

## **Note regarding the Travis County CDBG Program Year 2019 Action Plan**

Since the Program Year 2019 (PY19) Action Plan corresponds to the first year of a new five-year Consolidated Plan cycle, it was developed as part of the PY19-23 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and not as a standalone document. The document herein is the PY19 Action Plan that was extracted from the PY19-23 ConPlan along with Appendix E from the ConPlan, which includes information on all of the PY19 projects and alternate projects, including the CDBG-CV projects which we added through a substantial amendment to the PY19-23 ConPlan.

## SECTION VII. ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

### Expected Resources

For the Consolidated Planning period, the County anticipates receiving an estimated \$5,821,205. This estimate is based on receiving approximately the same amount of funding annually for the next five years. Due to tightening domestic spending, the CDBG allocation is expected to remain level or likely decrease over the next four years; however, staff believe the population growth will offset an allocation reduction because the CDBG formula takes into account population and percent of poverty. In PY19, the County expects to receive \$1,164,240. Additionally, four projects from prior year funds will continue to be implemented:

- Austin’s Colony Street Improvement Project;
- Land Acquisition to Support Affordable Multi-family Development;
- All Abilities Park at Southeast Metro and
- Owner Occupied Home Repair and Septic Tank Repair and Installation.

On April 2, 2020, Travis County was allocated an additional \$700,683 for the preparation, prevention, and/or response to COVID-19. Of that total, \$660,546 were allocated to four (4) public/community service projects. The remaining funds will be used for planning and administration of these projects.

### Anticipated Resources

Table 76. Annual Action Plan Expected Resources – Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation	Program Income	Prior Year Resources	Total		
CDBG	Public/federal	Admin & Planning Housing Public Improvements Public Facilities	\$1,164,240	\$0	\$1,342,000	\$2,506,240	\$4,656,965	CDBG funding for Program Year 2019
CDBG-CV	Public/federal	Admin & Planning  Community Service	\$700,683	\$0	\$0	\$700,683	\$0	CDBG-CV COVID-19 Response funding for Program Year 2019

***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. All projects funded with the exception of McKinney Falls Apartments and Administration and Planning are 100 percent funded by CDBG. Administration and Planning leverages approximately \$130,000 of General Fund annually and the McKinney Falls Apartments project anticipates leveraging approximately \$54,000,000 in federal, state and local resources.

The substantial amendment to this plan, which reflects the funding allocation provided to prepare for, prevent, and/or respond to COVID-19, did not change or affect the explanation about the leveraging of additional resources.

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

The Economic Development and Strategic Investment Division within the Planning and Budget Office completed an assessment of County owned land and its appropriateness for affordable housing development. No County owned parcels in the CDBG service area were determined to be appropriate for affordable housing development at this time. Outside the CDBG service area, a development, Travis Flats, is currently under construction. It is a mixed-use development that includes affordable housing and office space. An additional parcel outside the CDBG service area has been identified for development, but the development timeline extends beyond this consolidated planning period.

**Discussion**

Millions of dollars of additional investments will be spent to address needs identified in this plan through multiple departments. For details on those investments, see Appendix F.

# Annual Goals and Objectives

## Goals Summary

Table 77. Annual Goals Summary

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Yr	End Yr	Category	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infrastructure	2019	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Street Improvements & Water/Wastewater Improvements	CDBG: \$1,755,676 (plus PY18 prior year funding)	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12,305 Persons Assisted
2	Housing	2019	2020	Substandard Housing	Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation & Septic Installation and Repair	CDBG: Estimated \$57,714 (Prior Year funding)	8 Housing Units
3	Housing	2018	2020	Affordable Housing	Rental Housing	CDBG: \$2 (Prior Year funding)	Acquisition to support 312 housing units, of which 279 are affordable at or below 80% of the Median Family Income
4	Populations with Specialized Needs	2015	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Park with accessibility features and play equipment for all abilities	\$460,000 (Prior Year funding)	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 27,000 Persons Assisted
5	Community Services – COVID-19 Response	2019	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Services to prepare, prevent, or respond to COVID-19	CDBG-CV \$660,546	Public/Community Services Activities in response to COVID-19. Benefit: 2,598 Persons Assisted.

