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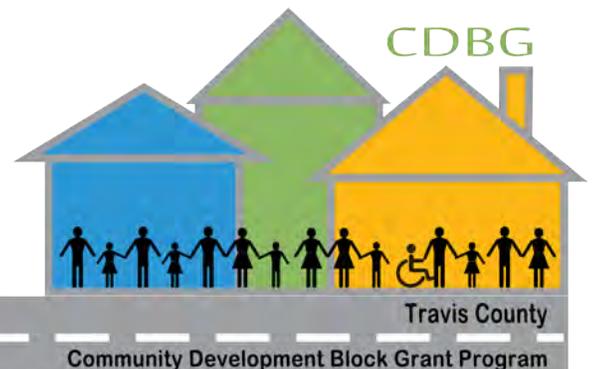
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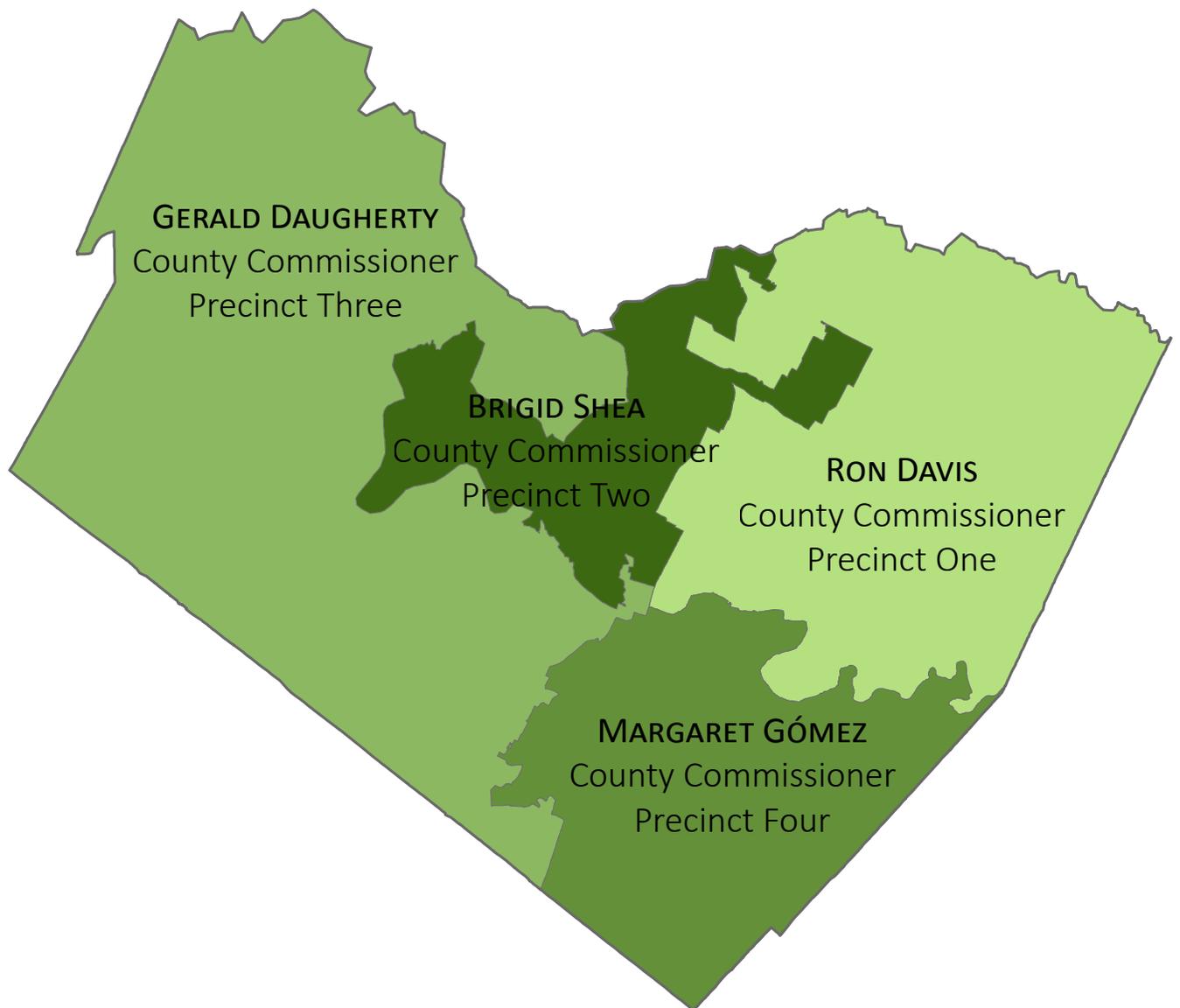


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I. Executive Summary

Introduction

Under the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 5301), the Federal government, through the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), sponsors a program that provides Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Since 2006, Travis County has received CDBG funds from HUD on an annual basis.

Designated as the lead agency by the Travis County Commissioners Court, the Health and Human Services & Veterans Service Department (HHS/VS) prepares and submits this annual Action Plan to HUD every year. HHS/VS is responsible for the public notification process, approval of projects, and the administration of these grants.

The Action Plan for Program Year 2015 (PY15) is the County's strategy for addressing the community's critical housing and community development needs in the Travis County CDBG service area, which includes all the unincorporated areas and the Village of Webberville. PY15 is the second year of the five year Consolidated Plan that spans PY14-PY18. Both the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan are developed under the guidelines established by HUD. The Action Plan allocates a total of \$1,075,760 for PY15, which will assist low- and moderate-income Travis County households in the CDBG service area with infrastructure improvements, home rehabilitation, and public services.

Community engagement and participation is an essential goal of this program, therefore the residents of Travis County were instrumental in developing this Plan. County staff drew on a variety of data sources to provide a quantitative analysis of community needs and provided multiple opportunities to collect public input. The draft Annual Action Plan will be available for public review and additional comments will be received at two public hearings and considered in the final preparation of the Plan.

At the end of each fiscal year, the County must also prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to provide information to HUD and the public to evaluate the County's performance and to determine whether the activities undertaken during the program year helped to meet the County's five-year goals and to address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. This annual performance report, prepared with public review and comment, must be submitted to HUD annually, no later than December 31st.

Summary of Objectives and Outcomes Identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

After considering the housing, community development, and public service needs of Travis County’s low- to moderate-income residents in the Needs Section of this Plan, along with public engagement efforts, Travis County Commissioners Court identified priorities for the five-year consolidated planning period. Please see Table 1 below.

Based on these priorities and the results of the PY15 Community Needs Assessment, the Commissioners Court approved projects for PY15, as summarized in Table 2. For a detailed discussion of projects, please refer to Section "AP-35 Projects" of this Plan.

Table 1 - PY14-PY18 Strategic Priorities

| Category | Ranking |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Infrastructure | High |
| Housing | High |
| Community Services | High |
| Populations with Specialized Needs | High |
| Public Buildings and Facilities | Low |
| Business and Jobs | Low |

Table 2 - PY15 Projects

| Project | Allocation |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Inclusive Playground | up to \$460,000 |
| Northeast Feeder Route Bus Service | \$50,749 |
| Northeast Feeder Route Bus Stops | \$92,000 |
| Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation | \$57,244 |
| Hillmoore Drive Street Improvements | \$90,000 |
| Social Work Expansion | \$74,710 |
| Fair Housing Counseling | \$35,905 |
| Administration and Planning | \$215,152 |

Evaluation of Past Performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Program Year 2014 (PY14) marked the ninth year that Travis County received CDBG funds. Funds from PY09-PY14 are currently being spent. As projects are implemented, internal monitoring is taking place to

assure grant compliance and project effectiveness. HUD monitored Travis County's CDBG program in April 2010 and June 2013 with no findings and one concern related to timely spending of funds. The County's external auditor also reviewed the program in 2013 and had no findings.

As part of the mandate from Congress to administer the CDBG program, each year HUD determines whether each CDBG entitlement is carrying out its activities "in a timely manner." HUD conducts an analysis of each entitlement's timeliness of spending 10 months into each grant year. For Travis County, the test occurs every August. The threshold for compliance with timeliness is having no more than 1.5 times the current year's allocation unspent. In PY13, the CDBG program achieved timeliness and it is anticipated that the program will achieve timeliness in PY14.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan

For the PY15 Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. During the months of February and March 2015, the public and service providers had the opportunity to provide input by: 1) attending one of five public hearings, 2) completing a Needs Assessment survey, and/or 3) completing a Project Proposal form. As a result of the public participation process:

- 9 people attended the public hearings,
- 101 responses were received for the Needs Assessment Survey, and
- 9 project proposals were received.

For more details and the full results of the process, please refer to "Appendix A: Public Participation." After presentation to the Commissioners Court, the draft PY15 Action Plan will be posted for public comment for thirty days.

Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The draft PY15 Action Plan was posted for public comment from June 29 to July 28, 2015. Two public hearings were held at Commissioners Court on July 7 and July 15, 2015. Two comments were received at the hearings. For a complete transcript of comments received, refer to the Appendix, "Public Participation."

- One person provided comments at the July 7, 2015 hearing at Commissioners Court. The comments related to the ongoing home repair program, and provided clarification that the PY15 goals for the project referred only to PY15 allocated funds, and that unspent funds from prior years would be used during the upcoming program year to provide repairs to additional houses.
- One person provided comments at the July 14, 2015 hearing at Commissioners Court. The comments. This person spoke in support of the priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan and

called attention to the ongoing need for services in the unincorporated areas as more population locates outside the city.

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

The draft PY15 Action Plan was posted for public comment from June 29 to July 28, 2015. All comments received were added to the final draft.

II. The Process

II.A. Lead & Responsible Agencies

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Table 3 – Responsible Agencies

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
|--------------------|---------------|---|
| CDBG Administrator | Travis County | Health and Human Services and Veterans Services |

Narrative

The HHS/VS Department is the lead county agency responsible for the administration of the County’s CDBG funding. This Department has the primary responsibility of assessing community needs, developing the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans, managing project activities in conjunction with other county departments and community partners, administering the finances, and monitoring and reporting. The CDBG office is located in the Office of the County Executive within HHS/VS. The Department reports to the Travis County Commissioners Court for oversight authority.

II.B. Contact Information

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II.C. Consultation

Introduction

Service providers, Travis County departments and other local governmental agencies had several different opportunities to participate in the PY15 Action Plan process: 1) completion of a Community Needs Assessment; 2) Submission of a Project Proposal; and 3) through consultation on specific content areas in the plan.

The PY15 Community Needs Assessment was available as an online survey. Respondents were asked to assist in determining the spending priorities for PY15, by ranking three of the six investment categories (Populations with Specialized Needs, Community Services, Housing, Infrastructure, Public Buildings and Facilities, and Business and Jobs) as “most urgent” “urgent” and “important” needs. In total, 70 responses were received from service providers. Sixty two responses were from non-profit organizations, and 8 were from units of local government.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

During PY15, CDBG staff will continue to work closely with the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation and other Travis County departments to implement the actions outlined in the County's Fair Housing Plan. As part of this process, the County has convened an Affordable Housing Policy Committee. While the committee is made up of Travis County and City of Austin staff, the structure of the work includes consultation with an advisory group consisting of representatives from other units of local government, nonprofit and for profit housing developers and social service agencies. As the committee creates or refines policies, they will seek input from this advisory group to ensure effective coordination between all parties.

The Housing Authority of Travis County and the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation requested assistance from the Travis County Commissioners Court during a period of transition. CDBG staff are assisting in the process on an as needed basis as directed by the HHS/VS County Executive.

Additionally, CDBG staff and other Travis County Departmental staff participate in a variety of planning efforts that include a variety of stakeholders such as the City of Austin, local nonprofits and other regional organizations. Some of these efforts include participation in the Reentry Roundtable, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), the Community Health Improvement Plan, and the Permanent Supportive Housing Leadership Committee. In PY15, CDBG staff will be implementing projects with Capital Metro, the local transportation agency, to expand public transit access to residents of the unincorporated areas.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The CDBG funded Social Work project is assisting in piloting the Coordinated Assessment system in areas outside the urban core. Additionally, HHS/VS staff participate on the Independent Review Team, Membership Council, Housing Committee, and the Family Support Services Division provide homelessness prevention services. Finally, HHS/VS staff provide general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The jurisdiction does not have ESG funds. However, CDBG staff participate in ECHO's Membership Council which serves as a liaison between the ECHO Board and the ECHO Members. The Council oversees and coordinates for homeless planning, housing, events and activities in addition to working with the Board to address policy, communication, and funding issues

Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

See table below.

Table 4 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | Austin ISD |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Education |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | Any Baby Can |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Salvation Army |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 6 | Agency/Group/Organization | City of Austin Animal Services Office |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |

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| 7 | Agency/Group/Organization | AUSTIN TENANTS COUNCIL |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Service-Fair Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 8 | Agency/Group/Organization | CARITAS OF AUSTIN |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 9 | Agency/Group/Organization | Bookspring |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 10 | Agency/Group/Organization | Boys and Girls Club of the Austin Area |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 11 | Agency/Group/Organization | Capital Area Food Bank of Texas |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 12 | Agency/Group/Organization | Catholic Charities of Central Texas |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Education |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 13 | Agency/Group/Organization | City of Austin Health and Human Services |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Other government - Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 14 | Agency/Group/Organization | Communities in Schools |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 15 | Agency/Group/Organization | CommUnity Care |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 16 | Agency/Group/Organization | EASTER SEALS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 17 | Agency/Group/Organization | Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 18 | Agency/Group/Organization | FAMILY ELDERCARE |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 19 | Agency/Group/Organization | FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES, INC |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 20 | Agency/Group/Organization | Front Steps |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 21 | Agency/Group/Organization | Goodwill of Central Texas |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 22 | Agency/Group/Organization | HAND |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 23 | Agency/Group/Organization | House the Homeless |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Survey |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 24 | Agency/Group/Organization | YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE DBA LIFEWORKS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment |

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| 25 | Agency/Group/Organization | Literacy Coalition of Central Texas |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Education |
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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 26 | Agency/Group/Organization | Manos de Cristo |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Health Services-Education |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 27 | Agency/Group/Organization | Mobile Loaves and Fishes |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-homeless |
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| 28 | Agency/Group/Organization | Out Youth |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |

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| 29 | Agency/Group/Organization | Safe Place |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Victims of Domestic Violence |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 30 | Agency/Group/Organization | Saint Louise House |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-homeless |
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| 31 | Agency/Group/Organization | Seedling Foundation |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children |
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| 32 | Agency/Group/Organization | Seton Total Health |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Health |
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| 33 | Agency/Group/Organization | Sustainable Food Center |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Health Services-Education |
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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 34 | Agency/Group/Organization | Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Service-Fair Housing Legal Services |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 35 | Agency/Group/Organization | The Arc of the Capital Area |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
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| 36 | Agency/Group/Organization | Wright House Wellness Center |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS |
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| 37 | Agency/Group/Organization | United Way for Greater Austin |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Regional organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 38 | Agency/Group/Organization | Vaughn House |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Needs Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency completed the Needs Assessment survey which is used to help identify priorities for and areas of investment for the next program year. |
| 39 | Agency/Group/Organization | Capital Metro |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Public Transportation |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Transportation Needs |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency submitted a project proposal for PY15 that included a request for funding for bus service and for the construction of bus stops in the unincorporated areas. CDBG staff worked with Capital Metro to finalize the project scope and the projects are approved by the Commissioners Court for PY15. |

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The invitation to complete the Needs Assessment survey was sent through a variety of channels. Business leaders were included in the invitation list, however none chose to participate.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Table 5 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Continuum of Care | ECHO | No specific goals are included for Federal funding, however non-Federal sources of funding are coordinated. |

III. Public Participation

Summary of citizen participation process / Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

For the PY15 Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. During the months of February and March 2015, the public and service providers had the opportunity to provide input by 1) attending one of five public hearings, 2) completing a survey, and/or 3) completing a project proposal form.

To assist in determining the spending priorities for PY15, residents and service providers were asked to rank three of the six categories as “most urgent” “urgent” and “important” needs for the PY15 period. Thirty-one residents submitted responses to the Needs Assessment survey. Additionally, Project Proposals were solicited from residents, nonprofits and Travis County departments to identify potential projects for PY15.

After presentation to the Commissioners Court, the draft of the PY15 Action Plan was posted for public comment for thirty days.

Citizen Participation Outreach

See table below.

Table 6 – Citizen Participation Outreach

| | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|---|------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Public Hearing | Non-targeted/ broad community | One meeting was held at Travis County Commissioners Court to gather information for the Needs Assessment. This hearing was held in the traditional public hearing format with oral testimony. Four individuals provided comments. Two additional hearings were held to receive comments on the draft PY15 Action Plan during the public comment period. Two individuals provided comments. | During the Community Needs Assessment Hearing three people spoke in support of the CDBG funded home repair program and described difficulty accessing TDHCA HOME funds, and the need for additional funding to implement mobile home replacements and reconstruction of existing structures. One person provided comments related to issues of affordable housing and gentrification in East Austin and called for an affordable housing project jointly undertaken by the City and the County. During the Public Comment period, two individuals provided comments at the hearings held at Commissioners Court. One person provided comments related to the home repair program and one person provided comments related to services in the unincorporated areas. For detailed comments please refer to the Appendix "Public Participation." | N/A | |

| | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|---|------------------|--|--|--|--|---------------------|
| 2 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/ broad community | A total of four people attended one of the four community meetings held in each of the precincts. | Participants were asked for input regarding their housing, community development and public service needs. These meetings were structured as an information session regarding the uses of CDBG, with facilitated discussion and decision-making for meaningful, comprehensive input from participants regarding their housing, community development and public service needs. For detailed results please refer to the Appendix "Public Participation." | N/A | |
| 3 | Newspaper Ad | Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community | An advertisement for the community meetings appeared in the following newspapers of general circulation: <i>The Austin Chronicle, Pflugerville Pflag, Hill Country News, Oak Hill Gazette, and The Villager</i> . To reach the Spanish speaking population the advertisement appeared in the Spanish language newspaper <i>Ahora Si</i> . The invitation to comment on the draft PY15 Action Plan was released through all the same channels. For copies of the ads please refer to Appendix A "Public Participation." | N/A | N/A | |

| | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|---|-------------------|--|---|------------------------------|--|---|
| 4 | Internet Outreach | Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community | The advertisement for community meetings was placed on the Travis County CDBG website in both English and Spanish and a link to the ads was placed on the main Travis County and HHS/VS websites. Additionally, the public participation form was available on the Travis County CDBG website in both English and Spanish. Finally, an email with information about the community meetings was sent to the general CDBG email list which includes residents, service providers and other entities that have indicated an interest in receiving information on the CDBG program. The invitation to comment on the draft PY15 Action Plan was released through all the same channels. | N/A | N/A | http://www.co.travis.tx.us/health_human_services/cdbg/participate.asp |

| | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|---|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|---------------------|
| 5 | Needs Assessment Survey | Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted /broad community | A total of 70 surveys were completed by representatives from nonprofit agencies and units of local government. A total of 31 residents completed surveys. The resident survey was available in English and Spanish. | Residents ranked "Housing," "Infrastructure," and "Populations with Specialized Needs" as the top three most urgent needs for the PY15 Action Plan period. Providers ranked "Housing," "Populations with Specialized Needs" and "Community Services," as the top three most urgent needs for the period. For detailed results please refer to the appendix "Public participation." | N/A | |
| 6 | Mailing | Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community | The public notice (in English and Spanish) advertising the community meetings was mailed to the general CDBG mailing list which includes residents, service providers and other entities that have indicated an interest in receiving information on the CDBG program. The invitation to comment on the draft PY15 Action Plan was mailed to the same list. | N/A | N/A | |

IV. Expected Resources

Introduction

For the Consolidated Planning period, the County anticipates receiving an estimated 4.9 million dollars. This estimate was made with the expectation that the County will receive an increased allocation over the planning period, as has been the case over the last several program years. The increased funding occurs due to the increased growth of population and poverty in the CDBG service area. In PY15, Travis County expects to receive \$1,075,076. Additionally, the owner occupied home rehabilitation project will continue to be implemented with funding from prior years.

