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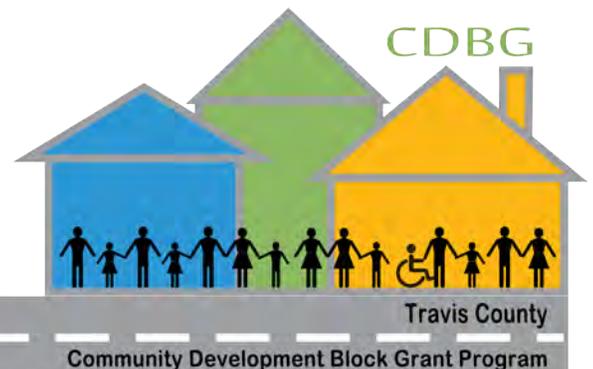
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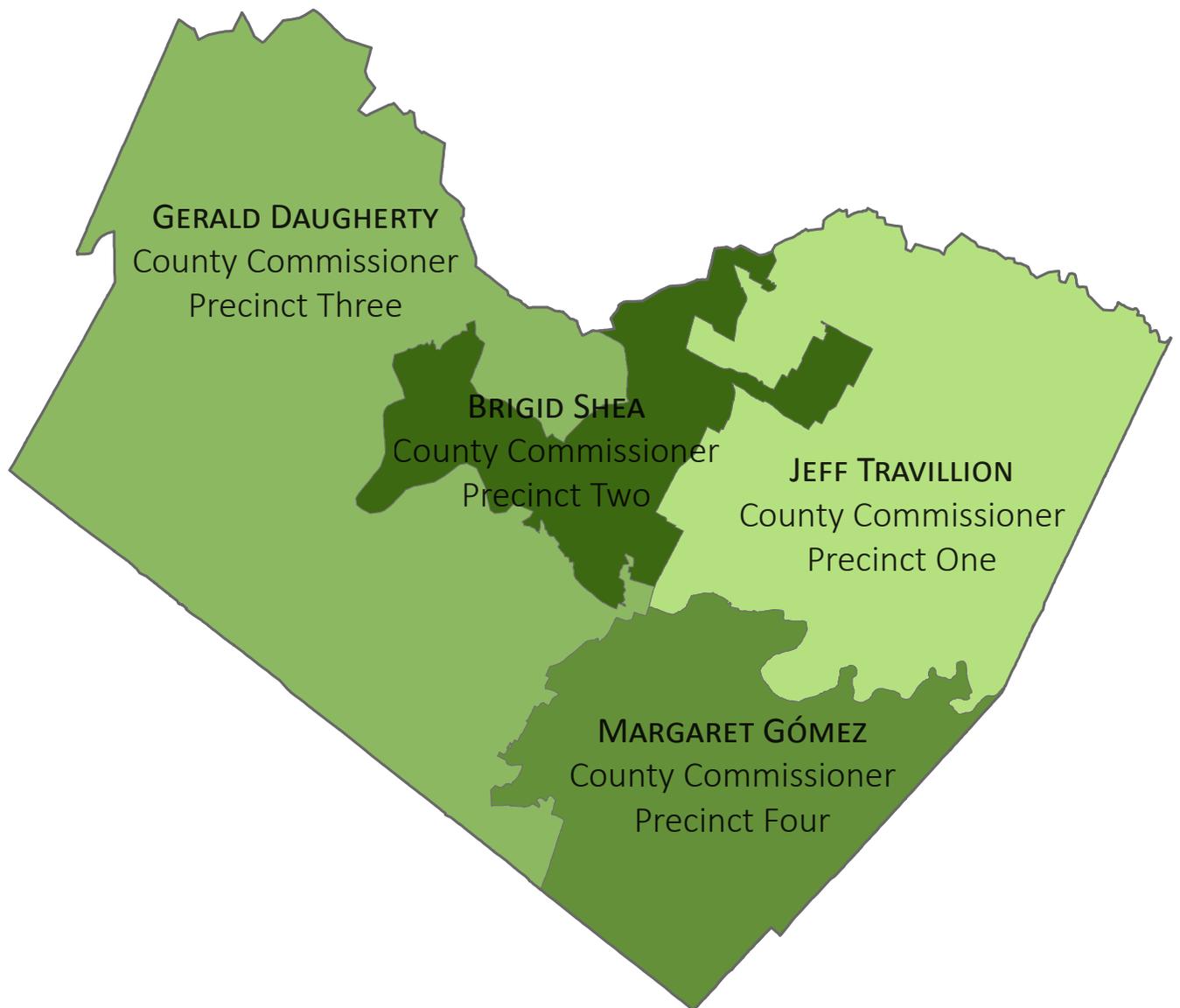


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I. Executive Summary

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 Department (HHS) prepares and submits this annual Action Plan to HUD every year. HHS is responsible for the public notification process, approval of projects, and the administration of these grants.

The Action Plan for Program Year 2017 (PY17) 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. PY17 is the fourth 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 \$1,108,778 for PY17, which will assist low- and moderate-income Travis County households in the CDBG service area with 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 was available for public review and additional comments were 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

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 - PY17 Projects

Project	Allocation
Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	\$732,772
Austin Tenants Council	\$29,250
Social Work Expansion	\$35,000
Money Management Services and Housing Stability	\$65,000
STEM Education for Girls	\$25,000
Administration and Planning	\$221,756

Evaluation of Past Performance

Program Year 2016 (PY16) marked the tenth year that Travis County received CDBG funds. Funds from 2013-2016 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 2015 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. The CDBG program has made enough adjustments to achieve timeliness annually. The County achieved timeliness for PY15 in July 2016. For PY16, it is likely the Program will not achieve timeliness until after the August 1st test. The Program had three projects that did not move forward due to staff due diligence, and the Program spending slowed. The program anticipates being within a timeliness ratio by end of September or mid-October.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

For the PY17 Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. During the month of March 2017, 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:

- Nine people attended the public hearings,
- Forty-three responses were received for the Needs Assessment Survey, and
- Fourteen project proposals were received.

After presentation to the Commissioners Court, the draft PY17 Action Plan was posted for public comment for thirty days. During this period:

- Two comments were received at the July 11, 2017 hearing at Commissioners Court.
- Three comments were received at the July 25, 2017 hearing at Commissioners Court.
- Three comments were received in writing via email.

For more details including the full results of the consultation process, transcripts of comments received and responses provided by CDBG staff, please refer to "Appendix A: Public Participation."

Summary of public comments

The comment period for the PY17 Action Plan was concurrent with the comment period for Substantial Amendments to the PY15 and PY16 Action Plans. The summary of comments and responses may reference projects that are unrelated to the PY17 Action Plan.

- Comments included support for the home repair program and Fair Housing and Tenant's Rights program, and opposition to Girlstart's STEM Education for Girls, and the FSS Social Work Expansion project. Two people identified a strong interest in transit in relation to the McKinney Falls land acquisition project and in general.
- Further, a request for the administration and planning budget, more information on how the priorities were created for the PY14-18 Consolidated Plan, more detail on the McKinney Falls Project and clarification on the connection between the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and affordable housing were made.

Summary of Response to the Comments Received for the Draft PY17 Action Plan

- CDBG staff acknowledges the strong interest in transit investment. The Commissioners Court has requested staff work with legal to create a boiler plate that is amenable to all parties prior to investment in transit with CDBG funds. The County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department is currently working with Capital Metro to draw down different Federal dollars for transit outside of Capital Metro's service area. The CDBG Office will provide suggestions for routes based on CDBG projects/needs.
- Information was provided about the administration and planning budget, how the priorities were created for the PY14-18 Consolidated Plan, more detail on the McKinney Falls Project and

clarification on the connection between the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and affordable housing.

- Additional details were provided about the projects that received opposition.
- Staff are following up on the possibility of transit for McKinney Falls and learning more about the training requirements for Girlstart.

For a full transcript of comments received and responses provided by CDBG staff, please refer to "Appendix A: Public Participation."

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

All comments received during the public comment period were accepted, please refer to "Appendix A: Public Participation" for transcripts of the comments and responses provided by CDBG staff. The comments received did not alter the decision criteria for funding amounts for PY17 projects.

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

Narrative

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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 PY17 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 PY17 Community Needs Assessment was available as an online survey. Respondents were asked to assist in determining the spending priorities for PY17, 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, 16 responses were received from service providers. Fifteen responses were from non-profit organizations, and one was from a unit 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.

During PY17, 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.

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 Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing, and the Permanent Supportive Housing Leadership Committee.

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. On January 28, 2017 as part of the annual Point-In-Time Count of people experiencing homelessness, magnet events were held at the Travis County Community Centers to help provide a more accurate count of the homeless population in the outlying areas. HHS staff participates on the Independent Review Team, Membership Council, and Housing Committee, while the Family Support Services Division provide homelessness prevention services. Finally, HHS provide general fund

dollars to a 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 receive ESG funds.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of Central Texas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence 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.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Sustainable Food Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency
	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.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Seedling Foundation
	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	Goodwill of Central Texas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Travis County Sheriff's Office Inmate Programs
	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 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.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas
	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.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys & Girls Club of the Austin Area
	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.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Breath of Life Maternity Ministries
	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.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Capital Area Counseling
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Health Agency
	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.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Communities in Schools
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children 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.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Meals on Wheels Central Texas
	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.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Wright House Wellness Center
	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 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.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA of Greater Austin
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless 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.

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

For the PY17 Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. During the month of March 2017, 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 PY17, residents and service providers were asked to rank three of the six categories as “most urgent” “urgent” and “important” needs for the PY17 period. Twenty-seven 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 PY17. For detailed results of the public engagement process please refer to the "Appendix A: Public Participation."

After presentation to the Commissioners Court, the draft of the PY17 Action Plan was posted for public comment for thirty days.

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

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	<p>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. Three comments were received.</p> <p>Two additional hearings were held to receive comments on the draft PY17 Action Plan during the public comment period. Five comments were received.</p>	<p>Three comments were received at the Needs Gathering Public Hearing. One comment related to the need for ongoing funding for home repairs for low income households and scheduling of the hearing, and one comment related to the need for affordable housing, and one comment was in support of CDBG funding and the need for homeless services.</p> <p>Two comments were received at the Public Hearing on July 11, 2017. Three comments were received at the Public Hearing on July 25, 2017.</p> <p>For transcripts of comments, please refer to the "Appendix A: Public Participation."</p>	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 six people attended the four community meetings held in each of the precincts. An additional 8 people attended the meeting at Del Valle Community Center, but their interest was in obtaining information about home buy outs related to flooding. The contact information for these residents was forwarded to Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department, which oversees home buy outs.	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 A: Public Participation."	N/A	
3	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community	Advertisements announcing the community meetings and the invitation to comment on the Action Plan appeared in the following newspapers of general circulation, including one Spanish language newspaper. 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 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 PY17 Action Plan was released through all the same channels.	Three comments were received via email. One comment was in support of continued funding for the Home Repair Program. One comment was from Austin Tenants' Council, outlining the need for ongoing funding and areas of expansion for the program. One comment related to the need for transit funding and specific questions related to PY17 projects. For a full transcript of comments received and responses provided please refer to "Appendix A: Public Participation."	N/A	https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate

	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 16 surveys were completed by representatives from nonprofit agencies and units of local government. A total of 27 residents completed surveys. The resident survey was available in English and Spanish.	Residents top three priorities were: 1. Community Services, 2. Infrastructure and 3. Populations with Specialized Needs. Agencies top three priorities were: 1. Housing, 2. Community Services, and 3. Populations with Specialized Needs. For detailed results please refer to "Appendix A: 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)
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 PY17 Action Plan was mailed to the same list.	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)
7	Public Notice	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community	The public notice (in English and Spanish) advertising the community meetings and the invitation to comment on the draft PY17 Action Plan was posted at the seven Travis County Community Centers. The draft PY17 Action Plan and summary document in English and Spanish were available to the public at the community centers throughout the public comment period.	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 both population and percentage of people living in poverty in the CDBG service area. In PY17, Travis County expects to receive \$1,108,778. For project details see AP-35 and "Appendix B: Projects." Prior year projects including the Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation project, Inclusive Park project, Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing and the Owner Occupied Septic System 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	1,108,778	0	1,672,000	2,780,778	3,889,556	CDBG Funding for PY2017 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	Community Services	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	N/A	Community Services	CDBG: \$154,250	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 330 Persons Assisted
2	Housing	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	N/A	Housing	CDBG: \$732,772	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 29 Household Housing Unit

Table 9 - Goal Descriptions

1	Goal	Community Services
	Description	The Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling project provides services for residents of the unincorporated areas and the Village of Webberville. The Social Work Services Project is an internal Travis County Health and Human Services expansion of existing services. The program increases program capacity to provide case management, information and referral, non-clinical counseling, crisis intervention, and outreach. The STEM Education for Girls provides funds for direct costs of program implementation of after school STEM activities for girls in elementary schools with high number of economically disadvantaged, non-white or at risk students. The Money Management Services and Housing Stability project would provide funds for FTE case manager to manage Money Management Services for eligible clients including seniors, disabled individuals and homeless veterans in the CDBG service area.
2	Goal	Housing
	Description	The Owner Occupied Home Repair Program would provide a grant of up to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners in the CDBG service area for eligible repairs.

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 PY17 funds are allocated for affordable housing.

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:

- Participation in any of the five public hearings held during the months of March 2017. One hearing was held at the Travis County Commissioners Court and the other four were held throughout each of the four County precincts;
- Completion of a Needs Assessment Survey;
- Submission of 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 6, 2017. For a full description of projects, including relevant maps, please refer to "Appendix B: CDBG PY17 Projects & Alternate Projects."

Table 10 – Project Information

#	Project Name
1	PY17 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation
2	PY17 Tenants' Rights and Fair Housing Counseling
3	PY17 STEM Education for Girls
4	PY17 FSS Social Work Expansion Project
5	PY17 Money Management Services and Housing Stability
6	PY17 Administration and 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 PY17 meet objectives in the County's Fair Housing Plan.

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

1	Project Name	PY17 Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$732,772
	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	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	29 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. The project provides a grant up to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners for approved repairs. 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), weatherization, accessibility, and electrical and plumbing repairs. This project will be administered by Meals on Wheels Central Texas. Some of the allocation will be used for project delivery costs.
2	Project Name	PY17 Tenants' Rights and Fair Housing Counseling
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Community Services

	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,250
	Description	Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling services for residents of the CDBG service area.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals, at least 51% of whom are low to moderate income.
	Location Description	Clients may be located anywhere in the CDBG service area.
	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 and outreach. At least 51% of the recipients will be at or below 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI).
3	Project Name	PY17 STEM Education for Girls
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Funds for direct costs of program implementation of after school STEM activities for girls in elementary schools with high number of economically disadvantaged, non-white or at risk students.
	Target Date	9/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 low to moderate income individuals. The program serves girls in elementary schools with high number of economically disadvantaged, non-white or at risk students.
	Location Description	Three campuses located in an unincorporated area of Precinct 2. See "Appendix C: Maps" for the specific location of the campuses.
	Planned Activities	The program provides weekly free activities for students and professional development for teachers and support for science fairs at partner schools.
4	Project Name	PY17 FSS Social Work Expansion Project
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	This program provides social work services to clients in the CDBG service area, through an internal Travis County Health and Human Services program.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 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 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 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.
5	Project Name	PY17 Money Management Services and Housing Stability
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,000
	Description	Funds would pay for FTE case manager to manage Money Management Services for eligible clients including seniors, disabled individuals and homeless veterans in the CDBG service area.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 low to moderate income individuals.
	Location Description	Clients may be located anywhere in the CDBG service area.
	Planned Activities	Services include intake with a comprehensive needs assessment that includes eligibility, medical and behavioral needs, and housing stability. Referral into Money Management Services includes bill payer services (voluntary assistance with management of accounts and bills); Representative Payee Services (designated by appropriate governmental agency to receive and manage benefits on behalf of client.)

6	Project Name	PY17 Administration and Planning
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	N/A
	Needs Addressed	N/A
	Funding	CDBG: \$221,756
	Description	Administration and planning activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	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, the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, annual report, reporting and other business related expenses. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion of the salaries for 2 CDBG Planners and an Administrative Associate. These positions are responsible for project development, action plan and annual report development, monitoring, and reporting among others

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 Program, Fair Housing and Tenant's Counseling project, Money Management Services and Housing Stability project and Social Work project will serve eligible clients throughout the CDBG service area. The STEM Education for Girls project will serve students at three campuses in unincorporated Travis County. Please refer to "Appendix C: Maps" for project location maps and a map showing the location of the PY17 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	29
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	29

VII.A. Discussion

The Owner Occupied Home Repair program will provide repairs for an anticipated 29 households. The ongoing Owner Occupied Septic System project will repair homes using prior year funds. Additionally, the Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing project is being funded with prior year funds and will provide 312 units of affordable multifamily housing.

While there are no specific goals associated with assisting disabled or elderly households, the Home Repair and Septic System projects do target outreach to these populations.

VII.B. Public Housing

Introduction

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

The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) manages three public housing sites, a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, and a Continuum of Care Grant. There are over 200 people on the waiting list for both public housing and the Housing Choice Voucher Programs. The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) has successfully converted its three public housing properties to project base rental assistance (PBRA) under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion program. This will allow it to leverage debt in order to reinvest in the public housing facilities and to shift units to the Section 8

platform with the guarantee of long term affordability.

There are no public housing units in the CDBG jurisdiction; however, CDBG program staff are actively engaged with housing authority staff in various capacities. The CDBG office and the HATC are always looking for potential partnership opportunities to create affordable housing units in the CDBG service area. To date no projects have been undertaken, but if a viable project is identified staff will present it to the Travis County Commissioners Court for consideration.

Finally, housing authority staff will participate as members of the Advisory Group to the Affordable Housing Policy Committee, to provide feedback on policy decisions made by the committee.

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

The HATC is currently implementing a program in partnership with Frameworks CDC to provide financial literacy classes to housing authority residents, the first step in financial independence that might result in homeownership. Additionally, the HATC is in the midst of a strategic planning process that includes assessing programs to help residents prepare for homeownership. One option being considered is a self-sufficiency program that might include components such as workforce readiness training, debt management and credit repair. Taken together, these actions would help prepare residents for homeownership opportunities.

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

The Housing Authority of Travis County is not designated as troubled.

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 works with the Continuum of Care's Coordinated Assessment system in areas outside the urban core to make sure clients have access to Coordinated Assessment.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

HHS 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 PY17 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 assists individuals and families in gaining or maintaining housing stability. Additionally, HHS 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 provides general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments.

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

The County does not receive HOPWA funding.

VII.D. Barriers to Affordable Housing

Introduction

The Austin housing market has experienced a sustained period of growth, with both prices and sales volume hitting historic highs in 2015. While the pace of growth slowed in 2016, single family home prices and sales volume remain high throughout the region. The strength of the regional economy supports ongoing in-migration that has resulted in rapid population growth in the region. In 2015 the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan area surpassed two million residents and it has been the fastest growing metropolitan area (with a population of over one million) for the past five consecutive years. This population growth has resulted in increased demand for housing, driving up both local housing prices and rents. Housing inventory remains very low in the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with only 2.3 months of inventory available in November 2016.

Over the last decade, Austin's owner housing market has become increasingly expensive, as the price distribution of available housing stock has skewed towards higher-priced housing and this trend has accelerated over recent years. For example, in 2011, 53% of the homes sold in Austin were priced below \$199,999; in 2015, only 28% of the homes sold were in this price range. Conversely, in 2011, 8% of the homes sold in Austin were priced at \$500,000 or more; in 2015, 13% of all homes sold were in this range.

A large percentage of both renters and owners in Travis County experience a housing cost burden, which is defined as spending 30% or more of household income on housing costs (spending 50% or more constitutes a severe cost burden). However, the percentage of households that are cost burdened is much higher among renters than owners, as illustrated in the following chart: 46% of renter households in Travis County spend 30% or more of their income on rent, and 21% of them spend at least half of their income on rent. Comparatively, 25% of owner households spend 30% or more of their income on housing costs and 10% spend at least half.

The regional housing market is likely to remain extremely competitive over the next year, and housing affordability will remain a key issue for the region. As home prices and rents remain high or continue to escalate, low- and moderate-income households will find it increasingly difficult to locate affordable housing, and it is likely that housing developers and public entities will face significant challenges in meeting the region's need for affordable housing.

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

As an entitlement county receiving CDBG funds from HUD, Travis County must fulfill its fair housing responsibilities by developing an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice and by taking actions to overcome the identified impediments. The CDBG program is currently operating under an AI approved by TCCC in 2013. The following actions are planned to address impediments identified in the AI:

Isolation of Low-Income Rural Communities:

- The Social Work Expansion project, STEM Education for Girls and Money Management Services and Housing Stability programs, funded through CDBG, addresses the isolation of low-income rural communities by bringing the services to geographically isolated clients.
- The County has provided \$1,000,000 of General Funds to expand social services, with a plan to geographically target funds in areas of very low and low opportunity outside the City of Austin. An RFS was released in PY14 and a contract has been negotiated and services are being provided.
- The CDBG Program has begun reviewing tax credit projects and other affordable housing opportunities for compliance with its Fair Housing Plan and AI to assist the County in fulfilling its obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

Poor Condition of Housing Stock in Unincorporated Areas:

- The CDBG program will address the poor condition of housing stock in the unincorporated areas by the continued investment in the ongoing investment in the Home Repair and Septic System projects. Additional homes will be repaired or improved through the Department's Housing Services Division with other Federal, State and local funds.

