

Program Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Executive Summary



Public Comment Period

August 16th, 2024, through August 30th, 2024

Public Hearing on August 22nd, 2023, at 5:30 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 2023 Action Plan. Program Year 2023 (PY2023) is the fourth 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 PY2023 (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024) 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-two non-profit organizations and city departments provided services to approximately 24,145 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.
- 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 9,806 low-income Arlington youth benefited from these programs.
- CDBG funds will be used to construct a childcare facility. The facility will provide care for up to 100 infants and toddlers between the ages of 0-4, from low-income families. Target completion date is summer 2025.

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 2,854 Arlington residents such as, utility assistance, food pantry services, and resource navigation. ESG-CV

funds were also to provide emergency shelter and homeless prevention, services to Arlington residents impacted by COVID-19.

Affordable Housing Highlights

- Housing rehabilitation grants were provided to 24 low- to moderate-income households to address emergency conditions and/or to improve substandard housing conditions, of which 17 were elderly and/or persons with disabilities. A total of 17 households received emergency repairs, and 7 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. A total of 33 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.
- Temporary rental assistance was provided to 61 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 1,784 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 PY2023, 77 individuals were rapidly rehoused after being homeless by Safe Haven of Tarrant County and Center for Transforming Lives.
- Rental vouchers were provided to 61 households through the Arlington Housing Authority programs including Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Housing and Shelter plus Care (SPC).

Highlighted Services for Persons with Special Needs

- Meals on Wheels provided 3,563 meals and nutritional counseling to 40 seniors.

- Arlington Charities and Water from the Rock provided services to 7,551 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 156 individuals.
- Advocates for Special People provided day habilitation services for 100 adults with physical and mental disabilities.
- Seven 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, 875 clients were provided with food pantry services and 23 students attended GED or ESL classes, 50 clients participated in support services.
- Sixty and better, Inc. provided 267 seniors living in the Central Arlington target area, access to daily wellness programs and nutritious meals.
- Code compliance completed 5,109 inspections at 3,949 unduplicated properties including multifamily in the NRSA as part of a comprehensive revitalization strategy to improve neighborhoods and increase public health and safety. 2,045 violation notices were issued with 1,140 violations corrected by property owner. During PY23, 36 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 loan applications and loan 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 2023 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 29th, 2024. 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 low-to 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 market-rate multifamily housing units, repair older housing stock, provide homeless prevention rental resources, and provide housing assistance vouchers for very low-income Arlington residents.
5. The City of Arlington Fair Housing Officer received 6 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 PY2023 Action Plan Objectives

OBJECTIVE	ANNUAL GOALS			FIVE-YEAR GOALS		
	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual To Date	%
Affordable Housing						
Housing Rehabilitation to Households ¹	34	24	71%	325	134	41%
Tenant Based Rental Assistance to Households	45	61	136%	200	255	128%
Homebuyer Education Seminars	10	33	330%			
Fair Housing Seminars	1	1	100%			
Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction	9	5	56%			
Homebuyer's Assistance to Households ²	8	0	0%	40	11	28%
Homeless Services						
Emergency Shelter for Homeless	1,500	1,784	119%			
Case Management & Support Services (unduplicated)	185	773	418%			
Case Management -- Transitional and Permanent Housing	76	467	614%			
Homeless Prevention (households)	25	24	96%			
Rapid Rehousing (households)	15	31	207%	75	91	121%
Services for Persons with Special Needs						
Housing Rehabilitation for Elderly and/or Disabled	25	24	96%	125	72	58%
Case Management for Elderly and Disabled	40	40	100%			
Meals Provided for Elderly and Disabled	3563	3563	100%			
Day Habilitation for Persons with Disabilities	90	100	111%			
Case Management for Persons with Mental Health Problems/Substance Abuse	172	156	91%			
Other Community Development						
Youth Services	7,650	9,806	128%			
Case Management for low-income individuals & families	80	72	90%			
Food Pantry Services	3,300	6,676	202%			
Transportation services	1000	1039	104%			
Victim Services	844	1031	122%			
Literacy/ESL	25	23	92%			
Foster Child Advocacy Services	32	38	119%			
Health Services	550	917	167%			
Neighborhood Facility	1	1	100%	3	0	0%
Neighborhood Infrastructure Projects	0	0	0%	3	2	67%
Business Job & Job Development	0	0	0%	75	37	49%
Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)*						
Code Compliance (households)	1,500	3,949	263%	7,500	10,925	146%
Water From The Rock (CBDO)	581	875	151%			
Anti-Poverty Strategy						
Childcare	10	22	220%			

A. Explanation of Goals Not Met

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 remaining 4 units are still in design.