Table 7 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan | Narrative Description |
|---------|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation | Program Income | Prior Year Resources | Total | | |
| CDBG | Public-Federal | Acquisition Administration & Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | \$1,075,760 | \$0 | \$500,000 | \$1,575,760 | \$3,324,240 | CDBG Funding for PY2015 and unspent project funds from prior years |

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

No matching requirements exist for CDBG funding, however, several projects expect to use private, state or local funds.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not Applicable.

V. Annual Goals and Objectives

Table 8 - Goals Summary Information

| | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Infrastructure | 2014 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | N/A | Infrastructure | Bus stops: \$92,000 Street Improvements: \$90,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 14,630 Persons Assisted |
| 2 | Housing | 2014 | 2018 | Affordable Housing | N/A | Housing | Housing Rehabilitation: \$57,244 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 2 households Assisted |
| 3 | Community Service | 2014 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | N/A | Community Services | Bus Service: \$50,749 Social Work Expansion: \$74,710 Fair Housing Counseling: \$35,905 | Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 11,425 Persons Assisted |
| 4 | Populations with Specialized Needs | 2014 | 2018 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | N/A | Populations with Specialized Needs | Inclusive Playground: up to \$460,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 26,870 Persons Assisted |
| 5 | Public Buildings and Facilities | 2014 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | N/A | Public Buildings and Facilities | \$0 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit |
| 6 | Business and Jobs | 2014 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | N/A | Business and Jobs | \$0 | Jobs created/retained |

Table 9 - Goal Descriptions

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|---|-------------|--|
| 1 | Goal | Infrastructure |
| | Description | Improve neighborhood quality through infrastructure projects including, but not limited to, street improvements, water and sewer improvements, transit related infrastructure, and sidewalks. |
| 2 | Goal | Housing |
| | Description | Create, maintain or improve affordable housing stock for low-to-moderate income residents. Provide assistance to low and moderate income residents to improve existing, or create new, opportunities for housing affordability. |
| 3 | Goal | Community Service |
| | Description | Improve access to services for residents of the unincorporated areas. Projects may include, but are not limited to, case management, fair housing and tenant counseling, and transportation. |
| 4 | Goal | Populations with Specialized Needs |
| | Description | Provide services or infrastructure/facilities that benefit populations with specialized needs that may include, but are not limited to, elderly individuals, disabled individuals, victims of domestic violence, those in need of substance abuse services, and those in need of mental health services. |
| 5 | Goal | Public Buildings and Facilities |
| | Description | Create, maintain or improve facilities or buildings that may include, but are not limited to, parks, recreational facilities, community centers, and health clinics. |
| 6 | Goal | Business and Jobs |
| | Description | Create or retain jobs and promote commercial business for target populations. |

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

No new units are anticipated to be created with CDBG funds in PY15.

VI. Projects

VI.A. Introduction

Travis County residents, services providers and County departments had the opportunity to present potential CDBG projects through a variety of mechanisms:

By participating in any of the five public hearings held during the months of February and March 2015. One hearing was held at the Travis County Commissioners Court and the other four were held throughout each of the four County precincts.

Through the completion of a Needs Assessment Survey or a Project Proposal Form. Those that were not able to attend public hearings had the choice of filling out one or both of these forms by accessing it on the Travis County Website or by requesting it from Travis County CDBG staff. The following projects were approved by the Commissioners Court on June 2, 2015. For a full description of projects, including relevant maps, please refer to "Appendix B: CDBG PY15 Projects & Alternate Projects."

Table 10 – Project Information

| # | Project Name |
|---|--|
| 1 | PY15 Parks |
| 2 | PY15 Transportation Services |
| 3 | PY15 Transportation Infrastructure |
| 4 | PY15 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation |
| 5 | PY15 Street Improvements |
| 6 | PY15 FSS Social Work Services Expansion Project |
| 7 | PY15 Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling |
| 8 | PY15 Administrative & Planning |

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Travis County CDBG staff considered and weighed all potential projects identified by the public. First, the CDBG Office staff assessed whether potential projects met one of HUD's national objectives, were eligible CDBG activities, and were feasible to complete in a timely manner.

Second, CDBG staff further evaluated the projects according to the following criteria:

- ***Addresses a high priority goal of the Strategic Plan:*** Projects addressing one of the high priority categories identified in the strategic (consolidated) plan are given a priority.
- ***Feasibility of project:*** Projects that have the ability to be implemented and completed within 18 months receive a more favorable review. Phased projects for which 12-18 months of work would leave an incomplete project with little to no impact are considered with less priority.

- **Impacts a significant number of households:** Project scope and the number of persons benefiting are considered to determine the level of project impact.
- **Benefit to low/moderate-income persons:** Projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households receive a more favorable review.
- **Leverages/matches with funding from another source:** Projects that utilize other funds (federal, state, local, private) and public/private joint efforts receive a more favorable review.

After using the scoring matrix to identify recommended projects, projects were evaluated from the perspective of the County's Fair Housing Plan. Though this was not an evaluation factor when projects were being considered for recommendation, it is an overarching program goal to further the aims of fair housing. In future years, CDBG staff may recommend to the Commissioners Court that a fair housing component be added to the project evaluation matrix. All projects approved for PY15 meet objectives in the County's Fair Housing Plan, primarily by increasing access to services for residents of the unincorporated area.

In addition, the Action Plan includes approved alternate projects. This allows for the pre-planning of unforeseen incidents, and allows the CDBG program to utilize the funds in a timely manner toward pre-identified alternate projects. Resources, including time and money, that would otherwise be used to add or delete projects through the customary Substantial Amendment process described in the Citizen Participation Plan can be saved.

VI.B. Projects Summary

Table 11 – Project Summary

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|---------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Project Name | PY15 Parks |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Populations with Specialized Needs |
| | Needs Addressed | Populations with Specialized Needs and Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$460,000 |
| | Description | Creation of an inclusive playground at Southeast Metro Park. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | This project will benefit 26,860 individuals, 57.74% of whom are low to moderate income. |
| | Location Description | Southeast Metropolitan park is located on the eastern side of Travis County. Since the park benefits residents both inside and outside the CDBG service area, the CDBG program will fund the portion of the project that corresponds to the percentage of the surface area located in the service area, 78% in this case. Please refer to "Appendix B: CDBG PY15 Projects & Alternate Projects" for a map of the location. |
| Planned Activities | This project would build an inclusive playground at Southeast Metro Park. An inclusive playground uses universal components to create an area of play that supports the cognitive, physical, sensory, visual, and auditory needs of all children. While the playground will be specifically accessible to children with specialized needs, it will also be available for use to all residents of the area. The project will be implemented by the Travis County Parks Department. The project activities include environmental assessment, playground design, engineering, construction and project management. | |
| 2 | Project Name | PY15 Transportation Services |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Community Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$50,749 |

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| | Description | This projects provides funding for the portion of the Capital Metro bus route Northeast Feeder Route (Route 237) located in the unincorporated area. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 11,120 individuals, 71.49% of whom are low to moderate income. |
| | Location Description | The Northeast Feeder Route (Route 237) is an expansion to a Capital Metro bus route located in Northeast Austin and unincorporated Travis County. Please refer to "Appendix B: CDBG PY15 Projects & Alternate Projects" for a map of the location. |
| | Planned Activities | The project would fund bus service for the portion of the Northeast Feeder Route located in the unincorporated area. The project would be implemented by Capital Metro. The route also provides direct service to the Mobile Loaves & Fishes <i>Community First! Village</i> which will house over 250 residents, all of whom will be formerly chronically homeless, disabled and dependent on transit. |
| 3 | Project Name | PY 15 Transportation Infrastructure |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Infrastructure |
| | Needs Addressed | Infrastructure |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$92,000 |
| | Description | This project would construct four fully accessible bus stops on the Capital Metro Northeast Feeder Route bus route |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 11,120 individuals, 71.49% of whom are low to moderate income. |
| | Location Description | The Northeast Feeder Route (Route 237) is a Capital Metro bus route located in Northeast Austin and unincorporated Travis County. Please refer to "Appendix B: CDBG PY15 Projects & Alternate Projects" for a map of the location. |

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| | Planned Activities | This project would construct four fully accessible bus stops on the route in the unincorporated area. The project would be implemented by Capital Metro. CDBG funding would provide for the concrete landing pad and six foot connecting sidewalk and curb ramp to the nearest intersection. Capital Metro will provide a bench, litter container and shelter for all stops. Activities include environmental assessment, construction and project management. |
| 4 | Project Name | PY15 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Housing |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$57,244 |
| | Description | Minor home repair services for low- and moderate-income homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 2 low to moderate income households. |
| | Location Description | Houses may be located anywhere in the CDBG service area. |
| | Planned Activities | The program seeks to improve the energy efficiency, physical living conditions, and safety in owner-occupied homes. A 0% interest, forgivable 5-year loan up to \$24,999 with no required annual or monthly payments is available. The loan is forgiven at a pro-rata rate of 20% for each year of home ownership. Examples of potential improvements include, but are not limited to: connections of houses to long-term viable sources of water (not part of a stand-alone infrastructure project), complementing weatherization services of other funding sources, septic tank repairs, and electrical and plumbing repairs. In the event that program income is created, it will be reinvested into the Home Rehabilitation project. These funds are targeted toward homeowners at or below 80% MFI in the CDBG service area. This project will be administered by Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. Some of the allocation will be used for project delivery costs of the project and some of the allocation may partially fund a CDBG Planner position to complete environmental paperwork, final inspections and sign off and any other needed project delivery related costs. |

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| 5 | Project Name | PY15 Street Improvements |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Infrastructure |
| | Needs Addressed | Infrastructure |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$90,000 |
| | Description | Phase 1 street improvements for Hillmore Drive |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 3,510 individuals, of whom 61.82% are low to moderate income. |
| | Location Description | Hillmoore Drive, please refer to "Appendix B: CDBG PY15 Projects & Alternate Projects" for a map of the location. |
| Planned Activities | <p>Hillmoore Drive is a low speed-low volume road that does not meet minimum Travis County standards, so it has not been accepted onto the Travis County maintained roadway system. Lack of an organized and routine roadway maintenance program will cause further deterioration of roadway condition that will decrease the safety of the road and jeopardize access to homes. This project will provide the improvements necessary to bring the roadway up to Travis County standards and be accepted as a County maintained road.</p> <p>The improvements impact 3,510 people, of which, 61.82% are considered low to moderate income. The project will be broken up into two phases. The first phase, funded with PY 15 grant funds, will include all design services and environmental assessment. Construction will be completed during the second phase of the project, anticipated to be funded in PY16. The project includes funds for a TNR Senior Engineer to act as a project manager.</p> | |
| 6 | Project Name | PY15 FSS Social Work Services Expansion Project |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Community Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$74,710 |

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| | Description | This program provides social work services to clients in the CDBG service area, through an internal Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service program. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 250 low to moderate income individuals. |
| | Location Description | Clients may be located anywhere in the CDBG service area. |
| | Planned Activities | This program is an internal Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service expansion of existing services. The program increases program capacity to provide case management, information and referral, non-clinical counseling, crisis intervention and outreach in all four precincts of the unincorporated areas. The project is targeted to individuals who are at 80% MFI or below. The project will fund the equivalent of one FTE social worker who works at a Travis County HHS&VS facility, however, to reduce transportation barriers; the social worker provides the majority of service provision through home visits. Additionally, part of the funds may be used for operating expenses necessary to provide home based services, such as mileage, and training. |
| 7 | Project Name | PY15 Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Community Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$35,905 |
| | Description | Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling services for residents of the CDBG service area. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 55 individuals, at least 51% of whom are low to moderate income. |
| | Location Description | Clients may be located anywhere in the CDBG service area. |

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| | Planned Activities | The funds are allocated for Tenant’s Rights and Fair Housing Counseling for residents of the unincorporated areas and the Village of Webberville. Tenant’s Rights services include: telephone counseling and in-person mediation, as needed. Fair housing services include: fair housing counseling, fair housing complaint processing and testing in support of an individual complainant. Additionally, part of the funds will be used for allowable program delivery costs such as marketing materials and office supplies. At least 51% of the recipients will be at or below 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI). |
| 8 | Project Name | PY15 Administrative & Planning |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | N/A |
| | Needs Addressed | N/A |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$215,152 |
| | Description | Administration and planning activities. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | N/A |
| | Planned Activities | The funds allocated for administration will pay for the operating expenses associated with the grant including office supplies, training, contracted services, interpreting, fair housing activities, membership, Action Plan, annual report, reporting and other business related expenses. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion (100% and 60%) of the salaries for the two CDBG Planners (one full time and one 3/4 time), and a portion (28%) of the salary of a TNR Senior Engineer. These positions are responsible for project development, action plan and annual report development, monitoring, and reporting and other tasks relating to administration and planning. |

VI.C. Geographic Distribution

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The jurisdiction of the County's CDBG program is the unincorporated areas of the County and the Village of Webberville. Projects are located in eligible areas throughout the jurisdiction. The Owner Occupied Home Repair project, Fair Housing and Tenant's Counseling project and Social Work projects will serve eligible clients throughout the CDBG service area. The Inclusive Playground is located at the Travis County Southeast Metro Park, and the area of benefit for this project is 57.74% low and moderate income. The Northeast Feeder Route service and bus stops are located in an area of benefit that is 71.49% low and moderate income. The Hillmoore Drive street improvements project is located in an area of benefit that is 61.82% low and moderate income. Please refer to "Appendix C: Maps" for project location maps and a map showing the location of the PY15 projects and impacted areas.

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

While the program does not specifically target geographic areas within the jurisdiction, geography is a consideration when evaluating different types of projects. In impacted areas, primarily in the Southeastern parts of the jurisdiction, projects that improve access to services and improve neighborhood quality are prioritized. New housing development projects are prioritized in non-impacted areas of high opportunity that would further fair housing goals. Infrastructure projects are considered in areas of need throughout that jurisdiction and are typically located in neighborhoods characterized by isolated pockets of poverty.

VII. Affordable Housing

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
|---|---|
| Homeless | 0 |
| Non-Homeless | 0 |
| Special-Needs | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Table 13 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
|---|---|
| Rental Assistance | 0 |
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 2 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 2 |

VII.A. Discussion

The ongoing Home Rehabilitation project is anticipated to complete repairs on two homes using PY15 funding. The project will also expend funds remaining from PY14 to provide assistance to additional households. While there are no specific goals associated with assisting disabled or elderly households, the project does target outreach to these populations.

In PY10, CDBG partnered with Austin Habitat for Humanity to acquire a parcel of land in the unincorporated area on which the nonprofit could construct affordable homes. This project provides 31 units of owner occupied housing to low and moderate income homeowners, and all homes are anticipated to be completed and occupied by September 2015. While no new creation of affordable housing is planned for PY15, with this project completed, the CDBG program intends to find other opportunities to create housing during the remainder of the Consolidated Planning period.

VII.B. Public Housing

Introduction

There are no public housing units in the jurisdiction. Therefore there are no actions related to public housing for the CDBG program in PY15.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

There are no public housing units in the jurisdiction. Therefore there are no actions related to public housing for the CDBG program in PY15.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

There are no public housing units in the jurisdiction. Therefore there are no actions related to public housing for the CDBG program in PY15.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

There are no public housing units in the jurisdiction. Therefore there are no actions related to public housing for the CDBG program in PY15.

VII.C. Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The CDBG funded Social Work project will assist in piloting the Continuum of Care's Coordinated Assessment system in areas outside the urban core.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

HHS/VS provides general fund dollars to a variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments. No federal funds will be used in PY15 for emergency or transitional housing.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The social work team, which is partially funded by the CDBG program, holistically assist individuals and families in gaining or maintaining housing stability. Additionally, HHS/VS provides general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The social work team, which is partially funded by the CDBG program, holistically assists individuals and families in gaining or maintaining housing stability. Additionally, HHS/VS provides general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments.

Discussion

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| One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for: | |
| Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family | N/A |
| Tenant-based rental assistance | N/A |
| Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated | N/A |
| Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds | N/A |
| Total | N/A |

VII.D. Barriers to Affordable Housing

Introduction

Texas, a Dillon’s rule state, does not allow counties to adopt home rule; therefore, the powers they may exercise are limited to those explicitly granted by state government. For Texas counties, this does not include the authority to adopt building codes. What applies outside of incorporated boundaries are the standards of the International Building Code, which has been effectively adopted by the state. Additionally, Travis County is limited by state law in the extent of its land use authority. In unincorporated areas, Texas counties may approve the subdivision of land, construct and maintain subdivision roads and assess costs to landowners, and may specify minimum standards for road construction and drainage.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The County has created an Affordable Housing Policy Committee in order to align affordable housing policies across all Travis County departments, in accord with the recommendations outlined in the Fair Housing Plan of the Analysis of Impediments. On April 14, 2015, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved a structure and charge for the committee. Travis County HHS/VS, through the CDBG Office, convened the first session of the Affordable Housing Policy Committee on June 3, 2015. The committee consists of key staff from various County departments that implement programs relevant to housing development and services. Additionally, an Advisory Group will be convened with the intention of providing technical expertise and stakeholder feedback on the committee recommendations.

To date a draft workplan has been created that includes a series of deliverables including: Countywide affordable housing values; Affordable Housing Redevelopment policies; Affordable Housing New Development policies; Fair Housing Process Review; Permitting Policy Review and Modifications; Preservation Policy; and Affordable Housing Development Tools. Due to the comprehensive nature of work, the workplan will take place in two phases, with the first four elements of the workplan anticipated to be completed in eighteen months.

VIII. Other Actions

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The CDBG program will continue its advocacy efforts on behalf of the low income residents of the unincorporated areas. These efforts include sponsoring tours of the unincorporated areas for non profits and other Travis County departments to raise awareness of need in these neighborhoods, and participation in forums where these needs may be discussed.