Persistence of Housing Discrimination:

- The CDBG program will fund fair housing services through the Austin Tenant's Council to combat the persistence of housing discrimination.
- The County website continues to have a fair housing page with resources and information.
- As a part of their CDBG funded fair housing program, Austin Tenant's Council conducts outreach and fair housing counseling to the CDBG service areas.

Need for Improved Connections between Residents and Employment Opportunities:

- The Department funds van service through CARTS to expand access to transportation from the Del Valle area to employment and education centers.
- Travis County General Fund funds a bus route expansion in a low to moderate income area service an affordable housing complex and a new homeless micro-housing development.

Questionable Patterns in Private Lending:

- The TCHFC's homebuyer assistance program requires homebuyer education for first-time homebuyers.
- The CDBG website has a Housing Resource page that includes link to financial counseling and homebuyer education.

Increasingly Prohibitive Housing Costs:

- The CDBG program is funding land acquisition in support of the development of 312 units of affordable multi-family housing.

Discussion

In addition to the actions described above, the County has created an Affordable Housing Policy Committee to align affordable housing policies across all Travis County departments, in accord with the recommendations outlined in the AI. On April 14, 2015, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved a structure and charge for the committee. Travis County HHS, 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. To date the committee has accomplished the following:

- The TCCC approved a set of values which guide the committee work;
- Drafted Opportunity and Fair Housing Assessment Standards;
- Drafted policy language and program tools (i.e. applications, internal review forms) related to the Decision Making Standards & Criteria for Affordable Housing and Opportunity as well as Fair Housing Standards;
- Assisted in the drafting of the Affordable Housing section of the Public Improvement District (PID) policy, which is outside of the Committee's work plan;
- Provided research support to Travis County Planning and Budget Office on In Lieu Fees;
- Identified a set of potential Implementation Tools for Affordable Housing Expansion; and
- The Committee is currently assessing each implementation tool to evaluate the potential uses, County legal authority, resource allocation (financial and personnel), potential risk/liability and impact.

The Committee will continue to meet monthly and move work through review and approval processes.

VIII. Other Actions

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The CDBG program continually advocates on behalf of the low income residents of the unincorporated areas. CDBG staff work to raise awareness, both within County departments and with subrecipients and other partner organizations, of the need to improve access to services for residents of the unincorporated areas who are geographically isolated from the urban core and with limited transit options. In addition, as members of the committee that drafted the department's Housing Continuum Request for Services, staff were able to help target the funds to specifically meet underserved areas within the continuum.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Owner Occupied Home Repair project will improve the quality of housing stock for low and moderate income homeowners.

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

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. 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. 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 and by purchasing services from private and not-for-profit agencies in the community. In order to maximize investments to meet community needs, Travis County HHS is in the process of transitioning from an annual non-competitive contract renewal system to a system of phased, competitive, five-year planning and funding cycles for all social service investments.

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.

The CDBG program's lead financial analyst in the Auditor's Office and the TNR engineer that primarily oversees CDBG infrastructure projects retired in 2016 and the Buyer in Purchasing received a promotion. CDBG staff are working closely with support departments for continuity during the transition.

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.

CDBG staff provide technical assistance to the Housing Authority of Travis County on an as needed basis.

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.

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

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:

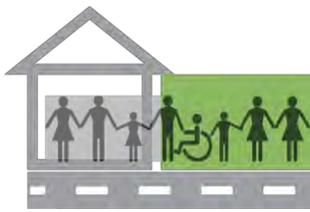
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APPENDIX A

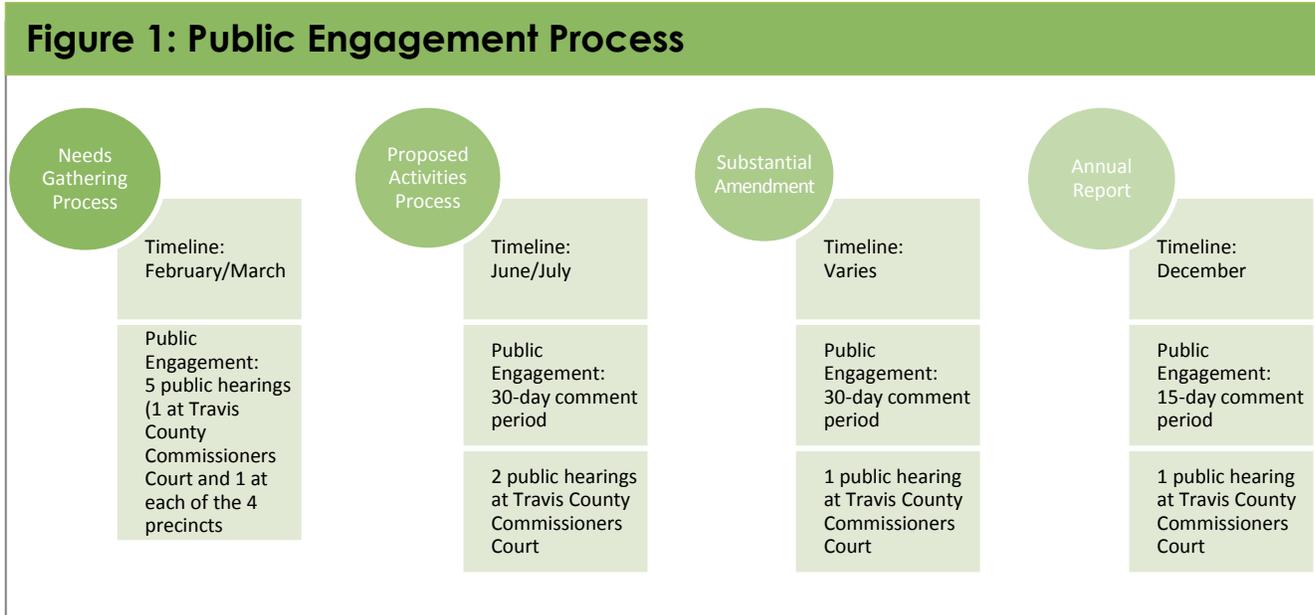
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Participation Summary
Spring Hearings Advertisements
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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) 2017 Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. During the month of March 2017, 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 PY17 Action Plan, as well as projects for PY17.

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, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 am
Precinct 1	Travis County Community Center at Manor	Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Precinct 2	Wells Branch Community Center	Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Precinct 3	Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill	Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30p.m.
Precinct 4	Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

A total of 9 people attended public hearings to provide input on the Needs Assessment and Action Plan. An additional 8 people attended the meeting at Del Valle Community Center, but their interest was in obtaining information about home buy outs related to flooding. The contact information for these residents was forwarded to Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department, which oversees home buy outs.

Advertising

The opportunity to participate was advertised on the Travis County website (www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG), the seven community centers. The advertisement appeared in the following newspapers of general circulation: Austin American Statesman and *The Villager*. To reach the Spanish speaking population the advertisement was placed in the Spanish language newspaper

Ahora Sí. 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.

Surveys

Resident surveys were available online or by postal mail from March 1-March 31, 2017 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 27 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 16 surveys were completed by agencies.

DETAILED RESULTS OF PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Project Proposals

Project proposals which identify a community need and provide specific project ideas are accepted throughout the year. However, only project proposals received by March 31, 2017 are 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 PY17. A total of 14 project proposals were received during the time specified, as detailed below:

- Austin Tenants Council for ongoing support fair housing and tenant counseling services;
- Meals on Wheels and More for ongoing support for the Owner Occupied home repair program;
- Travis County Family and Support Service (FSS) division of the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) for the ongoing social work project;
- Family Eldercare for a Money Management Services and Housing Stability program;
- Girlstart for a STEM Education for Girls project;
- Youth Unlimited for two Youth Community Development projects;
- AMTEX Multi-housing LLC for support for a multifamily housing project;
- Residents submitted two separate street improvement projects;
- Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department (TNR) for four street improvement projects.

To assist in determining the spending priorities for PY17, residents and service providers were asked to rank three of the six categories as “most urgent,” “urgent,” and “important” needs for the PY17 period.

Residents

In total 27 responses were gathered from the public hearings and resident surveys. The table below provides the rankings of the categories for PY17.

Ranking of Categories of Need for PY17, Residents	
Service Category	Ranking
Community Services	1
Infrastructure	2
Populations with Specialized Needs	3
Housing	4
Business & Jobs	5
Public Buildings & Facilities	6

Social Service Providers

In total, 16 responses were gathered from service provider agencies. Fifteen of these agencies were non-profit organizations, and 1 was a unit of local government. Respondents were asked to rank the same six categories as residents for the PY17 period.

Ranking of Categories of Need for PY17, Social Service Providers	
Service Category	Ranking
Housing	1
Community Services	2
Populations with Specialized Needs	3
Business & Jobs	4
Infrastructure	5
Public Buildings & Facilities	6

Comparison of Resident and Service Provider Priority Rankings

Both residents and service providers reported similar priorities with regard to the ranking of Community Services (first and second respectively, Populations with Specialized Needs, (third,) Business and Jobs (fourth and fifth respectively,) and Public Building and Facilities (sixth.) However, while residents ranked Infrastructure as the second most urgent need, providers ranked it fifth. This difference is likely due to residents having more direct experience of the infrastructure, or lack thereof, in the unincorporated areas, while service providers may not be aware of the degree of need in this area. Additionally, while service providers ranked Housing as the most urgent need, residents ranked it fourth.

Survey Project Ideas

Respondents to the survey were given the opportunity to suggest project ideas. As these ideas are not typically fully formed project proposals, CDBG staff use the input to help evaluate and identify community needs. The types of project ideas submitted by residents reflect their prioritization of Infrastructure and Community Services. The following table illustrates the number of project ideas submitted by Priority Need Category.

Number of Project Ideas Submitted by Category Type		
	Residents	Service Providers
Service Category	Number	Number
Housing	4	3
Community Services	8	6
Populations with Specialized Needs	0	0
Business & Jobs	0	0
Infrastructure	9	0
Public Buildings & Facilities	3	1
Administration/Planning	0	0
Total	24	10

Public Comment to Solicit Feedback on the Action Plan

After presentation to Travis County Commissioners Court, the draft PY17 Action Plan will be posted for written comment for thirty days, prior to the final approval by the Travis County Commissioners Court. Comments will be accepted in writing via email or regular mail to the Travis County Health and Human Services' CDBG staff. The Draft Plan will be posted on the Travis County website and copies will be located at the seven Travis County Community Centers for public review. During the 30-day comment period, two public hearings will be held to inform and enable the community to comment on the uses of PY17 CDBG funds. These two public hearings will be 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
Travis County Commissioners Court, 700 Lavaca	June 27, 2017 at 9 a.m. July 11, 2017 at 9 a.m.

Summary of Public Comments Received during Public Comment Period

The comment period for the PY17 Action Plan was concurrent with the comment period for Substantial Amendments to the PY15 and PY16 Action Plans. The summary of comments and responses included in this Appendix may reference projects that are unrelated to the PY17 Action Plan¹

- Comments included support for the home repair program and Fair Housing and Tenant's Rights program, and opposition to Girlstart's STEM Education for Girls, and the FSS Social Work Expansion project. Two people identified a strong interest in transit in relation to the McKinney Falls land acquisition project and in general.
- Further, a request for the administration and planning budget, more information on how the priorities were created for the PY14-18 Consolidated Plan, more detail on the McKinney Falls Project and clarification on the connection between the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and affordable housing were made.

Summary of Response to the Comments Received for the Draft PY17 Action Plan

- CDBG staff acknowledges the strong interest in transit investment. The Commissioners Court has requested staff work with legal to create a boiler plate that is amenable to all parties prior to investment in transit with CDBG funds. The County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department is currently working with Capital Metro to draw down different Federal dollars for

¹ Please refer to "PY15 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2" and "PY16 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #1" for more information, available at: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/plans-reports>

transit outside of Capital Metro's service area. The CDBG Office will provide suggestions for routes based on CDBG projects/needs.

- Information was provided about the administration and planning budget, how the priorities were created for the PY14-18 Consolidated Plan, more detail on the McKinney Falls Project and clarification on the connection between the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and affordable housing.
- Additional details were provided about the projects that received opposition.
- Staff are following up on the possibility of transit for McKinney Falls and learning more about the training requirements for Girlstart.

TESTIMONIES RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS AT COMMISSIONERS COURT

March 7, 2017 Public Hearing

Stuart Harry Hersh: Judge and Commissioners, My name is Stuart Harry Hersh and I'm here on behalf of my brothers and sisters who somehow despite being low-income are still able to own their homes and desperately need repairs. We came to you years ago and asked you to begin allocating a portion of Community Development Block Grant for home repair and you graciously did that and have been doing that for several years so I'm here this morning to ask you to continue to do that as you have in the past and to also thank you for the good work that y'all have done and continue to do in relationship to the folks who were flooded at Thoroughbred Farms and your issuance of certificates of obligation to help them out and also the good work you are doing at Palm School, which is also very important to the Community. So I know you are listening to the Community needs. The needs assessment hearing at the City last year we were able to testify just before 3:00 in the morning. So this is better than that, and we appreciate that, but I think we found we were struggling with the same things when I used to work for the City, and what we found is if you ever held hearings before 4:00 in the afternoon, the likelihood of poor people who need these services showing up wasn't great. So if we can figure out a structure that incorporates the comments you have made today along with, when really, people who are likely to be affected by this or likely to show up that would be a positive for all of us. And again I'm here to say thank you for your good work and for your hard decisions with scarce resources. Thank you very much.

Judge Eckhardt: We really appreciate the comments. Mr. Pena.

Gus Pena: Judge, good morning, thank you for allowing me to speak. I was at the capitol on veterans' issues and CPS. Gus Pena, proud native East Austinite, proud U. S. Marine Corps Veteran. I ran for City Council twice and Justice of the Peace and did a poor job of it, that's why I am what I am now but anyway. Item number 1, as relates to housing, CDBG, etc. and I hardly speak about the HUD issue at the County, more so at the City Council, but I want to let you know that, and I think I'm speaking to the choir, there are a lot more people that are homeless now. Okay? And when you talk about affordable

housing, Commissioner Shea, you remember if I'm correct, you were in the administration of Bruce Todd?

Commissioner Shea: Right, I was on the council when Bruce Todd was Mayor

Gus Pena: When I spoke about affordable housing, affordable for whom, and make sure you clearly define affordability. Well right now and I as I told council last week, you are enticing a lot of organizations to come in and the Fun Fun Fest all these other activities and where are you going to put the people that are homeless, where are you going to put people homeless at the end of the lease. They up the rent, they increase the rent. And if you are a veteran, as an example, pension doesn't get it. \$1404 a month. You finally got disability, that's \$5,000 a month, that's darn good, but it takes years. I was discharged in 1974 after serving 6 years active during Nam. It takes a lot of years. I didn't get anything because I worked for the state, county, city, federal government. Now you have to beg. I did send a communication to HUD Secretary Carson, I'm a democrat but I'll work with anybody to make sure we have the funds coming into Austin Travis County and I've done that for the City also but a lot of people are becoming homeless even in the unincorporated, incorporated areas and it's a shame. This is America. This is not third world country where you have a lot of homelessness. This is embarrassment for the United States of America. This is an embarrassment. It's criminal. And I've been homeless myself three times. Judge, you know my situation. You do too, Gerald. And it's tough to reenter because Housing Authority City of Austin is very discriminatory. I'm a former discriminatory complaints investigator for the treasury and collateral justice so I've done a lot of it. The issue is this -- I know the funding is very scarce even coming from Washington. I've been there in Washington five months ago supporting this issue and the City's issues. But anyway, I just want to let you all know there is and I know you know, Commissioner Shea, I worked on your campaign before and Commissioner Travillion and my bud there, sometimes he forgets, but the issue is we need more affordable housing, we need more funding, we need more people with sensitivity and caring and not say oh, you are homeless, you are nobody, get out the door. And it's happened before. One last item, Judge and Commissioners. Richard Halpin, I'm pretty sure you know who he is, if you could get him as an advisor, this gentleman knows the ins and outs of affordable housing. This gentleman had American Institute for Learning and they had, they would rent houses that were donated by HUD for \$100 a month until you got on to your feet. I was a recipient of that also, but we need to do a lot better job. And these people that are homeless also vote. We got them to vote. We got Commissioner Travillion in there. Even though you are a repub, I'm a democrat, I love you, you're my brother, but we got you re-elected. I'm proud to say that on tv. We helped Judge Eckhardt. How much our veterans helped out and our people got you over the hump. Excuse my language. That's a military term. There's a lot of need out there. So much lack of compassion. I had to educate Adler, Mayor Adler and the Commissioners because right now they have a housing issue that they don't even know what the heck is going on. They have many public hearings. No substance except coming in from the public and the poor, they need help. Judge, Commissioners, thank you very much for allowing me to speak. We are in combat right now. We need help and the People need help. Thank you very much and have a good day.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you very much for your advocacy Mr. Pena. Good to see you.

Gus Pena: You too.

Judge Eckhardt: Do we have any more people here who would like to give comment or ask questions with regard to the CDBG process or the outcome? Yes, sir.

Kent Herring: Judge, Commissioners, I'm Kent Herring with Family Eldercare and I too, along with the previous speakers, especially Mr. Pena, appear to ask you for the continuing support of CDBG. We use those funds to help sustain housing for many homeless and hopefully help prevent homelessness instead of just fixing homelessness. We want to prevent it. And so we use those funds. It's never enough, as you know, and so any other funds that we could get we would appreciate that as well, but do want to say that, you know, as long as we have the money, we're going to spend it wisely. We are good stewards of your money. Very successful in what we do. And so please consider any request that Ms. Moffett makes of you and we could use that money as well. Thank you so much.

Judge Eckhardt: Thanks so much for being here and thanks for what you are doing for our Community. We are looking to fund solutions rather than funding problems and I really appreciate you finding solutions. I know that there's a great deal of uncertainty with regard to what's happening with the CDBG money at the federal level under the new HUD Secretary. I know there is a degree of anxiety about that. I do want to assure the Community that we are looking for all of the tools that are available to the County independent of what may be happening at the federal or the state level so that we can continue to fund solutions to many of issues that we see. Like the issue of affordable housing, all along the continuum whether it is homeless vets or whether it is our aging population no longer able to live alone at home. So we will continue to be working in partnership with you all to take a look at our tools that are independent and also interdependent. Any other questions, comments or anybody else from the Community?

Commissioner Gomez: Move the public hearing be closed.

Commissioner Daugherty: Second.

Judge Eckhardt: All those in favor? That passes unanimously.

July 11, 2017 Public Hearing

Judge Eckhardt: Let's see if we have anybody in the audience for the public hearing, who would like to give comment. The Commissioner's Court does have a specific item on CDBG later in the agenda that will give us an opportunity to deliberate and ask questions of staff. Ms. Joseph.

Zenobia Joseph: Thank you, Judge, Commissioners. I just had a few questions related to this item. Specifically as it relates to the strategic priorities. I just wanted to know how they came to arrive at business and jobs as a low priority whereas housing is a high priority.

Christy Moffett: It was part of the public engagement process that we went through four years ago. And when you look at high and low priorities when it comes to HUD, it doesn't mean that we don't think business and jobs aren't important. It's that you can't invest in everything. And so a low identification really means that we could invest in business and jobs, but it's not likely that we will. A high designation means that more than likely we will be investing in those types of projects. And really it's just -- HUD requires that we prioritize the different types of categories and so based on the public

engagement that's how we came to -- we just didn't have enough public interest around business and jobs. That's not where people felt like we should direct the money.

Judge Eckhardt: And to be clear, this is the priorities for the CDBG federal money.

Christy Moffett: Correct.

Judge Eckhardt: That's not to say we aren't heavily investing in jobs and workforce development. We're just not using the CDBG dollars for it. The Mayor and I have an initiative with workforce to hopefully dramatically increase the outcomes for training and job placement for people looking for middle skill jobs and to move up in their careers rather than stay in dead-end jobs, but we're utilizing state funding combined with property tax and sales tax rather than CDBG funding.

Zenobia Joseph: And so I guess my other question would be, judge, specifically as relates to community involvement, which I understand is an essential priority, and she said -- meaning Christy Moffett, that there weren't very many comments about that. I just seem to recollect that not very many people participate in this process so it just seems like an odd way to prioritize if you only have a handful of people that give input. I mean, am I misstating the number of people that usually give you the input?

Christy Moffett: So over the course -- so we've received CDBG funding since 2006 and through the course of that, through all the public participation, if you did an analysis of all the participation we've received since 2006, business and jobs doesn't tend to fall to the top. It's usually infrastructure, services and housing. And that's the way it's been for 11 years. And we have had a fluctuation of participation throughout that 11 years, but consistently no matter who it is that's, you know, providing input; those three items are really the highest level interest of the people who are responding. And most of those are not social service agencies. Most of it is actually people who are coming to us because they need something in their neighborhood or community.

