



Program Year 2024 Action Plan

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

Grants Management Department
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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Program Year 2024 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, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025. 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 fifth 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, 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.

Allotments within this plan were proportionately adjusted based upon final allocations received from HUD. Estimated allocations were based upon PY23 funding levels. For PY24, the City received a 3.5% decrease in funding for CDBG, 16.3% decrease in HOME, and a 1.89% increase in funding for ESG. Each program received a corresponding decrease or increase in funding based upon the given percentage amount. The City has reprogrammed additional CDBG, ESG & CDBG-CV3 funds as listed on the reprogramming summary.

Table 1 – Program Year 2024 Budget Summary

Source	CDBG	HOME	ESG	Total
PY2024 Entitlement Allocation	\$3,191,069	\$1,162,285	\$290,498	\$4,643,852
Prior Year Reprogrammed Funds	\$250,000		\$1,200.00	\$251,200.00
Total	\$3,441,069	\$1,162,285	\$291,698	\$4,895,052

Table 2 – Program Year 2024 Action Plan Goals Summary

<i>Program Year 2024 Action Plan Goals Summary</i>				
<i>Strategy Area</i>		<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Citywide Output</i>	<i>Target Area Outputⁱ</i>
Affordable Housing	1	Housing Rehabilitation	95 households	5 households
	2	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	40 households	
	3	Dan Gould Duplexes	4 units	
	4	Homebuyer Education	10 seminars	
	5	Homeownership Fair/Fair Housing Seminars	1 seminar	
Homelessness	6	Homeless Shelter Care	1,500 persons	
	7	Case Management and Support Services	500 persons	
	8	Transitional and Permanent Housing	150 units	
	9	Rapid Rehousing	15 households	
	10	Homeless Prevention	25 households	
Special Needs	11	Street Outreach Services	200 persons	
	12	Housing Rehabilitation for Elderly and Disabled	10 households	
	13	Meals and Case Management for Elderly	300 persons	
	14	Day Habilitation for Persons with Disabilities	63 persons	
	15	Case Management – Substance Abuse	200 persons	
Community Development	16	Youth Services	6,000 persons	50 persons 1,500 households NRSA
	17	Transportation	100 persons	
	18	Food Pantry services	1,000 persons	
	19	Victim Services	80 persons	
	20	Adult Education Citizenship Classes	50 persons	
	21	Advocacy Services - Abused/Neglected Children	30 persons	
	22	Code Compliance	1,500 households	
	23	Neighborhood Infrastructure	2 projects	
	24	Health Services	6,000 persons	
	25	Microenterprise Technical Assistance	12 businesses	
Anti-Poverty	26	Envision Center	80 persons	80 persons
	27	Childcare	50 persons	
Lead-Based Paint	28	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Education	1 seminar	
	29	Lead Testing to Reduce Hazards	15 households	
Planning	30	United Way (VITA) - Arlington	1 report	

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 in Attachment "F". 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

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 (PY22) include the following:

- Public services provided for over 26,148 residents;
- Public services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus provided to 3,573 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 10,453 low-income youth;
- Transportation services for over 573 low-income persons seeking access to employment and educational opportunities.
- Homeless services for over 1,865 individuals.
- Housing rehabilitation for 41 low- to moderate-income homeowners;
- Day habitation services were provided to 83 adults with physical and mental disabilities.
- Temporary rental assistance provided to 65 households.
- Food pantry services were provided to 5,793 residents;
- There were 3,817 meals provided and nutritional counseling to 42 seniors.
- Over 2,267 free tax returns were prepared by partner organizations for low-income, Arlington residents resulting in total tax refunds of \$3,756,133.

Overall, in PY2022 the City met or exceeded 18 of 30 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) Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on program operations, the Rapid Rehousing and Safe Shelter programs were unable to assist the planned number of households which resulted in reduced numbers served. Multiple barriers caused by the COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact with the Rapid Rehousing Program. It was reported that the planned number to be served was not met due to shelter-in-place regulations, ongoing licensure required center closures, and overall low enrollment resulting from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2) The Arlington Homebuyer's Association activity fell below the projected goal of 8 households due to increase in market values, which escalated home prices above the HUD maximum purchase price value, thus affecting the planned goal. Other factors include high competition with investor paying cash and high mortgage interest rates have further heightened the affordability crisis in the city.
- 3) The Housing Rehabilitation activities fell below the targeted goal due to some applications being denied for not meeting the HOME value limit and quite a few denials were due to the homeowner's not being current on their property taxes.
- 4) The public services to Arlington senior and elderly citizens programs fell below their projected goals due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on program operations. The reasons noted were due to COVID closures which impacted the number of seniors that could be served.
- 5) The victim services activity fell below its projected goal due to cancelation of appointments related to staff and clients being out sick. This led to enrolled clients staying in the program longer to make up missed appointments reducing the capacity to increase enrollment of new clients. As the social/emotional effects of the pandemic continue, it is likely that longer counseling enrollment periods will also continue.

