

Program Year 2022 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

April 15 - May 14, 2022

Executive Summary

1. General Introduction

The Program Year 2022 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, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023. 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 third 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 2022 budget is in the table below. A summary of the Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan goals is on page 3. The Program Year 2022 Draft Action Plan Funding Recommendations are listed on page 7.

The City plans to adopt the following contingency language: If actual 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 precent increase or decrease in funding.

Source	CDBG	HOME	ESG	Total
Estimated PY2022 Entitlement Allocation	\$3,460,052	\$1,264,531	\$290,528	\$5,015,111
Estimated Prior Year Reprogrammed Funds	\$382,139	\$783,620	\$5,144	\$1,170,903
Total	\$3,842,191	\$2,048,151	\$295,672	\$6,186,014

 Table 1 – Program Year 2022 Budget Summary

Program	Year 2022 Action Plan Goals Summary
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Strategy Area		Strategy	Citywide Output	Target Area Output ⁱ
	1	Homebuyers' Assistance	8 households	5 households
	2	Housing Rehabilitation	21 households	5 households
A 66	3	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	40 households	
Affordable Housing	4	Dan Gould Duplexes	4 units	
	5	Homebuyer Education	10 seminars	
	6	Homeownership Fair/Fair Housing Seminars	1 seminar	
	7	Wynn Terrace Rental Housing For Seniors	10 units	
	8	Homeless Shelter Care	1,500 persons	
	9	Case Management and Support Services	500 persons	
Hered	10	Transitional and Permanent Housing	150 units	
Homelessness	11	Rapid Rehousing	15 households	
	12	Support State ESG and/or CoC applications	1 application	
	13	Homeless Prevention	25 households	
	14	Street Outreach Services	200 persons	
	15	Housing Rehabilitation for Elderly and Disabled	10 households	
Special Needs	16	Meals and Case Management for Elderly	300 persons	
	17	Day Habilitation for Persons with Disabilities	63 persons	
	18	Case Management – Substance Abuse	200 persons	
	19	Youth Services	6,000 persons	
	20	Transportation	100 persons	
Communit	21	Food Pantry services	1,000 persons	
Community Development	22	Victim Services	80 persons	
Development	23	Adult Education Citizenship Classes	50 persons	50 persons
	24	Advocacy Services - Abused/Neglected Children	30 persons	
	25	Code Compliance	1,500 households	1,500 households
	26	Neighborhood Infrastructure	2 projects	NRSA
	27	Health Services	6,000 persons	
28 Microenterprise Technical Assistance		Microenterprise Technical Assistance	12 businesses	
	29	Envision Center	80 persons	80 persons
Anti-Poverty	30	Childcare	50 persons	
Lead-Based Paint	31	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Education	1 seminar	
	32	Lead Testing to Reduce Hazards	15 households	
Planning	33	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 8. 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 PY2022 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 completed program year (PY20) include:

- Public services provided for over 10,687 residents;
- Public services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus provided to 5,621 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 2,233 low-income youth;
- Homeless services for over 3,246 individuals;
- Down payment and closing costs assistance provided to 7 low-income, first-time homebuyers;
- Housing rehabilitation for 32 low- to moderate-income homeowners;
- Day habitation services were provided to 133 adults with physical and mental disabilities;
- Temporary rental assistance provided to 33 households;
- Food pantry services were provided to 6,673 residents;
- Meals and nutritional counseling were provided to 501 seniors
- Assisted 16 entrepreneurs through the provision of microenterprise technical assistance program; and
- Over 2,874 free tax returns were prepared by partner organizations for low-income, working Arlington residents resulting in total tax refunds of \$5,411,199.

Overall, in PY2020 the City met or exceeded 22 of 32 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:

1) Due to the impact of COVID-19 on program operations, the rehabilitation program was unable to assist the planned number of households which resulted in reduced numbers served.

2) The number of elderly and/or disabled households receiving rehabilitation assistance fell below its projected goal due to the impact of COVID-19 on program operations.

3) The Youth services activity fell below its projected goal as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many non-profits serving low-income Arlington youth ceased, or reduced operations and others pivoted to a virtual service delivery or other online options.

4) The Health services activity fell below its projected goal as a result of the pandemic. The SMILES program operated by Dental Health for Arlington was unable to enter AISD schools during the pandemic which resulted in decreased numbers served for their dental education program.

5) Water From the Rock (CBDO) fell below the contracted goal due to the impact of the pandemic on operations.

6) The start of the Neighborhood Facility-Alliance for Children Expansion Project is behind schedule. However, the CDBG grant agreement has been signed and construction should begin soon.

7) The Transportation activity fell below its projected goal due to the withdrawal of Mission Metroplex grant application which planned to provided transportation services to low-income Arlington residents. We anticipate meeting this goal in the current Action Plan with the Via rideshare program for low-income Arlington residents through a network of non-profits.

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
Street Outreach, Prevention,	\$308,271	Multiple Organizations	Shelter	\$125,111	The Salvation Army
Other Urgent needs (TBD)			Rapid Rehousing	\$71,800	The Salvation Army
Rapid Rehousing Admin	\$20,000	Multiple Organizations	Rapid Rehousing Admin	\$10,000	The Salvation Army