Zenobia Joseph: Thank you. I won't belabor the point, Judge, but I would just say as it relates to jobs versus the social services, it just seems that the jobs would sustain people a little bit more and I do respect that you are working with the Mayor. My other question is specifically related to the McKinney Falls projects is I realize the northeast bus routes were eliminated from the previous project, but there's approximately \$198,000 from the two slides that I looked at. There's -- if you look at the routes that she put up, \$142,749,000 on slide 11 and then \$56,053 on slide 15. And so I guess my question is as it relates to McKinney Falls specifically, is there transportation related to that project?

Christy Moffett: Transportation is available within a mile of that project.

Zenobia Joseph: And do you -- one mile?

Christy Moffett: Within a mile, yes, yes, ma'am. I can give you more information later.

Zenobia Joseph: That would be helpful, Judge. my last question is specifically related to the pie chart that showed the \$221,000 or 20% utilized for planning and I just wondered how much of that funding was specifically for salaries or what it all entails?

Judge Eckhardt: We can get you that breakout, but those numbers are readily available. The federal government requires some pretty hefty accounting and we're more than happy to provide it to you.

Zenobia Joseph: Alright, Thank you so much.

Judge Eckhardt: To the feds. Mr. Garcia.

Gus Peña: Good morning, Judge, Commissioners, Gus Peña.

Judge Eckhardt: Mr. Peña, did you sign up for public communication?

Gus Peña: Oh is it public communication? I'm sorry; I thought it was item number 1.

Judge Eckhardt: Oh item number 1, yes, yes, yes, I'm so sorry.

Gus Peña: I'm new to this, I've been gone. Did you want me to sign up?

Judge Eckhardt: No, No, no, Mr. Peña, please go ahead.

Gus Peña: Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: That was my mistake.

Gus Peña: That's okay. You are forgiven this time. One per day. Judge and Commissioners, my name is Gus Peña and we've been working on affordable housing and I know this is in the unincorporated areas, but nonetheless a lot of Austinites are being outpriced to outlying areas. What I see here, one of the -- PY, like the city council, project development criteria meets the fair housing objective. I'd like to know real true blue definition of fair housing objective. If I could get that also because I just don't believe in this type of verbiage. It's not compatible with the needs of the people. And market surveys are not really a good true evaluation of the needs of the people. Outlying areas. Is Manor considered unincorporated?

Judge Eckhardt: It is not.

Gus Peña: Okay. but anyway, on the unincorporated areas, I have -- I know people that are being priced out also and I just -- as Ms. Zenobia mentioned transportation you say within a mile of a project, even for a United States Marine Corps veteran like me, I'm I my 60s, that would be tough unless I had my boots on. I don't have boots anymore, I have shoes. The issue she brings -- Zenobia brings a very good point about transportation, is bring in closer. We can talk to Capitol Metro about that. I just don't have the time. I just don't have the time to do that, I'm very other issues. We need to make sure that the transportation issue is heavily addressed because there are senior citizens and I'm sure they live there, senior citizens just like me as younger people and some of them can't walk, like I can. I love hiking and biking, but, you know, my wife says wait a minute, you're not in the 20s like you were in the Marine Corp so settle down. But anyway, we have concerns with this and I hope all of you all -- and I know she's done a good job many, many years, Christy, but the issue is we need to show some more definite, definitive suggestions, definitive objectives. And there's a lot of people complaining to me

saying hello, I'm in precinct 4, but anyway, we could reevaluate, not that you're not doing a good job, you are, but there's still some issues that are critical that are not being met. And anyway, Zenobia did a good job talking about those. I do know this much and you all heard of Ben Carson. Ben Carson is Secretary of what?

Judge Eckhardt: He's the Secretary of Housing.

Gus Peña: HUD, HUD. Yes, ma'am, HUD, not housing, HUD.

Judge Eckhardt: Housing and Urban Development.

Gus Peña: Yes, ma'am, HUD. That incorporates everything. Anyway, I have a meeting with him in about three weeks. I still haven't met with the new Secretary Veterans Affairs but we have a lot of veterans out there that have needs of housing but also accessible housing. A lot of them are wounded, et cetera, but as young as I am but thank you very much for the time and I just wanted to raise concerns from our veterans group and all of this will be mentioned to Secretary Carson. He, himself is going to be there. We're still trying to get Secretary Shulkin VA Shulkin to come over here and visit us, and he will, he's promised, but as I told our Mayor "Mayor, we're losing a lot of people to the unincorporated areas. They need all these improvements." Ok, Judge, thank you very much for the time. You are doing a good job and Commissioner Gómez; she's my commissioner, as usual (speaking in Spanish) gracias.

Judge Eckhardt: Mr. Peña, Christy Do we have the impediments to fair housing on the website?

Christy Moffett: Yes.

Judge Eckhardt: That might be really helpful to you. We did some considerable work looking at impediments.

Gus Peña: Sure.

Judge Eckhardt: To fair housing in the unincorporated areas and specific issues like transit. Christy do you want to?

Christy Moffett: When we talk about whether or not a project is meeting a fair housing objective, it's actually related to that report. So there were 11 impediments to fair housing choice identified in that report and so we tried to prioritize projects that help address one of those 11 impediments. So that's what the connection is between those two and I'm happy to give you that information.

Gus Peña: There are some impediments that were not incorporated within the report or study and whatever I'm a former IRS Investigator, I do my due diligence before I even speak to you all, city council or the legislature or elsewhere, now at the school board, but yeah there's still some impediments we need to address also and improve. Anyway, thank you for your time good to be here. Judge, you are doing a good job. Great job.

Judge Eckhardt: Thanks for your work. Is there anyone else here to speak on the CDBG plan year?

Commissioner Gómez: Move the public hearing be closed.

Commissioner Travillion: Second.

Judge Eckhardt: We have a motion and second to close the public hearing. All those in favor? I'm not sure how Gerald voted on that.

Commissioner Daugherty: Can you see? Can you not see me, Judge?

Judge Eckhardt: I'm supposed to have a little block of you on the side -- there you go, all right. That was unanimous. Thank you.

July 25, 2017 Public Hearing

Judge Eckhardt: Do I have anyone who would like to give comment with regarding, with regard to our Community Development Block Grant plans? We have a couple people. Three. You all come on up. Gus.

Gus Peña: Yes, good morning, Gus Peña, native east Austinite. First of all I want to thank you for being patient with Zenobia and myself in educating the public. She's doing a good job and I commend you for that for many years also. One of the things that I just wanted to make sure is that really it's affordable rent. They are going to build rental units to be really affordable because we really need to really define what affordable is and what can be affordable for you might not be affordable for a lot of low-income and senior taxpayers. And one of the things that I was asked to bring up again is the bus route issue. And we need to find a way -- and continue to work with Capital Metro to make sure that it is a shorter distance to go to the bus route. Judge, this is very important. This is one of the key issues that some of my veterans are disabled also in that area so it's very key and crucial to make sure that Capital Metro affords a lesser distance to go to bus service. And that's all I have to say, but I want to thank you very much because this young lady has been very helpful for many years and she was patient with Zenobia and Zenobia had some tough questions but it also educated myself and the community. Thank you. I need to go to the capitol so it's good seeing you all again and you all have a good day and take your vitamins.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you very much.

Gus Peña: Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: Yes, sirs.

Adam Houser: Good morning. my name is Adam Houser, I'm the new president and CEO of Meals on Wheels Central Texas and we're here today to show our support to the county for this program. As you know, our mission is nourish and enrich the lives of homebound older adults and persons with disabilities in our community through programs that promote dignity and independent living and one of those programs, one of our more robust programs is our home repair program managed by my college, Mr. Charles Cloutman, who is sitting next to me. And I just wanted the county Judge and Commissioners to know how thankful we are for this program. It is truly transforming the lives of older adults in our community by enabling us to transform their homes into healthy environments where

they can live independently and age in place. And so we are very much in support of the CDBG program. We're working very hard to see that it gets re-funded at the federal level as well but we wanted to show support for this program by appearing this morning. Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: We appreciate both of you being here.

Charles Cloutman: Nothing Judge, I just thank you so much for helping us to help people in all areas of the county. Commissioner Daugherty, we'll be doing a whole lot of work in your area, four projects as we speak. . Commissioner Gomez, you know well what we do there. Brigid, I'm sorry, we do most of the city work in your area, but we're helping as many people as we can. It's fun. We have about 18 projects in the pipeline right now, we're doing four as we speak and we've completed 74. So, leverage of the funding, the amount of 300,000 have come in to match and add to your existing funding that we've received so far. So it's a wonderful program and we thank you so much for it.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you.

Adam Houser: Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: Ms. Joseph.

Zenobia Joseph: Good morning, Judge, Commissioners. I'm Zenobia Joseph. May I use the overhead, Judge?

Judge Eckhardt: Yes, ma'am.

Zenobia Joseph: Last week I brought to your attention the 15% cap exception to policy and just wanted to make sure that that was actually on the record as it relates specifically to transportation. I know Mr. Peña mentioned transportation a few minutes ago. I actually wanted to bring your attention, however, to the Americans with Disabilities Act, but I just wanted you to see the source of where I got the information from, it's Nancy Sanchez and she's in the HUD office in San Antonio, the field office. If you look at the yellow handout that I gave you, specifically, it's highlighted in the CDBG guide, which is 2012. You'll see where it specifies outside of the cap and so it's outside of the 15% cap and it does not count against you. If you look towards the bottom of your page, you'll see where it says it does not count against you as relates to the 15% cap and so I would just ask Christy Moffett to find out exactly what that all entails. As it relates specifically to the programs, I just wanted to point out, once again, that I am supportive of the Tenants' Rights amount of money that you have allocated however, it at one point was \$50,000 and I would ask you to consider increasing that amount again as it relates to STEM for Girls, I oppose giving the money specifically to the organization that's listed here. Girls, umm, this particular organization, it doesn't show geographic diversity and also does not include diversity as relates to the students. If you look at their home page for Girl Smart, you'll see there is one African-American leader buried at the bottom of the page behind two yellow balloons and there are maybe two or three African-American girls and so I just want you to recognize that last week you had a presentation on poverty and as it related to the schools in southeast Austin, there is a need there. If you look further down on your page, you'll see that I actually mention the Social Work Expansion last week and the question I have is whether or not the county is actually supplanting the federal dollars for that particular program for your expansion of social workers because you initially had it funded at \$75,000 and it went down to \$35,000. And then, lastly as it related to the money management under

the Family Elder Care, that grant that they received actually came from Texas Veterans' Commission and so it appears that they would already have a case manager managing those funds and it seems like our \$65,000 could be better utilized elsewhere. And so my point specifically is that I know that when the public brings concerns to the CDBG Public Hearing that the federal government requires a response and so as it relates specifically to transit, I just want you to recognize that three-fourths of a mile, the bus stop has to be there in order for there to be the para transit service. And so, by this particular bus stop being one mile from the McKinney Falls Project, you effectively disenfranchise people who have disabilities. So I want you to recognize that Ms. Moffett was honest with us when she talked extensively last week, July 11th and July 18th. Basically she is not focused on transit, but I want you to recognize that if you do not have a bus stop within three-fourths of a mile, according to the U. S. Department of Transportation, then those individuals with disabilities will not be able to access the access service or para transit service. And you can in fact as Commissioner Daugherty has asked repeatedly, you can use the CDBG dollars for this particular project. And I recognize, Judge and I won't be much longer, that you are going to look at other funding sources for transportation, but because it is specifically related to this project and there is not a stop within three-fourths of a mile, I would just ask Ms. Moffett to give us a cost benefit analysis. And just from my own analysis, I'll tell you that as relates to bus stops, there is one Cedar Park stop in northwest Austin and that one stop alone is \$9,000. It's a \$27,000 contract that Capital Metro has with Cedar Park and so you can consider that one stop in that vicinity might cost about \$9,000, but then you also have the northeast feeder bus routes that you funded which is approximately \$40,000. So it's a span and without the cost benefit analysis, we do not know how much it would cost for a bus stop or for there to be alternative transportation. So I would just ask you to take that into consideration and I have provided my comments to HUD in San Antonio, Ms. Garcia also Mr. Rios and Ms. Sanchez as well. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you for yours. Is there anyone else who would like to give testimony, public comment with regard to our CDBG Action Plan? Again, just to put this in context, this is a \$1. 1 million allocation. So the predominant expenditures are going to be in housing. But we are looking and do utilize revenue sources for other critical needs. This is one pot of money. Anybody else? All right. Then we will move on to our third public hearing.

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I support county staff recommendations for use of CDBG funds for home repair in 2017-018.
Stuart Harry Hersh [REDACTED]



July 25, 2017

Dear Travis County CDBG office:

Thank you so much for your work on the draft FY 2017-2018 Action Plan, which describes community needs, resources, priorities, and planned activities related to the County's HUD funding.

By every measure, the Travis County housing market is expanding and changing incredibly quickly, and infrastructure and community services are not keeping pace with growth. Median rent is rising, and the proportion of affordable units is dropping. Residents are leaving the city center and dispersing geographically, stretching the service area that needs services and support. Landlords and property owners hold incredible leverage to raise rents, and are disincentivized to manage and maintain properties at a reasonable standard. Travis County's population of tenants continues to grow, as does the need for tenant advocacy and services. However, funding of Austin Tenants' Council services has remained static and even dropped through this growth period, even as services become more challenging to offer within the current market and service area.

Austin Tenants' Council is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that has served Austin since 1973, under the mission of promoting and advocating for safe, decent, fair, affordable housing. We offer five core services related to housing rights:

- Fair Housing counseling and complaint advocacy
- Repair Mediations
- Crisis landlord mediations
- Telephone counseling
- Landlord-tenant counseling

Austin Tenants' Council is currently funded through County CDBG funds to provide two of those five core services, fair housing and landlord-tenant counseling visits. The project meets two high priority objectives identified by the County's Consolidated Plan, Housing and Community Services. The counseling services assist on an individual level, offering guidance and advocacy to each renter in their own case; more importantly, they function on a broader community level, to create leverage for tenants within an otherwise disempowered housing environment, and collectively create standards for maintaining and managing rental housing in Travis County.

This project is funded to serve the unincorporated areas of Travis County as well as the Village of Webberville (similar funding from Travis County Social Services and the City of Austin CDBG funds dovetail together to serve residents in incorporated areas). Because of the demographics and population density in unincorporated Travis County and the Village of Webberville, providing services in these areas presents a few additional challenges:

- Geographic distance and low population density. Clients in unincorporated areas are more geographically scattered, which makes them less likely to access centralized services/agencies. This lack of access makes it difficult to raise awareness, provide education, and offer services.
- A growing low-income population. The proportion of low-income residents in these unincorporated areas is increasing, due to rising costs of living and low vacancy rates in the metro areas.



- Unique housing constraints. Residents are selecting housing in these unincorporated areas due to a unique set of community needs including affordability, family support, and work/school commutes. Being forced to look for replacement housing that still meets these community needs would be incredibly challenging—which makes residents disinclined to pursue housing rights without agency support for fear of retaliation or being forced to move.

Because of these challenges, as well as the lower rental rate in these areas and the fact that multifamily complexes are less common in unincorporated areas, clients needing ATC services can be more difficult to reach and provide services. However, there is no doubt that housing issues and rights violations are occurring in unincorporated areas of Travis County. Moreover, there seems to be much lower awareness—among residents, owners, and landlords-- in unincorporated areas of what rights residents hold and how to pursue protections and resources. For FY 2107, Austin Tenants' Council has proposed additional services including "satellite clinics," allowing our agency to reach out to these areas and bring the counseling services to the geographic locations where residents are already gathered.

We are very grateful to have been funded to offer these services, and thank you for your continued support. It should be noted that we have been offering these programs with level funding for over ten years, in spite of the significant changes in Austin over that time-- in the last decade we have seen the area population grow significantly and remain majority renters, we've seen the housing vacancy rate drop, and we've seen rents skyrocket with 36% of Travis County households currently rent-burdened. Despite those pressures, we've been offering these programs and services on the same small budget for more than ten years. We know the CDBG funding is stretched very thin already, and that the proposed federal budget eliminates it altogether. We wanted to take this time to tell you how appreciative we are for the funding we've received thus far, and to let you know that we're committed to Travis County continuing and expanding these important services in spite of these threats and limitations. We also wanted to note two areas where we've identified a need for more funding to administer this program in a way that keeps pace with increasing costs and the growing need.

First, at the Tenants' Council we are currently counseling 50 to 80 tenants a month who need help with the eviction process. Many of these clients are being sued in eviction court and don't understand how to navigate that process, prepare their documents, or realize the importance of showing up in court. We're also seeing evictions that are preventable via simple landlord mediation, or that are illegal because the landlord fails to provide proper notice-- but the tenant isn't aware enough of the process or their rights to dispute it. We're currently serving these clients via generalized in-office counseling services, but we'd like to pull them out into a program focused on the knowledge, resources, and advocacy related to the eviction process. An advocate would be assigned to help tenants read the notices, understand their obligations, and prepare for their hearing, including accompanying them to JP court, if desired. We believe that with a dedicated advocate, tenants will be better able to understand the process and navigate it, as well as being better able to present their side in JP court and to understand and plan for the next steps in their housing plan based on the outcome. At the least, this program will assist in making that court process proceed smoothly and reduce the impact on tenants' future housing; however, at best it may be able to reduce the displacement and housing instability caused by evictions. For the staffing and other resources needed to launch and maintain this program, Austin Tenants' Council would need an increase to the project of about \$65,000.



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Second, the Austin Tenant’s Council has traditionally published the Guide to Affordable Housing (<http://www.housing-rights.org/GAHGAA.html>), which has served as a resource to tenants and social service agencies in identifying subsidized affordable housing options in Travis County and adjacent counties. While affordable housing funders do publish their housing inventory online, it is offered without contact information or an explanation of the income eligibility calculation needed to make those listings a community resource. Local departments and agencies rely heavily on the Austin Tenants’ Council Guide as a reference for where to find affordable housing-- in fact, the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development department of the City of Austin provides at least 4 separate direct referrals on its website, directing potential renters to the Guide and to Austin Tenants’ Council for this information. However, the Guide is currently produced as an unfunded volunteer effort of the Tenants’ Council, and the printing is made possible by donors. In order to keep the Guide updated with current information and to evolve its presentation and format in line with local needs, funding for staff time and production resources is needed. We estimate that it costs approximately \$5000 to update, produce, and publish the Guide in its current format.

We know that there are limitations on CDBG distributions of funds, and the County budget is very restricted in funds for social services this coming year. However, it’s important to recognize that dollars spent in the Austin Tenants’ Council project are prevention dollars. If the Austin Tenants’ Council is well-equipped and serving our mission in line with the City’s growth and needs, then those services are preventing a number of County-identified issues that are costly to rectify, including homelessness, evictions, housing instability, affordable housing falling into disrepair, and sudden displacement and relocation of local families away from transit and jobs and schools.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your continued support in administering these funds.

Best,
Juliana Gonzales, Executive Director
Austin Tenants’ Council



July 13, 2017

Memorandum for David Rios, Senior Community Planning & Development Representative, Housing and Urban Development, San Antonio Field Office, Region VI-Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity < [REDACTED]

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1. **Background:** "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 (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 ... on an annual basis. **Community engagement and participation is an essential goal of this program.**"¹

2. **Complaint:** Travis County Health and Human Services & Veteran Services (HHS&VS) Program Year 2017 public comment process is futile. Decisions are already made by staff. Therefore, I write to oppose the PY 2017 CDBG Action Plan. "Housing choice for those with disabilities is further limited by the absence of regular public transit service outside of Austin" (Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Travis County, 2013, p. 1). Transit needs to be included in the proposed McKinney Falls Project (family apartments) to get residents to work in accord with Public Services exception, 24 CFR §§ 570.201(e), 570.209.

3. **HHS&VS Staff:** County Executive Sherri Fleming (\$169K) and Program Manager Christy Moffett (\$80K) briefed the PY 2017 CDBG Plan at Travis County Commissioners Court June 6, 2017 and July 11, 2017. Though Commissioners asked extensively about transit funding, Ms. Moffett never disclosed the 15% cap exception for transportation, jobs, and economic development. Instead, she only noted the 15% Public Services cap. Two issues make the proposed PY 2017 Public Services items problematic.

a. Issue 1: McKinney Falls Project will receive \$512,983 CDBG funds, which includes \$272,356 reallocated from 3 cancelled projects; two were Northeast buses in PY 2015 (\$142,749); PY 2016 (\$56,053). Yet no funds were reallocated for transit service.

b. Issue 2/Bias: Ms. Moffett is a social worker. **\$100K** of \$154,250 PY 2017 CDBG Public Services funds are for **social workers**.

