existing sidewalks, curb and gutter, streetlight

poles, and rebuilding stormwater inlets. This project is expected to be completed fall of 2023.

COVID-19 Response Highlights

The City continued to allocate funding for services received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus in our community. CDBG-CV funds were used to provide immediate needs to 3573 Arlington residents such as, utility assistance, food pantry services, meal delivery and resource navigation. ESG-CV funds were also to provide emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and street outreach services to 221 Arlington residents impacted by COVID-19.

Affordable Housing Highlights

- Housing rehabilitation grants were provided to 41 low- to moderate-income households to address emergency conditions and/or to improve substandard housing conditions, of which 11 were elderly and/or persons with disabilities. A total of 16 households received housing rehabilitation, 16 households received emergency repairs, and 9 households received only Architectural Barrier Removal grants to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Homebuyers received a minimum of ten hours of education and homeownership counseling before the purchase to ensure a successful transition to homeownership. An additional 38 individuals received a variety of housing counseling services in addition to classes on pre-purchase, budgeting, home maintenance, financial literacy/budget, credit counseling, and foreclosure prevention. A total of 133 Arlington households attended home buyer orientation and/or training sessions.
- Temporary rental assistance was provided to 65 low-income households through the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. Families in the program were provided case management and support services by one of several non-profit organizations that focus on helping families achieve self-sufficiency.

Homeless Services Highlights

- Emergency shelter: Temporary shelter was provided to 1865 homeless individuals at one of three shelters in Arlington: Arlington Life Shelter, Salvation Army, and Safe Haven.
- The City of Arlington continues to collaborate as a partner with the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition.
- In PY2022, 20 individuals were rapidly rehoused after being homeless by Safe Haven of Tarrant County and Center for Transforming Lives.
- Rental vouchers were provided to 65 households through the Arlington Housing Authority programs including Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Housing

and Shelter plus Care (SPC). One hundred and forty-three households also received case management designed to coordinate housing and services for homeless persons with disabilities.

• Arlington Housing Authority used \$181,474 in state Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) funding to help prevent homelessness through temporary rental assistance and support services for 29 households.

Highlighted Services for Persons with Special Needs

- Meals on Wheels provided 3,817 meals and nutritional counseling to 42 seniors.
- Arlington Charities and Water from the Rock provided services to 13,424 individuals, including food pantry services, a senior grocery delivery program, drive-thru pantry, and case management.
- Recovery Resource Council provided substance abuse counseling and referrals to 217 individuals.
- Advocates for Special People provided day habilitation services for 83 adults with physical and mental disabilities.
- Nine households received architectural barrier removal for persons with disabilities and senior citizens through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Highlights

- Adult Literacy classes, English as a Second Language classes, food pantry, and job skills training were provided by Water from the Rock, a Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO) in the NRSA. During the program year, 592 clients were provided with food pantry services and 25 students attended GED or ESL classes, 46 clients participated in support services.
- Sixty and better, Inc. provided 232 seniors living in the Central Arlington target area, access to daily wellness programs and nutritious meals.
- A total of 1 household received rehabilitation assistance through the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.
- Code compliance completed 2,976 inspections at 2,082 unduplicated properties including multifamily in the NRSA as part of a comprehensive revitalization strategy to improve neighborhoods and increase public health and safety. 1,657 violation notices were issued with 610 violations corrected by property owner. During PY22, 56 violations were corrected with other sources of funds including the use of City general funds in the NRSA.

Fair Housing Activities

According to the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City of Arlington needs to address nine potential impediments to fair housing. The identified impediments include: 1) Limited housing affordable to very low-income groups and protected classes, 2) Rising cost of development and need for additional development subsidies, 3) Low number of Ioan applications and Ioan originations rates for minorities, 4) Predatory lending practices, 5) Special needs population with disproportionate rate of lower incomes, barriers to housing choice and access to transportation, 6) Concentrated poverty and in higher incidence of minorities with lower incomes and limited housing choice in Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP), 7) Limited access to healthy food choices for minorities leading to nutrition related diseases such as diabetes and heart disease, 8) Limited number of available affordable housing units and resources to help low-income owners maintain their homes and enhance neighborhood stability, and 9) Limited outreach, public awareness and enforcement of fair housing rights.