3a. The City of Arlington proposes to reprogram funds for the following activities within the Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan.

1. Reprogram \$250,000 in PY23 CDBG Tarrant County Child Care Center funds to the City of Arlington – Water Department for infrastructure improvements.
2. Reprogram \$26,248.00 in PY2020 CDBG-Cares Act (CDBG CV3) program funds to provide assistance for programmatic activities conducted by Sixty & Better.

PY24 ACTION PLAN REPROGRAMMING SUMMARY

TYPE	IDIS ACT	PROG. YEAR	GRANT	GRANT DESCRIPTION	AWARD	FUND	COST CENTER	SPEND CAT	REPROGRAM AMOUNT
CDBG									
		2023	FROM	TARRANT COUNTY CHILDCARE CENTER		FD3541	CC418649	SC0533	\$ (250,000.00)
		2024	TO	CITY OF ARLINGTON - WATER DEPARTMENT		FD3541	CC418650	SC0533	\$ 250,000.00
ESG									
	4500	2023	GR000579	ESG23-24 TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS AWD-000224		FD3508	CC418603	SC0533	\$ 1,200.00
CDBG-CV3									
		2020	FROM	CDBG-CV3		FD3541	CC418645	SC0533	\$ 26,248.00
		2024	TO	SIXTY & BETTER		FD3541	CC418650	SC0533	\$ 26,248.00

**Program Year 2024 Action Plan
Funding Recommendations**

HUD ALLOCATED PY24 AVAILABLE FUNDS	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
Entitlement Funds	\$ 3,191,069	\$ 1,162,285	\$ 290,498	\$ 4,643,852
Prior Year Reprogram Funds	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 251,200
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,441,069	\$ 1,162,285	\$ 291,698	\$ 4,895,052

ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING	CDBG Cap = 20%	HOME Cap = 10%	ESG Cap = 7.5%	TOTAL
City of Arlington - Grant General Administration	\$ 599,596	\$ 107,862	\$ 21,787	\$ 729,245
United Way Tarrant County - Human Service Planning	\$ 38,618	\$ -		\$ 38,618
Arlington Housing Authority -Tenant Based Rental Assistance Administration	\$ -	\$ 8,367		\$ 8,367
SUBTOTAL	\$ 638,214	\$ 116,228	\$ 21,787	\$ 776,229

CITY PROJECTS - RENEWALS	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
Code Compliance Department - NRSA Code Compliance	\$ 157,083			\$ 157,083
Arlington Housing Authority - Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$ 851,390			\$ 851,390
Neighborhood Infrastructure Project (Mitchell St.) - Public Works Department	\$ 851,390			\$ 851,390
Neighborhood Infrastructure Project- City of Arlington Water Department	\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000
Neighborhood Infrastructure Needs As Identified	\$ 144,821			\$ 144,821
City of Arlington Admin Infrastructure Compliance	\$ 9,655			\$ 9,655
Tarrant County - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)			\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Arlington Housing Authority - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance		\$ 389,046		\$ 389,046
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,264,337	\$ 389,046	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,661,383

SUBRECIPIENT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS	CDBG Public Service, Cap 15% \$ 478,660	HOME	ESG Shelter/Outreach Cap 60% \$ 174,299	TOTAL
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City-Administered Public Services				
Arlington Parks and Recreation Department - Build a Dream	\$ 23,642			\$ 23,642
Arlington Transportation Department - Arlington Via Rideshare	\$ 23,642			\$ 23,642
Arlington Housing Authority - Envision Center	\$ 23,642			\$ 23,642
SUBTOTAL	\$ 70,926			\$ 70,926