## Goal Descriptions

Table 78. Annual Goal Descriptions

	Goal Name	Goal Description
1	Infrastructure	Improve neighborhood quality through infrastructure projects including but not limited to street improvements, water/wastewater improvements, drainage and sidewalks.
2	Housing	Provide assistance to maintain or improve affordable housing stock for low to moderate income homeowners.
3	Housing	Through land acquisition, support the creation of affordable housing stock for low to moderate income residents.
4	Populations with Specialized Needs	Provide public facilities that benefit populations with specialized needs that may include but are not limited to elderly and disabled individuals.
5	Community Services	Provide public services to improve food access and behavioral health for low- to moderate-income residents that may include elderly and disabled individuals in response to COVID-19.

# Projects

## Introduction

Travis County residents, services providers, and County departments had the opportunity to provide information about potential CDBG projects through a variety of mechanisms including: 1) participating in public hearings, 2) attending a community meeting, 3) requesting a meeting with CDBG staff, or 4) participating in a consultation.

The following projects for PY19 were approved by Travis County Commissioners Court on June 18, 2019. For a full description of projects, including relevant maps, please see Appendix E.

Table 79. Project Information

#	Project Name
1	PY19 Austin's Colony Street Improvements
2	PY19 Forest Bluff Street Improvements
3	PY19 Kennedy Ridge Wastewater Improvements
4	PY19 Administrative & Planning
5	PY19 Help at Home Food Kits
6	PY19 Virtual Group Day Services for Adults with Disabilities
7	PY19 COVID-19 Integrated Care Response Team
8	PY19 COVID-19 Telemental Health Services
9	PY19 Administrative & Planning (CDBG-CV)

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

Travis County CDBG staff considered and weighed all potential projects. First, the CDBG Office staff assessed whether potential projects: 1) met one of HUD's national objectives, 2) were eligible CDBG activities, and 3) 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.

*ADDRESSES A GOAL IN THE FAIR HOUSING PLAN*

Projects that further the County's fair housing goals receive a more favorable review. 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.

## Project Summary

Table 80. Project Summary

1	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>PY19 Austin's Colony Street Improvements</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Street Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$641,392
	<b>Description</b>	Removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps, and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair roadway to acceptable standards for County maintenance. This project is phased over multiple program years. PY19 funding will provide the remaining construction costs. For more information, refer to Appendix E.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The project will benefit 6,555 people with a low to moderate income percentage of 57.13%
	<b>Location Description</b>	Austin's Colony, Precinct 1 of Travis County. Please see Appendix E for a map of the neighborhood.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The project will be broken up into two phases and will include improvement to sections of: Austin's Colony Blvd, Peavey Drive, Crownover, Amy Francis, Cottingham, James Vincent, Hartsmith, and Oliphant. Procurement for design and environmental clearance will occur in August 2019. Design and environmental services will occur between November 2019 and April 2020. Construction is estimated to be completed by the end of 2020.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>PY19 Forest Bluff Street Improvements</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Street Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$135,000
	<b>Description</b>	Removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps, and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair right-of-way to acceptable standards for County maintenance. This project will be phased over multiple program years. PY19 funding would include design and environmental clearance.
	<b>Target Date</b>	09/30/2021

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The improvements impact 2,875 persons, of which 80.7% are low-to-moderate income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Forest Bluff, Precinct 1 of Travis County. Please see Appendix E for a map of the neighborhood.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The project will be broken up into two or three phases and will include improvement to sections of: Arizona Oak Lane, Stave Oak Lane, Bigelow Drive, Catsby Court, English Avenue, and Delta Post Drive. The first phase of the project, funded with PY19 funds, will include: 1) design services; 2) land surveying services; 3) geo-technical services; 4) drainage design services; 5) utility location and relocation coordination services; 6) environmental review and related regulatory permits; and 7) project management time. Construction will be phased over one or two years. Refer to Appendix E for more detailed information.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>PY19 Kennedy Ridge Wastewater Improvements</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Water/Wastewater Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$155,000
	<b>Description</b>	The project includes improvements to divert a portion of the wastewater system with a new low pressure sewer main which would avoid the high elevations of the Kennedy Ridge Estates Subdivision Sections 1 and 2, reducing static pressure at the individual sewer services. Individual grinder pumps are failing due to high pressure related to the topography of the neighborhood, and this improvement will mitigate the issues. This project will be phased over multiple program years. PY19 funding would include design and environmental clearance. Refer to Appendix E for more detailed information.
	<b>Target Date</b>	October 2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The improvements impact 2,875 persons, of which 80.7% are low-to-moderate income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Kennedy Ridge, Precinct 1 of Travis County. Please see Appendix E for a map of the neighborhood.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The project will be broken up into two or three phases and will include improvement to a wastewater system. The first phase of the project, funded with PY19 funds, will include: 1) design services; 2) land surveying services; 3) geo-technical services; 4) drainage design services; 5) utility location and relocation coordination services; 6) environmental review and related regulatory permits; and 7) project management time. Construction will be phased over one or two years.
4	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>PY19 Administrative &amp; Planning Expenses</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$232,848
	<b>Description</b>	The funds allocated for administration and planning will pay for the administration expenses associated with the grant.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Not applicable.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Not applicable.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The funds allocated for administration will pay for the operating expenses associated with the grant including office supplies, training, contracted services, interpreting, fair housing activities, membership, Action Plan, annual report, reporting and other business related expenses. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion of the salaries for the two CDBG Senior Planners and 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.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Not applicable