Fair Housing progress to address impediments during Program Year 2022 consisted of the following:

- 1. The City of Arlington provided outreach and education marketing materials to local non-profits for distribution to their clients, fair housing information on the website, updated training for staff and newsletters, brochures.
- 2. The City's Grants Management department partnered with the Hispanic Real Estate Broker's Association (HREBA) and Housing Channel to a Homeownership Fair on June 24th, 2023. The fair was attended by over 300 people and included classes which covered fair housing topics with attendees.
- 3. In an effort to address the impediment on improved transportation access to lowto moderate-income residents, the City partnered with local homeless shelters and non-profits to provide free rides on the VIA rideshare program for their low-income clientele impacted by COVID-19.
- 4. The City added to the supply of affordable housing by using community resources and local, state, and federal resources to constructed new subsidized and marketrate multifamily housing units, repair older housing stock, provide homeless prevention rental resources, and provide housing assistance vouchers for very lowincome Arlington residents.
- 5. The City of Arlington Fair Housing Officer received 12 inquiries at a published number and email address. Inquiries and/or complaints were referred to other fair housing providers and resources as needed. The City of Arlington staff participates in periodic Fair Housing webinars and trainings to review Fair Housing basics and learn about how to respond to fair housing scenarios appropriately.

Progress Towards Meeting Consolidated Plan Objectives

Overall, the City concluded the first year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan with strong performances in all areas of housing and community development. Table 1 on the following page provides a summary of progress attained toward each Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan objective.

Summary of PY2022 Action Plan Objectives						
		ANNUAL GOALS		FIVE-YEAR GOALS		
OBJECTIVE	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual To Date	%
Affordable Housing						
Housing Rehabilitation to Households ¹	48	41	85%	325	110	34%
Tenant Based Rental Assistance to Households	40	65	163%	200	194	97%
Homebuyer Education Seminars	10	7	70%			
Fair Housing Seminars	1	1	100%	_		
Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction (CHDO)	1	10	1000%	_		
Homebuyer's Assistance to Households ²	8	0	0%	40	11	28%
Homeless Services						
Emergency Shelter for Homeless	1,500	1,865	124%			
Case Management & Support Services (unduplicated)	150	586	391%			
Case Management Transitional and Permanent Housing	165	303	184%			
Homeless Prevention (households)	25	8	32%			
Rapid Rehousing (households)	15	11	73%	75	60	80%
Services for Persons with Special Needs						
Housing Rehabilitation for Elderly and/or Disabled ³	25	11	44%	125	48	38%
Case Management for Elderly and Disabled	80	120	150%			
Meals Provided for Elderly and Disabled	3818	3817	100%			
Day Habilitation for Persons with Disabilities	82	83	101%			
Case Management for Persons with Mental Health	172	217	126%			
Problems/Substance Abuse						
Other Community Development				_		
Youth Services	7,996	10,453	131%			
EnVision Center	80	86	108%			
Food Pantry Services	3,300	5,793	176%			
Transportation services	120	573	478%			
Victim Services	610	596	98%	-i		
Literacy/ESL	25	25	100%	-i		
Foster Child Advocacy Services	175	216	123%	-i		
Health Services	550	1,070	195%			
Neighborhood Facility	1	0	0%	3	0	0%
Neighborhood Infrastructure Projects	1	1	100%	3	2	67%
Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Stra	ategy Are	a (NRSA)*				
Code Compliance (households)	1,500	2,082	139%	7,500	6,976	93%
Water From The Rock (CBDO)	430	592	138%			
Anti-Poverty Strategy						
Child Care (CTL)	7	11	157%			
VITA/Financial Stability/Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach/Tax Refund Assistance	2000	2,267	113%			
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A. Explanation of Goals Not Met

^{1,3} The Housing Rehabilitation activities fell below the targeted goal due to some applications being denied for not meeting the HOME value limit.

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.

B. Breakdown of grant funds by activities

Program Year 2022 Priority Needs Expenditures*

	CDBG	Home	ESG	Total
PY22 HUD Allocation	\$3,243,498	\$1,385,479	290,853	\$4,919,830

PY22 Priority Needs Expenditures						
				CDBG		
Activity	CDBG	Home	ESG	Cares	ESG Cares	Total*
Affordable						
Housing	\$146,977	\$1,535,032				\$1,682,009
Homelessness			\$236,954		\$454,057	\$691,011
Special Needs	\$109 <i>,</i> 488					\$109,488
Community						
Development	\$1,910,290			\$358,488		\$2,268,778

*Total activities reflect actual expenditures during Program Year 22 (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023) toward broad priority categories as identified in the Consolidated Plan and may include some duplication across categories.

