

Harris County Community and Economic Development Department

Program Year 2005 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Shelter Grant, American Dream Downpayment Initiative

CORRECTED Public Notice

March 30, 2005

The Harris County Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the one-year planning document, which describes the amount of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) funds expected to be available and the proposed use of those funds for the upcoming program year. The AAP is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 45 days before the start of the program year. Prior to submission the public is allowed to review and comment on the AAP's proposed use of funds. This notice is provided to inform the public of the availability of the Program Year 2005 (PY2005) AAP and rescinds the notice published on March 25, 2005:

AMOUNT OF PY2005 FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE

CDBG	\$ 7,885,479
CDBG Public Service	\$ 1,819,726
CDBG Administration (Harris County)	\$ 2,436,871
CDBG Program Income	\$ 42,281
HOME	\$ 2,782,162
HOME CHDO Set-Aside	\$ 556,432
HOME Administration (Harris County)	\$ 371,705
HOME Program Income	\$ 6,753
ESG	\$ 442,283
ESG Administration (Harris County)	\$ 23,278
ADDI	\$ 134,781
TOTAL FUNDS EXPECTED	\$16,501,751

PY2005 Annual Action Plan Public Comments

Comments from the Public Hearing, Thursday, April 7, 2005.

Name: Becky Jordy

Organization: Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

I'm Becky Jordy, and I am the coordinator for the after-school program at LaPorte Neighborhood Center. It is my privilege to plan and coordinate all the activities related to our CDBG grant funds. Our current program with CDBG funding provides a safe and educationally-enriching experience for students in LaPorte. We've had the opportunity to provide academic enrichment activities, prevention units and recreational and social opportunities with strong family involvement.

Through the use of the CDBG funds, we've been able to attend field trips in the Houston and Galveston area. How amazing it was for our students to attend a baseball game in Minute Maid Park or take a backstage tour of the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. Other examples include Space Center Houston, Armand Bayou Nature Center, Challenger Seven Park and Moody Gardens. Our enrichment funds have provided students with certified art and music teachers. In addition, we have brought in outreach programs from the Museum of Health and Medical Science, puppet and magic shows with educational themes, and the Mad Science program which includes interactive science programs.

Because of the high quality of the programming with our CDBG funds, we have been able to form many collaborations with other sources. This summer our kids will experience "Space: Up Close and Personal" when we implement our three-week Space Camp program. This program is made possible by a partnership between NASA, the Museum of Natural Science, the U of H – Downtown and TSU. Other collaborations include a foundation, Rohm & Haas, Lyondell, the City of LaPorte and Americorps.

One of the most beneficial parts of our program has been to provide experiences that the children need and deserve in order to build their personal assets. Regardless of gender, ethnic heritage, economic situation or geographic location, these assets promote positive behaviors and attitudes and help protect young children from many problem behaviors.

In addition, knowing that students have a safe and enriching environment, parents are able to work and attend school. Without these funds providing after-school care and summer care would provide a real hardship for the parents. Many of our children would be forced to stay home alone after school and during summer break. We are very concerned for their safety.

Our goal is meant to provide stepping stones to a bright future for our children. With the loss of CDBG funds, these stepping stones will slowly disappear.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

Name: Bill Love

Organization: Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm Bill Love. I'm the chair of the Advisory Board for LaPorte Neighborhood Centers. We're in the process ... you know, we have here a list of good guys – those who have been recommended for the pot – and apparently, the LaPorte Center has not been recommended for the pot for some reason. So we're in the process of trying to revise this. Can you tell us what the revision process is? How do we get our name on the “good guy” list?

CEDD staff explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments from citizens about the projects selected for the PY2005 Annual Action Plan. The AAP is scheduled to be presented to the Harris County Commissioners Court on May 10 and submitted to HUD by June 15. In the event that funds are available after June 15, organizations such as Neighborhood Centers may apply for these funds as an “unsolicited proposal.” Organizations who were not selected for PY2005 funding are encouraged to schedule a meeting with CEDD staff to determine the deficiencies with their original proposal in order to adequately address those issues in the unsolicited proposal.

Another question, please. The administration caps – are those determined by HUD?

