



Program Year 2021

Action Plan

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME)
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
and
Reprogramming Emergency Solutions Grant-CV2**

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

March 31 - April 30, 2021

Executive Summary

1. General Introduction

The Program Year 2021 Action Plan describes how the City of Arlington intends to use funds available under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs to meet priority community needs. The plan will also include reprogramming of CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) funds to meet urgent needs of those impacted by the pandemic. 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, 2020 and ends June 30, 2021. 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 second year of the 2020-2024 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, community development needs, and meeting urgent needs of those impacted by the pandemic. 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 anticipated Program Year 2021 budget is in the table below. A summary of the Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan goals is on page 3. The Program Year 2021 Draft Action Plan Funding Recommendations are listed on page 6.

Source	CDBG	HOME	ESG	Total
Actual PY2021 Entitlement Allocation	\$3,409,805	\$1,264,531	\$290,528	\$4,964,864
Estimated Prior Year Reprogrammed Funds	\$421,257	\$384,976	\$26,260	\$832,493
Total	\$3,831,062	\$1,649,507	\$316,788	\$5,797,357

Table 1 – Program Year 2021 Budget Summary

Program Year 2021 Action Plan Goals Summary				
Strategy Area		Strategy	Citywide Output	Target Area Output ¹
Affordable Housing	1	Homebuyers' Assistance	8 households	5 households
	2	Housing Rehabilitation	48 households	5 households
	3	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	40 households	
	4	Alexander Place CHDO Townhome Development	8 units	1 unit
	5	Homebuyer Education	10 seminars	
	6	Homeownership Fair/Fair Housing Seminars	1 seminar	
	7	Affordable Mixed-Income Multifamily Rental Housing	11 households	
	8	Affordable CBDO New Housing in NRSA	10 households	10 households
Homelessness	9	Homeless Shelter Care	1,500 persons	
	10	Case Management and Support Services	500 persons	
	11	Transitional and Permanent Housing	150 units	
	12	Rapid Rehousing	15 households	
	13	Support State ESG and/or CoC applications	1 application	
	14	Homeless Prevention	25 households	
	15	Street Outreach Services	200 persons	
Special Needs	16	Housing Rehabilitation for Elderly and Disabled	10 households	
	17	Meals and Case Management for Elderly	300 persons	
	18	Day Habilitation for Persons with Disabilities	80 persons	
	19	Case Management – Substance Abuse	200 persons	
Community Development	20	Youth Services	6,000 persons	
	21	Transportation	100 persons	
	22	Food Pantry services	1,000 persons	
	23	Victim Services	80 persons	
	24	Literacy & Skills training/ESL	130 persons	130 persons
	25	Advocacy Services - Abused/Neglected Children	30 persons	
	26	Code Compliance	1,500 households	1,500 households
	27	Neighborhood Infrastructure with Broadband	1 project	NRSA/East Arlington
	28	Alliance for Children Facility Expansion	1 project	
	29	Health Services	6,000 persons	
	30	Microenterprise Technical Assistance	12 businesses	
	31	Envision Center	80 persons	80 persons
	32	Veterans Skills Training in NRSA	5 persons	5 persons
Anti-Poverty	33	Childcare	50 persons	
	34	VITA/Financial Stability	2,000 households	500 households
Lead-Based Paint	35	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Education	1 seminar	
	36	Lead Testing to Reduce Hazards	15 households	
Planning	37	United Way - Arlington	1 report	

¹ Target Area Outputs are a subset of Citywide Outputs and include activities in the NRSA and/or East Arlington target areas.

2. Progress to Meeting Consolidated Plan Objectives

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

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 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. The funds budgeted in the PY2021 Action Plan for CDBG, HOME, and ESG, including reprogrammed funds are summarized on page 2.

b. 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 (PY19) include:

- Public services provided for over 11,076 residents;
- Public services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus provided to 2,140 residents;
- Transportation services for over 233 low-income persons seeking access to employment and educational opportunities;
- Homeless services for over 1,560 individuals;
- Down payment and closing costs assistance provided to 4 low-income, first-time homebuyers;
- Housing rehabilitation for 56 low- to moderate-income homeowners;
- Temporary rental assistance provided to 47 households;
- Assisted 24 entrepreneurs through the provision of microenterprise technical assistance program; and
- Over 2,365 free tax returns were prepared by partner organizations for low-income, working Arlington residents resulting in total tax refunds of \$4,714,418.