Program Year 2022 Draft Action Plan Budget Funding Recommendations

			CDBG		НОМЕ		ESG		TOTAL
	ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING	C	ap = \$692,010	Ca	p = \$126,453	Ca	p = \$21,791		
1	City of Arlington and AHA General Administration	S	652.010	\$		S	21,791	s	800,254
2	United Way Tarrant County - Human Service Planning	Ś	40,000	-	-	Ś	-	ŝ	40,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$	692,010	\$	126,453	\$	21,791	\$	840,254
			CDBG		ПОИГ		ESG		TOTAL
2	CITY PROJECTS - RENEWALS	s		S	НОМЕ	s		S	393,376
3 4	Housing Rehabilitation - Arlington Housing Authority NRSA Code Compliance	s S	393,376 162,704	ֆ Տ	-	ə S	-	s	162,704
5	Project Compliance - Grants Management	ŝ	102,704	Ф \$	-	ŝ	-	ŝ	102,704
6	Neighborhood Infrastructure - TBD	š		ŝ		š	-	š	559,999
7	Homebuver Assistance	š		ŝ	200.000	š	-	š	200.000
8	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - AHA	š	-	ŝ	400,000	š	-	š	400.000
	SUBTOTAL		1,126,079	-	600,000	-	-	š	1,726,079
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•	CITY PROJECTS - NEW	s	CDBG	s	НОМЕ	~	ESG	•	TOTAL
9	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Tarrant County - Facility Improvements SUBTOTAL		400,000 400,000	\$	-	\$ \$	-	\$ \$	400,000 400,000
	SOBIOTAL	<u> </u>	400,000	•	-	<u> </u>	-	•	400,000
	SUBRECIPIENT REQUESTS		CDBG		НОМЕ		ESG		TOTAL
			ublic Services						
		C	ap = \$519,008			Са	p = \$268,737		
	City-Administered Public Services		70.000	~		_		_	70.000
10	Parks and Recreation Department - Build a Dream	\$ \$	78,368	-	-	ş	-	s s	78,368
11	Public Library - Citizenship Classes Non-Profit Public Services	\$	10,500	\$	-	\$	-	•	10,500
12	Advocates for Special People, Inc Services for Persons with Disabilities	\$	38.242	\$	-	S		s	38.242
13	Arlington Charities, Inc Food Pantry and Services	ŝ	56,520	ŝ		ŝ		š	56,520
14	Arlington Life Shelter	š	-	ŝ	-	š	31.000	Ť	00,020
15	Arlington Urban Ministries - Homeless Prevention	š	-	Š	-	š	47,420	s	47,420
16	Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star - Youth Mentoring	\$	15,198	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,198
17	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County - Youth Development Program	\$	36,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	36,000
18	CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children	\$	30,395	\$	-	\$	-	\$	30,395
19	Center for Transforming Lives - Child Care Center	\$	20,000	\$	-	ş	-	Ş	20,000
20	Dental Health for Arlington, Inc Dental Clinic and Smiles Education Program	\$	40,800	\$	-	\$	-	ş	40,800
21	Destiny Empowerment - Workforce and Housing Program	\$	20,000	\$	-	S S	-	ş	20,000
22 23	Development of Tarrant County - Affordable Rental Housing Foundation Communities - Learning Center Support (New Applicant)	\$ \$	20.000	\$ \$	815,000	s	-	s s	815,000 20.000
23	Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County - Youth Development Programs	s S	20,000	э \$	-	ŝ	-	ŝ	20,000
25	H.O.P.E Tutoring Center, Inc Youth Tutoring	š	25,500	ŝ	-	š	-	š	25,500
26	Housing Channel - CHDO Owner - Rental Housing for Seniors	š	-	ŝ	250.000	š	-	š	250,000
27	Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County - Nutrition Program	š	28,560	ŝ	-	š	-	š	28,560
28	Recovery Resource Council - Substance Abuse Treatment and Referrals	\$	22,050	\$	-	\$	-	\$	22,050
29	SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Shelter Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50,317	\$	50,317
30	SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Rapid Rehousing	\$	-	\$	-	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
31	Sixty and Better Inc Senior Health and Wellness	\$	28,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	28,000
32	Tarrant County Hands of Hope - Street Outreach (New Applicant)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	70,000	ş	70,000
33 34	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition - HMIS License Fees	Ş	-	\$	-	ş	6,000	\$	6,000
34 35	The Salvation Army - Shelter Services The Salvation Army - Rapid Rehousing	\$ \$	-	\$ \$	-	\$ S	24,000 10,000		
36	The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc Victim Services	ŝ	28.875	ŝ	-	ŝ	10,000	s	28.875
50	SUBTOTAL	-	519.008	š	1,065,000	š	268,737	š	1.787.745
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	Other - Community Based Development Organization - Excluded from Public			•					
37	Water From The Rock (CBDO) - Adult Literacy and Support Services	\$	62,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	62,000
	PY22 ESTIMATED HUD ALLOCATION	\$	3,460,052	\$	1,264,531	\$	290,528	\$	5,015,111
	PRIOR YEAR REPROGRAMMED FUNDS	\$	382,139	\$	783,620	\$	5,144	\$	1,170,903
	TOTAL PY22 AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$	3,842,191	-	2,048,151	\$	295,672		6,186,014
	TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	\$	2,799,097		1,791,453		290,528		4,816,078
	TOTAL PY22 REMAINING FUNDS	\$	1,043,094	\$	256,698	\$	5,144	\$	1,369,936

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)

<u>Boundary</u> 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, 2022. 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 2022 Action Plan:

- April 5, 2022 6:00 p.m. Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 (Toll-free) and enter Conference ID: 459 262 706# to join the virtual public hearing.
- April 21, 2022 6:00 p.m. Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 (Toll-free) and enter Conference ID: 474 013 725# to join the virtual public hearing.

The draft plan is open for public comment for 30 days from March 31 to April 30, 2022 and can be mailed or emailed upon request by contacting <u>grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</u> or by calling 817-459-6251. Submit written comments and questions regarding the plans to <u>grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov</u>.

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 <u>https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/office_of_strategic_initiatives/grants_man</u> agement/planning_and_reporting. For questions, please call (817)-459-6251.