Public Services (capped at 15% of Total Allocation) ➤ \$100K of \$154,250 proposed CDBG Public Services funds are for social workers (County case managers and finance case manager). Bias: CDBG/Planning Manager Christy Moffett is a social worker. Her request for two-thirds of Public Services dollars in this area is biased, unfairly leveraged towards personal interests. She excluded community input and disregarded Commissioners' transit concerns.
Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling The funds are allocated for Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling for residents in the CDBG service area. \$29,250 Support: I support funding Tenant's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling because renters have minimal recourse when fighting eviction. Few pro bono resources exist in Austin. I recommend \$50K to help more apartment residents than \$65K for one case/money manager.
STEM Education for Girls Funds for direct costs of program implementation of after school STEM activities for girls in elementary schools with high number of economically disadvantaged, non-white or at risk students. Provide weekly free activities for students and professional development for teachers and support for science fairs at partner schools. The program would be implemented in three elementary schools located in the unincorporated area: Joe Lee Johnson Elementary; Northwest Branch Elementary, and Wells Branch Elementary. \$25,000 Opposition: I oppose funding Girl Smart \$25K due to racial and geographic lack of diversity! Girl Smart's homepage does not include any (obvious) Black leaders or girls. Precincts 1 (NE) and 4 (SE) have greater low-income Black and Hispanic student education needs.
Social Work Expansion 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 46 FTE social worker ; the social workers provide the majority of service provision through home visits. \$35,000 Opposition: Ms. Moffett did not consider transportation. Instead, she privileged an internal social worker program over Commissioners' transit funding inquiries. On the record July 11, 2017, it was disingenuous to tell me that priorities came from community engagement.
Money Management Services and Housing Stability Funds would pay for FTE case manager to manage Money Management Services for eligible clients including seniors, disabled individuals and homeless veterans in CDBG service area. Services include intake with comprehensive needs assessment that includes benefits eligibility, medical and behavioral needs, and housing stability. \$65,000 ➤ Opposition: I oppose \$65K "Money Management Services." It appears duplicative of Travis County and City of Austin taxpayer dollars that fund Ending Community Homelessness Coalition. Executive Director Ann Howard does no direct services to homeless veterans but conducts the annual count and created a case management tool that social services agencies use, ideally, to ensure clients don't "double dip." I also oppose spending \$65K on one case manager because Travis County gave a \$3.3M tax break to Schwab (KXAN, 2014). ➤ Partners: Don't Veterans Services Organizations (e.g., VFW, American Legion) and existing partners like Schwab do financial planning? ➤ Cost-Benefit Analysis: This \$65K item is biased, not the best use of funds. Ongoing funding would likely come from General Revenue. ➤ Recommendation: Use a portion of the \$65K CDBG funds for transportation (e.g., fixed bus route, van-on-demand, reduced ridesharing costs) to get people to work. Lack of transportation increases the chances of taxpayers having to rely on limited social services dollars.
Source: Travis County Commissioners Court - June 6, 2017: Item 6 (p. 1273) Public Service total (14%): \$154,250 Weblink: http://traviscountytexas.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1639&Inline=True

¹ Travis County Commissioners Court (2017, July 11). Click Item 1 - CDBG: Public hearings [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://traviscountytexas.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=1733&Format=Minutes>

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4. **Travis County Commissioners Court:** July 11, 2017 Item 1, CDBG PY 2017 Action Plan Public Hearing. My concerns follow:

➤ July 11, 2017 (video): <http://traviscountytx.ig2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=1733&Format=Minutes>

9:25 AM **County Judge Sarah Eckhardt:** Let's see if we have anybody in the audience who would like to give public comment. We have an agenda item that will give an opportunity to present questions of staff. Ms. Joseph.

Zenobia C. Joseph: Thank you, Judge, Commissioners. I just have a few questions as relates to strategic priorities. I just wanted to know how they came to arrive at business and jobs as a low priority whereas housing is a high priority.

Christy Moffett: It was part of the public engagement process that we went through four years ago. **And when you look at high and low priorities when it comes to HUD, it doesn't mean that we don't think business and jobs aren't important. It's that you can't invest in everything. And so a low identification really means that we could invest in business and jobs, but it's not likely that we will.** A high designation means that more than likely we will be investing in those types of projects. And really it's just -- HUD requires that we prioritize the different types of categories and so based on the public engagement that's how **we came to -- we just didn't have enough public interest around business and jobs. That's not where people felt like we should direct the money.**

9:26 AM **Judge Eckhardt:** And to be clear, this is the priorities for the CDBG federal money.

Christy Moffett: Correct.

Judge Eckhardt: That's not to say we aren't heavily investing in jobs and workforce development. We're just not using the CDBG dollars for it. The mayor and I have an initiative with workforce to hopefully dramatically increase the outcomes for training and job placement for people looking for middle skill jobs and to move up in their careers rather than stay in dead-end jobs, but we're utilizing state funding combined with property tax and sales tax rather than CDBG funding.

9:27 AM **Zenobia C. Joseph:** And so I guess my other question would be, Judge, specifically as relates to community involvement, which I understand is an essential priority, and she said -- meaning Christie Moffett, that there weren't very many comments about that. I just seem to recollect that not very many people participate in this process. So it just seems like an odd way to prioritize if you only have a handful of people that give input. Am I misstating the number of people that usually give you the input?

9:28 AM **Christy Moffett:** We've received CDBG funding since 2006 and through the course of that, through all the **public participation, if you did an analysis of all the participation we've received since 2006, business and jobs doesn't tend to fall to the top.** It's usually infrastructure, services and housing. And that's the way it's been for 11 years. And we have had a fluctuation of participation throughout that 11 years, but consistently no matter who it is that's, you know, providing input, those three items are really the highest level interest to the people who are responding. And most of those are not social service agencies. Most of it is actually people who are coming to us because they need something in their neighborhood or community.

Zenobia C. Joseph: And, thank you. I won't belabor the point but as relates to jobs versus the social services, it just seems the jobs would sustain people a little bit more. And I do respect that you are working with the mayor. My other question is specifically related to the **McKinney Falls Project** is: I realize the Northeast bus routes were eliminated from the previous project, but there's approximately \$198,000 from the two slides that I looked at. There's -- if you look at the routes that she put up, \$142,749 on slide 11 and then \$56,053 on slide 15. And so I guess my question is, as it relates to McKinney Falls specifically, is there transportation related to that project?

9:29 AM **Christy Moffett:** Transportation is available within a mile of that project.

Zenobia C. Joseph: And do you -- one mile?

> **Christy Moffett:** Within a mile, yes, ma'am. I can give you more information later.

Zenobia C. Joseph: That would be helpful. My last question is specifically related to the pie chart that showed the \$221,000 or 20% utilized for planning. And I just wondered, how much of that funding was specifically for salaries or what it all entailed?

9:30 AM **Judge Eckhardt:** We can get you that breakout; but those numbers are readily available. The federal government requires some pretty hefty accounting and we're more than happy to provide it to you.

Zenobia C. Joseph: Alright, thank you so much.

Judge Eckhardt: To the feds.

Mr. Gus Peña then made comments and referenced my transportation remarks. He stated concerns for the one-mile distance to the nearest bus stop—too far for senior citizens and disabled veterans in the context of McKinney Falls affordable housing project.

➤ Judge Eckhardt referred Mr. Peña to the Impediments to Housing Report (11 priorities).

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5. **Travis County Commissioners Court:** July 11, 2017 Item 1, CDBG PY 2017 Action Plan Public Hearing. Veteran Gus Peña:

Gus Peña: Good morning, Judge, Commissioners, Gus Peña.

Judge Eckhardt: Mr. Peña, did you sign up for Public Communication?

Gus Peña: Oh, is it Public communication? I'm sorry, I thought it was Item Number 1.

Judge Eckhardt: Oh, Item Number 1. Yes, yes, yes, I'm so sorry.

Gus Peña: I'm new to this. I've been gone. Did you want me to sign up?

Judge Eckhardt: No, no, no, Mr. Peña, please go ahead. That was my mistake.

Gus Peña: Thank you. That's okay. You're forgiven this time. One per day. Judge and Commissioners, **Gus Peña.** We've been working on affordable housing. And I know this is in the unincorporated areas but, nonetheless, a lot of Austinites are being outpriced to outerlying [sic] areas. What I see here, one of the -- PY (not FY like the City Council), project evaluation criteria meets the Fair Housing Objective. **I'd like to know real true blue definition of Fair Housing Objective. If I could get that also because I just don't believe in this type of verbiage. It's not compatible with the needs of the people.** And market surveys are not really a good true evaluation of the needs of the people, outerlying [sic] areas. Is Manor considered outerlay—unincorporated?

9:31 AM **Christy Moffett:** It is not.

Gus Peña: Okay. But anyway, in the unincorporated areas, I have -- I know people that are being priced out also and I just -- as **Ms. Zenobia mentioned transportation, you say, within a mile of a project, (woof!) even for a United States Marine Corps veteran like me, I'm in my 60s, that would be tough unless I had my boots on.** The issue she brings -- Zenobia brings the point about transportation—bringing closer. . We can talk to Capital Metro about that. I just don't have the time. I've got other issues. **But we need to make sure that the transportation issue is heavily addressed because there are senior citizens and I'm sure they live there,** senior citizens just like me as younger people can't walk. I love hiking and biking but, you know, my wife says wait a minute, you're not in your 20s like you were in the Marine Corps. So settle down. **We have concerns with this and I hope all of you all --** and I know she's done a good job many, many years, Christy, but the issue is this: We need to show some more definite, definitive suggestions, objectives. And there's a lot of people complaining to me saying: Hey, Hello, I'm in Precinct 4, but anyway, **we could reevaluate,** not that you're not doing a good job, you are, but **there's still some issues that are critical that are not being met. Zenobia did a good job talking about those.** I do know this much and you all heard of **Ben Carson,** right? Ben Carson is Secretary of what?

9:33 AM **Judge Eckhardt:** He's the Secretary of Housing.

Gus Peña: HUD. Yes, Ma'am, HUD, not Housing.

Judge Eckhardt: Housing and Urban Development.

Gus Peña: Yes, Ma'am, HUD. So that incorporates everything. **Anyway, I have a meeting with him in about three weeks.** I still haven't met with the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs, but we have a lot of veterans out there that have needs of housing. But also accessible housing—a lot of 'em are wounded, etcetera—as young as I am, but anyway, thank you very much for the time and I just wanted to raise concerns from our veterans group and all of this will be mentioned to Secretary Carson. He himself is gonna be there. We're still trying to get Secretary Shulkin, VA Shulkin, to come over here and visit us. He will; he's promised. But, as I told our Mayor: Mayor, we're losing a lot of people to the unincorporated areas. They need all these improvements. Okay Judge, Thank you very much for the time. You are doin' a good time and Commissioner Gómez, she's my Commissioner, gracias.

9:34 AM **Judge Eckhardt:** Mr. Peña, Christy, do we have the Impediments to Fair Housing results on the website?

Christy Moffett: Yes, so—

Judge Eckhardt: That might be really helpful to you. We did some considerable work looking at impediments to fair housing in the unincorporated areas and **specific issues like transit.**

Christy Moffett: When we talk about whether or not a project is meeting a Fair Housing Objective, it's actually related to that report. **So there were 11 impediments to Fair Housing Choice** identified in that report. So we try to prioritize projects that help address one of those 11 impediments. So that's what the connection is between those two and I'm happy to give you that information.

9:35 AM **Gus Peña:** And there were some impediments that were not incorporated within the report or study and I'm a former IRS investigator, I do my due diligence before I even speak to y'all, City Council or the Leg or elsewhere, now at the

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School Board, but there's still some impediments we need to improve. Thank you for your time. Judge, you are doing a good job.

Judge Eckhardt: Thanks for your work. Is there anyone else here to speak on the CDBG Plan year?

Commissioner Margaret Gómez: Move the public hearing be closed.

Commissioner Jeff Travillion: Second.

Judge Eckhardt: We have a motion and second to close the public hearing. All those in favor? I'm not sure how Gerald [Commissioner Daugherty videoconferencing] voted on that.

Commissioner Daugherty: Can you see? Can you not see me, Judge?

Judge Eckhardt: I'm supposed to have a little block of you on the side but -- there you go. Alright. That was unanimous. Thank you.

Note: An unedited version of the July 11, 2017 transcripts (above) are part of Travis County Commissioners Court public record.

6. **Public Involvement History:** Two examples FY 2015-FY 2017 show a pattern of Travis County ignoring public concerns.

a. Citizens Communication: Shortly after appointment to Travis County Commissioners Court, Judge Eckhardt took Citizens Communication off of television (Channel 17)—a loophole in current law. On the record, she told me to stop by her office and said she would provide statutory guidelines that supported her decision. She also stated she would share with **Mr. Peña**. Per Judge Eckhardt's comment, I went to her office November 15, 2016. I also previously met with County Attorney John Hille after I cited the need to comply with the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Texas Citizens Participation Act. Texas Open Meetings Act only requires posting proceedings online. Judge Eckhardt's suggestion of openness and honesty while in Court differed when the camera was turned off. Her assistant Maya Reisman e-mailed me after I filled out a sheet to meet with the Judge saying there was no need to meet. Mr. Hille then sent the e-mail below. **On May 30, 2017, I requested Commissioners lead by example when they approved their Mission and Vision Statement requesting Public Comments on TV once more.** The Judge still engages in viewpoint discrimination, chilling our speech—denying elderly and others without computer from hearing Public Comments. Hence it is necessary for HUD to review concerns herein given the disingenuous response to transparency.

b. \$1M Budget (Mis)Appropriation: Specifically related to FY 2015 encumbered funds, Sherri Fleming failed to timely execute a Request for Proposal for \$1M of \$2M for Social Services in the rural areas. Instead of using the funds for purposes intended, she used \$1M like a blank check on items not recommended by the Planning and Budget Office, including upgrading Veterans Office \$50K personal computers to laptops. Judge Eckhardt funded \$494,248 for 14 drug-dependent mothers and children. The pilot project required ongoing funding. County Attorney David Escamilla's email is dated October 8, 2015; Commissioners approve his budget so there was no oversight. I then submitted information to Texas State Auditor's Office April 29, 2016; there was still no accountability. Despite the Impediments Report, these examples illustrate how written guidelines are ignored by the Court when convenient or outside pet projects. If transit is not included in McKinney Falls Project now, it won't exist in PY 2017 CDBG Plan.

From: John Hille <[REDACTED]>
To: Maya Reisman <[REDACTED]>
Cc: zcjsph <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tue, Nov 15, 2016 4:38 pm
Subject: Re: Public Communication

There is no requirement to televise Commissioners Court Meetings. There is only a requirement under the Open Meetings Act to rebroadcast over the Internet. The Communications Department meets the statutory requirements.

From: Maya Reisman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 3:35 PM
Subject: Public Communication
To: John Hille <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Hi John,
Zenobia Joseph (CC'ed) came to our office this afternoon asking for more information on what text or statute the Judge drew from in order to make her decision no longer televise public communication or if she even has a requirement to justify her decision.

Thank you,

Maya Reisman
Executive Assistant, Office of Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt
[REDACTED]

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7. Opposition Summation: On June 6, 2017 Sherri Fleming and Christy Moffett justified before Travis County Commissioners Court the reason for increased funding to select projects. Moffett's greatest concern was loss of funding under the new (Trump) administration. While this concern may exist, it should in no way trump openness to receiving and addressing public concerns.

a. **The McKinney Falls Project** is in Precinct 4 (Southeast Austin). Travis County Commissioners Court approved about a quarter million dollars for the McKinney Falls Project, initially. When Ms. Moffett briefed the CDBG Action Plan on July 11, 2017, she had no justification for increasing Travis County's investment to over \$500K when Commissioner Brigid Shea asked. The developer needed gap funding and since the County was able to enter into the land acquisition project without a competitive bid process, she stated belief that it was a good project for use of unexpended funds. However, transit was not Ms. Moffett's priority.

b. **Girl Start Opposition:** I oppose funding Girl Start Pflugerville schools \$25K CDBG per lack of racial and geographic diversity. Girl Start's homepage has no obvious Black leaders or girls.² Even though the CDGB comment period is still open (June 26, 2017-July 25, 2017), HHSVS did not indicate it would consider funding more than one Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) non-profit to reach diverse girls (e.g., Black, White, Hispanic). There was also no indication that they had any intentions of considering public comments as it related to changing any recommendations.

1). Elected Officials' Input: All three Girl Start schools benefiting from \$25K CDBG funds are in Pflugerville ISD (Precinct 2). Commissioner Jeff Travillion (Precinct 1) asked about funding for girls in STEM in Precincts 1 and 4 "where there's obviously a clear need," Commissioner Brigid Shea (Precinct 2) added. In part, County Executive Sherri Fleming replied: "I would just add Commissioner, this will be a new and different kind of project that we're doing with CDBG. So hopefully we will see good benefit from this investment. And it certainly presents an opportunity to look at how we do these types of projects with CDGB funding."

2) Recommendation: Fund only one Precinct 2 Girl Start school with the greatest need per non-profit criteria. Then seek one or more STEM non-profits that focus on Black and Hispanic girls in Precincts 1 and 4. Evenly distribute \$25K CDBG funds. If time does not permit the Request for Proposal process, reject Girl Start and use rollover dollars to fund transportation to work via CDBG waiver for transportation "**outside of the 15 percent cap**" for authorized job-related services (Basically CDBG, 2007).

3) Justification: The Girl Start project fails to address Black students' education needs consistently noted in the Community Advancement Network (CAN) Dashboard funded by Travis County taxpayers since Judge Sam Biscoe's tenure. Also, consider Commissioner Shea's Austin ISD "Robin Hood" (Chapter 41) concerns. On March 7, 2017, Austin ISD Associate Superintendent of Elementary Schools Gilbert Hicks gave a presentation to the African-American Resource Advisory Commission, in part, asking for help with Black students. To invest public dollars that exclude our most needy African-American students in Austin ISD would do a disservice. Since Commissioners Court continues to fund printing of CAN's Dashboard, the 2017 data should be used to make informed decisions.³ Or, defund CAN printing in FY 2018 and invest those dollars (\$3500) in direct service to students.⁴

4) Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Link: You may view the CDGB Hearings/videos and download backup materials from the June 6, 2017 and July 11, 2017 at: <http://www.traviscountyclerk.org/eclerk/Content.do?code=Commissioners>

9. Closing: Thanks for your time and consideration. If you have any question, please feel free to email the undersigned at zcjsph@aol.com

Very respectfully,



Zenobia C. Joseph

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FOR Elva Garcia, Director
Community Planning & Development
HUD, San Antonio Field Office
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² Girl Start (2017). Homepage: Lack of diversity [Images]. Retrieved from <http://girlstart.org/>

³ Community Advancement Network (2017). Education and income [p. 5]. Retrieved from <http://canatx.org/dashboard/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-CAN-Dashboard-FOR-WEB.pdf>

⁴ Travis County Commissioners Court (2016, April 26). Community Advancement Network printing [p. 279]. Retrieved from <http://traviscountytx.igm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1547&Inline=True>

RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED
DURING PY17 ACTION PLAN COMMENT PERIOD

From: [cdbg](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL} Action Plan Travis County 2017-2018
Date: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 12:33:00 PM

Mr. Hersh,

Thank you for your comment on the Travis County CDBG PY17 Action Plan. Your comment in support of the Home Repair program will be included in the final draft of the Action Plan.

Best regards,

Martha Brown
CDBG Senior Planner

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 10:09 AM
To: cdbg
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Action Plan Travis County 2017-2018

I support county staff recommendations for use of CDBG funds for home repair in 2017-018.
Stuart Harry Hersh [REDACTED]

August 1, 2017

Gus Pena

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Re: Response to Verbal Comments Received Related to the Program Year 2017 Action Plan

Mr. Pena,

Thank you for your feedback regarding the Program Year (PY) 2017 Action Plan. You provided comments at both public hearings. This letter responds to those items.

July 11th & 25th Public Hearings

- Important of Transit: CDBG staff acknowledges the strong interest in transit investment. The Commissioners Court has requested staff work with legal to create a boiler plate that is amenable to all parties prior to investment in transit with CDBG funds. The County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department is currently working with Capital Metro to draw down different Federal dollars for transit outside of Capital Metro's service area. The CDBG Office will provide suggestions for routes based on CDBG projects/needs.
- Impediments to Fair Housing Choice vs. Affordable Housing: Fair Housing Choice encompasses more than just affordable housing. The concept of housing choice includes 1) geographically disbursed housing throughout the county at all levels of affordability, 2) investing in areas to improve opportunity, and 3) ensuring that discriminatory practices do not impede protected classes' ability to live in housing they can afford. Affordability intersects housing choice in many different ways, however, CDBG funds are limited and are not the only resource needed to address the affordability and fair housing issues that exist in the County.
- Impediments Missing: The next study, renamed the Assessment of Fair Housing, will occur next year. Please feel free to participate in the public engagement portions so that you can provide feedback on what you feel was missing.

Respectfully,

Christy Moffett, LMSW
CDBG Planning Manager

From: [cdbg](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL} CDBG Action Plan Comments
Date: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 12:33:00 PM

Ms. Gonzales,

Thank you for your comments on the draft Travis County CDBG PY17 Action Plan. Your full comments will be included in the final draft of the Action Plan. You note the growing need for ATC's services and two areas of potential expansion for the program. We welcome you to consider including these elements in a project proposal for Program Year 2018. Project proposals can be completed at any time, but must be received by March 31, 2018 for consideration for the next program year.

We appreciate the ongoing partnership between Austin Tenants' Council and the Travis County CDBG Program and look forward to working with you PY17.

Best Regards,

Martha Brown
CDBG Senior Planner

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From: Juliana Gonzales [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:11 PM
To: cdbg
Subject: {EXTERNAL} CDBG Action Plan Comments

Attached. Thank you!

Juliana Gonzales, Executive Director
Austin Tenants' Council
[REDACTED]

From: [cdbg](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CDBG Action Plan Comments
Date: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 12:44:00 PM

Mr. Hauser and Mr. Cloutman,

Thank you for your comments on the Travis County CDBG PY17 Action Plan. Your full comments provided at Commissioners Court on July 25, 2018 will be included in the final draft of the Action Plan.