Overall, in PY2019 the City met or exceeded 26 of 30 annual program goals and made significant progress towards meeting the remaining objectives in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The explanation of goals where progress was not made, or activities falling behind schedule include:

1) CHDO developer activity fell below the projected goal due to difficulty acquiring affordable lots, competition with investors with cash offers, rising cost of home values in Arlington, high

demand for homes under \$200k, and homebuilder delays. However, the City's two certified CHDOs had five homes under construction/rehabilitation during the program year and will be sold to eligible low-income homebuyers during PY20;

2) The Homebuyer Assistance activity fell below the projected goal due to a seller's housing market, increased demand, low inventory of housing units available for sale, and increased sales prices. Additional efforts are being explored to increase awareness of homebuyer assistance programs to reduce the affordability gap as well as other housing policy options to help offset any barriers to affordable housing. The Bel Air project on Abram Street, developed by Housing Channel has reserved 14 units for low-income homebuyers of which 6 have been sold to date. Overall, the project has built 19 new homes, sold 17 with 2 homes under contract;

3) The Literacy/ESL activity goal fell below the projected goal due to the reduction of literacy providers. The City funded only one literacy service provider during PY19 since the Library program did not apply for CDBG funds during the program year. Water from the Rock also saw reductions in attendance due to COVID-19 and relocation of their office; and

4) Water From the Rock (CBDO) fell below the contracted goal due to reductions in attendance due to COVID-19 and relocation of their office.

c. CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) Reprogramming

The City of Arlington proposes to reprogram additional CARES Act ESG-CV2 funds from the original planned purpose to the updated planned activities and homeless service provider shown below to meet urgent needs related to the outbreak of COVID-19. Current HUD waivers allow an abbreviated public comment period for these CARES funds.

Original Plan	Funded Amount	Organization	Updated Plan	Updated Amount	Organization
COVID Positive Shelter	\$678,000	TC Homeless Coalition	COVID Positive Shelter Support	\$178,000	TC Homeless Coalition
			Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Diversion, Bridge Housing	\$500,000	3 Providers: Arl Housing, Center for Transforming Lives, Salvation Army
Street Outreach, Prevention, Other Urgent Needs (TBD)	\$409,271	Multiple	Street Outreach	\$76,000	Hands of Hope
			Outdoor wash stations	\$25,000	Parks Dept.
			Other Urgent Needs: Shelter needs, mobile clinic for homeless	\$308,271	3 Shelters: Safe Haven, Arlington Life Shelter, Salvation Army

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		CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
	ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING	Cap = \$681,961	Cap = \$126,453	Cap = \$21,791	
1	City of Arlington and AHA General Administration	\$ 641,961	\$ 126,453	\$ 21,791	\$ 790,205
2	United Way Tarrant County - Human Service Planning	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 681,961	\$ 126,453	\$ 21,791	\$ 830,205
	CITY PROJECTS - RENEWALS	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
3	Housing Rehabilitation - Arlington Housing Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	NRSA Code Compliance	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000
5	Project Compliance - Grants Management	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
6	Neighborhood Infrastructure - Streets and Broadband	\$ 1,220,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,220,630
7	Arlington Homebuyer Assistance Program (AHAP)	\$ -	\$ 184,524	\$ -	\$ 184,524
8	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - AHA*	\$ -	\$ 13,530	\$ -	\$ 13,530
9	Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,455,630	\$ 198,054	\$ -	\$ 1,653,684
	CITY PROJECTS - NEW	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
10	Alliance for Children Facility Improvements**	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
	SUBRECIPIENT REQUESTS	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
	Public Services	Cap = \$511,471		Cap = \$268,737	
	City-Administered Public Services				
11	Parks and Recreation Department - Build a Dream	\$ 78,471	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,471
12	Public Library - Digital Literacy	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500
	Non-Profit Public Services				
13	Advocates for Special People, Inc. - Services for Persons with Disabilities	\$ 38,242	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,242
14	Alliance Child & Family Solutions - Mental Health Services (New applicant)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15	Arlington Charities, Inc. - Food Pantry and Services	\$ 26,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,520
16	Arlington Life Shelter - Shelter Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,000
17	Arlington Urban Ministries - Homeless Prevention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000
18	Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star - Youth Mentoring	\$ 15,198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,198
19	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County - Youth Programs	\$ 36,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,000
20	CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children	\$ 30,395	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,395
21	Center for Transforming Lives - Child Care Center and Rapid Rehousing	\$ 45,900	\$ -	\$ 44,000	\$ 89,900
22	Dental Health for Arlington, Inc. - Dental Clinic and Smiles Education Program	\$ 40,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,800
23	Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County - Youth Development Programs	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
24	H.O.P.E Tutoring Center, Inc. - Youth Tutoring	\$ 25,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,500
25	Housing Channel - CHDO Owner-Occupied Housing	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
26	Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County - Meal Delivery for Seniors	\$ 28,560	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,560
27	Recovery Resource Council - Substance Abuse Treatment and Referrals	\$ 22,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,050
28	SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Shelter Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
29	SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Rapid Rehousing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,172	\$ 30,172
30	Saigebrook Development Inc. - Multi-family Rental Housing	\$ -	\$ 925,000	\$ -	\$ 925,000
31	Saijal Properties - Single Family Rental Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32	Sixty and Better Inc. - Wellness Program for Seniors	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000
33	Tarrant Area Food Bank - Wellness on Wheels (New applicant)	\$ 36,460	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,460
34	Tarrant County Hands of Hope - Street Outreach (New applicant)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
35	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition - HMIS License Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
36	The Salvation Army - Family Life Center Shelter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,825	\$ 31,825
37	Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc. - Victim Services	\$ 28,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,875
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 511,471	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 294,997	\$ 2,131,468
	Other - Community Based Development Organization - Excluded from Public Services Cap				
38	Team Recon, PBC/Rehab Warriors - Veterans Skills Training and Housing Development (CBDO)	\$ 620,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620,000
39	Water From The Rock (CBDO) - Financial Literacy and Support Services	\$ 62,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,000
	PY21 ACTUAL HUD ALLOCATION	\$ 3,409,805	\$ 1,264,531	\$ 290,528	\$ 4,964,864
	PRIOR YEAR REPROGRAMMED FUNDS	\$ 421,257	\$ 384,976	\$ 26,260	\$ 832,493
	TOTAL PY21 AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 3,831,062	\$ 1,649,507	\$ 316,788	\$ 5,797,357
	TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	\$ 3,831,062	\$ 1,649,507	\$ 316,788	\$ 5,797,357