To assist providers in strategically moving services into the unincorporated areas, CDBG staff will create a document that includes zip code level maps and demographic data on neighborhoods in the unincorporated areas as well as an inventory of services currently being provided to residents

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Home Repair program will be funded in PY15, which will assist in maintaining owner occupied homes for low- and moderate- income households. Street Improvement projects will help maintain neighborhood quality, thereby helping to preserving home values of low- and moderate- income households.

The Affordable Housing Policy Committee will create a set of recommended policies that are intended to align the County's affordable housing programs to better address the housing needs of Travis County residents.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Travis County is currently partnering with the City of Austin to expand the City's Lead Based Paint Remediation program outside of the City's boundaries. To date, no clients have yet been served in the unincorporated areas. Additionally, the CDBG funded Home Repair Project will continue to assess homes for lead based paint hazards as part of intake into the program and any work performed on affected homes will be according to the program's prescribed lead based paint standards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Travis County's lead agency for administering CDBG funds is the Health and Human Services & Veterans Service Department. The goal of the department is to address community needs through internal and external investments and services. The department strives to accomplish the following: Maximize quality of life for all people in Travis County; Protect vulnerable populations; Invest in social and economic well-being; Promote healthy living: physical, behavioral, and environmental; and Build a shared understanding of our community. Travis County operates a number of anti-poverty programs that assist individuals and families on multiple fronts in transitioning from crisis to self-sufficiency. The County carries out its anti-poverty programs both through the direct delivery of services managed by HHS/VS and by purchasing services from private and not-for-profit agencies in the community. In addition to the provision of direct services, Travis County continually assesses the poverty and basic

needs of county residents, works with stakeholders in facilitating anti-poverty efforts, and supports public policy initiatives that prevent and ameliorate conditions of poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Both CDBG staff and staff from partner departments will attend HUD trainings to increase expertise, and CDBG staff will continue internal cross training to enhance capacity in the event of staff turnover.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The structure of the Affordable Housing Policy Committee work includes an advisory group with representatives from other units of local government, nonprofit and for profit housing developers and social service agencies. As the committee creates or refines policies, they will seek input from this group to insure effective coordination between all parties.

The Housing Authority of Travis County and the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation requested assistance from the Travis County Commissioners Court during a period of transition. CDBG staff are assisting in the process on an as needed basis as directed by the HHS/VS County Executive.

To assist service providers in extending services into the unincorporated areas, CDBG staff will create a document that can be used by service providers and includes zip code level maps and data on neighborhoods in the unincorporated areas as well as an inventory of services currently being provided to residents.

IX. Program Specific Requirements

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities | 0 |
| Total Program Income: | 0 |

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 100% |

Discussion: The benefit was determined based on one year of funding, PY15.



APPENDIX A

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Summary of Participation Process

Detailed Results of Participation Process

Testimonies Received During Public Hearing At Commissioners Court

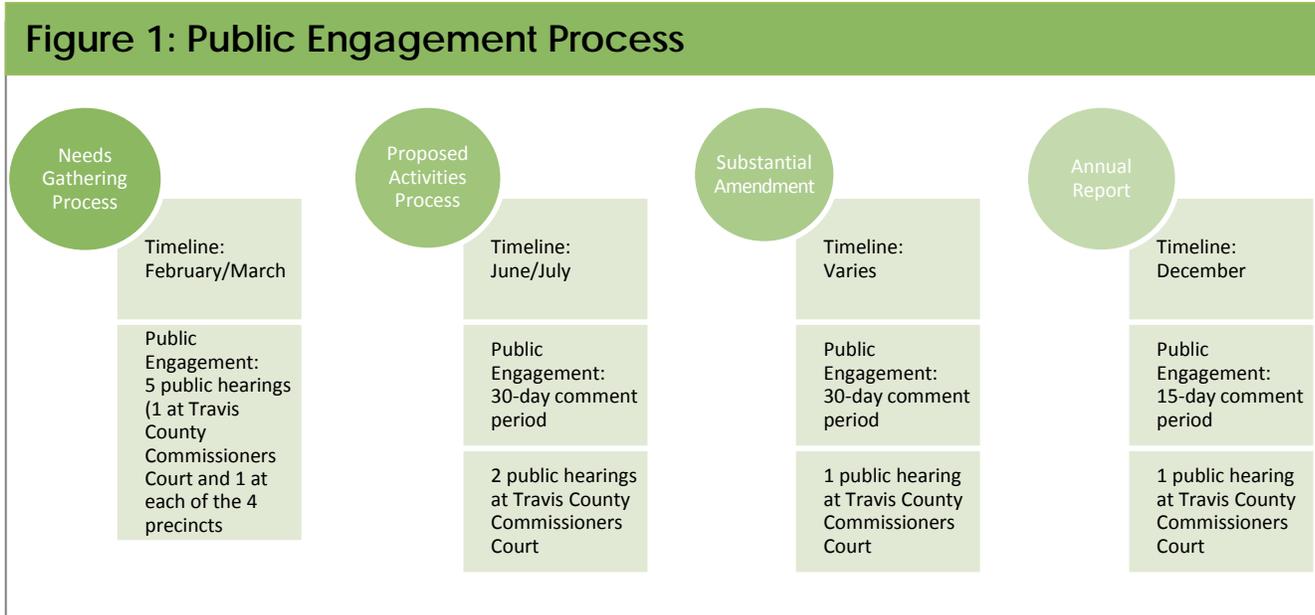
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public engagement occurs throughout CDBG activities for four main purposes: needs gathering, approval of proposed actions, the substantial amendment process (if applicable), and the annual report (see chart below).



The Consolidated Plan is a Strategic Plan that identifies needs and sets priorities, outcomes, and objectives for the CDBG program for a three-, five- or six-year period. Travis County’s Consolidated Plan is developed through a collaborative process and Public Engagement is a critical component. The Annual Action Plan is a document that outlines needs and projects that will guide how the upcoming year’s funding will be allocated. In the year that the Consolidated Plan is developed, the public hearings for input on the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan are held at the same time.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For the Program Year (PY) 2015 Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. During the months of February and March 2015, the public and service providers had the opportunity to provide input by 1) attending one of five public hearings, 2) completing a survey, and 3) completing a project proposal form.

Community Meetings

Community meetings were held at several locations throughout the County in two different formats: a public hearing and facilitated discussions. Information was collected to help determine needs for the PY15 Action Plan, as well as projects for PY15.

One meeting was held at Travis County Commissioners’ Court during the normally scheduled voting session. This public hearing was held in the traditional public hearing format with oral testimony. Public hearings were also held in each of the four precincts. Participants were asked for input regarding their housing, community development and public service needs. These meetings were structured as an information session regarding the uses of CDBG, with facilitated discussion and decision-making for meaningful, comprehensive input from participants regarding their housing, community development and public service needs.

Public hearings were held according to the schedule below.

| Location of Hearings | | Dates / Times |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Community-Wide Hearing | Travis County Commissioners Court, 700 Lavaca | Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 9:00 am |
| Precinct 1 | Travis County Community Center at Manor | Monday, March 2, 2015, 6:30 pm |
| Precinct 2 | Wells Branch Community Library | Thursday, February 26, 2015, 6:30 pm |
| Precinct 3 | Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill | Monday, March 9, 2015, 6:30 pm |
| Precinct 4 | Travis County Community Center at Del Valle | Thursday, March 5, 2015, 6:30 pm |

A total of 9 people attended public hearings to provide input on the Needs Assessment and Action Plan.

Summary of Public Comments Received at February 17th Public Hearing

Four people provided comments at the February 17, 2015 Public Hearing at Commissioners Court.

- Three people spoke in support of the CDBG funded home repair program and described difficulty accessing TDHCA HOME funds, and the need for additional funding to implement mobile home replacements and reconstruction of existing structures.
- One person provided comments related to issues of affordable housing and gentrification in East Austin and called for an affordable housing project jointly undertaken by the City and the County.

Advertising

The opportunity to participate was advertised on the Travis County website (www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG), the seven community centers, and the television channel of Travis County. The advertisement appeared in the following newspapers of general circulation: *Austin Chronicle*, *Pflugerville Pflag*, *Lake Travis View*, *Westlake Picyuane*, *Oak Hill Gazette*, and *The Villager*. To reach the Spanish speaking population the advertisement was placed in the Spanish language newspaper *Ahora Sí*. News releases were sent out by the Emergency Services Department prior to all meetings. In addition, notifications by mail and e-mail were sent to service providers via list serves, county residents who had previously attended public hearings, community liaison departments of schools districts, and neighborhood associations; and were posted on the CDBG Facebook and Twitter pages.

Surveys

Resident surveys were available online or by postal mail from February 17-March 31, 2015 and were offered in English and Spanish. Written surveys were available at public hearings and upon request for those without access to a computer or the internet. A total of 31 residents completed surveys to provide input on the Action Plan.

A provider survey was also available to gather input and was offered in English only. Several list-serves, including the County's contracted social service providers, were used to send out the link to the online survey through email. A total of 70 surveys were completed by agencies.

DETAILED RESULTS OF PARTICIPATION PROCESS

To assist in determining the spending priorities for PY15, residents and service providers were asked to rank three of the six categories as "most urgent," "urgent," and "important" needs for the PY15 period.

Residents

In total 31 responses were gathered from the public hearings and resident surveys. The table below provides the rankings of the categories for PY15.

| Ranking of Categories of Need for PY15, Residents | |
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| Service Category | Ranking |
| Housing | 1 |
| Infrastructure | 2 |

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| Populations with Specialized Needs/Services | 3 |
| Community Services | 4 |
| Public Buildings & Facilities | 5 |
| Business & Jobs | 6 |

Social Service Providers

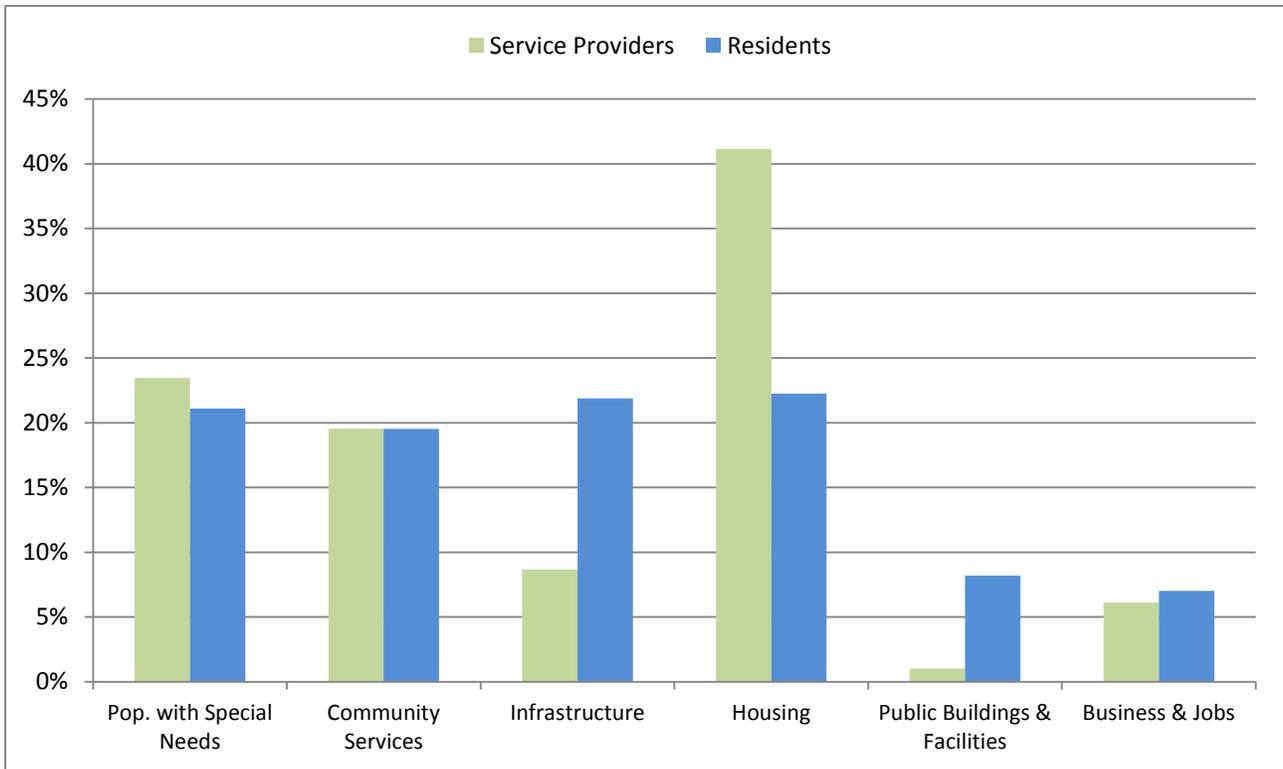
In total, 70 responses were gathered from service provider agencies. Sixty two of these agencies were non-profit organizations, and 8 were units of local government. Respondents were asked to rank the same six categories as residents for the PY15 period.

| Ranking of Categories of Need for PY15, Social Service Providers | |
|--|---------|
| Service Category | Ranking |
| Housing | 1 |
| Populations with Specialized Needs/Services | 2 |
| Community Services | 3 |
| Infrastructure | 4 |
| Business & Jobs | 5 |
| Public Buildings & Facilities | 6 |

Comparison of Resident and Service Provider Priority Rankings

As shown in the chart below, both residents and service providers ranked Housing as the most urgent need for PY15. However, for residents, Housing received approximately the same share of points as the other three top needs (approximately 20% each); while for service providers, Housing received a much higher share of the total points (41%).

Ranking of PY15 Investment Priorities, as Share of Total Points



Project Proposals

Project proposals which identified a community need and provided specific project ideas are accepted throughout the year. However, only project proposals received by March 31, 2015 will be considered for funding in the next program year. Project proposals can be submitted by Travis County Departments, neighborhoods, individuals, and service providers. Proposals can identify potential projects for PY15. A total of nine project proposals were received during the time specified.

Public Comment to Solicit Feedback on the Action Plan

After presentation to Travis County Commissioners Court, the draft PY15 Action Plan was posted for written comment for thirty days, prior to the final approval by the Travis County Commissioners Court. Comments were accepted in writing via email or regular mail to the Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans’ Service CDBG staff. The Draft Plan was posted on the Travis County website and copies were located at the seven Travis County Community Centers for public review. During the 30-day comment period, two public hearings were held to inform and enable the community to comment on the uses of PY15 CDBG funds. These two public hearings were held at the Travis County Commissioners’ Court during the normally scheduled voting session, and were held in the traditional public hearing format with oral testimony.

| Location of Hearings | Dates / Times |
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| Travis County Commissioners Court, 700 Lavaca | July 7, 2015 at 9 a.m. July 14, 2015 at 9 a.m. |

Summary of Public Comments Received during Public Comment Period

- One person provided comments at the July 7, 2015 hearing at Commissioners Court. The comments related to the ongoing home repair program, and provided clarification that the PY15 goals for the project referred only to PY15 allocated funds, and that unspent funds from prior years would be used during the upcoming program year to provide repairs to additional houses.
- One person provided comments at the July 14, 2015 hearing at Commissioners Court. This person spoke in support of the priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan and called attention to the ongoing need for services in the unincorporated areas as more population locates outside the city.

TESTIMONIES RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS AT COMMISSIONERS COURT

Four people testified at the February 17, 2015 public hearing. The full transcription of testimony received at Commissioners Court follows:

Dan Pruett: Judge, Commissioners we really would just like to comment if we may, a little bit about the Home Repair Program, an incredible partnership we have with the County to repair homes. And very importantly the homes of people that need help in the unincorporated areas. It's been a great success and working with the County has been great. We see the work that needs to get done and we get it done, which I think is very important. I'm going to turn this over to my colleague Charles Cloutman who runs that program for Meals on Wheels and More.

Charles Cloutman: Judge, Commissioners, Charles Cloutman with Meals on Wheels and More. Just to give you a rundown on the money spent to date in the Home Rehab program that's funded by CDBG, and awarded by you, we've spent about \$1.5 million to date, we've completed 46 major rehabs of different homes throughout the rural parts of the unincorporated Travis County which include new roofs, electrical services, major plumbing, siding, foundations, windows and doors, as well as accessibility retrofits to keep people safe and accessible in their own homes for the rest of their lives. We have eleven houses under rehab as we speak. We've had many people who were financially eligible but their properties were not because of the Federal regs. I'm sorry to say we've had to turn down forty-nine different deserving people because of the Federal regulations prevented us from helping them because of their conditions. We have been able to leverage \$300,000 besides the CDBG funding of State architectural barriers removal funding, State Veterans Funding, and HUD's HOME Program, that's fairly dysfunctional in its own right.

Which brings me to two things we would like to bring to mind, just as your stakeholder out there in the deep weeds. We see a lot of mobile homes that we cannot rehab. A lot of people live in mobile homes in rural Travis County. Some of them are very old and just not worth spending the money on. TDHCA's HOME funding has a program called the MH Swap Mobile Homes, Manufactured Housing Unit Swap. The problem is they ran out of money in about fifteen seconds on the first day of the opening. It's a reservation system, and large multi-family people bought up all the money real quick. Or reserved all the money real quick. This program, though it could move and really make a world of difference in people's lives, it's ineffective because you can't get the money. That said, something the County could undertake, as part of CDBG, it could undertake as part of the overall program. You could basically destroy the trailer that is there, put in a brand new one. Make it one that's designed to be accessible and will last them thirty, forty years. We've been able to do one of them here in the City of Austin, and it worked out wonderfully.

The other thing is again, because of the TDHCA HOME funding being so dry and taken away so quickly, we don't have the funding to come in and do major rehab and reconstruct to a house that is not worth building. Or not worth trying to rehab. That we basically have to take it down and rebuild the foundation, the walls, everything and with an affordability lien or some other mechanism to keep it from being flipped, keep it from being turned. Both of those things could be utilized, should be utilized in the county. It's just going to take a will, it's going to take more money. So, it's something we see, it's something I don't know if there is the money for, the will for, but you know, you guys have the heart and we're just showing you what we see. And we thank you so much for the houses and the people's lives that have been changed. It's really remarkable. Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: I really appreciate the comments and we will have, we're looking at additional funding streams because you're right, the restrictions on the utilization of the HUD money are pretty tight. Travis County also has a separate pot of money that's coming out of General Fund that we utilize and we're looking pulling together several different threads of funding to address our housing issues and it would be wonderful to have your input on that as we move forward. We'll have a work session on our mission with regard to housing coming up soon. And I was just looking for the date, but I'll let you know.

Charles Cloutman: Thank you Judge.

Commissioner Shea: I have a quick question, is there any way to remedy the State funding mechanism? Or is that dictated by the Federal guidelines and we can't do much about it?

Charles Cloutman: Commissioner actually it's TDHCA's, just their delivery method. I think they're revising it as we speak. Stakeholders have been in arms about it for quite some time obviously. They are trying to make the remedy to where they're going to do a hybrid system of contract and/or reservation system. And trying to block out a lot of the multifamily money grab. They're all good things. I don't mean to put one down over the other, but when you find yourself against multiple competitors, it's tough to get the funding. The people you're serving, the people you've promised the funding to, the people that you're trying to serve.