Non-Profit Public Services				
Advocates for Special People, Inc. - Services for Persons with Disabilities	\$ 34,609	\$ -		\$ 34,609
Alliance Child & Family Solutions (EmpathyHQ) - Mental Health Outreach & Support	\$ 28,963	\$ -		\$ 28,963
Arlington Charities, Inc. - Food Pantry and Services	\$ 51,151	\$ -		\$ 51,151
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star - Evidence-Based Mentoring	\$ 13,755	\$ -		\$ 13,755
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County - Youth Programming	\$ 32,581	\$ -		\$ 32,581
CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children	\$ 27,509	\$ -		\$ 27,509
Center for Transforming Lives (CTL - Child Care Subsidy)	\$ 17,378	\$ -		\$ 17,378
Center for Transforming Lives (Rapid Rehousing)		\$ -	\$ 25,595	\$ 25,595
Community In Unity Services - Shelter Street Outreach (<i>New Applicant</i>)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dental Health for Arlington, Inc.- Dental Clinic and Smiles Program	\$ 36,925	\$ -		\$ 36,925
Destiny Empowerment Enterprises Inc. - Skill for Life Job Training	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Destiny Empowerment Enterprises Inc. - Shelter Services- Renovation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Development of Tarrant County - Affordable Rental Housing	\$ -	\$ 657,011		\$ 657,011
Day Resource center (DRC Solutions) - Street Outreach (<i>New Applicant</i>)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,507	\$ 82,507
Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County - Prevention Program	\$ 18,100	\$ -		\$ 18,100
Goodwill North Central Texas-North Texas Institute for Career Development	\$ 26,408	\$ -		\$ 26,408
H.O.P.E Tutoring Center, Inc. - Youth Tutoring	\$ 23,078	\$ -		\$ 23,078
Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County - Nutrition Program	\$ 25,847	\$ -		\$ 25,847
Pearl Transit Corp - Oral Health Program (<i>New Applicant</i>)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Recovery Resource Council - Recovery Connections	\$ 19,956	\$ -		\$ 19,956
SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Shelter Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,972	\$ 50,972
SafeHaven of Tarrant County - Rapid Rehousing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,547	\$ 36,532
Tarrant Area Food Bank - RED Bus Mobile Food Pantry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Taste Project - iHEAL Job Training and Career Development (<i>New Applicant</i>)	\$ 25,341	\$ -		\$ 25,341
The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corp. - Shelter Services		\$ -	\$ 40,744	\$ 40,744
The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corp. - Rapid Rehousing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,546	\$ 25,528
The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc. - A.C.T.S. of the City of Arlington	\$ 26,133	\$ -		\$ 26,133
SUBTOTAL	\$ 407,734	\$ 657,011	\$ 261,911	\$ 1,326,622

Other - Community Based Development Organization - Excluded from Public Services Cap				
Water From The Rock (CBDO) - Adult Literacy and Support Services	\$ 59,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,858
SUBTOTAL	\$ 59,858			\$ 59,858

Microenterprise Technical Assistance	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
WeeCare (Upwards) - Network & Technical Support to Childcare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Center for Transforming Lives - Technical Support and Resource Programs for Small Businesses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$ -			\$ -

FUNDING LESS REQUESTS	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
PY24 ENTITLEMENT FUNDS	\$ 3,191,069	\$ 1,162,285	\$ 290,498	\$ 4,643,852
Reprogrammed from Prior Year	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 251,200
Total Funds Available	\$ 3,441,069	\$ 1,162,285	\$ 291,698	\$ 4,895,052
TOTAL REQUESTS	\$ 3,441,069	\$ 1,162,285	\$ 291,698	\$ 4,895,052
Difference	0	0	(0)	0

Annual Action Plan
2024

Target Areas: East Arlington (76010)

Boundary

Division (north)

Great SW Parkway (east)

Arkansas (south)

Cooper (west)



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

Boundary:

Randol Mill/Sanford (north)

Collins (east)

Greek Row (south)

Crowley (west)



4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

A notice informing the public of the Action Plan was published in the Star-Telegram on March 28th 2024.

The notice will announce a 30-day public comment period from March 28th through April 27th.

The City will host two virtual public hearings during the 30-day comment period to obtain additional input on the Program Year 2024 Action Plan:

- **April 10th, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.** Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 (Toll-free) and enter Conference ID: 339 277 250# to join the virtual public hearing.
- **April 11th, 2024– 12:00 p.m.** Please call 469-375-9689 or 833-268-8354 (Toll-free) and enter Conference ID: 727 700 548# to join the virtual public hearing.

The Action Plan is open for public comment for 30 days from March 28th to April 27th, 2024, and can be mailed or emailed upon request by contacting grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov or by calling 817-459-6221. Submit written comments and questions regarding the plans to grantsmanagement@arlingtontx.gov.

Written comments may also be submitted by mail to:

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

The Action Plan Summary was available through the City website at [Grants Management Department - Public Notices](#)

For questions, please call (817)459-6221

5. Summary of public comments

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Virtual TEAMS meeting Public Hearing #1: April 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

**101 West Abram St.
City Hall, Arlington Conference room 3rd Floor
Arlington, TX 76004**

Attendees included the organizations and individuals who expressed support for funding:

1. Barbara Rabovsky, Meals on Wheels
2. Joni Wilson, Center for Transforming Lives
3. Lynette Barton, Foundation Communities
4. Ossana Hermosillo -Meals on Wheels
5. Steve Brooks, Advocates for Special People
6. Stephanie Melchert, Arlington Life Shelter
7. Willie Rankin, Child Care Associates

Staff

8. Nikky Lewis, City
9. Catherine Donaldson, City
10. Krystal Almaraz, City
11. Sophona Coronado, City
12. Shana Washington, City
13. Kevin Fulton, City

Nikky Lewis, Grants Manager, provided a presentation with an overview of all funding programs (CDBG, HOME and ESG) and the allocations available for the 2024 program year.