C. Reprogramming of Funds

CDBG Reprogramming	From	То
Code Compliance for NRSA PY22	\$46,195.78	
Code Compliance for NRSA PY23		\$46,195.78
COA Library	\$765.70	
PY23 Community Development Initiatives (TBD)		\$765.70

HOME Reprogramming	From	То
AHA Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) PY22	\$62,184.28	
AHA Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) PY23		\$62,184.28



NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and

Reprogramming of Funds

Notice is hereby given, that the City of Arlington will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. via Microsoft Teams <u>Click here to join the meeting</u>

or by calling 469-375-9689 or (833)-268-8354 Conference ID: 437 669 405#. For additional information about the meeting or to arrange for special accommodations or alternative document forms please contact 817-459-6238 at least 48 hours in advance or via email grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments regarding the City's 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The CAPER outlines progress made in achieving goals established in the 2022-2023 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, including: 1) funds invested in projects and activities; 2) households and persons assisted; 3) actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing; 4) grant-funded projects that meet housing and community development needs in Arlington, 5) and unspent funds to reprogram to other activities.

A draft of the CAPER Executive Summary will be made available for public comment for 30 days beginning Friday, August 17, 2023 and ending September 17, 2023 via the City website at: https://www.arlingtontx.gov/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=18833341.

Copies can be mailed or emailed upon request by contacting <u>grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</u> or by calling 817-459-6238.

All comments may be submitted by participating in the virtual public meeting described above via Microsoft Teams, by calling in, by emailing comments to <u>grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</u>, or by fax at 817-459-6253. All comments must be received by close of business on Friday, September 17, 2023.

In the event you are unable to access the virtual public hearing, you may submit your comments to grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov or by mail to:

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

If you have question, please call 817-459-6238.

The Arlington City Council will review the CAPER on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. The final CAPER, including all public comments received, will be submitted to HUD on or about September 28, 2023.



CIUDAD DE ARLINGTON, TEXAS

NOTIFICACIÓN DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA VIRTUAL 7 de septiembre de 2023 El Informe Anual Consolidado de Rendimiento y Evaluación (CAPER) 2022-2023 y La Reprogramación de Fondos

Por la presente, se notifica que la ciudad de Arlington celebrará una audiencia pública virtual el jueves 7 de septiembre de 2023 a las 6:00 PM. Esta audiencia pública virtual se llevara a cabo por medio de Microsoft Teams, presioné en click para unirse a la reunión <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> También puede llamar al 469-375-9689 o al (833)-268-8354 ID de conferencia: 437 669 405#. Para obtener información adicional sobre la reunión o aportar formularios de documentos alternativos o si es necesario hacer adaptaciones especiales debido a una discapacidad de audición o del habla o una barrera del idioma favor de notificar con al menos cuarenta y ocho (48) horas antes de la audiencia pública programada. Para realizar las adaptaciones necesarias póngase en contacto con el 817-459-6238 o a través del correo electrónico grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov. El propósito de esta audiencia es recibir comentarios públicos sobre el Informe Anual Consolidado de Rendimiento y Evaluación (CAPER) 2022-2023 de la Ciudad para los programas de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CDBG), Asociaciones de Inversión para Hogar (HOME), y Subvención para Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG).

El CAPER describe el progreso realizado en el logro de los objetivos establecidos en el Plan Consolidado 2022-2023 y el Plan de Acción desde el 1 de julio de 2022 hasta el 30 de junio de 2023, incluyendo: 1) Los fondos invertidos en proyectos y actividades; 2) Los hogares y las personas asistidas; 3) Las acciones tomadas para promover afirmativamente la vivienda justa; 4) Los proyectos financiados por subvenciones que satisfacen las necesidades de desarrollo de la vivienda y la comunidad en Arlington, 5) Los fondos no gastados para reprogramar a otras actividades.

Un borrador del resumen ejecutivo del CAPER estará disponible para comentarios públicos durante 30 días a partir del viernes 17 de agosto de 2023 y hasta el 17 de septiembre de 2023 en nuestra página web <u>https://www.arlingtontx.gov/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=18833341</u>.

Se pueden enviar copias por correo o por correo electrónico si se solicita contactando con <u>grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</u>, o llamando al 817-459-6238. Todos los comentarios pueden presentarse participando en la reunión pública virtual descrita con anterioridad a través de Microsoft Teams, llamando por teléfono, enviando los comentarios por correo electrónico a <u>grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</u>, o por fax al 817-459-6253. Todos los comentarios deben recibirse antes del cierre del viernes 17 de septiembre de 2023.

En caso de que no pueda acceder a la audiencia pública virtual, puede enviar sus comentarios a <u>grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</u> o por correo a

Ciudad de Arlington Grants Management P.O. Box 90231, MS-01-0330 Arlington, TX 76010

Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de llamar al 817-459-6238.

El Consejo de la Ciudad de Arlington revisará el CAPER el martes 26 de septiembre de 2023. El CAPER final, incluyendo todos los comentarios públicos recibidos, se presentará al HUD antes del 28 de septiembre de 2023.