B. Breakdown of grant funds by activities

Program Year 2023 Priority Needs Expenditures*

	CDBG	Home	ESG	Total
PY23 HUD Allocation	\$3,305,262	\$1,389,198	285,069	\$4,979,529

PY23 Priority Needs Expenditures						
Activity	CDBG	Home	ESG	CDBG Cares	ESG Cares	Total*
Affordable Housing	\$115,682	\$1,306,323				\$1,422,005
Homelessness			\$238,196		\$765,439.96	\$238,196
Special Needs	\$95,255					\$95,255
Community Development	\$1,558,285			\$240,062		\$1,798,347

*Total activities reflect actual expenditures during Program Year 23 (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024) toward broad priority categories as identified in the Consolidated Plan and may include some duplication across categories.

C. Summary of Public Comments

Hybrid public hearing held on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft at Arlington Conference Room A, Arlington City Hall, 101 W. Abram Arlington, TX 76010.

Attendees:

Staff

1. Nikky Lewis
2. Catherine Donaldson
3. Sarah Kanema
4. Shana Washington

There were no questions or comments.



NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 22, 2024

2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Notice is hereby given, that the City of Arlington will hold a hybrid public hearing on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#) or by calling 469-375-9689 or (833)-268-8354 Conference ID: 437 669 405# and 2) at Arlington Conference Room A, Arlington City Hall, 101 W. Abram Arlington, TX 76010. 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, 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 15 days beginning Friday, August 15, 2024 and ending August 30, 2024 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 grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov or by calling 817-459-6238.

All comments may be submitted by participating in the hybrid public meeting described above via Microsoft Teams, by calling in, by emailing comments to grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov, or by fax at 817-459-6253. All comments must be received by close of business on Friday, August 30, 2024.

In the event you are unable to access the hybrid 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 17, 2024. The final CAPER, including all public comments received, will be submitted to HUD on or about September 28, 2024.



AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA HÍBRIDA EL 22 DE AGOSTO DE 2024

Informe Anual Consolidado de Desempeño y Evaluación 2023-2024 (CAPER)

Por la presente se notifica que la Ciudad de Arlington llevará a cabo una audiencia pública híbrida el jueves 22 de agosto de 2024 a las 5:30 p.m. a través de Microsoft Teams [Haga clic aquí para unirse a la reunión](#) o llamando al 469-375-9689 o al (833)-268-8354 ID de conferencia: 437 669 405 # y 2) en la Sala de Conferencias A de Arlington, Ayuntamiento de Arlington, 101 W. Abram Arlington, TX 76010. Para obtener información adicional sobre la reunión o para organizar adaptaciones especiales o formularios de documentos alternativos, comuníquese al 817-459-6238 con al menos 48 horas de anticipación o por correo electrónico grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov. El propósito de esta audiencia es recibir comentarios públicos sobre el Informe Anual Consolidado de Desempeño y Evaluación (CAPER) 2023-2024 de la Ciudad para la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG), las Asociaciones de Inversión HOME y la Subvención para Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG).

El CAPER describe los avances logrados en el logro de las metas establecidas en el Plan Consolidado y el Plan de Acción 2023-2024 desde el 1 de julio de 2023 hasta el 30 de junio de 2024, entre ellos: 1) fondos invertidos en proyectos y actividades; 2) hogares y personas asistidas; 3) las medidas adoptadas para promover la equidad en la vivienda; 4) proyectos financiados por subvenciones que satisfacen las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario en Arlington, 5) y fondos no gastados para reprogramar a otras actividades.

Un borrador del Resumen Ejecutivo de CAPER estará disponible para comentarios públicos durante 15 días a partir del viernes 15 de agosto de 2024 y hasta el 30 de agosto de 2024 a través del sitio web de la Ciudad en: <https://www.arlingtontx.gov/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=18833341>.

Las copias se pueden enviar por correo postal o electrónico a pedido comunicándose con grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov o llamando al 817-459-6238.

Todos los comentarios pueden enviarse participando en la reunión pública híbrida descrita anteriormente a través de Microsoft Teams, llamando, enviando comentarios por correo electrónico a grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov o por fax al 817-459-6253. Todos los comentarios deben recibirse antes del cierre de operaciones del viernes 30 de agosto de 2024.

En caso de que no pueda acceder a la audiencia pública híbrida, puede enviar sus comentarios a grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov o por correo a:

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P.O. Box 90231, MS-01-0330
Arlington, TX 76010

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame al 817-459-6238.

El Concejo Municipal de Arlington revisará el CAPER el martes 17 de septiembre de 2024. El CAPER final, incluidos todos los comentarios públicos recibidos, se enviará a HUD el 28 de septiembre de 2024 o alrededor de esa fecha.