Judge Eckhardt: So there's a potential remedy coming from the State revising its rules?

Charles Cloutman: There could be. We've heard before they're revising, or thinking about it, they're under advisement about it. I think they are, I think they see the writing on the wall that this can't continue.

Commissioner Shea: Maybe this is something that the conference of urban counties can look at as well. I presume it's a similar problem for other urban counties.

Charles Cloutman: Exactly.

Christy Moffett: If I may. It's the same issue for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program that's available through HOME funding. It's the same pot of funding. And so, the Housing Finance Corporation has the grant with TDHCA to use the reservation system and Family Support Services is the division that administers that. And we're having the same issue there. Not being able to access the funding because it's all taken up through multifamily. So there are several voices that have indicated that it's an issue and we're hoping for a solution.

Judge Eckhardt: On March 26th is when we'll be having the work session. And I'm gratified that our Health and Human Services and our Housing Finance Corporation are working together on these issues and we would love to work with you on them as well.

Charles Cloutman: Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: Yes sir.

Stuart Hersh: Judge and members of the Commissioners Court, my name is Stuart Harry Hersh and like most in Austin I rent and I'm here to support both my colleagues and the low income homeowners outside the City limits of Austin and the Village of Webberville who desperately need funds both for home repair and for architectural barrier removal. I won't be duplicative of what my friends from Meals on Wheels and More have said but I will tell you that one of the opportunities you have through this needs assessment with Community Development Block Grant funds, is to set the same sort of performance measures for home replacement along with home repair, that the City of Austin does in its Community Development Block Grant needs assessment program. A few years ago we appeared before you for the first time and asked you to fund this and you graciously did that. And they've articulated the people who've benefitted from that and now I think you're poised to go to the next step which is to continue to address the needs that you've been addressing and potentially do something either with manufactured housing or some other kind of major rehabilitation program. So that folks under the current program who can't be assisted can ultimately be able to age in place. Because most of the people we're talking about are seniors or people with disabilities, if they're low income homeowners in Austin given the housing crunch and all the other pressures that make homeownership difficult. So, please help out our brothers and sisters who are trying to stay in their homes in rural Travis County and look at continuing to do what you've been doing and potentially expanding it to major rehabilitation. And thank you for all your good work.

Judge Eckhardt: Thanks for adding your voice of support.

Commissioner Shea: Can I just ask for a clarification? Did you say that the County would benefit if it adopted similar performance measures that the City of Austin has adopted on the CDBG funding stream?

Stuart Hersh: The City of Austin in its needs assessment program has performance measures all the way from homelessness at the first step of the housing continuum all the way to repair of existing low income homeownership. So looking strategically at what you might do in the programs you do similar to what the City of Austin does through its needs assessment might give you a framework for making that easier rather than trying to invent it for the first time.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you for that. And was that developed a long with the Community Action Network? I remember that ECHO was working on a continuum and a results based impact analysis.

Stuart Hersh: I'm not competent to speak to what ECHO's doing but I will tell you that in the City's five year Consolidated Plan and in their Annual Action Plans they do set performance measures along the housing continuum. For all the programs they apply and that starts with homelessness and then at the top is the existing homeowners who are low income or getting their homes repaired. So that opportunity is there for you.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you.

Stuart Hersh: Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: Yes sir.

Joe Quintero: Good morning Judge. My name is Joe Quintero, I'm with the Greater East Austin Neighborhood Association. And the reason I'm here is addressing this housing issue. My mother is eighty-eight years old. She applied for this loan through the Austin Housing Corporation. The problem is there's been a lot of discrimination in our neighborhood. I can actually say I'll probably be the last Mexicano living in East Austin. And the issue is here, is when these grants were subject for housing in our area HUD homes, they were given to nonprofit organizations. These nonprofit organizations have inventory of all the properties happening in East Austin. So they therefore they built, raising taxes. My mother's house was built by the City at one time, Stuart Hersh was involved. In that period when the City handled HUD monies. So it was a deferred loan and it was forgiven in fifteen years. Now she applied for a loan, they want to loan her \$30,000 and then on top of that they want her to turn the deed over to them and then if she wants to make a sale they want \$25,000. Now is that discrimination? Is that the Austin Housing Corporation? And I don't know how many houses they have refurbished in East Austin. They ask her why do you want to refurbish your house. Because the appraisal of the property is higher than the value of the house. So you take the value of the house that was built by the City, by HUD for \$15,000, a property appraisal is worth \$130,000, and then you build a \$300,000 house next to the house. What happened to East Austin? What happened to...It was a Caesar Chavez Neighborhood Association Plan, but actually it was an agenda set by the City and the County. Now we're talking about housing outside the inner city. And that's why they were mentioning mobile homes. Now can't you purchase a big parcel lot in the County and build a bunch of homes like you all did? How many people got incentives for building these houses in our neighborhood? So you know, the word gentrification, I don't know nobody who knows the word, the meaning of it. As far as I'm concerned. I've been doing this for twenty years. So anyway, that's my comments and I hope you're

considering taking some of that HUD money and work with the City, take the Budweiser building owned by the City and build a high rise for low income people. If you're building high rises in this area, three blocks from here, through the stimulus package by Obama in 2009. And all these people are making money. Even the project managers say I work for Obama. So I hope that you will take that consideration. With the City, take the Budweiser building and build a twenty story rise for low...affordable housing for people. Instead of trying to spread us out into the rural areas. Thank you Judge.

Judge Eckhardt: Your points are very well taken Mr. Quintero.

Commissioner Shea: Can I ask for a clarification because this is something that I'm not clear on myself. Is the County prevented from spending CDBG money within the City limits? I thought there was some jurisdictional, geographic boundary requirement.

Christy Moffett: The County CDBG money cannot be spent within the City limits of Austin. We can work in the ETJ, and the City may not use their HUD money in the ETJ. So we are restricted by geography.

Commissioner Shea: By the Federal government requirements.

Christy Moffett: By the Federal government.

Commissioner Shea: But I think there are many opportunities for us to partner with the City in other ways. And that's certainly a priority.

Judge Eckhardt: And that's something we are looking towards using our Housing Finance Corporation for, is the building of affordable housing, deeply affordable housing on County owned property. So your points are very well taken Mr. Quintero.

One person testified at the July 7, 2015 public hearing. The full transcription of testimony received at Commissioners Court follows:

Stuart Hersh: Judge And members of the Commissioners Court, my name is Stuart Harry Hersh and I rent and appeared before you a few months ago during the needs assessment part of this process to identify the continued need for low-income homeowners in the unincorporated parts of Travis County and the Village of Webberville to be able to have their homes made safer through the home repair programs of community development block grant. When I read the draft plan that's before you that you'll approve in a few weeks, it appeared that we were only going to help two homeowners as a county in the next year, and then I've learned this morning that that's because the bizarre world of the federal government only allows us to count the new money that you are planning to appropriate, the \$57,000 plus towards the performance goal for next year. And what your plan doesn't reflect is all the carry-forward money that you have and other additional funds you might have that will actually allow for the assistance of more than two families. So with that additional information, I'm encouraging you to move forward with the document in front of you and continue to thank you for your willingness as a Commissioners Court to take on the issue of assisting very low-income homeowners in Travis County in the unincorporated areas who often have to struggle between housing they can afford and housing

that is safe. This helps balance that equation by making that housing a little safer. Thank you for your willingness to listen this morning. And thank you for your advocacy.

Commissioner Davis: Yeah, thank you very much. It's very I think appropriate that those comments were made because we have I think an extensive outreach program that we are trying our best to make sure we do address those concerns in the outlying areas. So again, thank you for your comments and to bring that to our attention again. I really do appreciate what you are doing.

Commissioner Shea: Judge, just to clarify, do I understand that we're only able to allocate the smaller amount for the next fiscal year because the amount that was allocated the previous year wasn't fully spent? So what I'm wondering is, is there anything we can do mid-year where we can catch this, this problem? Because clearly the community needs more money allocated to help low-income people stay in their homes and help keep those homes more livable. So what can we do so that we're able to actually allocate the amount of money that truly reflects the nature of the need? Because \$50,000 is a pittance frankly.

Christy Moffett: Thanks for letting me clarify. So since 2008, we've put \$1.9 million into home repair, and right now, and so this \$50,000 brings us closer to \$2 million but not quite. So right now what we've seen is from the beginning of the program there was a lot of home repair that was, that was easily done because it didn't take a lot of pre-planning. And what we've seen over the last year or so is that a lot of people are needing assistance with their septic systems. And so what happened is it kind of slowed things down a little bit because it takes about three to six months of pre-work prior to actually being able to do the construction. So the work is still being done. People are still being assisted, but it did slow down the drawing down of funds a little bit more than we anticipated. So meals on wheels and more, who maintains that contract, they still have about \$400,000 that they are working through it actually might be closer to half a million, I think by the time they bill this month it will be closer to \$400,000. But in terms of this program, what we like to do with it as this year ends, so in September we'll come back to you and we will let you know how much we spent in all of our projects, those that are completed, were there any project savings. And what we would do is recommend to you that we take some of those project savings and move them into home repair. So our intention was never just to give meals on wheels \$57,000 for the upcoming year, it as to wait and see how much project savings we had and to let them get caught up a little bit. So we do anticipate additional investments and we will be coming to you probably in the first quarter of this fiscal, of next fiscal year to talk to you about how much to move over to that program.

Commissioner Davis: And on top of that and I'm not going to belabor it, Commissioner Shea, you brought a good point, but there has been a long track record of expenditures made through CDBG as far as assisting persons throughout all of Travis County. I'm specifically speaking of Precinct 1 at this time. And I would like to see, you know, the point where the person needed access to water, pipeline that was ran out in that area where they didn't have water, those kind of things, examples of where we looked at eligible clients that needed assistance, and, of course, all they have to do is run their homes to the main. And, of course, to do that, but there was a lot of expenditures as far as money is concerned over the course of time since we've been here on a lot of these different initiatives.

Christy Moffett: Since 2008 it's been a good accumulation and it's a small amount this year.

Commissioner Davis: I'm just speaking specifically of Precinct 1, but what I would like to have as far as Precinct 1 is concerned is as far as CDBG moneys that have been spent, the young man brought a good

example here today, but there's been a cumulative amount of money that we have, have gotten hold through the assistance of HUD and made sure these moneys were available for persons in the outlying area. What I would like to see from/you and this is between you and I is an accumulation of what that, those expenditures have been for Precinct 1. I'm not talking anybody else, I'm saying just strictly for Precinct 1. Because I think at the end of the day you kind of need to look to see how much that is as far as the amount of money spent. And that way when folks ask questions about, about expenditures and how much money has been expended over the years and I want to make sure that we have that in my office in case someone do call and say, well, how much money has been spent, what have you done this program year or what program year, da, da, da. And it's accumulation of program years that we've spent money and I would like to have the accumulation of projects in Precinct 1.

Christy Moffett: Absolutely. yes sir. We can get it to you this week.

Commissioner Davis: Thank you very much.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you so much for your comments, Mr. Hersh. Is there anyone else who would like to give comments on our plan for this plan year and the coming plan years? Move the public hearing closed.

One person testified at the July 14, 2015 public hearing. The full transcription of testimony received at Commissioners Court follows:

Kathy Stark: Good morning, my name is Kathy Stark. I'm Executive Director of the Austin Tenants Council. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm just here to say that I was happy to see the priorities in the Consolidated Plan. I think that we're going to see that we're going to have more and more tenants and homeowners moving into the unincorporated areas and we're going to have to figure out a way to provide services because we need housing out there, we need services, and we need transportation. And so all of those things are in the Consolidated Plan. As we see Austin prices rising and rising, people are moving farther and farther out and their options out there to get services and not have to drive into the city and/or get transportation into the city have always been a challenge and I want to say I'm glad to see that that's where the money is going. That affordable housing is the most crucial thing we have in the city right now, but if you have housing, you have to have the wrap-arounds. And those are my comments and I thank you for allowing me to speak.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you so much, Ms. Stark. Your comments are well taken and we will continue to concentrate on housing and transportation as well as that social safety net in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.



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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Help Identify Community Needs in Travis County During Public Meetings in February & March 2015

Travis County invites the public to participate in community forums where residents will have an opportunity to present community needs and recommend projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for usage in the unincorporated areas of Travis County. The information collected in the forums will guide the selection of CDBG projects for the Program Year 2015 (October 2015-September 2016).

The CDBG program is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live outside any city limit or in the Village of Webberville. The program supports community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services. For program year 2015, Travis County anticipates to receive an estimated \$997,649.

The forums will be held according to the following schedule:

| Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 9:00 am | Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm | Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm | Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm | Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Travis County Commissioners Court 700 Lavaca St. Austin, TX 78701 | Travis County Community Center at Manor 600 W. Carrie Manor St. Manor, TX 78653 | Wells Branch Community Library (Austin) 15001 Wells Port Dr Austin, TX 78728 | Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill 8656-A Hwy 71W, Ste. 1000 Austin, TX 78735 | Travis County Community Center at Del Valle 3518 FM 973 Del Valle, TX 78617 |

Beginning February 17, 2015, if you cannot attend any of the forums, you can participate by filling out a Participation Form that can be accessed through the Travis County Website at www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cbdg, or at one of the seven Travis County Community Centers, or by requesting that it be mailed to you by calling 512-854-3460.

For additional information, contact the CDBG office at cdbg@traviscountytexas.gov or call 512-854-3460. To request that an American Sign Language or Spanish interpreter be present at any of the public hearings, please contact CDBG staff at least five business days in advance.



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Solicitamos Su Ayuda Identificando Necesidades Comunitarias Durante Foros Públicos en Febrero Y Marzo de 2015

El Condado de Travis invita al público a participar en foros comunitarios donde residentes tendrán la oportunidad de identificar necesidades comunitarias y de recomendar proyectos para el uso de los fondos del Programa de Subsidios Globales de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) que se enfoca en las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Travis. La información recaudada en los foros guiará la selección de proyectos CDBG para el Año Programático 2015 (desde octubre de 2015 a septiembre de 2016).

El Programa de CDBG recibe fondos del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE.UU. para beneficiar a residentes de bajo y medianos ingresos que viven en el Pueblo de Webberville o en las otras áreas no incorporadas del condado de Travis. El programa apoya actividades de desarrollo comunitarias que tienen como propósito revitalizar comunidades, mejorar opciones de viviendas, y proporcionar servicios e instalaciones comunitarias mejoradas. Para el Año Programático 2015, el Condado de Travis anticipa recibir un estimado de \$997,649 en fondos CDBG.

Los foros públicos se llevarán a cabo de acuerdo al siguiente horario:

| Martes, 17 de febrero de 2015 a las 9:00 am | Lunes, 2 de marzo de 2015 a las 6:30 pm | Jueves, 26 de febrero de 2015 a las 6:30 pm | Lunes, 9 de marzo de 2015 a las 6:30 pm | Jueves, 5 de marzo de 2015 a las 6:30 pm |
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Comenzando el 17 de febrero de 2015, si no puede asistir a los foros, usted puede participar llenando una Planilla de Participación ubicada en la página web www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cbdg, o en uno de los siete Centros Comunitarios del Condado de Travis, o puede solicitar que se le envíe una planilla por correo llamando al 512-854-3460.

Para más información, comuníquese con la oficina de CDBG a través del correo electrónico al cbdgb@traviscountytexas.gov o llamando al 512-854-3460. Para solicitar que haya un intérprete en español o de lenguaje americano de señas en alguna de estas reuniones, por favor contacte al personal de CDBG por lo menos con cinco días hábiles de anterioridad.

1. Introduction & Contact Information

- Every year, Travis County receives approximately \$997,649 in federal funds from a program called the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- The program must support housing, community development and public service projects and must benefit residents that live in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and/or the Village of Webberville.
- In the first section of the survey, we would like you to have a voice in how these funds are spent for the NEXT program year (October 2015 - September 2016) by filling out this survey and telling us where you see the greatest needs in your community and provide specific project ideas.
- To learn more about CDBG, visit www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG

* 1. Contact Information

Name:

Company:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

* 2. Please check the category you represent

- Non-Profit Organization
- Government
- For-Profit Business
- Faith-Based Organization

* 3. Which of the following categories apply to your organization? (Check all that apply.)

- Housing
- Public Housing Authority
- Services-Children
- Services-Elderly Persons
- Services-Persons with Disabilities
- Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
- Services-Homeless
- Services-Health
- Services-Education
- Services-Employment
- Service-Fair Housing
- Health Agency
- Child Welfare Agency
- Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
- Other government - Federal
- Other government - State
- Other government - County
- Other government - Local
- Regional organization
- Planning organization
- Business Leaders
- Civic Leaders
- Other (please specify below)

4. Would you like to receive emails or postal mail notifications about CDBG events?

- Email Notices
- Postal Mail Notices
- Not Interested

2. Program Year 2015 Needs & Project Ideas

In this section, please think of the time period spanning from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 (which corresponds to Program Year 2015). Answer the questions with the unincorporated community needs in mind, and identify the categories you think are important enough to be a priority for CDBG funds in the next year.

3. Identifying Needs for Program Year 2015

1. For Program Year 2015, of the six funding areas listed below, please rank the top three areas by letting us know which one represents:

- The most urgent need (the most urgent area of investment in your community)
- An urgent need (but not necessarily the most urgent)
- An important need (but not as urgent)

No more than three categories can be ranked.

| | Most Urgent Need | Urgent Need | Important Need |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Populations with Specialized Needs/Services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Community Services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Infrastructure | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Housing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Public Buildings & Facilities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Business & Jobs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

4. Identifying Projects for Program Year 2015

1. Please provide ideas for potential projects for Program Year 2015. Include the community need, the type of project and the location.

For Example:

Community Need: Poor roads

Project Idea: Road Improvement Project

Location: Hill Country Subdivision, 1004-1207 ABC Road, Austin, TX 78717

Please note you may also provide a proposal for a specific project by filling out a Project Proposal Form available at the CDBG webpage at www.co.travis.tx.us/cdbg

2. For an additional comment or project idea, use the space below:

3. Over the next year, what opportunities for collaboration or coordination with the Travis County CDBG program do you anticipate? When answering this question please keep in mind that the program must benefit the residents of the unincorporated areas of the county and/or the Village of Webberville. Please consider all types of collaboration (information sharing, specific projects, participation in working groups etc.)

5. Thank You!

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your assistance will help the County to plan for the future. If you have questions regarding this survey, please contact the Travis County CDBG Program at: (512) 854-3460, email: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov or visit www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG

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Group Name (if applicable)

Address:

City/Town:

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ZIP/Postal Code:

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Phone Number:

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| Infrastructure | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Housing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Public Buildings & Facilities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Business & Jobs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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2. For an additional comment or project idea, use the space below:

5. Optional Housing Discrimination Section

The next section is optional, but helps the CDBG Office understand the extent to which housing discrimination may be occurring in the unincorporated areas.

6. Housing Discrimination

Housing discrimination based on your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, or disability is illegal by federal law. Please answer the following questions about housing discrimination. Completion of this section is optional.

