

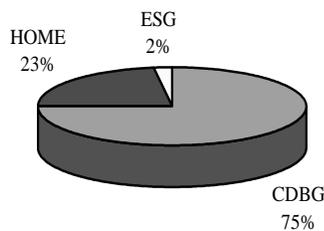
Resources Available

The Harris County Office of Housing and Economic Development (OHED) has grown to become an organization funded almost exclusively through federal entitlement funds from a variety of grants including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. In addition to the county's HUD program, many other public and private agencies and other county departments offer services to low- and moderate-income persons and, in many cases, complement community development efforts.

Federal Entitlement Resources

Harris County receives funds through three of the four major formula grants issued by HUD: CDBG, HOME, and ESG. The City of Houston's Department of Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for Harris County's Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) allocation. Harris County anticipates receiving the combination of approximately \$17,102,168.00 million in CDBG, HOME and ESG funds and \$480,000.00 in program income for Program Year 2003.

Figure 1 Anticipated PY2003 Allocation



The amount of PY03 entitlement funds received by HUD has increased from PY02 by \$2,242,168.00. The PY03 allocation increased by over 15 percent of the prior year funding. Table 2 provides a numerical and visual representation of the changes in funding over the past five years.

Table 2 Harris County Entitlement Funds, PY98 to PY03

Program Year	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
PY98	\$11,304,000	\$2,680,000	\$443,000	\$14,427,000
PY99	\$11,372,000	\$2,891,000	\$403,000	\$14,666,000
PY00	\$11,288,000	\$2,866,000	\$403,000	\$14,557,000
PY01	\$11,532,000	\$3,182,000	\$398,000	\$15,112,000
PY02	\$11,303,000	\$3,165,000	\$392,000	\$14,860,000
PY03	\$12,822,000	\$3,893,168	\$387,000	\$17,102,168
Total	\$69,621,000.00	\$18,677,168.00	\$2,426,000.00	\$90,724,168.00

Table 3 Harris County PY03 Funding Sources

Entitlement Grant, includes reallocated funds	
CDBG	\$12,822,000
HOME	\$3,893,168
ESG	\$387,000
HOPWA	\$0
Total	\$17,102,168.00
Prior Years' Program Income NOT previously programmed or reported	
CDBG	\$0
HOME	\$0
ESG	\$0
HOPWA	\$0
Total	\$0
Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds	
CDBG	\$0
HOME	\$0
ESG	\$0
HOPWA	\$0
Total	\$0
Total Estimated Program Income	
CDBG Subtotal	\$480,000
Total Estimated Program Income	\$480,000.00
Section 108 Loan Guarantee Fund	
	\$0
Total	\$0
Total Funding Sources	\$17,582,168.00
Proposed Projects	41

As an urban county, Harris County receives funds to cover all of unincorporated Harris County in addition to fifteen small cities within the county that agree to allow service within their jurisdiction. Within Harris County there are three entitlement jurisdictions that receive HUD funds: the Cities of Houston, Pasadena and Baytown. Cumulatively, these jurisdictions will receive over \$79 million in CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA entitlement funds. The portion received by Harris County accounts for only 21.5 percent of those funds. The City of Houston, on the other hand, represents approximately 73 percent of the combined funds.

Largely as a result of their proximity to Harris County and the region’s significant growth, Fort Bend County, Brazoria County, and Montgomery County have also been designated as urban counties. While in comparison to Houston and Harris County, the entitlement funds available to these counties remain small, but play an important role in addressing regional community revitalization.

Table 4 Entitlement Funds Throughout the Area, PY03

	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	TOTAL
Harris County	\$12,822,000	\$3,893,168	\$387,000	\$0	\$17,102,168.00
City of Houston	\$36,992,000	\$14,735,474	\$1,230,000	\$5,069,000	\$58,026,474.00
City of Pasadena	\$2,389,000	\$854,303	\$0	\$0	\$3,243,303.00
City of Baytown	\$1,028,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,028,000.00
City of Missouri City	\$326,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$326,000.00
City of Sugar Land	\$387,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$387,000.00
City of Galveston	\$1,764,000	\$600,729	\$0	\$0	\$2,364,729.00
Fort Bend County	\$2,125,000	\$590,667	\$0	\$0	\$2,715,667.00
Brazoria County	\$2,354,000	\$738,585	\$77,000	\$0	\$3,169,585.00
Montgomery County	\$2,044,000	\$550,417	\$0	\$0	\$2,594,417.00
Total	\$62,231,000.00	\$21,963,343.00	\$1,694,000.00	\$5,069,000.00	\$90,957,343.00

Other Resources - Federal

In an effort to further its pursuit of decent, affordable housing, a suitable living environment, economic opportunities and overall improvement in quality of life for low- and moderate-income persons throughout the service area, Harris County OHED continues to pursue competitive grants which complement the department’s entitlement resources.

Continuum of Care

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, Inc., in conjunction with Harris County and the City of Houston, produces Harris County’s Continuum of Care. This product outlines in detail the evolving network of comprehensive housing and services available to the homeless in Harris County. The Continuum of Care describes a pathway enabling homeless individuals and/or families to access emergency shelter; move into transitional housing; receive supportive services; and find permanent supportive housing or live independently in market housing.

For PY02 Harris County, the Coalition for the Homeless, and the City of Houston requested \$17,647,739.00 in Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (S+C) funds for 46 projects to assist homeless individuals and families. The Continuum received \$15,662,493.00 of that request allocating funds to 21 organizations for 43 projects. These organizations will provide literacy/education training, preventive health

care, transportation, supportive services for drug-dependent individuals, transitional housing and supportive services for homeless HIV infected women and their children, transitional housing and supportive services to battered women and their children, transitional housing and supportive services to the homeless, and permanent housing for homeless persons with disabilities and their families.

It is anticipated that a similar amount will be requested during the 2003 Continuum of Care Super Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) process.

Other Resources - Non-Federal

State Funding

Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) provide a financial incentive to developers to build affordable, rental units for low-income families and individuals. At the time the PY03 Annual Action Plan was submitted to HUD, OHED has received notice from eight developers of their intent to construct a total of 1610 affordable rental housing units in eight complexes within the Harris County service area.

Other Sources of Funding

County Resources. OHED represents only one of the many offices within Harris County working diligently to improve the quality of life for all Harris County residents, including those low- and moderate-income individuals and families within Harris County's service area. In fact, the majority of county departments work toward improving quality of life and enhancing community revitalization. Without the use of HUD funds, the county's many departments work to serve families through prevention, investigation, protective services, and treatment of sexually abused children. At the same time, they serve thousands of persons in education, health, public services, and public safety -- all priorities of the Consolidated Plan. Furthermore, infrastructure and civic enrichment are always priorities with over 5,000 road miles maintained by Harris County precincts as well as 121 parks and community centers.

Analysis of 2003 grant expenditures in the major areas of the PY2003-2007 Consolidated Plan, such as housing, infrastructure, economic development, and health, indicate that activities implemented in other county departments complement those by OHED. Housing, homelessness, infrastructure and economic development receive little assistance from other departments, yet are strongly funded through OHED. Conversely, the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department spends a large amount of funds providing health services such as immunization, prenatal care, pediatric health care, and Lead-Based Paint abatement, allowing OHED to concentrate funds in other areas.