5	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Help at Home Food Kits</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Food Access/Meal Delivery (COVID-19 Response)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG-CV: \$136,500
	<b>Description</b>	Provide Help-at-Home Kits to Metro Access clients free of charge.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2,321 LMI clients
	<b>Location Description</b>	Clients may be located anywhere in the Travis County CDBG service area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This project will support the purchase of food and cover transportation and staff costs to implement the program.. The kits will include shelf-stable items such as vegetables, beans, soup, fruit, tuna and peanut butter. This funding will enable the Central Texas Food Bank to continue the program for several additional months.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Virtual Group Day Services for Adults with Disabilities</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Behavioral Health (COVID-19 Response)
	<b>Funding</b>	\$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Support adults with disabilities to continue attending virtual services, providing education and preventing social isolation.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	56 LMI clients
	<b>Location Description</b>	Clients may be located anywhere in the Travis County CDBG service area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This project will provide gap funding to enable this program, which supports adults with disabilities, to continue.
7	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>COVID-19 Integrated Care Response Team</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Behavioral Health (COVID-19 Response)
	<b>Funding</b>	\$324,046

	<b>Description</b>	Support the Integrated Response Team in providing behavioral health services at Travis County Emergency Protective Facilities for six months.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	181 LMI clients
	<b>Location Description</b>	Clients may be located anywhere in the Travis County CDBG service area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Project funds will support salaries and benefits for the Integrated Response Team.
8	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>COVID-19 Telemental Health Services</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Behavioral Health (COVID-19 Response)
	<b>Funding</b>	\$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Further efforts with telemental health, HIPPA compliant Zoom services to clients along with warm line telephone services.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	40
	<b>Location Description</b>	Clients may be located anywhere in the Travis County CDBG service area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This project will cover costs incurred with warm line telephone services and premium zoom services. Funds will also support staff salaries for clinical staff and care coordination manager.
9	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>PY19 Administrative &amp; Planning Expenses (CDBG-CV)</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG \$40,137
	<b>Description</b>	The funds allocated for administration and planning will pay for the administration expenses associated with the grant.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Not applicable.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Not applicable.