1. Do you believe housing discrimination is an issue in your neighborhood?

- Yes
 No

2. Have you ever experienced discrimination in housing?

- Yes
 No

3. If so, who do you believe discriminated against you? Check all that apply.

- Landlord
 Mortgage Insurer
 Mortgage Lender
 Real State Agent
 Other

4. On what basis do you believe you were discriminated against? Check all that apply.

- Color
 Disability
 Family Status (single parent with children, family with children or expecting a child)
 Gender
 National Origin (country where you were born)
 Religion
 Race

5. If you believe you were discriminated against, did you report the incident?

- Yes
 No

6. If not, WHY? Check all that apply.

- Don't know where to report
- Too much trouble
- Afraid of retaliation
- Don't believe it makes a difference
- Other

To find out more information about fair housing or how to report discriminating housing practices contact the CDBG program by calling 512-854-3460 or visit http://www.co.travis.tx.us/health_human_services/cdbg/fair_housing.asp

7. Thank You!

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1. Introducción e información de contacto

Todos los años, el Condado de Travis recibe aproximadamente \$997,649 en fondos federales que provienen de un programa llamado Subsidio Global para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG).

El programa debe ayudar a financiar proyectos de viviendas, desarrollo comunitario y servicios públicos y debe beneficiar a los residentes que viven en las áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Travis o en el Pueblo de Webberville.

En la primera sección de esta encuesta, nos gustaría que usted exprese sus opiniones sobre cómo se deberían gastar estos fondos durante el próximo año programático (octubre de 2015-septiembre de 2016). Para esto, debe completar esta encuesta para indicar dónde cree que se encuentran las mayores necesidades en su comunidad y proveer ideas de proyectos específicos.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa CDBG, visite www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG

* 1. Información de contacto

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Nombre: | <input type="text"/> |
| Empresa: | <input type="text"/> |
| Domicilio: | <input type="text"/> |
| Ciudad/pueblo: | <input type="text"/> |
| Estado: | <input type="text"/> |
| Código Postal: | <input type="text"/> |
| Dirección de correo electrónico: | <input type="text"/> |
| Número de teléfono: | <input type="text"/> |

* 2. Por favor, marque la categoría que representa

- Residente
- Grupo comunitario
- Empresa con fines de lucro
- Organización religiosa
- Organización sin fines de lucro
- Departamento del Condado de Travis

3. ¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones sobre los eventos del programa CDBG por correo electrónico o por correo postal?

- Notificaciones por correo electrónico
- Notificaciones por correo postal
- No estoy interesado

2. Necesidades e ideas para proyectos para el Año Programático 2015

Es esta sección, piense acerca del período desde el 1 de octubre de 2015 al 30 de septiembre de 2016 (el Año Programático 2015). Conteste las preguntas acerca de las necesidades de las comunidades en las áreas no incorporadas del Condado, e identifique las categorías que usted piensa deben tener prioridad para los fondos del Programa CDBG durante el próximo año programático.

3. Identificación de necesidades para el Año Programático 2015

1. De las seis áreas o categorías disponibles (en la lista abajo), favor de clasificarlas dejándonos saber cuál representa:

- La necesidad más urgente (El área de inversión más urgente en su comunidad.)
- Una necesidad urgente (pero no necesariamente la más urgente)
- Una necesidad importante (pero no urgente)

Sólo se pueden clasificar o escoger tres de las seis áreas/categorías.

| | Necesidad más urgente | Necesidad urgente | Necesidad importante |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Población con necesidad especiales | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Servicios de comunidad | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Infraestructura | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Viviendas | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Edificios y instalaciones públicas | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Negocios y empleos | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

4. Identificación de proyectos para el Año Programático 2015

1. Favor de proveer ideas para proyectos posibles para el Año Programático 2015. Incluya la necesidad comunitaria, el tipo de proyecto, y la localización.

Por ejemplo:

Necesidad comunitaria: Carreteras en mal estado

Idea de proyecto: Proyecto para mejorar las carreteras

Localización: Hill Country Subdivision, 1004-1207 ABC Road, Austin, TX 78717

Si usted tiene una idea para un proyecto específico, puede someterlo a través de un Formulario De Proyecto Propuesto disponible en el sitio del web de CDBG:

www.co.travis.tx.us/cdbg.

2. Use este espacio para comentarios o ideas de proyectos adicionales.

5. Sección opcional acerca de discriminación de vivienda

Esta sección es opcional, pero ayuda a la oficina del programa de CDBG a entender cuán extensivo es la discriminación de vivienda en las áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Travis.

6. Discriminación de vivienda

Las leyes federales prohíben la discriminación en materia de vivienda basada en su raza, color, nacionalidad, religión, sexo, estado civil, o discapacidad. Por favor, responda las siguientes preguntas sobre la discriminación en materia de vivienda. Esta sección es opcional.

* 1. ¿Usted cree que la discriminación en materia de vivienda es un problema en su vecindario ?

Sí

No

* 2. ¿Alguna vez ha sido víctima de discriminación en la vivienda?

Sí

No

3. De ser así, ¿quién cree usted que lo discriminó? Marque todos los cuadros que correspondan.

Dueño

Asegurador hipotecario

Proveedor del crédito hipotecario

Agente de bienes raíces

Otro

* 4. ¿Por qué cree usted que fue discriminado? Marque todos los cuadros que correspondan.

Color

Discapacidad

Situación familiar (padre o madre solo con hijos, familia con hijos o esperando un hijo)

Sexo

Nacionalidad de origen (país de nacimiento)

Religión

Raza

5. Si usted cree que fue discriminado, ¿denunció el incidente?

Sí

No

6. Si no, ¿por qué no lo hizo? Marque todos los cuadros que correspondan.

- No sabe dónde deben realizarse las denuncias
- Es demasiado problema
- Teme ser víctima de represalias
- No cree que sirva de nada
- Otro

Para obtener más información sobre vivienda justa o sobre cómo denunciar casos de discriminación en la vivienda, póngase en contacto con el programa CDBG llamando al 512-854-3460 o visite el sitio http://www.co.travis.tx.us/health_human_services/cdbg/fair_housing.asp

7. ¡Gracias!

Gracias por participar en esta encuesta. Su asistencia ayudará al Condado en planificar para el futuro. Si tiene alguna pregunta en cuanto a esta encuesta, por favor póngase en contacto con el Programa CDBG del Condado de Travis por teléfono al (512) 854-3460, por correo electrónico: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov, o visite el sitio web: www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG.

Si le enviamos esta encuesta por correo, favor de devolverla a: CDBG Program, TCHHS/VS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767, con marca postal a no más tarde del 31 de marzo de 2015.

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

**INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PY15 ACTION PLAN
AND SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PY14-18 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Travis County is eligible to receive an estimated \$1,075,076 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the county or the Village of Webberville. The funds are for Program Year 2015 (PY15), October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. An Annual Action Plan has been drafted detailing how the funds will be spent in PY15.

Additionally, Travis County is substantially amending the PY14-PY18 Consolidated Plan goals and deleting two projects in the PY14 Action Plan to align the plans with project changes that have occurred since plan approval.

You can comment on the proposed PY15 Action Plan and Substantial Amendments by attending one of two public hearings or by sending your comments in writing via postal mail or e-mail.

COMMENT PERIOD AND DRAFT DOCUMENT

Comments will be accepted for 30 days beginning June 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Beginning June 29, 2015, drafts of the proposed Action Plan, Substantial Amendments and related summaries will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG webpage at: <https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg> or available for review at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers:

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|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| SOUTH RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 3518 FM 973, <i>Del Valle</i> | TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER 15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D, <i>Pflugerville</i> | WEST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 8656 Hwy 71W, Bldg. A, <i>Oak Hill</i> | NORTHWEST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 18649 FM 1431, <i>Jonestown</i> | EAST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER 600 W. Carrie Manor St., <i>Manor</i> | PALM SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTER 100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, <i>Austin</i> | POST ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER 2201 Post Rd., Suite 101, <i>Austin</i> |
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

You can provide comments by attending one of the Public Hearings scheduled for: **Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 9:00 AM** or **Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM** at Travis County, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX.

MAILING YOUR COMMENTS

You can mail your comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHSVS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov.

Travis County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 512-854-3460 for assistance.



TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

INVITACIÓN PARA COMENTAR SOBRE EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN AP15 Y RECTIFICACIONES SUBSTANCIALES AL PLAN CONSOLIDADO DE AP14-18

El Condado de Travis está calificado para recibir una suma estimada de \$1,075,760 en fondos del Programa de Subsidio Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) destinados a beneficiar residentes de ingresos bajos o medianos que residen en las áreas no incorporadas del condado o en la Villa de Webberville. Los fondos son para el año programático de 2015 (AP15), el cual cubre desde el 1 de octubre de 2015 al 30 de septiembre de 2016. Un plan de acción anual ha sido redactado detallando cómo se usarán los fondos durante el AP15.

Adicionalmente, el Condado de Travis está rectificando substancialmente el Plan Consolidado de AP14-18 y está eliminando dos proyectos en el Plan de Acción de AP14 para alinear los planes con cambios que han ocurrido en los proyectos después que los planes fueron aprobados.

Usted puede comentar sobre el Plan de Acción propuesto para AP15 y sobre las Rectificaciones Substanciales atendiendo una de las dos audiencias públicas o sometiendo sus comentarios por escrito por correo postal o a través de correo electrónico (e-mail).

PERÍODO DE COMENTARIO Y DOCUMENTO PRELIMINAR

Los comentarios públicos se aceptarán por un período de 30 días a partir del 29 de junio de 2015 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 28 de julio de 2015 a las 5:00 p.m. A partir del 29 de junio de 2015, borradores del plan de acción, de las rectificaciones substanciales, y resúmenes relacionados serán disponibles para descargar en la página de internet de CDBG del Condado de Travis en: <https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg>, o en uno de los siguientes siete centros comunitarios del Condado de Travis:

| CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL SUR | CENTRO COMUNITARIO DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS | CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL OESTE | CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL NOROESTE | CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL ESTE | CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE PALM SQUARE | CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE POST ROAD |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 3518 FM 973, <i>Del Valle</i> | 15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D, <i>Pflugerville</i> | 8656 Hwy 71W, Bldg. A, <i>Oak Hill</i> | 18649 FM 1431, <i>Jonestown</i> | 600 W. Carrie Manor St., <i>Manor</i> | 100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, <i>Austin</i> | 2201 Post Rd., Suite 101, <i>Austin</i> |

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El público puede presentar sus comentarios asistiendo a cualquiera de dos audiencias públicas planificadas para el **martes, 7 de julio de 2015 a las 9:00 AM** y el **martes, 14 de julio de 2015 a las 9:00 AM** en la sala de justicia de los Comisionados del Condado de Travis, ubicada en 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX.

ENVÍO DE COMENTARIOS

El público puede enviar sus comentarios por correo postal a la dirección: CDBG Program, Travis County HHSVS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 o por e-mail a: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov

El Condado de Travis está comprometido a cumplir con la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) y con la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según su enmienda. Al solicitarlo, se proporcionarán modificaciones razonables e igual acceso a comunicaciones.

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al 512-854-3460.





APPENDIX B

CDBG PY15 PROJECTS & ALTERNATE PROJECTS

PY15 PROJECTS

Project # 1: Inclusive Playground at Southeast Metro Park – up to \$460,000

Project Description: This project would build an inclusive playground at Southeast Metro Park. An inclusive playground uses universal components to create an area of play that supports the cognitive, physical, sensory, visual, and auditory needs of all children. While the playground will be specifically accessible to children with specialized needs, it will also be available for use to all residents of the area. The project will be implemented by the Travis County Parks Department.

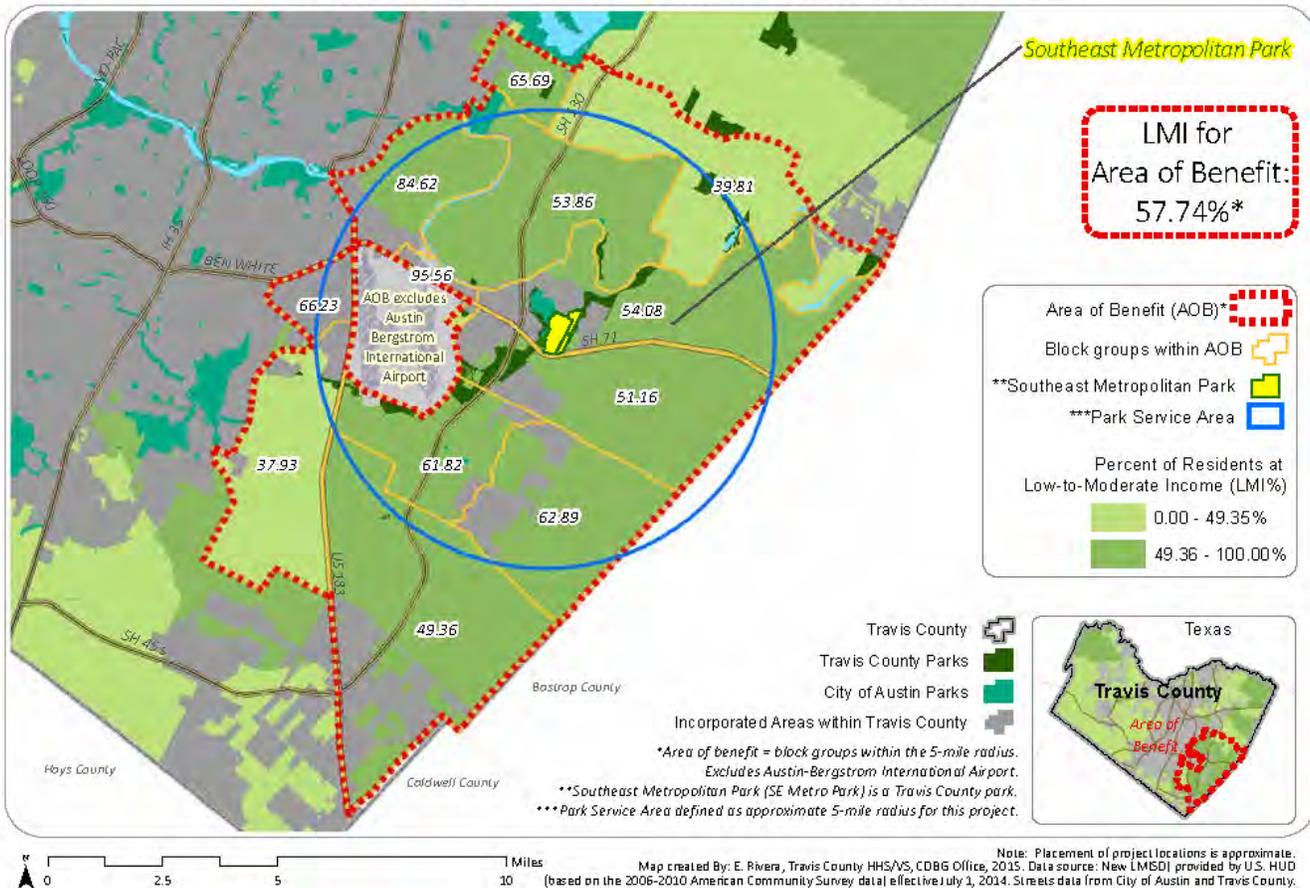
The recommended funding for the project includes an amount up to \$460,000 in CDBG funds. Since the park project benefits residents both inside and outside the CDBG service area, the CDBG program will fund the portion of the project that corresponds to the percentage of the surface area located in the service area, 78% in this case. The total estimated budget, as submitted for the project is \$460,000. The recommended CDBG funding amount is intended to allow for flexibility should the bids for the playground design be higher than anticipated; however, CDBG funding will not exceed 78% of the total project cost. Travis County Parks will provide \$99,000 or more in matched funds.

| Figure 1: Project 1 – General Project Information | |
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| CDBG Funding | Up to \$460,000 |
| Leverage Funding | Parks Department 2005 (Prop 2) Southeast Metro or 2011 (Prop 2) Eastern TC Parks Bond: minimally \$99,000 – up to 22% of total project cost |
| Program Delivery | Travis County Parks |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Expected Start / Completion Date | January 2016 - May 2016 |
| Location | Southeast Metro Park. See Map 1 for more information. |

| Figure 2: Project 1 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed) | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Priority Need Category | Populations with Specialized Needs | Project | Inclusive Playground |
| Eligible Activity | Parks, Recreational Facilities | Outcome Category | Availability/ Accessibility |
| Objective Category | Suitable Living Environment | Specific Objective | Create access to ADA compliant playground facilities |

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|---|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Citation | §570.201(c) | Accomplishment | 26,870 people |
| Eligibility | LMA | Matrix Code | 03F, Parks, Recreational Facilities |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Map #1 Location and LMI concentration for PY15 project proposed:
Inclusive Playground at Southeast Metropolitan Park



Project # 2: Northeast Feeder Route Service - \$50,749

Project Description: The Northeast Feeder Route (Route 237) is an expansion to a Capital Metro bus route located in Northeast Austin and unincorporated Travis County. Areas served by the route include Eagles Landing Apartment Community and schools in unincorporated Travis County. The route also provides direct service to the Mobile Loaves & Fishes *Community First!* Village which will house over 250 residents, all of whom will be formerly chronically homeless, disabled and dependent on transit. The service will link residents with other Capital Metro routes and provide access to basic goods and services.

The project would fund bus service for the portion of the Northeast Feeder Route located in the unincorporated area. The project would be implemented by Capital Metro.