*HOME funding for TBRA program will be replenished with approximately \$400,000 from the American Rescue Plan HOME allocation to serve homeless households.

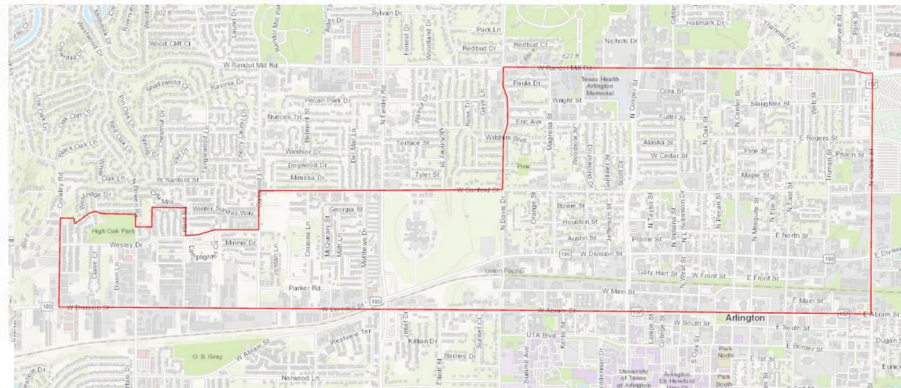
**Council approved \$500,000 in the PY20 Action Plan budget to the Alliance for Children facility expansion with the remaining amount shown here in the PY21 Action Plan budget.

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

Boundary:

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

- 16,035 population
- 31% poverty
- 78% low-moderate income
- 66% minority

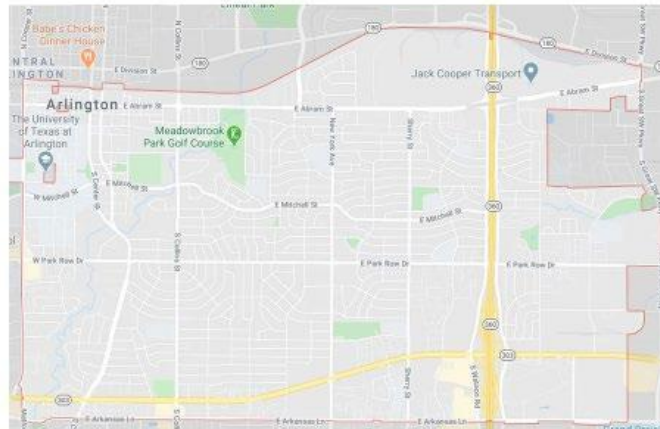


Target Areas: East Arlington (76010)

Boundary

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

- 55,942 population
- 30% poverty
- 76% low-moderate income
- 76% minority



3. Summary of citizen participation process

A notice informing the public of the Action Plan was published in the Star-Telegram on March 31, 2021. The notice will announce a 30-day public comment period from March 31 through April 30.

The City will host two virtual public hearings during the 30-day comment period to obtain additional input on the Program Year 2021 Action Plan:

- **April 5, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.** Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 and enter Conference ID: 314-058-158# to join the virtual public hearing.
- **April 22, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.** Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 and enter Conference ID: 567 584 560# to join the virtual public hearing.

The draft plan is open for public comment for 30 days from March 31 to April 30, 2021 and can be mailed or emailed upon request by contacting grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov or by calling 817-459-6229. Submit written comments and questions regarding the plans to grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov.

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 https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/office_of_strategic_initiatives/grants_management/planning_and_reporting. For questions, please call (817)-459-6229.