<b>Planned Activities</b>	The funds allocated for administration will pay for the operating expenses associated with the grant including office supplies, training, contracted services, interpreting, fair housing activities, membership, Action Plan, annual report, reporting and other business related expenses. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion of the salaries for the two CDBG Senior Planners and 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.
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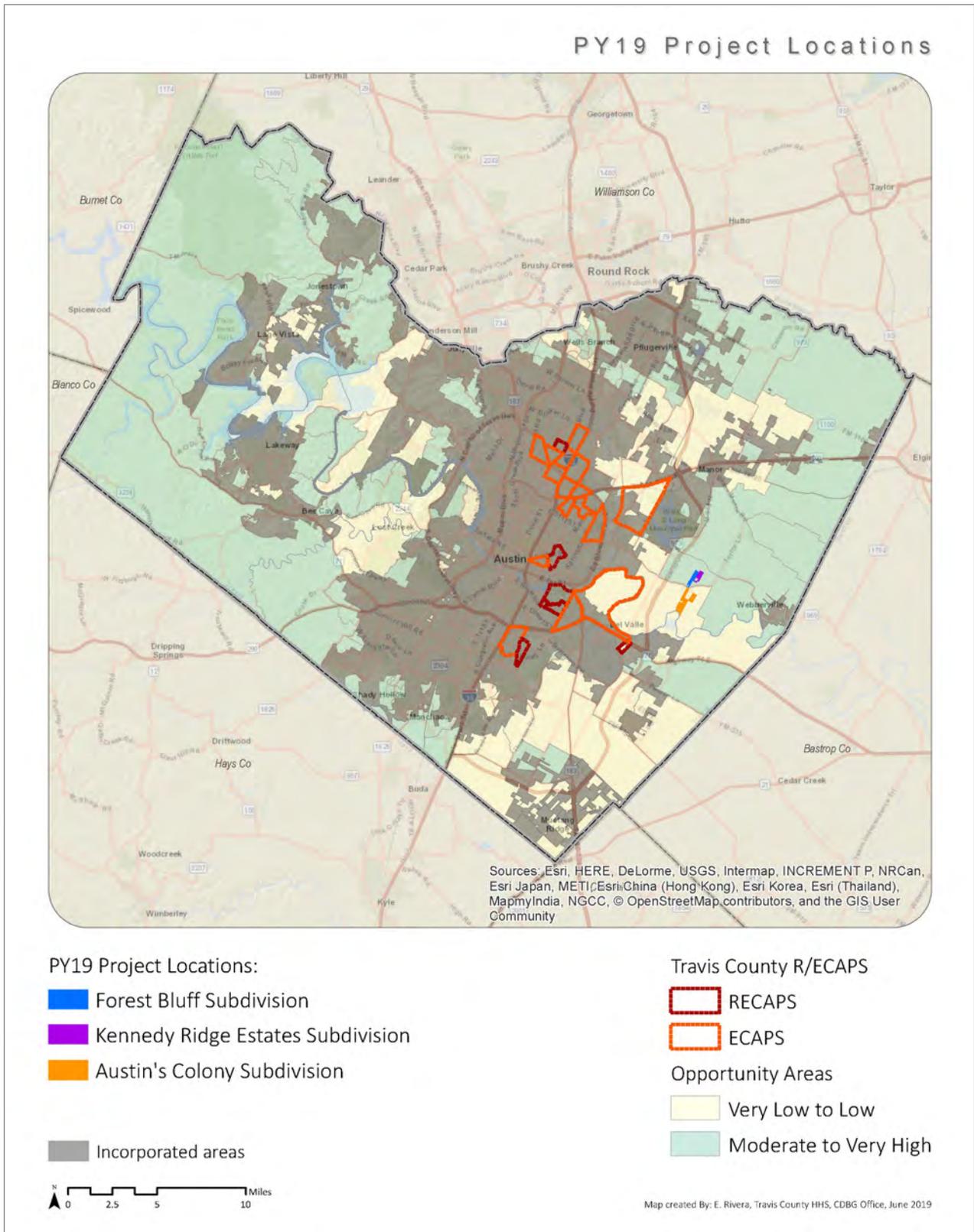
## Geographic Distribution

The CDBG service area includes the unincorporated areas of the County and the Villages of San Leanna and Webberville. The three projects funded within PY19 are located within a few miles of one another. The home repair and septic tank program, funded with project savings from prior year funds, will serve eligible households throughout the CDBG service area.

No specific target areas are identified for this Consolidated Plan, however the projects funded for PY19 are all in eastern Travis County, a historically underinvested area of the county. Identified on the map below, all three infrastructure projects are located off of FM 969, east of SH130.

CDBG-CV funded projects will benefit residents who reside anywhere in the Travis County CDBG service area.

Map 11. PY19 Project Locations



### ***Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically***

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

### **Discussion**

With the County's obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing, housing investments are reviewed for fair housing compliance and community development investments are reviewed for their positive impact on opportunity. This is true for all types of investments or decisions no matter the funding source. Even if Travis County resources are not used, but an action of the County is required for a project to move forward, a fair housing or opportunity review occurs. These reviews take geography into account in order to support investments that improve opportunity and support housing choice throughout the county. Refer to maps in Appendix D for more information about project location with respect to opportunity, race, ethnicity, low to moderate income areas and racially or ethnically concentrated areas (R/ECAP).

# Affordable Housing

## Introduction

CDBG will use HUD funding to support the following affordable housing goals.