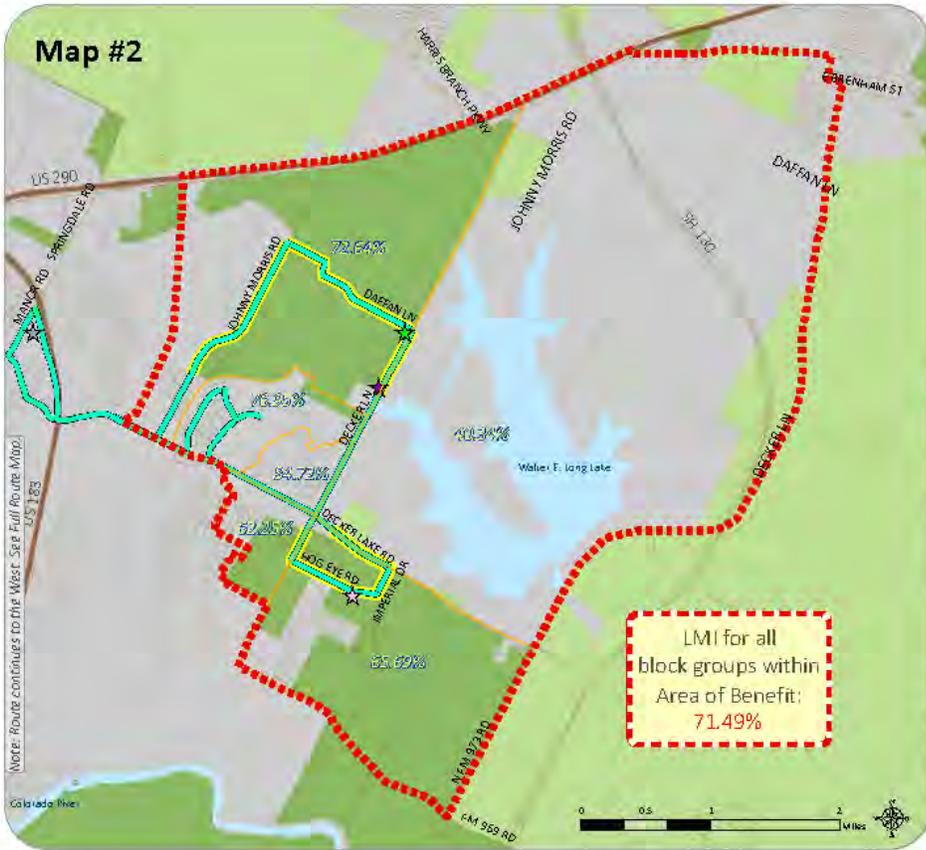
Figure 3: Project 2 – General Project Information

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|--|---|
| CDBG Funding | \$50,749 |
| Leverage Funding | Travis County General Fund \$75,027 Capital Metro \$233,583 |
| Program Delivery | Capital Metro |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Expected Start/ Completion Date | October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016 |
| Location | Eastern Travis County, off of FM 969 and various streets. See Map 2 for more information. |

Figure 4: Project 2 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

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|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Priority Need Category | Public Services | Project | CapMetro Northeast Feeder Route Bus Service |
| Eligible Activity | Transportation Services | Outcome Category | Availability/Accessibility |
| Objective Category | Suitable Living Environment | Specific Objective | Create access to public transportation |
| Citation | §570.201(e) | Accomplishment | 11,120 people |
| Eligibility | LMA | Matrix Code | 05E, Transportation Services |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Map #2



CapMetro Proposed Project Area of Benefit Map

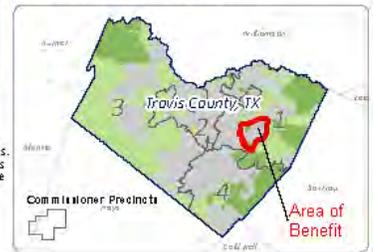
PY15 CDBG funds would assist Capital Metro in providing a year of funding for the Northeast Feeder Route and would allow the route to be extended to its full potential. The Area of Benefit is located entirely within Travis County Commissioner Precinct 1.

- Area of Benefit (AOB)*
- *The Area of Benefit is defined by the block groups that are in or near the portions of the bus route and that could therefore benefit from the extended bus route.
- Block groups within AOB

- Proposed Northeast Feeder Route
- Portion within the Travis County CDBG Service Area**
- **Portions of the proposed route that are in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.

- Percent of Residents at LMI***
- 0.00 - 49.35 %
 - 49.36 - 100.00 %
- LMI = low-to-moderate income
- Incorporated Areas
 - Decker Elementary School
 - Springdale Shopping Center
 - Eagles Landing Apartments
 - Community First! Development

LMI for all block groups within Area of Benefit: **71.49%**



*** U.S. HUD uses special tabulations of Census data to calculate the Low/Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD), which determines the low-to-moderate income (LMI) areas. LMI areas are where, typically, at least 51% of house holds have incomes at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI). However, the LMISD for some communities, such as the Travis County CDBG Entitlement, are based on an exception criterion. For Travis County, instead of 51%, 49.46% is the minimum percentage of LMI persons that must reside in the service area for the activity to be assisted with CDBG funds.

Map created by: E. Rivera, Travis County HHS/VS, CDBG Office, 2015. Area of benefit updated on 6/5/15. Source: New LMISD provided by U.S. HUD (based on the 2006-2010 American Community Survey data) effective July 1, 2014. Streets data from City of Austin and Travis County. CapMetro project data provided by CapMetro in March 2015.

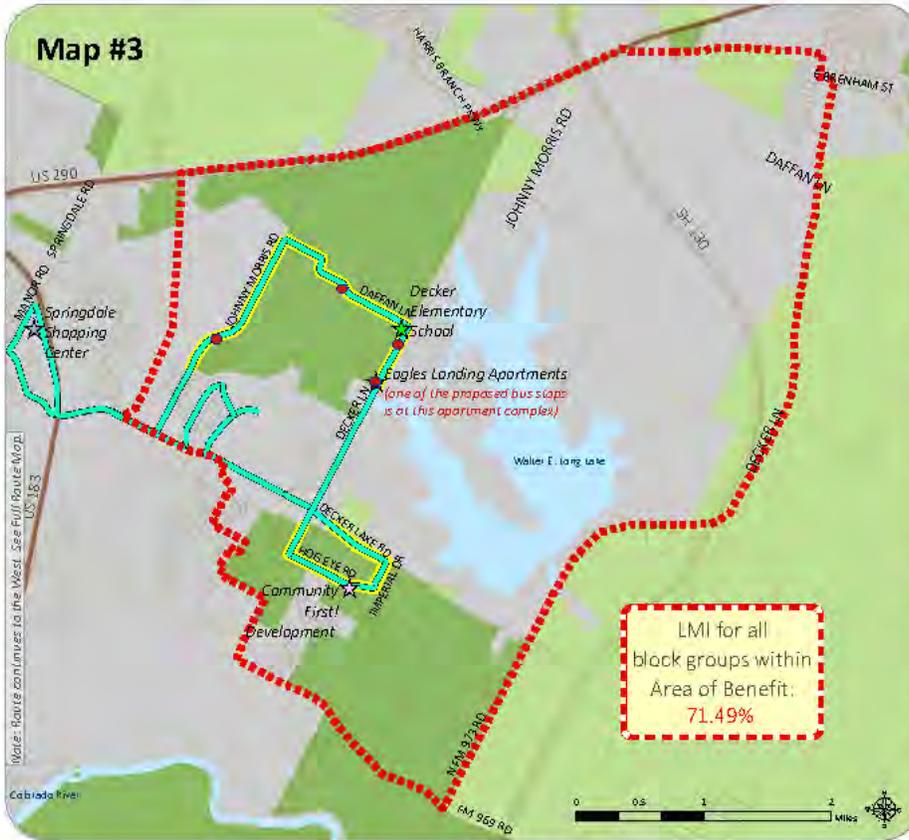
Project # 3: Northeast Feeder Route Bus Stops - \$92,000

Project Description: The Northeast Feeder Route (Route 237) is a Capital Metro bus route located in Northeast Austin and unincorporated Travis County. This project would construct four fully accessible bus stops on the route in the unincorporated area. The project would be implemented by Capital Metro. CDBG funding would provide for the concrete landing pad and 6’ connecting sidewalk and curb ramp to the nearest intersection. Capital Metro will provide a bench, litter container and shelter for all stops.

| Figure 5: Project 3 – General Project Information | |
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| CDBG Funding | \$92,000 |
| Leverage Funding | \$60,000 |
| Program Delivery | Capital Metro |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Expected Start/Completion Date | TBD |
| Location | Eastern Travis County, off of FM 969 and various streets. See Map 3 for more information. |

| Figure 6: Project 3 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed) | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Priority Need Category | Infrastructure | Project | CapMetro Northeast Feeder Route Bus Stops |
| Eligible Activity | Public Facilities and Improvements | Outcome Category | Availability/Accessibility |
| Objective Category | Suitable Living Environment | Specific Objective | Create infrastructure to support access to public transportation |
| Citation | \$570.201(c) | Accomplishment | 11,120 people |
| Eligibility | LMA | Matrix Code | 03, Public Facilities and Improvements |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Map #3



CapMetro Proposed Project
Proposed Northeast Feeder Route Map showing the 4 proposed bus stops (all in the unincorporated area)

PY15 CDBG funds would assist Capital Metro in providing a year of funding for the Northeast Feeder Route and would allow the route to be extended to its full potential. The Area of Benefit is located entirely within Travis County Commissioner Precinct 1.

Area of Benefit (AOB)*
 *The Area of Benefit is defined by the block groups that are in or near the portions of the bus route and that could therefore benefit from the extended bus route.

Proposed bus stops

Proposed Northeast Feeder Route

- Proposed NE Feeder Route
- Portion within the Travis County CDBG Service Area**

**Portions of the proposed route that are in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.

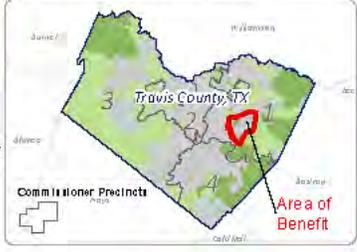
Percent of Residents at LMI***

- 0.00 - 49.35%
- 49.36 - 100.00%

LMI = low-to-moderate income

- Incorporated Areas
- ★ Decker Elementary School
- ★ Springdale Shopping Center
- ★ Eagles Landing Apartments
- ★ Community First! Development

LMI for all block groups within Area of Benefit: 71.49%



***U.S. HUD uses special tabulations of Census data to calculate the Low/Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD), which determines the low to moderate income (LMI) areas. LMI areas are where, typically, at least 51% of households have incomes at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI). However, the LMISD for some communities, such as the Travis County CDBG entitlement, are based on an exception criterion. For Travis County, instead of 51%, 49.46% is the minimum percentage of LMI persons that must reside in the service area for the activity to be assisted with CDBG funds.

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Project # 4: Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation - \$57,244

Project Description: This project funds minor home repair services for low- and moderate-income homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville, to move homes towards Housing Quality Standards. The program seeks to improve the energy efficiency, physical living conditions, and safety in owner-occupied homes. A 0% interest, forgivable 5-year loan up to \$24,999 with no required annual or monthly payments is available. The loan is forgiven at a pro-rata rate of 20% for each year of home ownership. Examples of potential improvements include, but are not limited to: connections of houses to long-term viable sources of water (not part of a stand-alone infrastructure project), complementing weatherization services of other funding sources, septic tank repairs, and electrical and plumbing repairs. In the event that program income is created, it will be reinvested into the Home Rehabilitation project.

These funds are targeted toward homeowners at or below 80% MFI in the CDBG service area. This project will be administered by Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. Some of the allocation will be used for project delivery costs of the project and some of the allocation may partially fund a CDBG Planner position to complete environmental paperwork, final inspections and sign off and any other needed project delivery related costs.

| Figure 7: Project 4 – General Project Information | |
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| CDBG Funding | \$57,244 |
| Leverage Funding | To be determined |
| Program Delivery | Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Estimated Start/Completion Date | October 2015 –September 2016 |
| Location | Eligible homes in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville |

| Figure 8: Project 4 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed) | | | |
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| Priority Need Category | Owner Occupied Housing | Project | Rehabilitation of existing units |
| Eligible Activity | Rehabilitation | Outcome Category | Availability/ Accessibility |
| Objective Category | Decent Housing | Specific Objective | Improve the quality of owner housing |
| Citation | §570.202 | Accomplishment | 2 households |

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| Eligibility | LMH | Matrix Code | 14A, Rehabilitation, Single Unit Residential |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Considerations:

- Repair of aging and deteriorating houses in the unincorporated areas is the most frequently presented housing need reported by residents at the CDBG public hearings. It is also a need observed first hand by the CDBG social workers who provide service through home visits.
- This project was funded in PY12, PY13, and PY14. It is currently being administered by Meals on Wheels and More.
- During PY12 and PY13 repairs on 42 homes were completed.
- As of April 2015, repairs have been completed on 8 homes in PY14, with 3 homes approved but not yet started and 8 homes pending approval.
- Many of the homes served in PY14 have septic system issues and must be replaced and redesigned taking up to 6 months to move through the survey, design and permitting process. As a result, MOWAM is working on finishing up PY13 funds and have the \$400,000 left from PY14 to spend. CDBG anticipates having project savings from PY13 projects that staff will recommend moving into home repair. This means that the project will have around \$350,000 to spend during PY15.
- Repairs and improvements through the Home Rehabilitation Program will positively impact quality of life for residents.
- This project addresses an impediment in the fair housing plan.

Project # 5: Hillmoore Drive Street Improvement, Phase 1 - \$90,000

Project Description: Hillmoore Drive is a low speed-low volume road that does not meet minimum Travis County standards, so it has not been accepted onto the Travis County maintained roadway system. Lack of an organized and routine roadway maintenance program will cause further deterioration of roadway condition that will decrease the safety of the road and jeopardize access to homes. This project will provide the improvements necessary to bring the roadway up to Travis County standards and be accepted as a County maintained road.

The improvements impact 3,510 people, of which, 61.82% are considered low to moderate income. The project will be broken up into two phases. The first phase, funded with PY 15 grant funds, will include all design services and environmental assessment. Construction will be completed during the second phase of the project, anticipated to be funded in PY16. The project includes funds for a TNR Senior Engineer to act as a project manager.

Figure 9: Project 5 – General Project Information

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| CDBG Funding | \$90,000 |
| Leverage Funding | N/A |
| Program Delivery | Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Estimated Start/Completion Date | See map |
| Location | Hillmoore Drive. See Map 4 for more information. |

Figure 10: Project 5 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

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|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Priority Need Category | Infrastructure | Project | Street Improvements |
| Eligible Activity | Street Improvements | Outcome Category | Sustainability |
| Objective Category | Suitable Living Environment | Specific Objective | Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower income persons |
| Citation | §570.201 (c) | Accomplishment | 3,510 individuals |
| Eligibility | LMA | Matrix Code | 03 K Street Improvements |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

**Map 4 - LMI concentration for Area of Benefit for PY15 project proposed by TNR:
Hillmoore Dr Improvements**

LMI = low-to-moderate income

Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.35, Travis County, TX



Project # 6: FSS Social Work Services Expansion Project - \$74,710

Project Description: This program is an internal Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service expansion of existing services. The program increases program capacity to provide case management, information and referral, non-clinical counseling, crisis intervention and outreach in all four precincts of the unincorporated areas. The project is targeted to individuals who are at 80% MFI or below. The project will fund the equivalent of one FTE social worker who works at a Travis County HHS&VS facility, however, to reduce transportation barriers; the social worker provides the majority of service provision through home visits. Additionally, part of the funds may be used for operating expenses necessary to provide home based services, mileage, and training, among others may be funded.

Figure 11: Project 6 – General Project Information

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| CDBG Funding | \$74,710 |
| Leverage Funding | TBD |
| Program Delivery | Family Support Services (FSS) Division of the Travis County Health and Human Services & Veteran Services |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Services & Veteran Services |
| Expected Start/Completion Date | October 2015-September 2016 |
| Location | Households in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville |

Figure 12: Project 6 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

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|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Priority Need Category | Public Services, Other | Project | Social Work Services Program |
| Eligible Activity | Public Services | Outcome Category | Availability/ Accessibility |
| Objective Category | Suitable Living Environment | Specific Objective | Improve the availability of services for low/moderate income persons |
| Citation | §570.201 (e) | Accomplishment | 250 Individuals |
| Eligibility | LMC | Matrix Code | 05, Public Services (General) |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Project # 7: Tenant’s Rights and Fair Housing Counseling– \$35,905

Project Description: The funds are allocated for Tenant’s Rights and Fair Housing Counseling for residents of the unincorporated areas and the Village of Webberville. This program will expand existing services in the unincorporated areas of the County and the Village of Webberville, and proposes to serve approximately 55 people. Tenant’s Rights services include: telephone counseling and in-person mediation, as needed. Fair housing services include: fair housing counseling, fair housing complaint processing and testing in support of an individual complainant. Additionally, part of the funds will be used for allowable program delivery costs such as marketing materials and office supplies. At least 51% of the recipients will be at or below 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI).

| Figure 13: Project 7 – General Project Information | |
|---|---|
| CDBG Funding | \$35,905 |
| Leverage Funding | Not Applicable |
| Program Delivery | Austin Tenant’s Council or other designated sub-recipient |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service & Veteran Services |
| Expected Start / Completion Date | October 2015 - September 2016 |
| Location | CDBG Service Area |

| Figure 14: Project 7 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed) | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Priority Need Category | Public Services, Other | Project | Fair Housing Counseling & Testing |
| Eligible Activity | Public Services | Outcome Category | Availability/Accessibility |
| Objective Category | Provide Decent Housing | Specific Objective | Improve the availability of services for low/moderate income persons |
| Citation | §570.201 (e) | Accomplishment | 55 people |
| Eligibility | LMC | Matrix Code | 05J, Fair Housing Activities |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Project #8: Administrative & Planning Expenses – \$215,152

Project Description: The funds allocated for administration will pay for the operating expenses associated with the grant including office supplies, training, contracted services, interpreting, fair housing activities, membership, Action Plan, annual report, reporting and other business related expenses. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion (100% and 60%) of the salaries for the two CDBG Planners (one full time and one 3/4 time), and a portion (28%) of the salary of a TNR Senior Engineer. These positions are responsible for project development, action plan and annual report development, monitoring, and reporting and other tasks relating to administration and planning.

| Figure 15: Project 8 – General Project Information | |
|---|---|
| CDBG Funding | \$215,152 |
| Leverage Funding | Travis County General Fund estimated \$120,000 |
| Program Delivery | Travis County Health and Human Service & Veteran Services |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service & Veteran Services |
| Expected Start/Completion Date | October 2015-September 2016 |
| Location | Not Applicable |

| Figure 16: Project 8 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed) | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Priority Need Category | Not Applicable | Project | Program Administration |
| Eligible Activity | Administration and Planning | Outcome Category | Not Applicable |
| Objective Category | Not Applicable | Specific Objective | Not Applicable |
| Citation | §570.206 | Accomplishment | Other, Effective administration of the grant |
| Eligibility | Not Applicable | Matrix Code | 21A, General Program Administration |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | Not Applicable | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Alternate Project # 1: Heine Farm Rd Sidewalk Improvements-- \$300,000

Project Description: This project would fund install one pedestrian sidewalk along Heine Farm Road between Stoney Meadow Dr. and Ross Road. A new sidewalk will improve safety of Heine Farm Road by providing a walkway that will eliminate the need for pedestrians to walk in the street. The sidewalk would be constructed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Regulations of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

The improvements impact 3,510 people, of which, 61.82% are considered low to moderate income. The project will be broken up into two phases. The project includes funds for a TNR Senior Engineer to act as a project manager.

| Figure 17: Alternate Project #1 – General Project Information | |
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| CDBG Funding | \$300,000 |
| Leverage Funding | N/A |
| Program Delivery | Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Estimated Start/Completion Date | TBD |
| Location | Heine Farm Road between Stoney Meadow Dr. and Ross Road. See Map 5 for more information. |