We appreciate the ongoing partnership between Meals on Wheels Central Texas and the Travis County CDBG Program and look forward to working with you PY17.

Best Regards,

Martha Brown
CDBG Senior Planner

August 1, 2017

Zenobia Joseph

Via email: [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Verbal and Written Comments Received Related to the Program Year 2017 Action Plan

Ms. Joseph,

Thank you for your feedback regarding the Program Year (PY) 2017 Action Plan. You provided comments at both public hearings as well as written comments. This letter responds to those items.

July 11, 2017 Public Hearing

- Attached is the requested information about the Administration & Planning draft budget.
- More information about the development of the strategic direction can be found in the PY2014-2018 Consolidated Plan located here: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/plans-reports>
- Attached is the additional information about McKinney Falls.

July 25, 2017 Public Hearing & Written Comments

- You referenced the document you sent to HUD with your written comments about projects. Please find attached a response to the comments.

Respectfully,

Christy Moffett, LMSW
CDBG Planning Manager

attachments

Draft Program Year 2017 CDBG Administration & Planning Project Budget

GL CODE	DESCRIPTION	PY17 HHS ADMIN CDBG
500050	SALARY	125,920
503010	LONGEVITY	550
506010	FICA	7,037
506030	HOSPITALIZATION	29,253
506040	LIFE INSURANCE	258
506050	RETIREMENT	18,556
506055	RETIREMENT - GASB68	2,000
506060	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	182
506020	MEDICARE	1,646
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS		185,402
501220	OFFICE SUPPLIES	800
511550	HARDWARE/SOFTWARE MAINT	279
511640	RENT-EDP EQUIP/SOFTWARE	2,800
511680	ADVERTISING	11,000
511710	CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE	1,200
511850	INTERPREATION/TRANSLATION	1,000
511875	INFORMATION RESEARCH/DATA SERV	1,000
512040	PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	2,075
512050	REGISTRATION CONFERENCES	3,000
512060	SUBSCRIPTIONS & PUBLICATIONS	1,000
512090	TRAVEL - LODGING, MEALS & OTHER	10,000
512100	ROUTINE MILEAGE	1,300
512110	TRAVEL MILEAGE	400
519040	LICENSES & PERMITS	500
512110	SUBRECIPIENT OTHER	0
TOTAL OPERATING		36,354
TOTAL CDBG BUDGET		221,756

Zenobia Joseph provided comments at the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) July 11, 2017 public hearing, which the Travis County CDBG Office will respond to under a separate communication to be included in the Program Year 2017 (“PY17”) Action Plan. For the purposes of this communication, we are responding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), as per their request, based on the additional written information Ms. Joseph provided to HUD on July 13, 2017. We will consider these additional written comments separately to her verbal comments and include this communication in our PY17 Action Plan as well.

Ms. Joseph’s Comment	CDBG Response
Public Services (capped at 15% of Total Allocation) \$100,000 of \$154,250 proposed CDBG Public Service funds are for social workers (County case manager and finance case manager).	<p>There is one internally funded public service project entitled Social Work Expansion on the chart Ms. Joseph provided for a total of \$35,000. This project has been funded since 2007 to help expand services to the unincorporated areas and represents a reduction in funding from Program Year 2016. CDBG staff explained at the public hearing on July 11, 2017 the recommendation is to phase out this project by Program Year 2018.</p> <p>The Money Management program is not an internally funded program, but will be implemented by Family Eldercare.</p>
Bias: CDBG/Planning Manager Christy Moffett is a social worker. Her request for two-thirds of Public Services dollars in this area is biased unfairly towards personal interests.	<p>CDBG staff reviewed project proposals submitted for Program Year 2017 consideration, reviewed the proposals and recommended proposals for funding consideration. The recommended projects for the PY2017 Action Plan were evaluated based on the merits of the proposal. Proposals by agencies requesting CDBG funds are available here: https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate all throughout the year.</p>
<i>She (Ms. Moffett) excluded input and disregarded Commissioners’ transit concerns.</i>	<p>The PY17 Action Plan public comment period is ongoing until July 25, 2017. All public comments during the public hearings from the public and written comments will be contained within the document, and responses made. No input has been excluded.</p>
<i>Tenant’s Rights & Fair Housing Counseling Support: I support funding Tenant’s Rights and Fair Housing Counseling because renters have minimal recourse when fighting eviction. Few pro bono resources exist in Austin. I recommend \$50K to help more apartment residents than \$65K for one case/money manager</i>	<p>The recommended funding level is based on the spending of the contract over the last couple of years. The services are specific to geographic location – meaning the dollars can only assist those living in the unincorporated areas and the Village of Webberville. Based on past performance, Travis County CDBG staff believes \$29,250 is a reasonable amount of funding for the services requested.</p>

Ms. Joseph's Comment	CDBG Response
<p><i>STEM Education for Girls</i></p> <p><i>Opposition: I oppose funding Girlstart \$25K due to racial and geographic diversity. Girlstart's homepage does not include an (obvious) Black leaders or girls. Precincts 1 (NE) and 4(SE) have greater low-income Black and Hispanic student education needs.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation: Fund only one Precinct 2 Girl Start school with the greatest need per non-profit criteria. Then seek one more STEM non-profits that focus on Black and Hispanic girls in Precincts 1 and 4. Evenly distribute \$25K CDBG funds. If times does not permit the Request for Proposal process, reflect Girlstart and use rollover dollars to fund transportation to work via CDBG waiver for transportation "outside of the 15% cap" for authorized job related services (Basically CDBG, 2007).</i></p>	<p>Girlstart submitted a proposal for three specific schools. Based on Commissioners Court discussion when they approved the projects for consideration in the PY17 Action Plan, CDBG staff will consider this a test year to see if expansion into other school districts is possible with Girlstart. CDBG staff also reviewed data about each school through the publically available Texas Education Agency ("TEA") School Report Cards. Below is an example of the demographics of one of the three schools to be assisted.</p> <p>Northwest Elementary: 24.5% African American, 44.1% Hispanic, 15.8% White, 10.9% Asian, 3.9% Two or More Races, 68% Economically Disadvantaged, 25.3% English Language Learners ("ELL") and 13.3% Special Education.</p> <p>CDBG staff has requested information about Girlstart's training to review how Girlstart ensures cultural competency in the provision of services. CDBG staff recommends we provide Girlstart the opportunity to provide services and re-evaluate next year to determine whether or not to continue the program and/or request expansion into other school districts in Precincts 1 & 4.</p> <p>CDBG staff acknowledges the strong interest in transit investment. The Commissioners Court has requested staff work with legal to create a boiler plate that is amenable to all parties prior to investment in transit with CDBG funds. The County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department is currently working with Capital Metro to draw down different Federal dollars for transit outside of Capital Metro's service area. The CDBG Office will provide suggestions for routes based on CDBG projects/needs.</p>

Ms. Joseph's Comment	CDBG Response
<p><i>Social Work Expansion</i> <i>Opposition: Ms. Moffett did not consider transportation. Instead, she privileged an internal social worker program over Commissioners' transit funding inquiries. On the record July 11, 2017, it was disingenuous to tell me that priorities came from community engagement.</i></p>	<p>The Social Work Expansion project submitted a proposal for funding. Neither Capital Metro, Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS), nor any other transit provider provided a request for funding.</p> <p>After a lengthy conversation about transit on July 11, 2017, the County Judge suggested an item specifically about transit (not specifically tied to CDBG) be placed on a future Travis County Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court") agenda.</p> <p>Commissioners Court set priorities during the development of the Program Year 2014-2018 (PY14-18) Consolidated Plan.</p> <p>Every five years, Travis County goes through a process to plan for the next five-year cycle, including a needs assessment, public engagement and an updated strategic plan that blends the needs identified through data and the needs identified by the public. The documents for the PY14-18 Consolidated Plan may be found here: https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/plans-reports</p>
<p><i>Money Management Services and Housing Stability Funds</i> <i>Opposition: I oppose \$65,000 Money Management Services. It appears duplicative of Travis County and City of Austin taxpayer dollars that fund Ending Community Homelessness Coalition. Executive Director Ann Howard does no direct services to homeless veterans but conducts the annual count and created a case management tool that social services agencies use, ideally, to ensure clients don't double dip. I also oppose spending \$65K on one case manager because Travis County gave a \$3.3 million tax break to Schwab (KXAN, 2014).</i></p>	<p>The Money Management Services project resulted out of a project proposal submitted by Family Eldercare. It was reviewed by CDBG staff and approved for funding consideration. Family Eldercare is the grantee for these funds. The project assists Populations with Specialized Needs who need assistance with daily money management, not an investment portfolio. This project will focus in expanding services in the unincorporated areas of the county and the Village of Webberville.</p> <p>This project is not about managing an investment portfolio for clients; therefore, any tax break to Schwab is not related to this project nor has any influence on it.</p> <p>Neither Capital Metro, CARTS, nor any other transit provider provided a request for funding consideration this year.</p>

Ms. Joseph's Comment	CDBG Response
<p><i>McKinney Falls Project is in Precinct 4 (Southeast Austin). Travis County Commissioners approved about a quarter of a million dollars for the McKinney Falls Project. Initially, when Ms. Moffett briefed the CDBG Action Plan on July 11, 2017, she had not justification for increasing Travis County's investment over \$500K when Commissioner Brigid Shea asked. The developer needed gap funding and since the County was able to enter into the land acquisition project without a competitive bid process, she stated belief that it was a good project for use of unexpended funds. However, transit was not Ms. Moffett's priority.</i></p>	<p>In Program Year 2014, Travis County identified a multi-family project which did not make it out of the planning stage. In the PY14-18 Consolidated Plan are housing goals which include the option of funding an alternate multi-family project. In the Program Year 2016 Action Plan, funds were set aside for land acquisition for affordable housing development. The substantial amendment to the Program Year 2015 & Program Year 2016 Action Plans provide project savings to land acquisition for this project as well as provides more specifics for the original Program Year 2016 project.</p> <p>Developers typically look for land within the boundaries of a city so unincorporated development opportunities are few and far between. Transit for unincorporated projects is typically outside the Capital Metro or CARTS service area. CDBG staff review housing development projects for a variety of factors, including development in the area, transit proximity, connectivity (road), school performance, proximity to amenities, etc. This project is within four miles of I-35, is on the boundary of increased development by approved projects with the City of Austin, and is approximately one mile from transit.</p> <p>The CDBG Office has completed a Fair Housing Review and the area is deemed as transitioning. It was an impacted area at the time the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice was published and now is not impacted based on more current data. The Travis County Housing Finance Corporation ("TCHFC") completed additional analysis to help determine if the area was ready for development. Based on the changing characteristics of the area, the CDBG staff believes it is important to develop affordable housing now before the area becomes too expensive for development.</p> <p>Based on Ms. Joseph's comments about transit for the project, CDBG staff has requested information from Capital Metro to find out if para transit services are available to the property and the cost of a fixed route to the property.</p>

6601 McKinney Falls Parkway Site

The subject site is in an area in transition, so we are providing more information on the site for decision making purposes.

Subject Site

The site is located directly across from the southern part of McKinney Falls State Park and less than a mile from Springfield Park. The site is approximately 0.5 miles north of the William Cannon Drive and McKinney Falls Parkway intersection and is approximately 1.7 miles from Hwy 183. Development in the area will be heavily influenced by the continued build out of Easton Park and the extension of William Cannon Drive. The subject site will aggregate several parcels, one of which has a single-family home that will be demolished. Currently, the site is only served by well water and septic. Construction of the subject development will improve infrastructure as the developer will connect the site to city water and sewer.

Transportation

The site is not in Easton Park, but is on the northwestern edge of the development. Part of the Easton Park development is pushing William Cannon Drive through to Hwy 183, which will provide the area with even greater access to transportation and jobs. The extension has already begun and is slated to end in two to three years – a precise construction completion date will not be available for six months. When it is completed, residents at the property would have access to Hwy 183 via McKinney Falls Parkway, William Cannon Drive and Dee Gabriel Collins Road, as well as access to IH 35 from William Cannon (less than four miles from the site.) There are surface street connections to Hwy 71 via South Pleasant Valley Road and East Stassney Lane in addition to connections via IH 35 and Hwy 183. Also, Hwy 183 is undergoing an improvement project between Hwy 290 and Hwy 71 to expand mobility and increase access to the east side of Travis County.

The closest Capital Metro bus stop to the site is 1.1 miles away on Salt Springs Drive near William Cannon Drive. To our knowledge, there are no immediate plans to expand bus service to this area, but that may change as Easton Park is built out.

Education

There are several schools that the site currently feeds into the Del Valle School System. The following table shows the existing schools in the area that serve the site as well as their state ranking and Children at Risk Rating.

School	Type	School Report Card	Distinguished	Children at Risk Rating 2016
Baty Elementary School	Elementary	Met Standard	Yes - Science	F
Del Valle HS	High School	Met Standard	Yes - Science, Social Studies, Postsecondary Readiness	C
Hillcrest Elementary School	Elementary	Met Standard	Yes - Top 25% Student Progress	D+
John P. Ojeda Junior HS	Middle School	Met Standard	No	F

The Children at Risk ratings and the TEA report cards diverge widely. The TEA report cards indicate that State standards are met and most schools show some area(s) of distinction. However, the Children at Risk rating are average to low. It should be noted that Newton Collins Elementary School on Cotton Bluff is the newest area elementary school in Easton Park. It will open in the fall of 2017 and could also potentially service the site. While we have listed only public schools with guaranteed enrollment, it is also worth noting that Wayside Schools/REAL Learning Academy has a charter school at William Cannon Drive and IH 35, approximately 3.1 miles west of the site. This school opened at this site in 2013.

Retail, Amenity and Grocery Store Access

As previously mentioned, the site is located directly across from the southern part of McKinney Falls State Park and less than a mile from Springfield Park. When built out, Easton Park will also include over 300 acres of pathways, parks, and greenspace including a 13.1 mile trail system. The McKinney Falls site is also approximately a mile from the Onion Creek Soccer Complex. In terms of retail and commercial amenities, there are significant concentrations at William Cannon Drive and IH 35 (approximately 3.1 miles west) including an HEB grocery store, Burlington Coat Factory, family practice doctor’s office, dollar store, an Academy, Big Lots and other retailers. Also, the next phase of Easton Park, Union Park, will offer retail and commercial space less than 1 mile from the site. There are no details available yet on the businesses that will locate there. The closest access to groceries, including fresh meat and produce as well as a bakery, is JDs Supermarket on FM 812 approximately 2.2 miles from the site.

Job Access and Expansion

Current job access is considered reasonable with high business concentrations along the IH 35 and Hwy 71 corridors. The site is also less than 2.5 miles from the Airport and roughly 6.5 miles from the edge of the CBD. More job opportunities are continuing to develop in close proximity to the site including the commercial space in Easton Park. Also, the new 390 acre mixed use development called Velocity Crossing at 71 and 130 will include another HEB, 2 million square feet of office space, 1.5 million square feet of industrial space, a 10-screen movie theater, 1,200 hotel rooms and other businesses. Also, construction is continuing on new businesses that support ABIA including Park and Zoom facilities and Bark and Zoom, a 5 acre pet boarding facility, and a Hyatt Place Hotel. South of Velocity Crossing, ACC will be adding a new

campus, and the City of Austin is also hoping to establish an industrial park focusing on businesses that work in green and renewable energy and recycling technologies and services at their (re)Manufacturing Hub near FM 812 and FM 973. These are only a few of the developments in the works in the area, but clearly demonstrate the transition in the area.

Conclusion

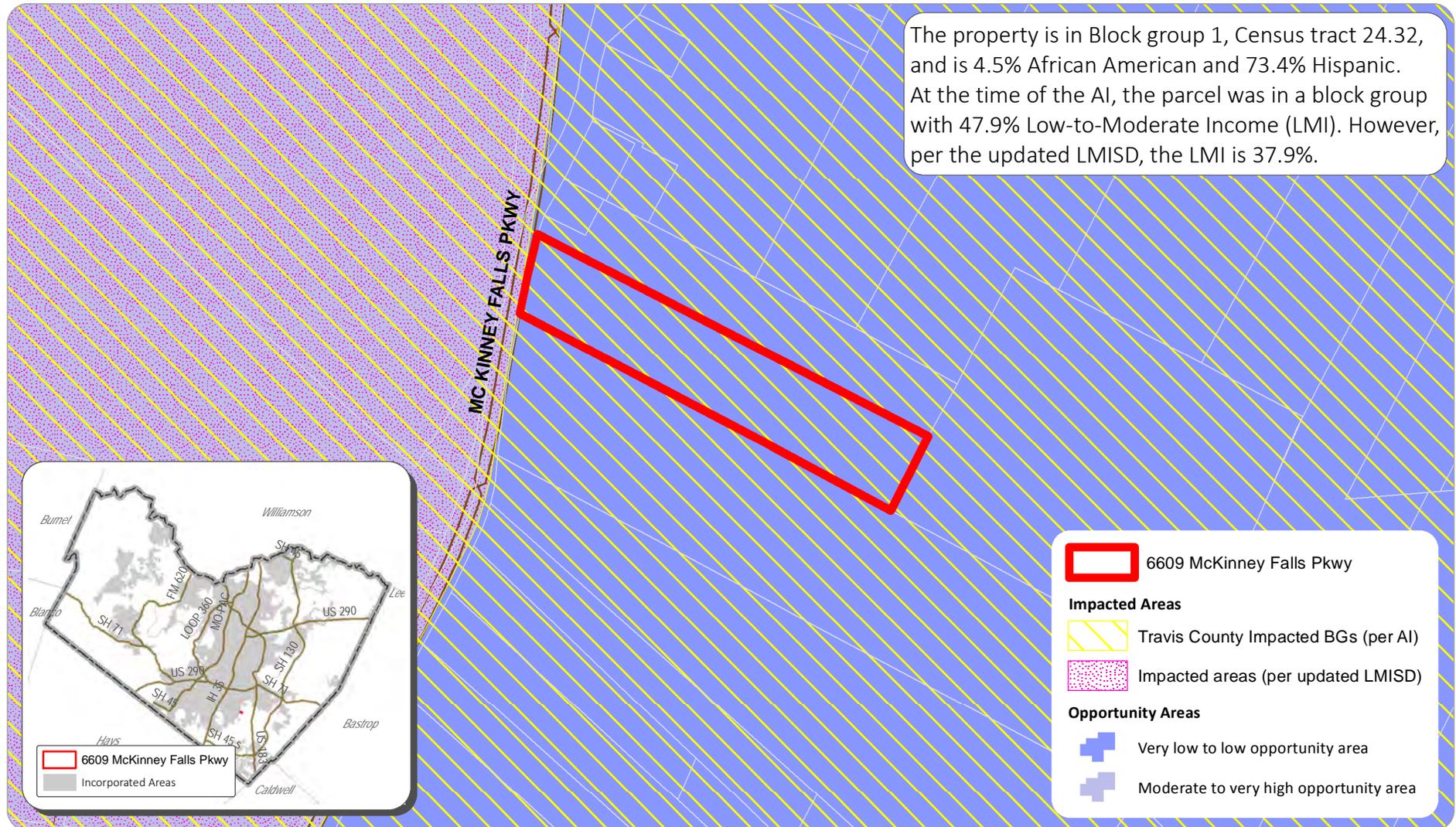
The site is in an area that is transitioning. While current educational opportunity is average to low, a new elementary school will be opening in the fall of 2017 which may improve that opportunity. Access to jobs in close proximity to the site is expanding as commercial and retail growth demonstrates. The site is close to parks and schools; it is also within a reasonable distance of groceries and medical offices. The closest transit stop is just over a mile away – not ideal - but as Easton Park is within the city limits. It is possible that Capital Metro will expand service to cover the area more thoroughly as the development builds out. The units proposed by the developer would assist in justifying the expansion of service as well. The connectivity to thoroughfares and highways is good and will improve with the completion of the William Cannon extension. Based on all of this information, it is clear the area around the Subject is transitioning to be a more dense, urban area with greater access to amenities and retail options as well as job centers. The development of the subject site will further this transition and will improve area infrastructure by providing access to city water and sewer.

Property at 6609 McKinney Falls Pkwy, Austin, TX with respect to Opportunity Areas and Impacted Block Groups in Travis County

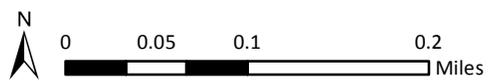
The property is in the unincorporated area, and is therefore in the Travis County CDBG service area and not in a City of Austin ECAP/RCAP. It is in a Very Low to Low Opportunity Area and in an impacted area per the County's April 2014 Analysis of Impediments (AI) report. However, it is not in an impacted block group based on the most recent LMISD data.

Impacted areas are low-to-moderate income areas with racial/ethnic concentrations 10% or above the Travis County average.

HUD's definition of an RCAP/ECAP is a Census tract that has a non white population of 50% or more AND a poverty rate of 40 percent or more; OR a non white population of 50% or more AND the poverty rate is three times the average tract poverty rate for the metro/micro area, whichever is lower.