Table 81. One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	287
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 82. 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	279
Rehab of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	287

## Discussion

### LAND ACQUISITION TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING: MCKINNEY FALLS APARTMENTS

This project began in PY17 and construction is anticipated to be complete in late 2019 or early 2020. The project will serve low- to moderate-income individuals at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income.

### OWNER OCCUPIED HOME REPAIR AND SEPTIC REPAIR AND INSTALLATION

This project is anticipated to repair up to eight homes during PY19 with prior year resources. While there are no specific goals associated with assisting Disabled and Elderly households, the Home Repair project does target these populations through affirmative marketing.

Travis County will also support affordable housing through other avenues outside of HUD funding through the Travis County Corporations, HHS Housing Continuum Investments, and Travis County Commissioners Court-approved Resolutions of No Objection for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Finally, an affordable housing strategy with specific goals will be created based on the results of the Comprehensive Housing Market Study and the Regional AI.

***The Affordable Housing section of this plan did not change due to the amendments for COVID-19 response funds.***

## Public Housing

### Introduction

There are no public housing units in the jurisdiction. Therefore, there are no actions related to public housing for the CDBG program in PY19.

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

There are no public housing units in the jurisdiction. Therefore, there are no actions related to public housing for the CDBG program in PY19.

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

#### RESIDENT SERVICES

HATC has started a Foundation to raise funds specifically for programming for its residents. Since no properties are in the CDBG service area, no CDBG funds can assist HATC clients.

#### HATC BOARD

The Travis County Commissioners Court is responsible for appointing the Board for HATC. The State Legislature recently passed a bill allowing a recipient of the Housing Choice Voucher program to be on the Board. The CDBG Office will work with the Travis County Intergovernmental Relations Office to update the application and process to account for this change. Encouraging HCV recipients to participate on the Board means increased understanding with policies based on lived experience.

### ***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.

### ***The Public Housing section of this plan did not change due to the amendments for COVID-19 response funds.***

## Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

### Introduction

***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***

HHS provides general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments. No federal funds will be used in PY19 for emergency or transitional housing. In addition, the Precinct 3 Constable's Office works with Integral Care to reach out to homeless encampments outside the urban core to facilitate connection to services. Finally, Justice Planning will likely finalize the new Pay for Success initiative which will fund services and housing for 250 chronically homeless individuals.

***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 PY19 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 Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) is a collaborative funding and planning nonprofit that is the lead agency for the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care. The organization is charged with bringing together other nonprofit resources and making them accessible to the homeless population. ECHO utilizes a system of outreach to assess and determine the needs of men, women, children, veterans and families who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Working with a group of nonprofits, individuals experiencing homelessness are connected to resources including prevention strategies, emergency shelters, rapid re-housing, and permanent housing.

Austin/Travis County achieved functional zero for Veterans' Housing and new initiatives are underway to move toward functional zero for unaccompanied youth. Planning has begun to move chronically homeless families to functional zero though no funds have been set aside to address the issue to date.

***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***

HHS provides general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness and poverty issues through its social service contract investments.

***The Homeless and Special Needs Activities section of this plan did not change due to the amendments for COVID-19 response funds.***

## Barriers to Affordable Housing

Barriers to residential development and affordable housing associated with public policies were analyzed as part of the Regional AI. That analysis found the following:

Travis County's power to affect land use and residential development is limited by state law, although the County can achieve this through property deed restrictions and subdivision regulations allowing density and intensity of use, which are jointly coordinated with the City of Austin within the ETJ. Austin/Travis Subdivision Regulations include standards for small lot, townhouse, and attached single-family development.

The County's Public Improvement District (PID) policies favor creation of PIDs that increase opportunities for low to moderate affordable housing. The PID policy includes an affordable and fair housing policy section that establishes the county's commitment to mechanisms to create affordable housing, diversity in housing types, and mixed-income neighborhoods dispersed throughout the county. The PID policy supports the creation of PIDs that increase affordable housing for households with incomes 80 percent or below the MFI.

The County does not prescribe a minimum dwelling unit size. However, regulations governing on-site storage of sewage in areas without public sewer connections require a one-acre/residential unit, regardless of whether public water supply is used. Multiple units may be on a single lot but must have one acre of land for each unit.

The County has not adopted the International Building Code. As such, it is unclear whether buildings constructed in unincorporated areas follow the accessibility standards and requirements of the ADA and FHAA. It is unclear how complaints about accessibility infractions are investigated and how compliance is obtained in the absence of an adopted building code.