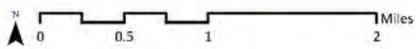
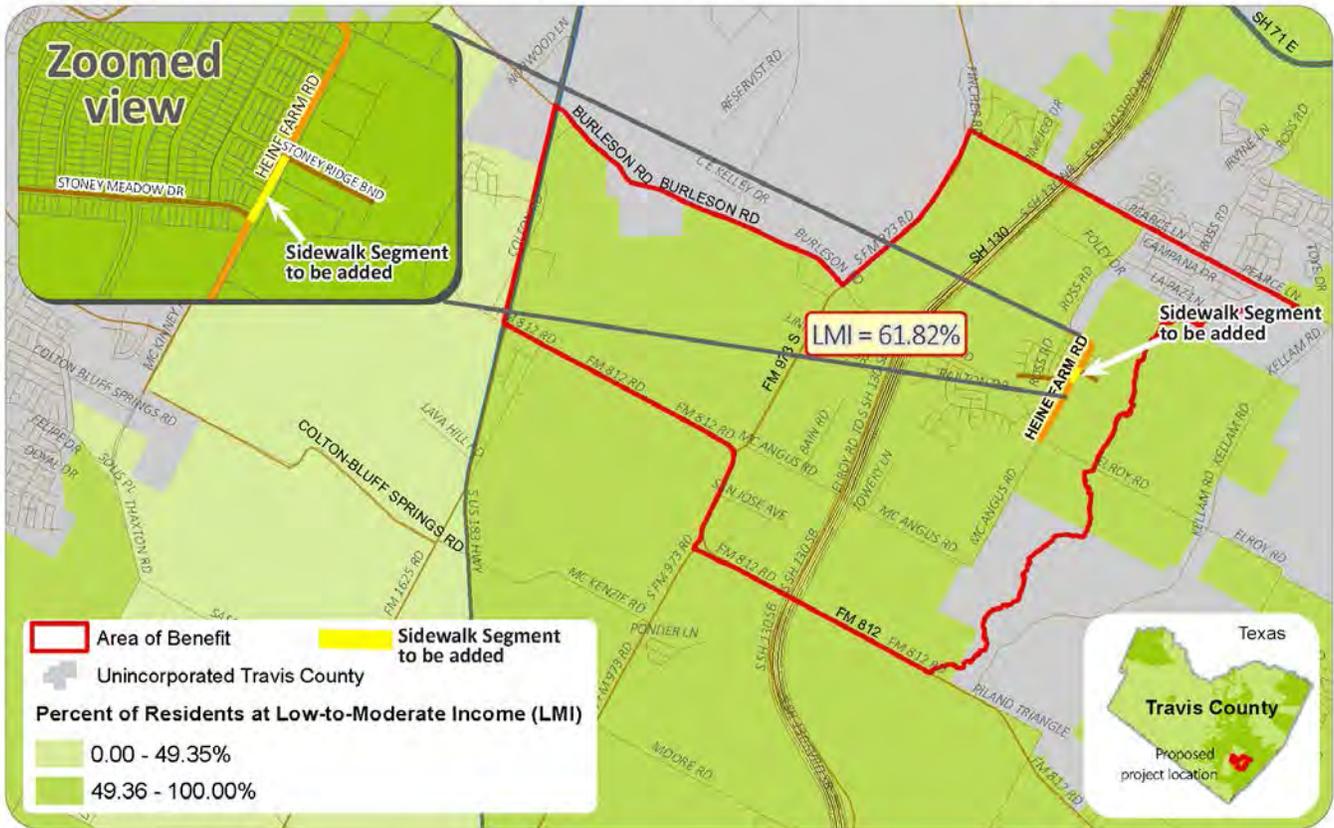
| Figure 18: Alternate Project #1 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed) | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Priority Need Category | Infrastructure | Project | Sidewalk Improvements |
| Eligible Activity | Sidewalks | Outcome Category | Sustainability |
| Objective Category | Suitable Living Environment | Specific Objective | Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower income persons |
| Citation | §570.201 (c) | Accomplishment | 3,510 individuals |
| Eligibility | LMA | Matrix Code | 03L Sidewalks |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Map 5 - LMI concentration for Area of Benefit for PY15 project proposed by TNR:

Heine Farm Rd Sidewalk

LMI = low-to-moderate income

Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.35, Travis County, TX



Note: Placement of project locations is approximate.
 Map created By: E. Rivera, Travis County HHS/VS, CDBG Office, 2015. Data source: New LMISD) provided by U.S. HUD (based on the 2006-2010 American Community Survey data) effective July 1, 2014. Streets data from City of Austin and Travis County.

Alternate Project # 2: Owner Occupied Home Repair—Up to \$500,000

Project Description: This project funds minor home repair services for low- and moderate-income homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville, to move homes towards Housing Quality Standards. The program seeks to improve the energy efficiency, physical living conditions, and safety in owner-occupied homes. A 0% interest, forgivable 5-year loan up to \$24,999 with no required annual or monthly payments is available. The loan is forgiven at a pro-rata rate of 20% for each year of home ownership. Examples of potential improvements include, but are not limited to: connections of houses to long-term viable sources of water (not part of a stand-alone infrastructure project), complementing weatherization services of other funding sources, septic tank repairs, and electrical and plumbing repairs. In the event that program income is created, it will be reinvested into the Home Rehabilitation project.

These funds are targeted toward homeowners at or below 80% MFI in the CDBG service area. This project will be administered by Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. Some of the allocation will be used for project delivery costs of the project and some of the allocation may partially fund a CDBG Planner position to complete environmental paperwork, final inspections and sign off and any other needed project delivery related costs.

| Figure 19: Alternate Project #2 – General Project Information | |
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| CDBG Funding | Up to \$500,000 |
| Leverage Funding | To be determined |
| Program Delivery | Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Estimated Start/ Completion Date | October 2015 –September 2016 |
| Location | Eligible homes in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville |

| Figure 20: Alternate Project #2 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed) | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Priority Need Category | Owner Occupied Housing | Project | Rehabilitation of existing units |
| Eligible Activity | Rehabilitation | Outcome Category | Availability/ Accessibility |
| Objective Category | Decent Housing | Specific Objective | Improve the quality of owner housing |
| Citation | §570.202 | Accomplishment | TBD |

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| Eligibility | LMH | Matrix Code | 14A, Rehabilitation, Single Unit Residential |
| Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan | High | Travis County SAP # | TBD |

Alternate Project # 3: Las Lomitas Water Distribution – up to \$480,000

Project Description: The Las Lomitas neighborhood is located in southeastern Travis County, in Precinct 4. The neighborhood lacks water lines and connections and water is currently being transported in by home owners and stored in tanks. The proposed project would fund the design, environmental clearance and construction of water lines for the benefit of the neighborhood. Additionally, households living at or below 80% of MFI will be eligible to receive service line connections as well as septic tank repair or installation.

The project would be broken up into multiple phases. The first phase would include: 1) environmental review and related regulatory permits; 2) design services; 3) land surveying services; 4) geo-technical services; 5) utility location and relocation coordination services. Subsequent phases may include, but are not limited to: 1) identification of issues relating to septic tanks and resulting repairs; 2) acquisition of right of way and easements; and 3) construction.

Currently, the neighborhood is conducting a primary survey to determine if it is eligible. This survey is anticipated to be complete in June. At present, there are 30 households at Las Lomitas, but the survey will provide additional information on the exact impact of the project as well as whether it is a low/mod neighborhood.

| Figure 21: Alternate Project #3 – General Project Information | |
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| CDBG Funding | Up to \$480,000 |
| Leverage Funding | N/a |
| Program Delivery | Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department |
| Program Oversight | Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services |
| Estimated Start/Completion Date | TBD |
| Location | Las Lomitas Neighborhood, Precinct 4. See Map 6 for more information. |

| Figure 22: Alternate Project #3 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed) | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Priority Need Category | Infrastructure | Project | Water Connections |
| Eligible Activity | Water Connections | Outcome Category | Sustainability |
| Objective Category | Suitable Living Environment | Specific Objective | Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower income persons |
| Citation | §570.201 (c) | Accomplishment | 30 Households |

Figure 23: Las Lomitas Current Conditions



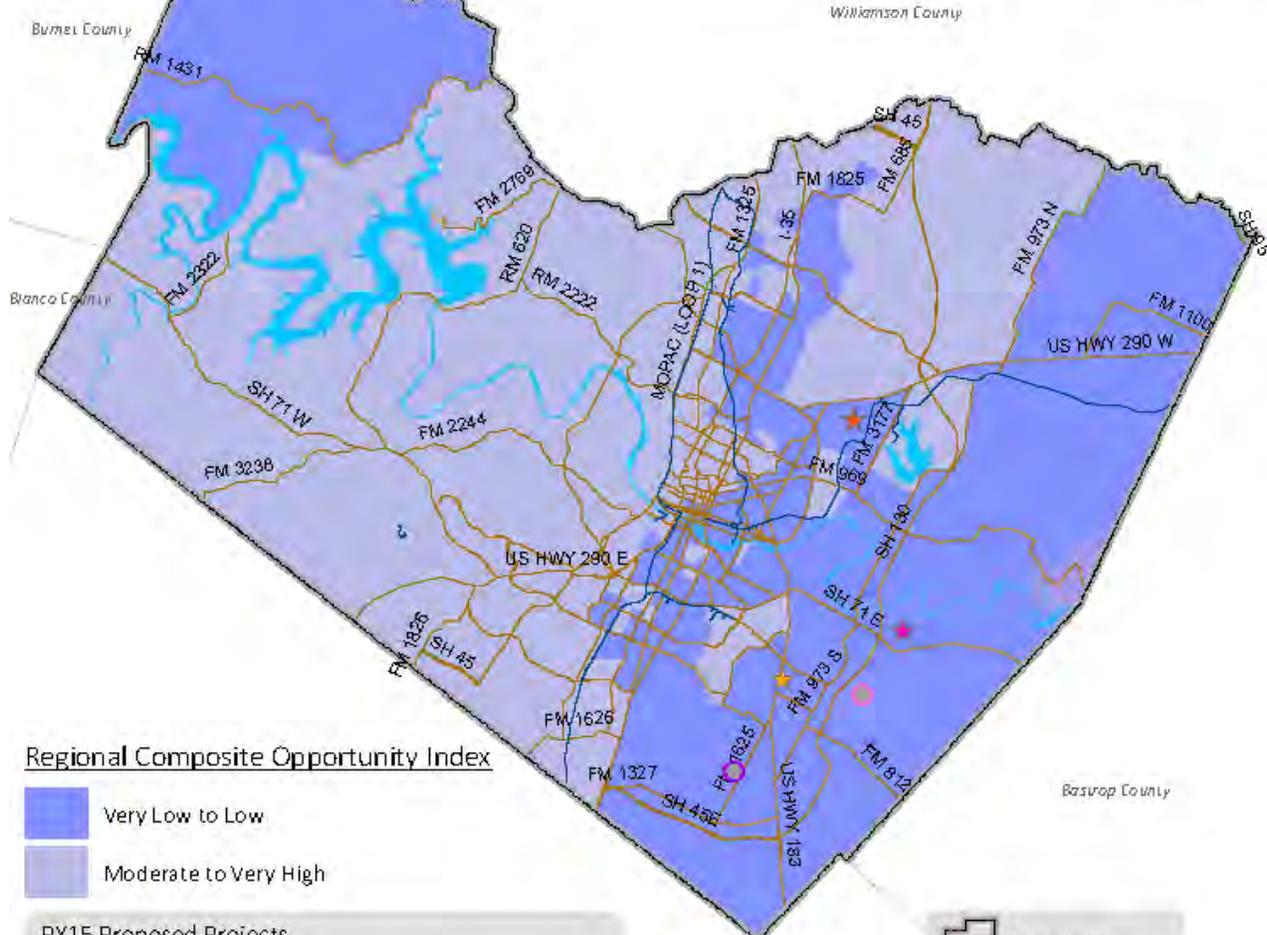
Water being transported to a residence in the Las Lomitas Neighborhood



Water storage and pipe connecting it to structure

Map 7 - CDBG PY15 Proposed Projects

Note: Project locations are approximate.



Regional Composite Opportunity Index

- Very Low to Low
- Moderate to Very High

PY15 Proposed Projects

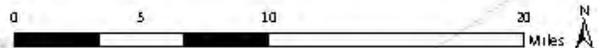
- ★ Southeast Metropolitan Park Playground Project
- ★ CapMetro Proposed NE Feeder Bus Route Extension
- ★ Hillmoore Dr Street Improvements Project
- Home Rehabilitation*
- Social Work Services*
- Tenants' Rights & Fair Housing Counseling*
- Administration & Planning*

*Location not mapped since located throughout the CDBG service area or not applicable.

PY15 Proposed Alternate Projects

- Heine Farm Rd Sidewalk Project
- Las Lomas Water Distribution

- Travis County
- Village_of_Webberville
- Water



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 Source of Opportunity Area data: Regional Composite Opportunity Index data from Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Ohio State University, 2012.



APPENDIX C

MAPS

PY15 PROJECTS AND IMPACTED AREAS
PY15 PROJECTS AND LOW/MOD PERCENTAGES
PY15 PROJECTS AND OPPORTUNITY AREAS
PY15 PROJECTS AND RACE/ETHNICITY CONCENTRATIONS

Project Locations with Respect to Racial/Ethnic Concentrations 10% or greater above County averages and Low-to-Moderate Income Percentages by Census block groups Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

Note: Project locations are approximate.

★ Proposed PY15 Projects

- CapMetro Bus Route (NE Feeder Extension)
- Hillmoore Dr (Street Improvements)
- SE Metro Park (Playground Project)

* Alternate PY15 Projects

- Heine Farm Rd (Sidewalks)
- Las Lomitas (Water Project)

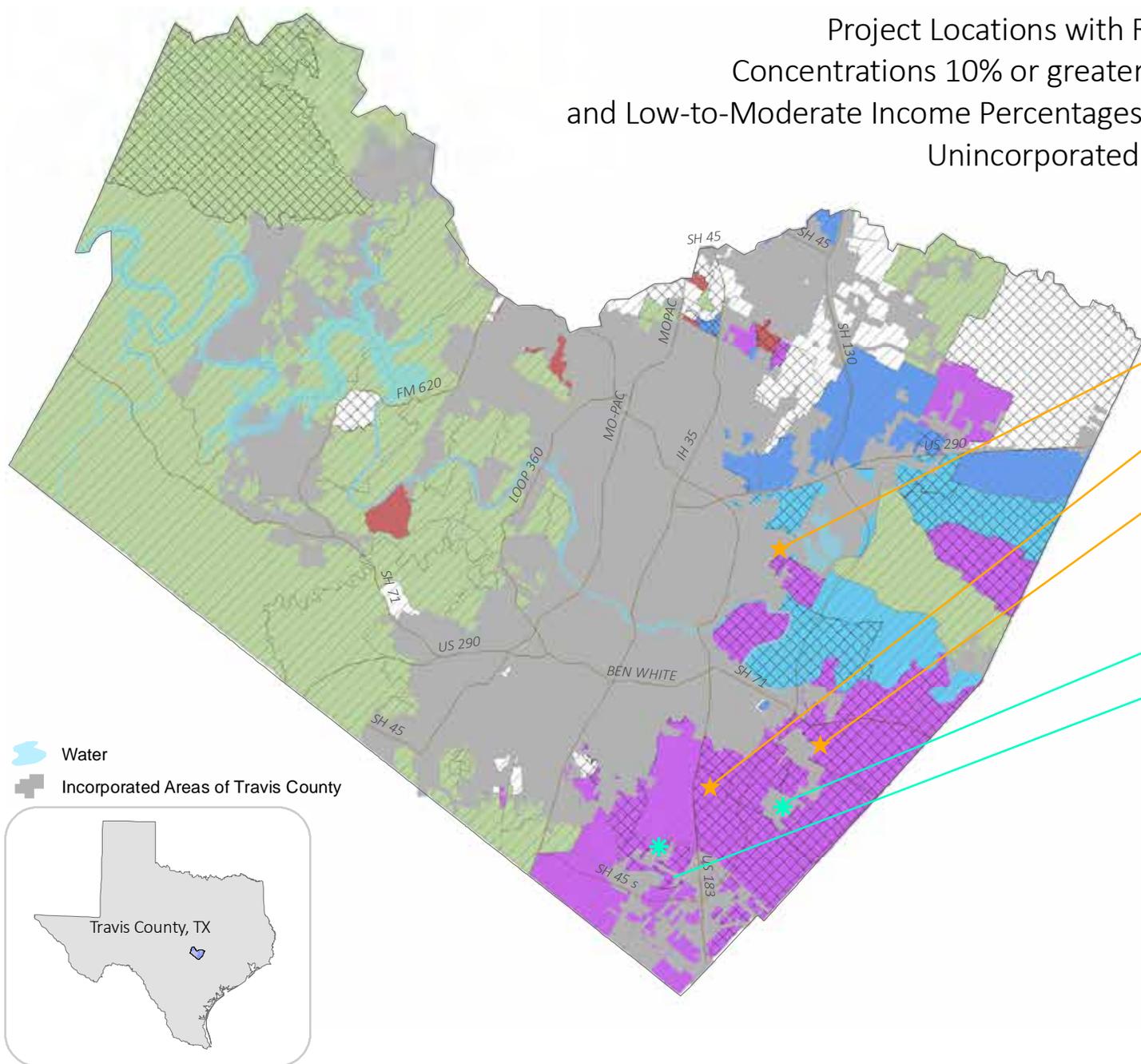
Percent of Residents at LMI*

- 0.00 - 49.35%
- 49.36 - 100.00%

*LMI = low-to-moderate income

Racial/Ethnic Concentrations 10% or more above County averages

- African American
- African American & Hispanic
- Asian
- Hispanic
- White



- Water
- Incorporated Areas of Travis County



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Travis County Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Concentrations and CDBG PY15 Projects

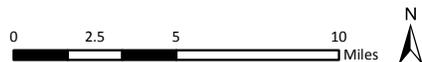
- ★ Proposed PY15 Projects
- ✱ Alternate PY15 Projects