The property is in Block group 1, Census tract 24.32, and is 4.5% African American and 73.4% Hispanic. At the time of the AI, the parcel was in a block group with 47.9% Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI). However, per the updated LMISD, the LMI is 37.9%.



SPRING HEARINGS ADVERTISEMENTS



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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Help Identify Community Needs in Travis County During Public Meetings in March 2017

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 2017 (October 2017-September 2018).

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 2017, Travis County anticipates to receive an estimated \$1,087,585.

The forums will be held according to the following schedule:

Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm	Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 am	Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm	Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm	Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Wells Branch Community Center (Austin) 2106 Klattenhoff Rd. Austin, Texas 78728	Travis County Commissioners Court 700 Lavaca St. Austin, TX 78701	Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill 8656-A Hwy 71W, Ste. 1000 Austin, TX 78735	Travis County Community Center at Manor 600 W. Carrie Manor Manor, TX 78653	Travis County Community Center at Del Valle 3518 FM 973 Del Valle, TX 78617

Beginning March 1, 2017, 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, 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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EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO
 COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

Solicitamos Su Ayuda Identificando Necesidades Comunitarias Durante Foros Públicos en Marzo de 2017

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 2017 (desde octubre de 2017 a septiembre de 2018).

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 2016, el Condado de Travis anticipa recibir un estimado de \$1,087,585 en fondos CDBG.

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

Lunes, 6 de marzo de 2017 a las 6:30 pm	Martes, 7 de marzo de 2017 a las 9:00 am	Jueves, 9 de marzo de 2017 a las 6:30 pm	Lunes, 27 de marzo de 2017 a las 6:30 pm	Miércoles, 29 de marzo de 2017 a las 6:30 pm
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Comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2017, si no puede asistir a los foros, usted puede participar llenando una Planilla de Participación ubicada en la página web www.traviscountytx.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 512-854-3465.

Para más información, comuníquese con la oficina de CDBG a través del correo electrónico al cbdgb@traviscountytx.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.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY TOOLS

CDBG PY17 Survey for PROVIDERS

1. Introduction & Contact Information

- Every year, Travis County receives approximately \$1,087,585 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 2017 - September 2018) 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.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg

* 1. Contact Information

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text" value="-- select state --"/>
ZIP/Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

* 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

5. How did you hear about the Travis County CDBG Program?

CDBG PY17 Survey for PROVIDERS

2. Program Year 2017 Needs & Project Ideas

In this section, please think of the time period spanning from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 (which corresponds to Program Year 2017). 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.

CDBG PY17 Survey for PROVIDERS

3. Identifying Needs for Program Year 2017

1. For Program Year 2017, 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"/>

CDBG PY17 Survey for PROVIDERS

4. Identifying Projects for Program Year 2017

1. Please provide ideas for potential projects for Program Year 2017. 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.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate

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.)

CDBG PY17 Survey for PROVIDERS

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@traviscountytexas.gov or visit www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG

If we mailed this survey to you, please return it to: CDBG Program, TCHHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin , TX 78767, postmarked no later than March 31, 2017.

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- The program must support housing, community development and public service projects and must benefit residents that live in the unincorporated areas of Travis County 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 2017 - September 2018) 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.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg.

* 1. Contact Information

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Group Name (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text" value="-- select state --"/>
ZIP/Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

* 2. Please check the category you represent

- Resident
- Community Group

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

- Email Notices
- Postal Mail Notices
- Not Interested

4. How did you hear about the Travis County CDBG Program?

2. Program Year 2017 Needs & Project Ideas

In this section, please think of the time period spanning from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 (which corresponds to Program Year 2017). 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.

CDBG PY17 Needs Survey

3. Identifying Needs for Program Year 2017

1. For Program Year 2017, 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 2017

1. Please provide ideas for potential projects for Program Year 2017. 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.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate

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.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg.

If we mailed this survey to you, please return it to: CDBG Program, TCHHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin , TX 78767, postmarked no later than March 31, 2017.

Encuesta del Programa CDBG para el Año Programático 2017

1. Introducción e información de contacto

Todos los años, el Condado de Travis recibe aproximadamente \$1,087,585 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 2017 a septiembre de 2018). 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.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/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" value="-- select state --"/>
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

4. ¿Como supo del Programa de CDBG del Condado de Travis?

Encuesta del Programa CDBG para el Año Programático 2017

2. Necesidades e ideas para proyectos para el Año Programático 2017

Es esta sección, piense acerca del período desde el 1 de octubre de 2017 al 30 de septiembre de 2018 (el Año Programático 2017). 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 2017

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 2017

1. Favor de proveer ideas para proyectos posibles para el Año Programático 2017. 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.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/espanol/participe

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

Encuesta del Programa CDBG para el Año Programático 2017

5. ¡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@traviscountytexas.gov, o visite el sitio web: www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg.

Si le enviamos esta encuesta por correo, favor de devolverla a: CDBG Program, TCHHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767, con marca postal a no más tarde del 31 de marzo de 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ADVERTISEMENTS

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
**INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PY17 ACTION PLAN AND SUBSTANTIAL
 AMENDMENTS TO THE PY15 AND PY16 ACTION PLANS**

Travis County is eligible to receive an estimated \$1,087,585 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 2017 (PY17), October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. An Annual Action Plan has been drafted detailing how the funds will be spent in PY17.

Additionally, Travis County is proposing to substantially amend the PY15 and PY16 Action Plans to delete cancelled projects, amend two existing projects and add an additional project.

You can comment on the proposed PY17 Action Plan and the proposed 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 26, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Beginning June 26, 2017, drafts of the proposed Action Plan and related summaries will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG webpage at: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/cdbg> or available for review at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public can provide comments by attending one of the Public Hearings scheduled for **Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 9:00 AM** or **Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 9:00 AM** at Travis County, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX.

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518 FM 973 S, Del Valle, TX 78617
Travis County Community Center at Pflugerville	15822 Foothill Farms Loop, Bldg. D, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill	8656 Hwy 71 W., Austin, TX 78735
Travis County Community Center at Jonestown	18649 FM 1431, Ste. 6A, Jonestown, TX 78645
Travis County Community Center at Manor	600 W. Carrie Manor St., Manor, TX 78653
Travis County Community Center at Palm Square	100 N. IH-35, Suite 2000, Austin, TX 78701
Travis County Community Center at Post Road	2201 Post Road, Suite 101, Austin, TX 78704

MAILING YOUR COMMENTS

The public can also mail their comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to the CDBG program at cdbg@traviscountytexas.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.

EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

INVITACIÓN PARA COMENTAR SOBRE EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN DE AP17 Y ENMIENDAS SUBSTANCIALES A LOS PLANES DE ACCIÓN DE AP15 Y AP16

El Condado de Travis está calificado para recibir una suma estimada de \$1,087,585 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 2017 (AP17), el cual cubre desde el 1 de octubre de 2017 al 30 de septiembre de 2018. Un plan de acción anual ha sido redactado detallando cómo se usarán los fondos durante el AP17.

Adicionalmente, el Condado de Travis está proponiendo una enmienda substancial a los Planes de Acción de AP15 y AP16 para remover proyectos cancelados, enmendar dos proyectos actuales, y añadir un proyecto.

Usted puede comentar sobre el Plan de Acción propuesto para AP17 y sobre las Enmiendas Substanciales propuestas 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 26 de junio de 2017 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 25 de julio de 2017 a las 5:00 p.m. A partir del 26 de junio de 2017, 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.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg>, o en uno de los siguientes siete centros comunitarios del Condado de Travis:

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518 FM 973 S, Del Valle, TX 78617
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AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El público puede presentar sus comentarios asistiendo a cualquiera de dos audiencias públicas planificadas para el **martes, 11 de julio de 2017 a las 9:00 AM** y el **martes, 25 de julio de 2017 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 HHS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 o por e-mail a: cdbg@traviscountytexas.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

PY17 PROJECTS AND ALTERNATE PROJECTS

PROJECTS

Project # 1: Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation – \$732,772

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. The project provides a grant up to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners for approved repairs. 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 is administered by Meals on Wheels Central Texas. 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 reviews, final inspections and sign off, and any other needed project delivery related costs.

Figure 1: Project 1 - General Project Information

CDBG Funding	\$732,772
Leverage Funding	To be determined
Program Delivery	Meals on Wheels Central Texas
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018
Location	Eligible homes in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville

Figure 2: Project 1 - 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	29 households

Figure 2: Project 1 - Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

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

Project # 2: Tenant’s Rights and Fair Housing Counseling– \$29,250

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 50 people. Tenant’s Rights services include: telephone counseling and in-person mediation, as needed. Fair housing services include: fair housing counseling, community clinics, 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 3: Project 2 - General Project Information

CDBG Funding	\$29,250
Leverage Funding	Not Applicable
Program Delivery	Austin Tenant’s Council or other designated sub-recipient
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Expected Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018
Location	CDBG Service Area

Figure 4: Project 2 - 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	50 people

Eligibility	LMC	Matrix Code	05J, Fair Housing Activities
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Project # 3: FSS Social Work Services Expansion Project - \$35,000

Project Description: This program is an internal Travis County Health and Human Services 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 estimated equivalent of a .46 FTE social worker who works at a Travis County HHS facility. To reduce transportation barriers, the social worker provides the majority of service provision through home visits. Each of the 8 total social work staff provides services to clients in the unincorporated areas of the County and the Village of Webberville and bill their time to the grant based on client and outreach time.

Note: After 10 years of funding, this project is being phased out as the original goals to increase the social work staff to 1 per Community Center and to increase services to geographically isolated areas of the county have been met. (There are now 8 social workers) This project is recommended to be partially funded in PY17 and not be funded in PY18. The additional funding for the position in PY17 will come from a vacant position in the Department.

Figure 5: Project 3 – General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	\$35,000
Leverage Funding	Estimated \$39,710
Program Delivery	Family Support Services (FSS) Division of the Travis County Health and Human Services
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Expected Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017
Location	Households in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville

Figure 6: Project 3 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)			
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	125 Individuals
Eligibility	LMC	Matrix Code	05, Public Services (General)
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Project # 4: STEM Education for Girls– \$25,000

Project Description: The funds are allocated for direct costs of program implementation of after school STEM activities for girls in elementary schools with high number of economically disadvantaged, non-white or at risk students. The program would provide weekly free activities for students and professional development for teachers and support for science fairs at partner schools. The project would be implemented by Girlstart and located at Wells Branch Elementary, Joe Lee Johnson Elementary School and Northwest Elementary.

Figure 7: Project 4 - General Project Information

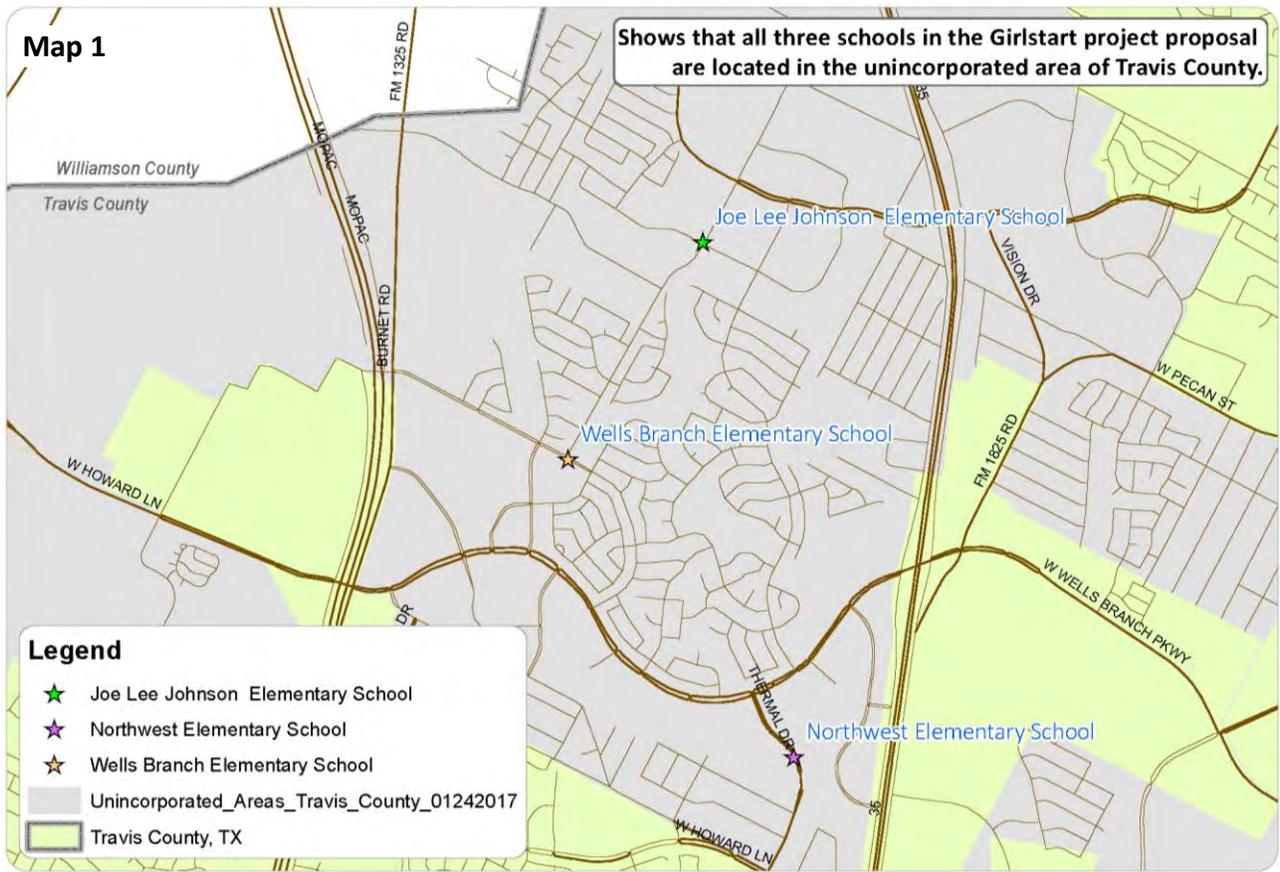
CDBG Funding	\$25,000
Leverage Funding	\$29,750
Program Delivery	Girlstart
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Expected Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018
Location	Three campuses in unincorporated Travis County: Wells Branch Elementary; Joe Lee Johnson Elementary and Northwest Elementary (See Map 1 for location)

Figure 8: Project 4 - Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

Priority Need Category	Public Services, Other	Project	STEM Education for Girls
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	75 individuals
Eligibility	LMC	Matrix Code	05D
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Map 1

Shows that all three schools in the Girlstart project proposal are located in the unincorporated area of Travis County.



Legend

- ★ Joe Lee Johnson Elementary School
- ★ Northwest Elementary School
- ★ Wells Branch Elementary School
- Unincorporated_Areas_Travis_County_01242017
- Travis County, TX



Map by: E. Rivera, Travis County HHSVS, CDBG Office, May 2017
Data source: TNR and City of Austin. Unincorporated area data as of 01/24/2017

Project # 5: Money Management and Housing Stability—\$65,000

Project Description: Funds would pay for one FTE case manager to manage Money Management Services (MMS) for eligible clients including seniors, disabled individuals and homeless veterans. Services include intake with a comprehensive needs assessment that includes benefits eligibility, medical and behavioral needs, and housing stability. Referral into MMS includes bill payer services (voluntary assistance with management of accounts and bills); Representative Payee Services (designated by appropriate governmental agency to receive and manage benefits on behalf of client.) The project would be implemented by Family Eldercare.

Figure 9: Project 5 - General Project Information

CDBG Funding	\$65,000
Leverage Funding	\$10,000
Program Delivery	Family Eldercare
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Expected Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018
Location	CDBG Service Area

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

Priority Need Category	Public Services, Other	Project	Money Management and Housing Stability Services
Eligible Activity	Public Services	Outcome Category	Availability/Accessibility
Objective Category	Sustainable Living Environment	Specific Objective	Improve the availability of services for low/moderate income persons
Citation	§570.201 (e)	Accomplishment	80 individuals
Eligibility	LMC	Matrix Code	05 (05A, & 05B)
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Project #6: Administrative & Planning Expenses – \$221,756

Project Description: The funds allocated for administration will pay for the operating expenses associated with the grant including office supplies, training, contracted services, rule interpretation, 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 Senior Planners (one full time and one 3/4 time) as well as ¾ time Administrative Associate. 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 11: Project 6 - General Project Information

CDBG Funding	\$221,756
Leverage Funding	Travis County General Fund estimated \$120,000
Program Delivery	Travis County Health and Human Services
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Expected Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018
Location	Not Applicable

Figure 12: Project 6 - 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: Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation – 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. The project provides a grant up to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners for approved repairs. 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 is administered by Meals on Wheels Central Texas. 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 reviews, final inspections and sign off, and any other needed project delivery related costs.

Figure 13: Alternate Project 1 - General Project Information

CDBG Funding	Up to \$500,000
Leverage Funding	To be determined
Program Delivery	Meals on Wheels Central Texas
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018
Location	Eligible homes in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville

Figure 14: Alternate Project 1 - 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
Eligibility	LMH	Matrix Code	14A, Rehabilitation, Single Unit Residential
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Alternate Project # 2: Owner Occupied Septic System Program – up to \$500,000

Project Description: This project would provide a grant of up to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners in the CDBG service area for activities related to repair or replacement of failing or non-compliant on-site sewage systems. The program would be administered by Meals and Wheels Central Texas. A homeowner may participate in the Septic System Program and the CDBG Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program. Some of the allocation will be used for project delivery incurred by the subrecipient and to partially fund a CDBG planner position to complete environmental reviews, final inspections and sign off, and any other needed project delivery related costs.

Figure 15: Alternate Project 2 - General Project Information

CDBG Funding	Up to \$500,000
Leverage Funding	To be determined
Program Delivery	Meals on Wheels Central Texas
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017
Location	Eligible homes in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville

Figure 16: Alternate Project 2 - Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

Priority Need Category	Owner Occupied Housing	Project	Owner Occupied Septic System Program
Eligible Activity	Rehabilitation	Outcome Category	Availability/ Accessibility
Objective Category	Decent Housing	Specific Objective	Improve the quality of owner housing
Citation	§570.202	Accomplishment	TMD
Eligibility	LMH	Matrix Code	14A, Rehabilitation, Single Unit Residential
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Alternate Project # 3: Disaster Response Interim Assistance – up to \$100,000

Project Description: Since 2011, Travis County has increasingly experienced disasters either from flooding or wildfires. In an effort to facilitate a quick response, this alternate project is available to enact, should it be needed. HUD has provided specific guidance about interim assistance and disaster response activities. Below is a summary that explains when and under what conditions these types of activities qualify for CDBG funds.

Activities: The types of activities that may be considered are repairing streets, sidewalks, publically owned utilities, and public buildings (excluding parks or playgrounds); special garbage, trash or debris removal; and clearing of streets (e.g., of snow, debris, etc.).

This project will use one of two National Objectives for this project. If the area qualifies as low-to-moderate income, it will use the Low to Moderate Income Area (LMA) Benefit as the national objective. If not, the project will use the urgent need national objective.

The work will be completed by county employees and/or contractors and will be overseen by one of the following County Departments: Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department, Health and Human Services, or Emergency Services.

Figure 17: Alternate Project #3—General Project Information

CDBG Funding	Up to \$100,000
Leverage Funding	TBD – FEMA likely
Program Delivery	Contractor and/or Travis County Staff
Program Oversight	Health and Human Services, Transportation and Natural Resources, or Emergency Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	TBD
Location	Unincorporated Travis County (wherever a disaster may occur). More detailed information will be provided, if the project is needed.

Figure 18: Alternate Project #3—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)

Priority Need Category	Infrastructure or Public Facility	Project	Disaster Response
Eligible Activity	Interim Activity	Outcome Category	Availability/ Accessibility
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	Specific Objective	Address health and safety conditions to create a suitable living environment after a state or federally declared disaster.
Citation	§570.201(f)	Accomplishment	TBD

Figure 18: Alternate Project #3—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)

Eligibility	LMA or URG	Matrix Code	06
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High/Infrastructure Low/Public Facility	Travis County SAP #	

Alternate Project # 4: Pamela Heights/Brenda Street Improvements—\$325,000

Project Description: Brenda Street is currently rated as poor condition by the Travis County pavement management plan. Many driveways are substandard or non-existent. Roadside drainage is impacted by lack of grading or substandard driveways. Brenda Street will be recycled and overlaid with upgraded driveways. Final pavement course will be hot-mix asphaltic concrete. Roadside drainage will be improved. Driveways will be upgraded as appropriate.

The improvements impact 2,330 individuals, of which 50% are Low to Moderate income. The project will be broken up into two phases. The estimated cost of the design phase is \$48,750 and the estimated construction cost is \$276,250.