Comments:

Barbara Rabvosky with Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County expressed her thankfulness and hard work on the grant process.

Virtual TEAMS meeting Public Hearing #2: April 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

**101 West Abram St.
City Hall, Arlington Conference room 3rd Floor
Arlington, TX 76004**

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1. Catelyn Devin, CASA of Tarrant County
 2. Jenna Babbitt, Center for Transforming Lives
 3. JoAnn Shankle, Water From the Rock
 4. Joni Wilson, Center for Transforming Lives
 5. Kathy Mitchell, Hope Tutoring
 6. Linda Kei, Dipert, International Corridor Vision
 7. Lisa Hawkins, Center For Transforming Lives
 8. Lynette Barton, Foundation Communities
 9. Sheri Campbell-Husband, Safehaven of Tarrant County,

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Nikky Lewis, Grants Manager, provided a presentation with an overview of all funding programs (CDBG, HOME and ESG) and the allocations available for the 2024 program year.

Attendees included the organizations and individuals who expressed support for funding:

Comments & Questions:

- 1.) Catelyn Devlin with CASA of Tarrant County also expressed her thankfulness for the City's generous support, and for the compassionate commitment to Arlington Children.
- 2.) Jenna Babbitt had one question related to the Microenterprise program. Jenna requested to know when a meeting would be held that she could attend, to describe the need of their program and apply for funds when made available.

Written Comments Received:

- 1.) A comment was received from Linda Timmons expressing the challenge of the limited day care resources within the City. Requesting to have City Council prioritize funding and resources to support initiatives geared toward supporting childcare that are essential for the working families of Arlington. Linda further informed that Wee Care (Upwards) Child Care could be a solution.
- 2.) A comment was received from Erica Johnson expressing the challenge of trying to secure childcare with a fluctuating schedule and unable to locate affordable childcare within the City of Arlington. Expressing the need for affordable childcare for families of the like.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments were accepted. There were no additional questions or comments submitted that were not addressed during the 30-day public comment period of March 28 through April 27, 2024. The City Council has addressed the childcare issue by approving to construct a brand-new childcare facility to target low-income individuals in the community. City Council decided not to fund Wee Care (Upwards) at this time, as funds were allocated to the Center for Transforming Lives childcare program to currently assist low-income families within the City.

7. Summary

The Program Year 2024 Action Plan describes the use of funds for the fifth year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, including activities and budgets that address the needs and priorities established in the Consolidated Plan.

From: Linda Timmons <lindatimmons28@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 1:04 PM
To: Grants Management <GrantsManagement@arlingtontx.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Public comment

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Hello.

I am a single parent in Arlington. I understand the struggle of finding affordable child care in this city. It is very challenging to balance work and parenting responsibilities when reliable child care options are limited. The lack of affordable daycare options affects my ability to maintain stable employment and also impacts the well-being of my child.

It's sad to see the community becoming less family friendly because of the declining child care resources. What can we do to support daycare owners?

I understand Upwards could be a solution. I've done research on their impact in other cities. They are filling gaps in other city's child care services. Could that be an option here?

City Council should really prioritize funding and resources to support initiatives geared toward supporting child care that are essential for the working families of Arlington.

Thank you.

Linda Timmons

From: Erica Johnson <ejallday57@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 2:22 PM
To: Grants Management <GrantsManagement@arlingtontx.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] public comment to support childcare

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Dear city council,

I am a single mom who lives in Arlington, and I'm writing to you about a big problem many families like mine are facing: finding childcare.

I work two jobs, and they're not regular 9-5 jobs. They're at different times, so I need childcare that fits my schedule. But the problem is, I can't afford the childcare options in our city. If I can't find someone to watch my kids while I work, I might lose my job. That's really scary because then I won't have enough money to take care of my family.

I know lots of other parents who are in the same situation. It's really hard to find someone to watch our kids when we're working hard to support our families. We need help from the city, but I'm not sure what you can do.

I'm writing to ask you to please think about how important affordable childcare is for families like mine. If we can find affordable childcare, we can keep our jobs and take care of our kids better. Maybe you can find a way to help us get childcare that we can afford and that fits our work schedules.

Thank you for listening. I hope you can help us find a solution to this problem.

Sincerely,
Erica Johnson