Percent of Residents at LMI

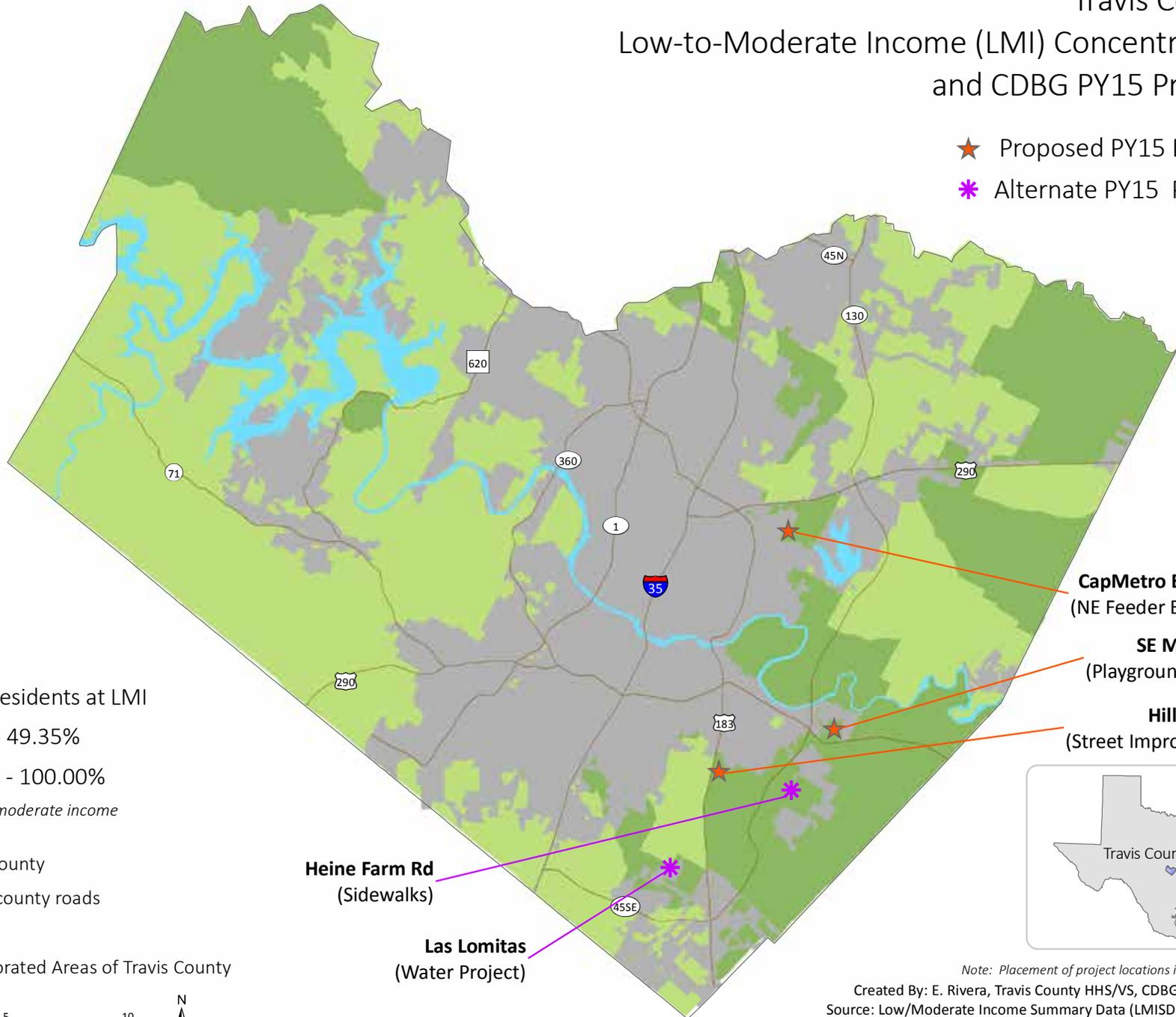
- 0.00 - 49.35%
- 49.36 - 100.00%

*LMI = low-to-moderate income

- Travis County
- Major county roads
- Water
- Incorporated Areas of Travis County



Travis County



Heine Farm Rd
(Sidewalks)

Las Lomitas
(Water Project)

CapMetro Bus Route
(NE Feeder Extension)

SE Metro Park
(Playground Project)

Hillmoore Dr
(Street Improvements)

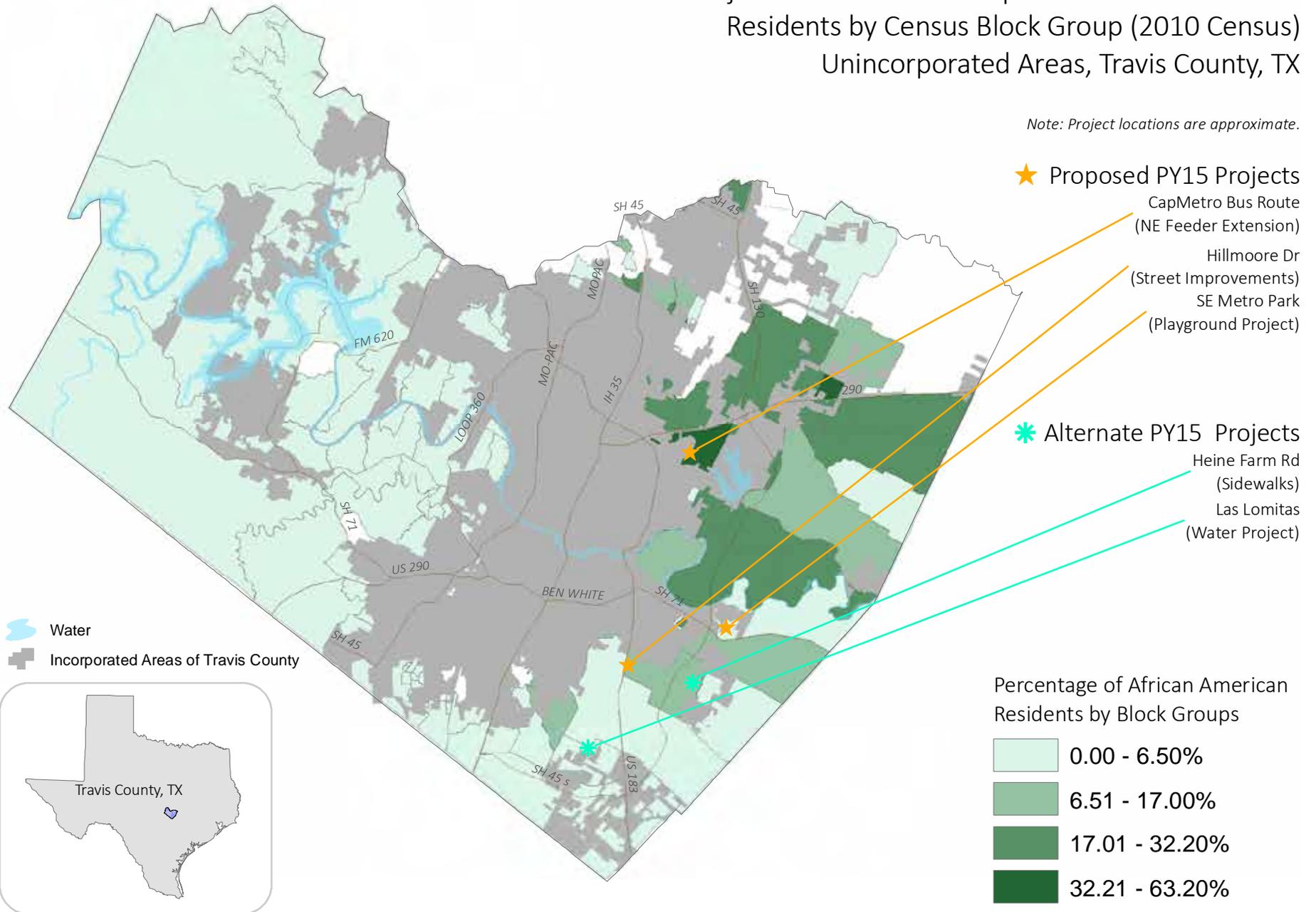


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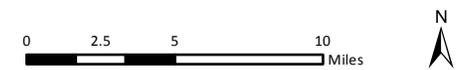
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Project Locations with Respect to African American Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

Note: Project locations are approximate.

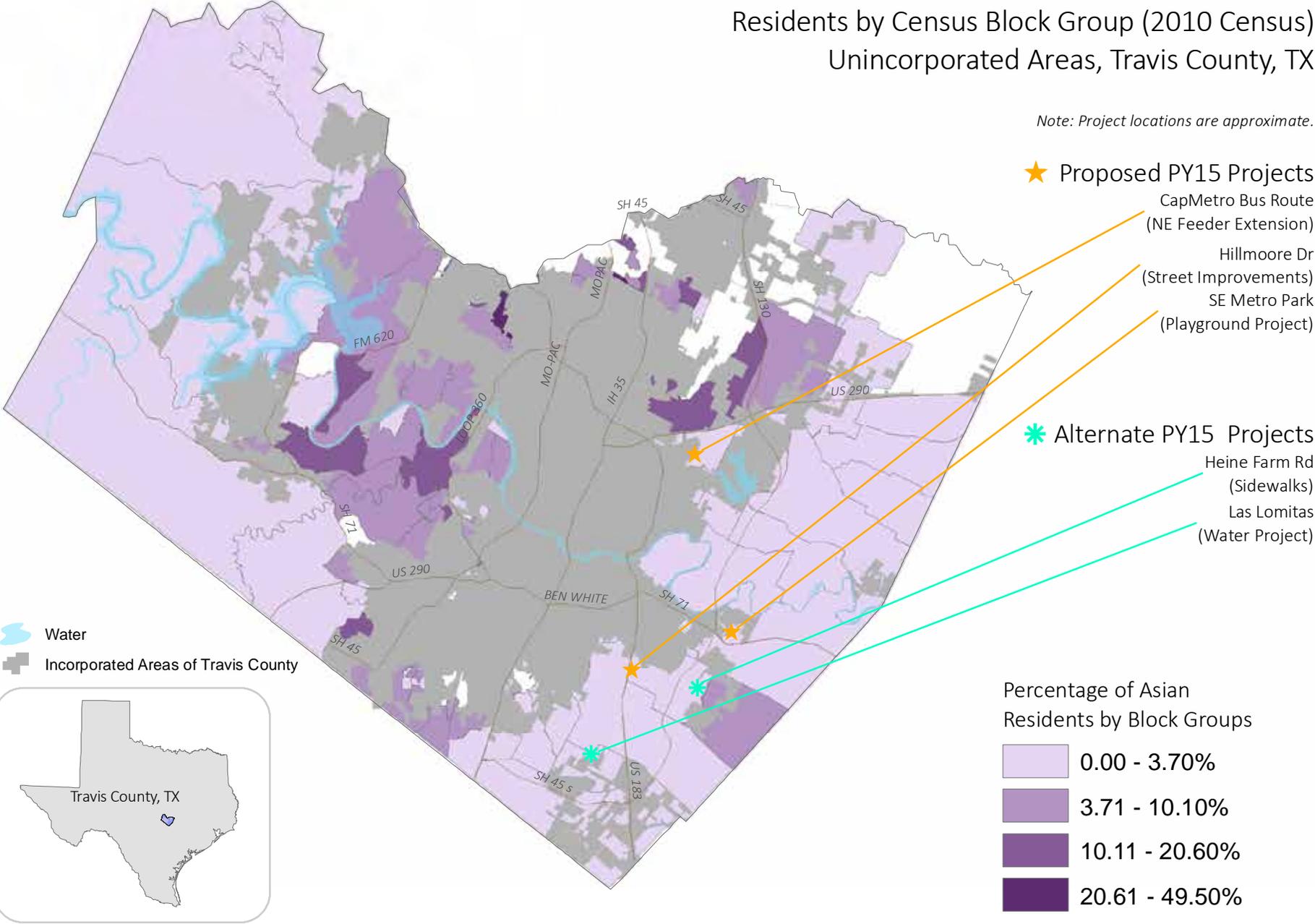


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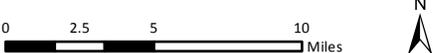


Project Locations with Respect to Asian Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

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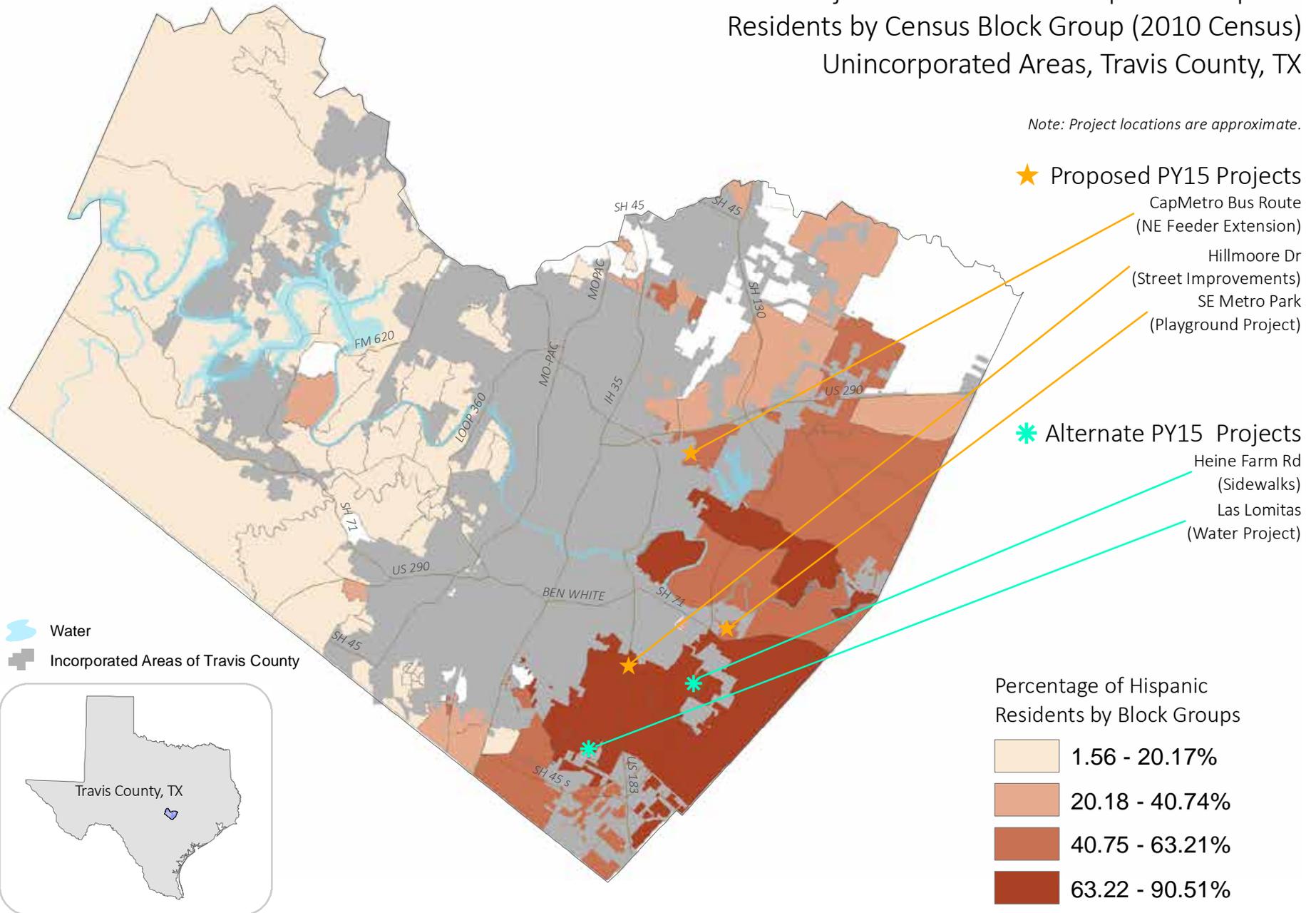


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Project Locations with Respect to Hispanic Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

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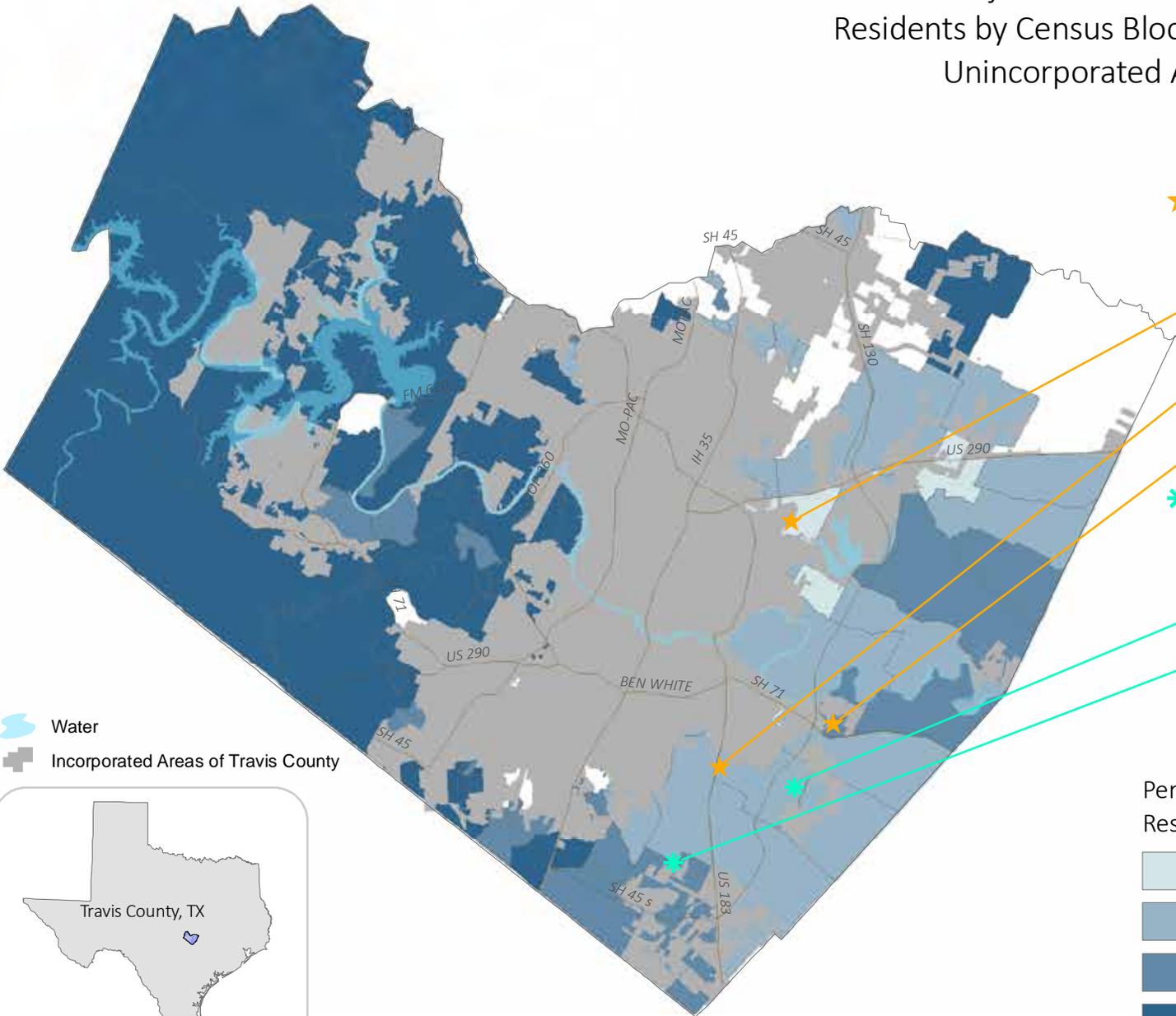


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Project Locations with Respect to White Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

Note: Project locations are approximate.



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- SE Metro Park (Playground Project)

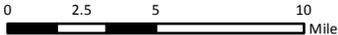
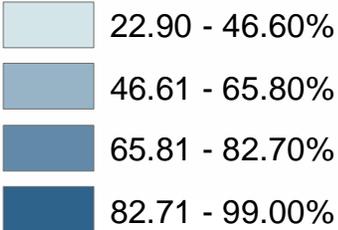
*** Alternate PY15 Projects**

- Heine Farm Rd (Sidewalks)
- Las Lomitas (Water Project)

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Percentage of White Residents by Block Groups



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