Figure 19: Alternate Project #4—General Project Information

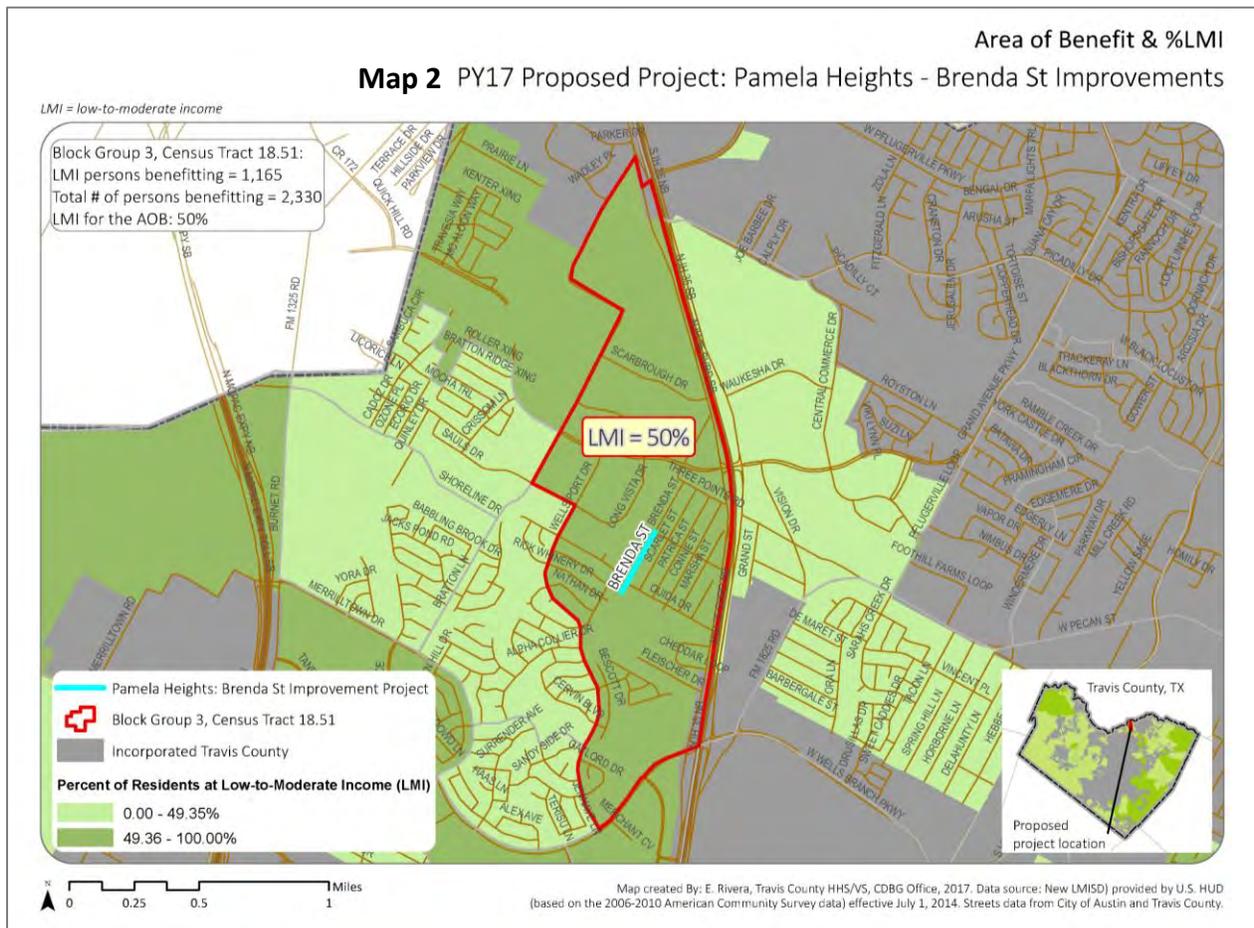
CDBG Funding	\$325,000
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018
Location	Pamela Heights, Brenda Street (See Map 2 for more information)

Figure 20: Alternate Project #4—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)

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 person

Figure 20: Alternate Project #4—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)

Citation	§570.201(c)	Accomplishment	2,330 individuals
Eligibility	LMA	Matrix Code	03 K Street Improvements
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD



Alternate Project # 5: Pamela Heights/Connie Street Improvements—\$275,000

Project Description: Connie Street is currently rated as poor condition by the Travis County pavement management plan. Many driveways are substandard or non-existent. Roadside drainage is impacted by lack of grading or substandard driveways. Connie Street will be recycled and overlaid with upgraded driveways. Final pavement course will be hot-mix asphaltic concrete. Roadside drainage will be improved. Driveways will be upgraded as appropriate.

The improvements impact 2,330 individuals, of which 50% are Low to Moderate income. The project will be broken up into two phases. The estimated cost of the design phase is \$41,325 and the estimated construction cost is \$234,175.

Figure 21: Alternate Project #5—General Project Information

CDBG Funding	\$275,000
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018
Location	Pamela Heights, Connie Street (See Map 3 for more information)

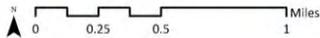
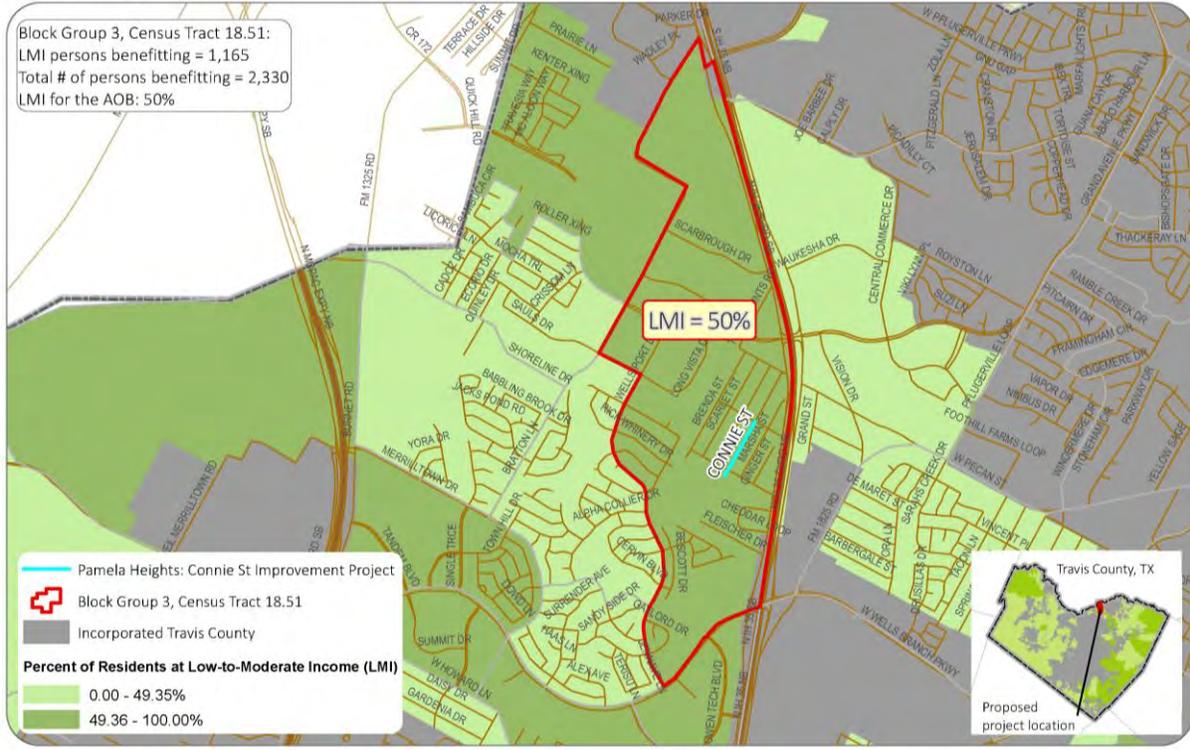
Figure 22: Alternate Project #5—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

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 person
Citation	§570.201(c)	Accomplishment	2,330 individuals
Eligibility	LMA	Matrix Code	03 K Street Improvements
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Map 3 PY17 Proposed Project: Pamela Heights - Connie St Improvements

LMI = low-to-moderate income

Block Group 3, Census Tract 18.51:
 LMI persons benefitting = 1,165
 Total # of persons benefitting = 2,330
 LMI for the AOB: 50%



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Alternate Project # 6: Pamela Heights/Patricia Street Improvements—\$275,000

Project Description: Patricia Street is currently rated as poor condition by the Travis County pavement management plan. Many driveways are substandard or non-existent. Roadside drainage is impacted by lack of grading or substandard driveways. Patricia Street will be recycled and overlaid with upgraded driveways. Final pavement course will be hot-mix asphaltic concrete. Roadside drainage will be improved. Driveways will be upgraded as appropriate.

The improvements impact 2,330 individuals, of which 50% are Low to Moderate income. The project will be broken up into two phases. The estimated cost of the design phase is \$41,325 and the estimated construction cost is \$234,175.

Figure 23: Alternate Project #6—General Project Information

CDBG Funding	\$275,000
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018
Location	Pamela Heights, Patricia Street (See Map 4 for more information)

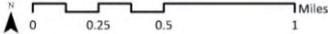
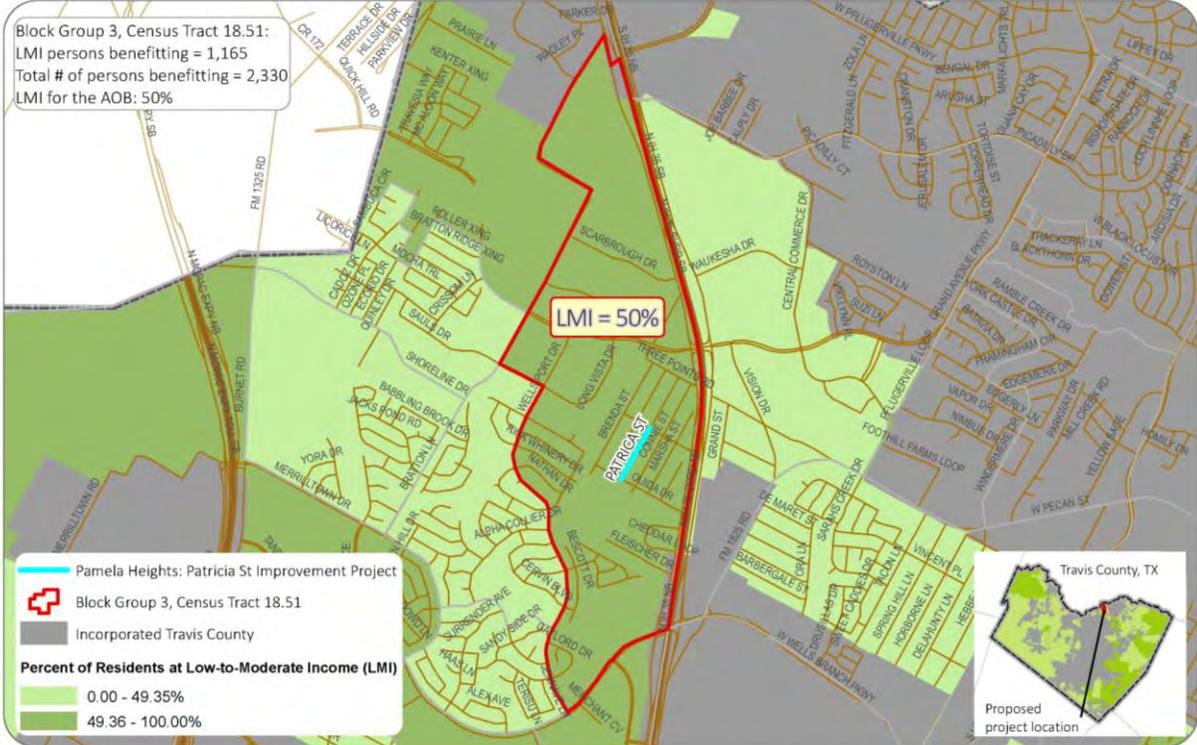
Figure 24: Alternate Project #6—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD—prescribed)

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 person
Citation	§570.201(c)	Accomplishment	2,330 individuals
Eligibility	LMA	Matrix Code	03 K Street Improvements
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Map 4 PY17 Proposed Project: Pamela Heights - Patricia St Improvements

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Block Group 3, Census Tract 18.51:
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Total # of persons benefitting = 2,330
LMI for the AOB: 50%



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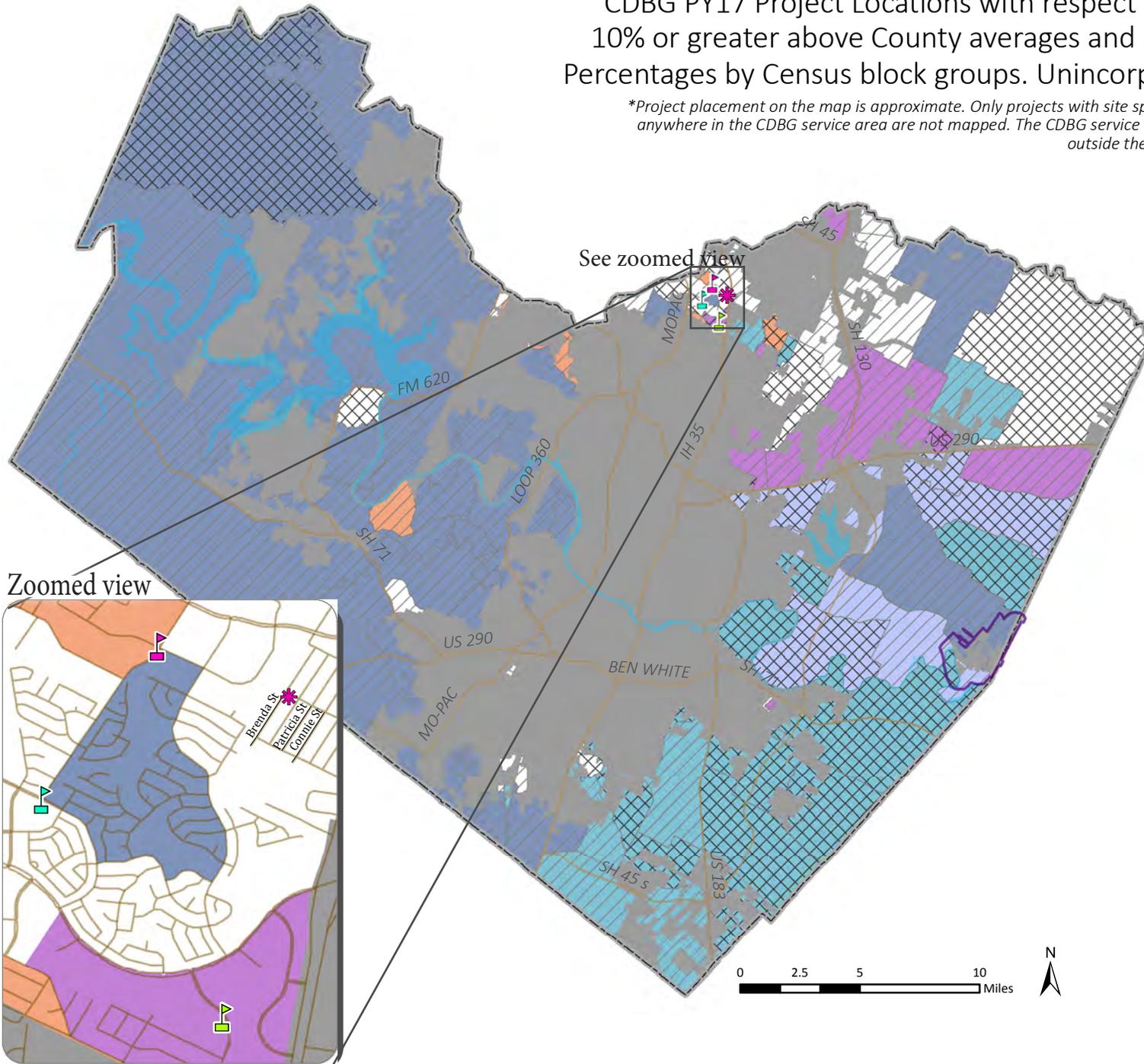
APPENDIX C

MAPS

- PY17 Projects and Impacted Areas**
- PY17 Projects and Low/Mod Percentages**
- PY17 Projects and Opportunity Areas**
- PY17 Projects and Race/Ethnicity Concentrations**

CDBG PY17 Project Locations with respect to Racial/Ethnic Concentrations 10% or greater above County averages and Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Percentages by Census block groups. Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

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Proposed PY17 Projects*

- STEM Education for Girls Project
 - Joe Lee Johnson Elementary School
 - Northwest Elementary School
 - Wells Branch Elementary School
- Proposed projects not mapped since not tied to a specific location:*
- Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program
 - Tenants' Rights & Fair Housing Counseling
 - Social Work Services
 - Money Management and Housing Stability
 - Administration & Planning

Alternate PY17 Projects*

- Pamela Heights Street Improvement Projects: Brenda St, Patricia St, and Connie St
- Proposed alternate projects not mapped since not tied to a specific location:*
- Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program
 - Owner Occupied Septic System Program
 - Disaster Response Interim Assistance

Racial/ethnic concentrations 10% or more above County averages

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

Percent of Residents at LMI

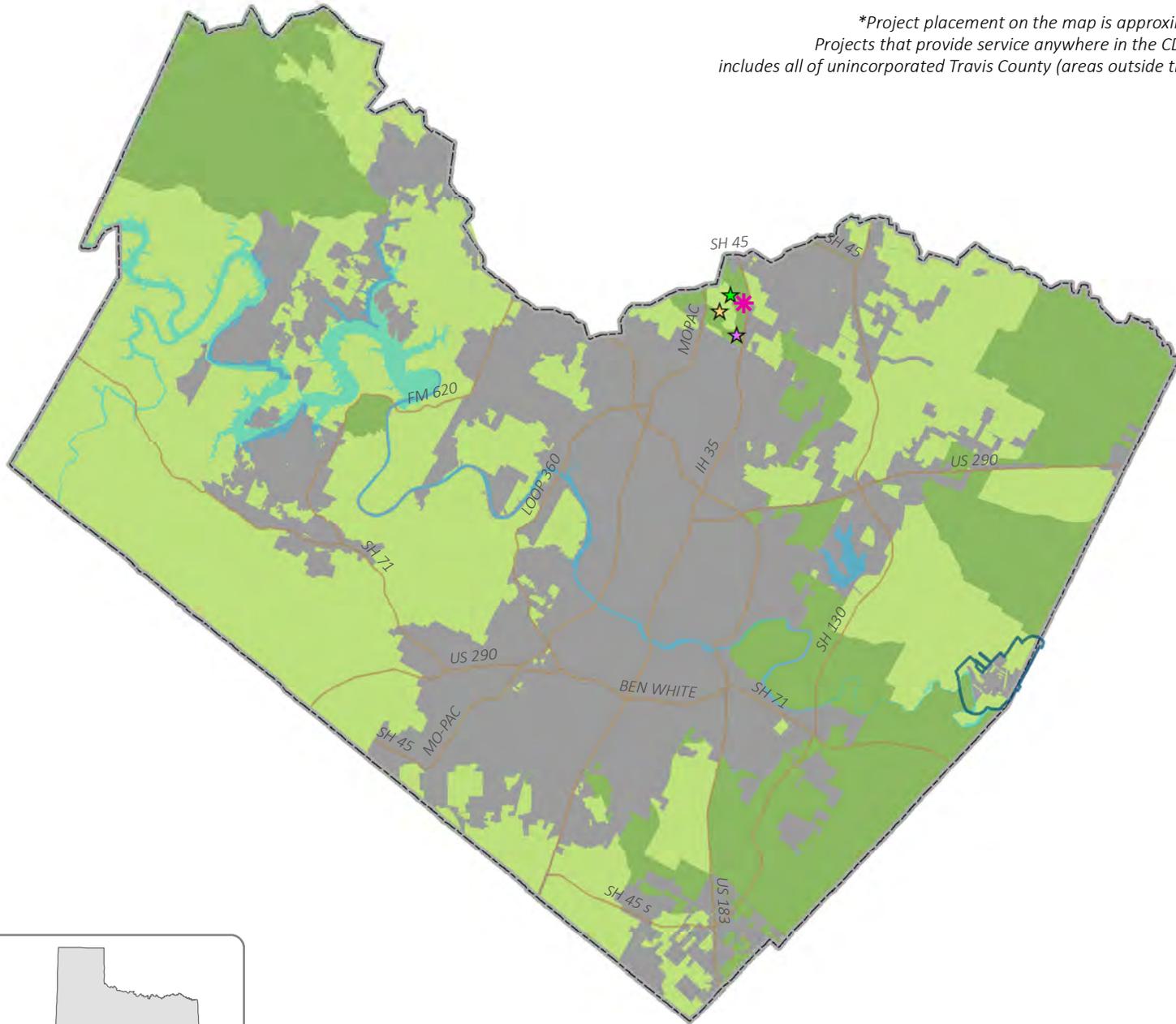
- 0.00 - 49.35%
 - 49.36 - 100.00% 125
- LMI = low-to-moderate income*

Travis County, TX Major waterbodies Incorporated Areas of Travis County Village of Webberville

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CDBG PY17 Project Locations with respect to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Concentrations

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Percentage of Residents at LMI