***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***

- Collaborate with the City of Austin to create policy alignment and efficiencies for development and permitting in its ETJ.
- Evaluate and update the effectiveness of the PID policy to meet the County's affordable and fair housing goals.
- Review and evaluate policies related to septic systems to determine what, if any, actions can be taken to reduce the issues preventing repair or installation of systems.
- Review and clarify the County's policy, authority and actions taken to ensure that accessibility standards and requirements of the ADA and FHAA are achieved.

***The Barriers to Affordable Housing section of this plan did not change due to the amendments for COVID-19 response funds.***

## Other Actions

### **Introduction**

The CDBG Office will take on a variety of actions to support the needs identified in the PY19-23 Consolidated Plan.

### ***Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs***

- Execute the Fair Housing Implementation Plan
- Develop a Travis County Homelessness Investment Strategy across multiple Departments
- Collaborate with Emergency Services and TNR to address gaps/needs for Disaster Recovery & Resilience
- Collaborate and coordinate with internal and external partners around investments that improve opportunity across the CDBG service area
- Work with internal and external partners to coordinate engagement opportunities and set up times to meet with different HOAs, community and faith-based groups.
- Maintain updated matrices for Community & Economic Development and Housing
- Create a template for the first round of one-pagers to summarize CDBG and other investments indicated in the Community & Economic Development and Housing matrices

### ***Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing***

- The Home Repair program will be funded in PY19, which will assist in maintaining owner occupied homes for low- and moderate-income households. Finally, Street Improvement projects will help maintain neighborhood quality, thereby helping to preserve home values of low- and moderate-income households.
- Develop an affordable housing strategy based on the Fair Housing Plan and Comprehensive Housing Market Study
- Oversee the HHS Housing Continuum competition for general fund dollars
- Complete Fair Housing Reviews & Opportunity Analysis for a variety of projects

### ***Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards***

The CDBG funded Home Repair Project will assess homes for lead based paint hazards as part of intake into the program and any work performed on 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 Department. The goal of the department is to address community needs through internal and external investments and services. The department strives to accomplish the following: maximize quality of life for all people in Travis County; protect vulnerable populations; Invest in social and economic well-being; promote healthy living: physical, behavioral, and environmental; and build a shared understanding of our community. Travis County operates a number of anti-poverty

programs that assist individuals and families on multiple fronts in transitioning from crisis to self-sufficiency. The County carries out its anti-poverty programs (discussed in Section VI) 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 addition to the provision of direct services, Travis County continually assesses the poverty and basic needs of county residents, works with stakeholders in facilitating anti-poverty efforts, and supports public policy initiatives that prevent and ameliorate conditions of poverty. For more information on specific social service contract investments please see the paragraph titled Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment included in Section IV.

***Actions planned to develop institutional structure***

- Evaluate and update the effectiveness of the Public Improvement District (PID) policy to meet the County's affordable and fair housing goals.
- Review and evaluate policies related to septic systems to determine what, if any, actions can be taken to reduce the issues preventing repair or installation of systems.
- Review and clarify the County's policy, authority, and actions taken to ensure that accessibility standards and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA) are achieved.
- Collaborate with Emergency Services and TNR to address gaps/needs for disaster recovery and resilience.
- Work with internal and external partners to coordinate engagement opportunities and set up times to meet with different Homeowners Associations (HOAs), community, and faith-based groups.
- Maintain updated matrices for Community & Economic Development and Housing.
- Complete County Code, Chapter 277, Affordable and Fair Housing policies in alignment with the affordable housing strategy based on the Fair Housing Plan and Comprehensive Housing Market Study.

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

- Collaborate with the City of Austin to create policy alignment and efficiencies for development and permitting in its Extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- Execute the Central Texas Regional Fair Housing Implementation Plan.
- Develop a Travis County Homelessness Investment Strategy across multiple departments.
- Collaborate and coordinate with internal and external partners around investments which improve opportunity across the CDBG service area.
- Develop an affordable housing strategy based on the Fair Housing Plan and Comprehensive Housing Market Study.
- Complete fair housing reviews and opportunity analyses for a variety of projects.

## Program Specific Requirements

### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

One hundred percent of the projects funded meet a low to moderate income national objective.

#### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

### Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | \$0 |
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