- 0.00 - 49.35%
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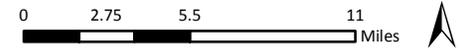
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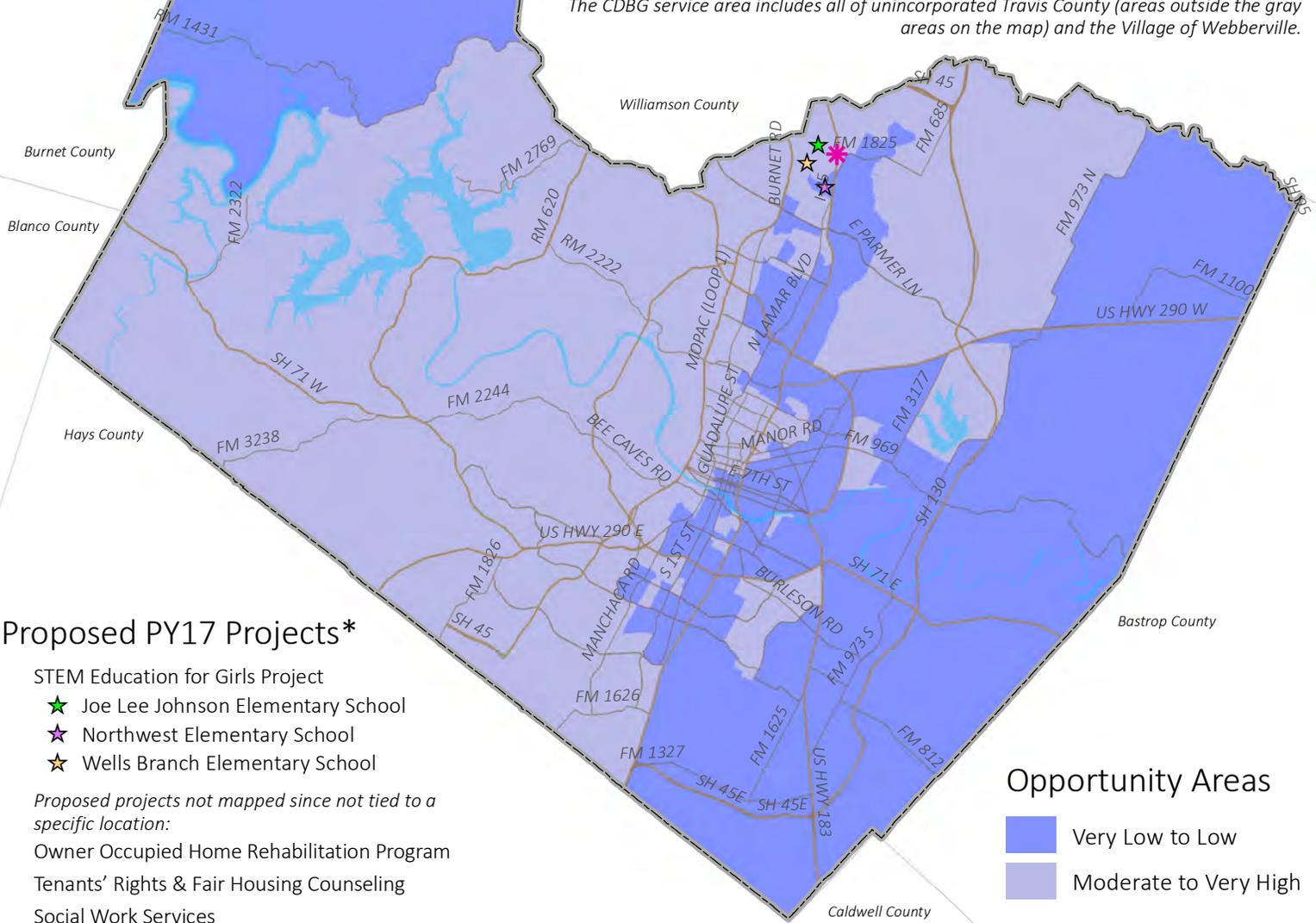


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CDBG PY17 Proposed Projects with respect to Opportunity Areas

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Alternate PY17 Projects*

★ Pamela Heights Street Improvement Projects:

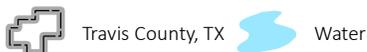
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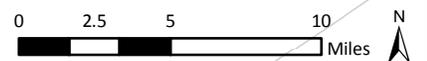
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- Disaster Response Interim Assistance

Opportunity Areas

- Very Low to Low
- Moderate to Very High



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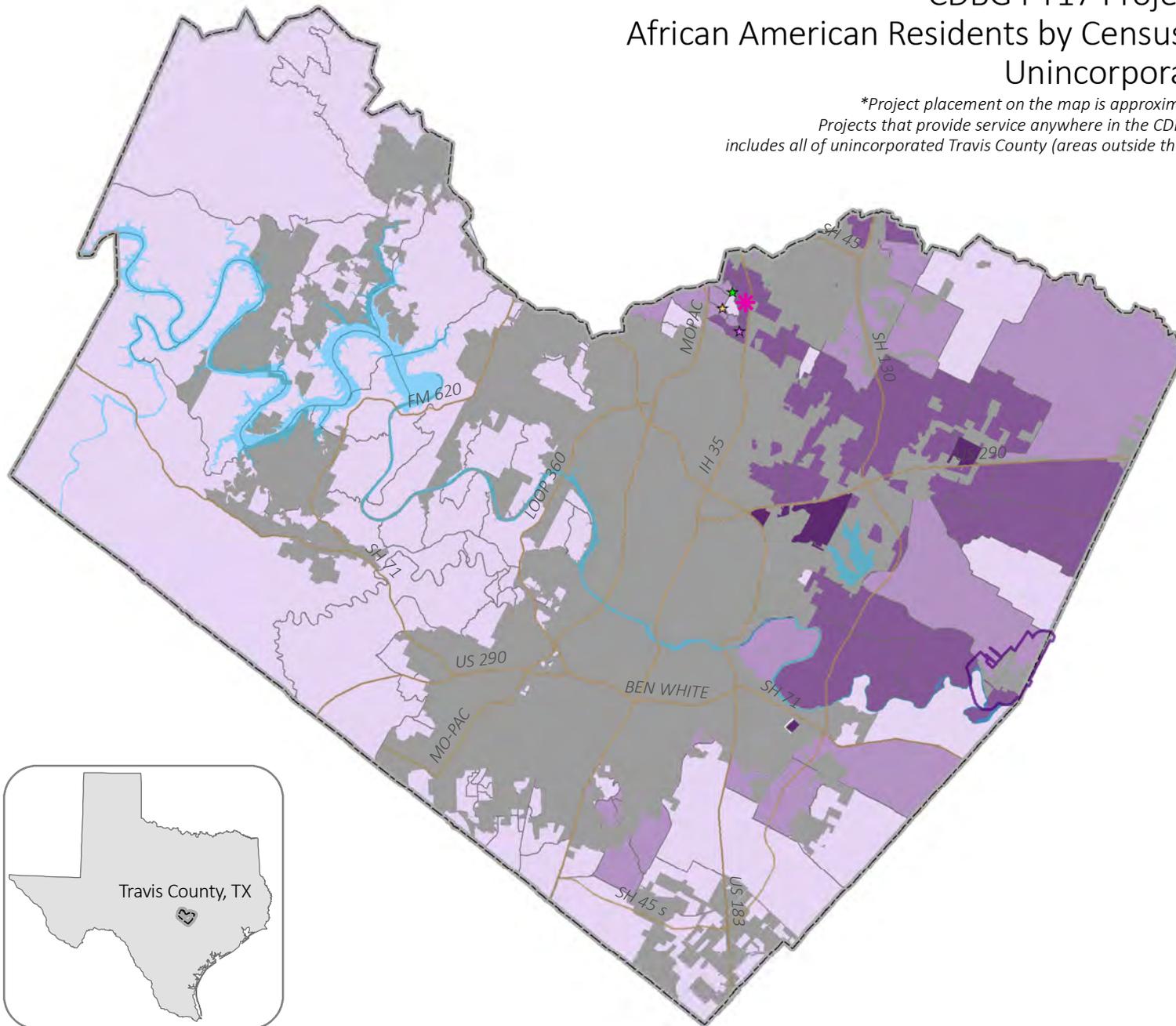


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Source of Opportunity Area data: Regional Composite Opportunity Index data from Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Ohio State University, 2012.

CDBG PY17 Project Locations with Respect to African American Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

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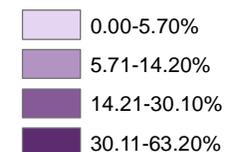
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Percentage of African American Residents by Block Groups

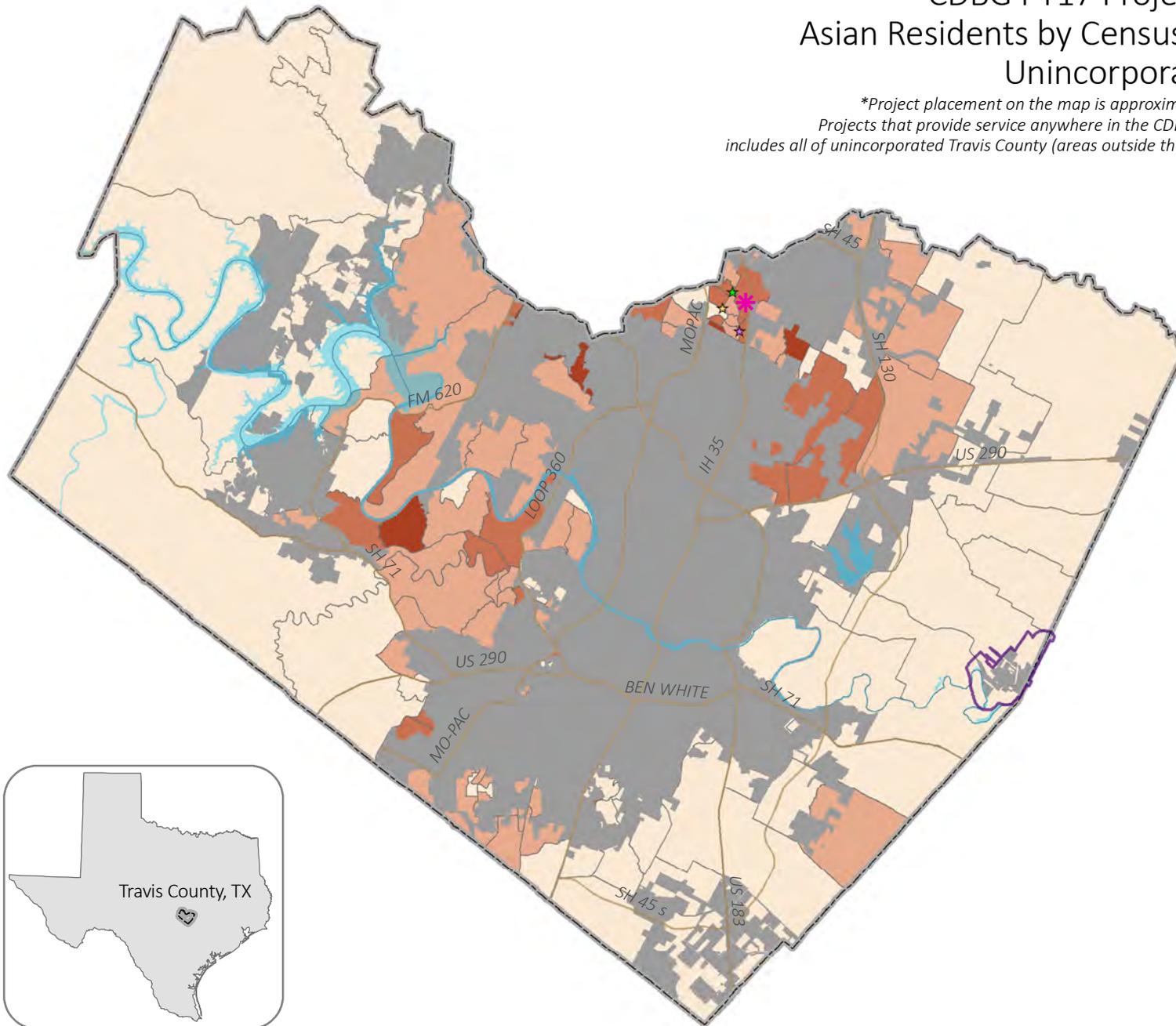


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CDBG PY17 Project Locations with Respect to Asian Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

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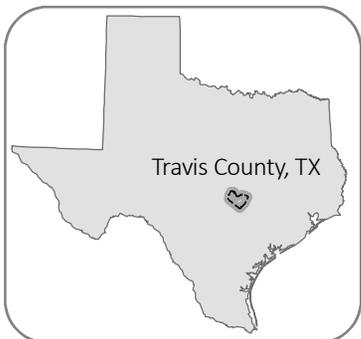
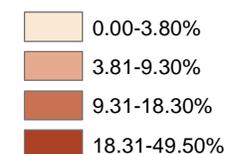
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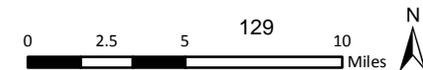
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Percentage of Asian Residents by Block Groups

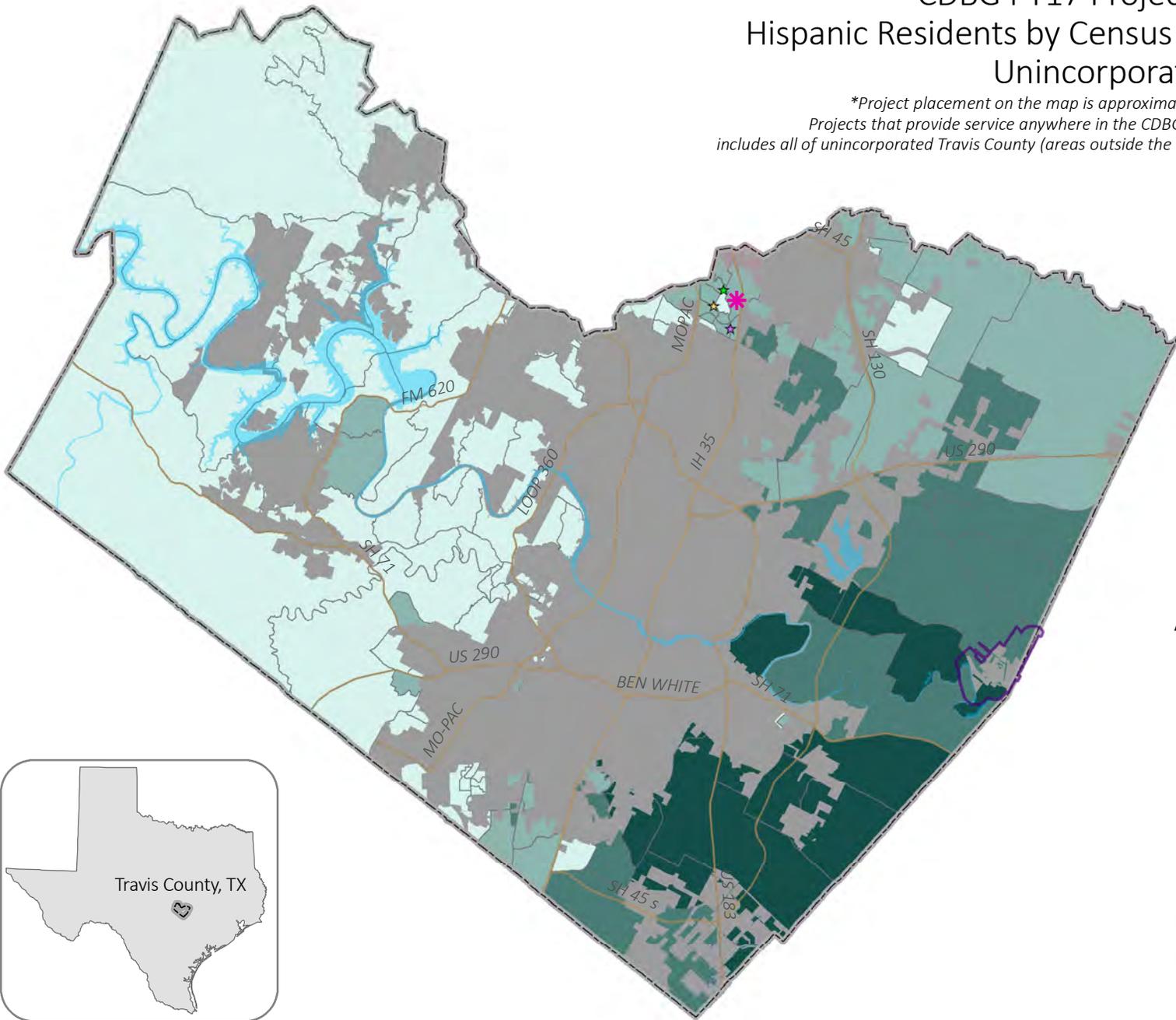


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CDBG PY17 Project Locations with Respect to Hispanic Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

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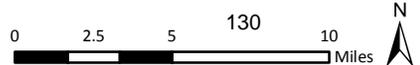
Percentage of Hispanic Residents by Block Groups

- 1.56-20.64%
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- 40.19-61.91%
- 61.92-90.52%



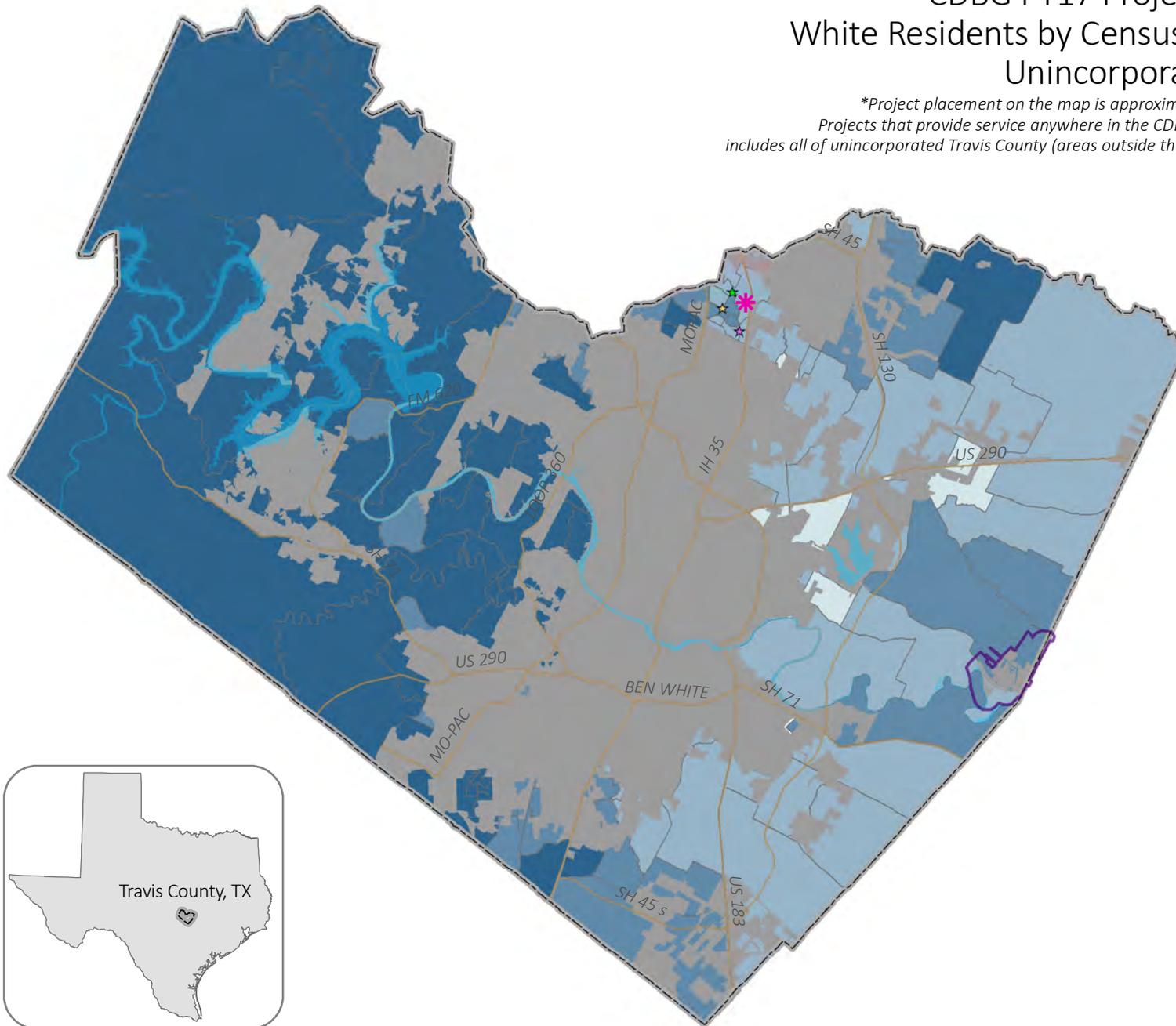
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CDBG PY17 Project Locations with Respect to White Residents by Census Block Group (2010 Census) Unincorporated Areas, Travis County, TX

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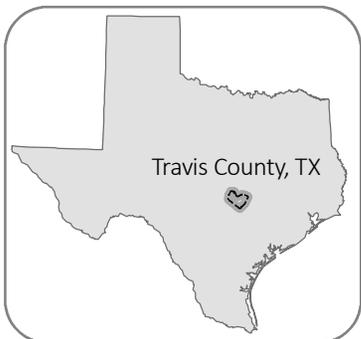
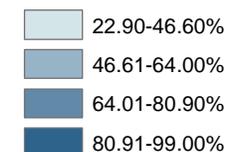
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Percentage of White Residents by Block Groups



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