CEDD staff explained that administrative caps are determined by HUD for the CDBG, HOME and ESG grants, and stated the cap for each respective funding stream.

Name: Evelyn Kennedy

Organization: Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

I'm Evelyn Kennedy. I'm from LaPorte Neighborhood Centers, LaPorte, Texas. I have been a member of Neighborhood Centers since 1956, I think. First as a volunteer, then as director, then as a volunteer. Now I'm on the Board. I am very proud to be a part of these who have presented our case or our problems or our needs, whatever they may be, what wonderful people they are.

We have depended on grants. First we depend on love. We were a part of the City, we were a part of the schools, and volunteers when we started. We did not have grants such as we have today. How wonderful this is to be able to say to the people who want to help the underprivileged, or even those who are not underprivileged. What goes on in a community is for everyone. And I want to say how very proud I am of LaPorte Neighborhood Centers and how very proud we are to be a part of the Neighborhood Centers in Houston. They chose us, and we accepted them way back in the '50s or '60s, and we've been a part of that organization that long.

So if we can say, “Do years mean anything? Does love mean anything? Does work mean anything? Does the care that we have for our community and our children mean anything?” Boy, we've got it, and we want to tell anybody who will listen what we do and how very proud and happy we are. I know there are other organizations who say they do their things, but gee, I'm proud to be a part in this organization. I trust in the good Lord to help us to go forward.

Thank you very much.

Name: Linda Barley

Organization: Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

I'm Linda Barley, and I'm Area Managers at the Neighborhood Centers LaPorte. So everybody's pretty much talked now for LaPorte, and I'll try to sum everything up by saying that on behalf of our LaPorte families that fall in the low-income range, these children qualify for free or reduced lunches, I support and endorse the After-School Program funded by CDBG. As manager of the Center, I observe the children daily, and I am always amazed at the progress and complete turn-around of many of our children. We are always looking for funding for our programs, and the After-School Program is one of our top priorities.

I would like for my appeal to go on record for these critical CDBG dollars for LaPorte. And I think everybody else has said the important things, so I just wanted to sum it up.

Thank you very much for the opportunity.

Name: Martha Love

Organization: Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

My name is Martha Vickery Love. I am a retired school administrator from LaPorte, and I am speaking for the LaPorte Neighborhood Centers. I was an administrator in LaPorte for 37 years. I have worked in seven of the 10 schools, and so I am fairly well acquainted with the community. Because I believe so much in the mission of the Neighborhood Center, when we retired, my husband and I both became members of the NC board. I feel that that is an important service to our community.

A high priority with me has been and is that schools dismiss children and they do not have after-school care, especially our low-income families. For years I sent children home to empty houses to fix their own supper and stay inside until Mom got home, either alone or with younger siblings. That always was something that worried me to death. In fact I listened to a police scanner for years to make sure that they were all right, and I was so excited when I heard that Neighborhood Centers could provide child care for 30 children after school. I was so pleased, and I want that program to grow not only for elementary students, but for junior high and eventually high school students. I feel like it keeps them off of the streets. It helps them be productive citizens. Not only do we serve the children, but we also through them meet their families, and that makes such a difference. Often low-income families don't feel like that they belong to anything or anywhere, but they can come to the Neighborhood Center. It allows us to deal with their children, but it also allows us to meet them. Our families are so supportive, and we're so proud of our program.

Last year I was the assistant principal at LaPorte Elementary for half a year, and when I got there I could see a change in some of the children in the building. And as I talked to them, I discovered that they were in after-school care at the Neighborhood Center. Now, yes, I knew they were in after-school care. I knew the program was there, but I honestly did not know anything about it except it was there and it was free, which I was really

thrilled about. So I decided to visit. I was so impressed with what I saw. I was so impressed with the calm, efficient manner that the program was run. It made me feel so good, and it made the children feel so good about themselves. I feel that if children and families feel that they are a priority with someone, their self-esteem will go up and their efficiency and their achievement will go up. My great fear is that if we lose this program and these children who can least afford after-school care, and we also have all-day care in the summer in which they take field trips and they're cared for and they're not home alone closed up in a house making peanut butter sandwiches while they wait for Mom or Dad to come home. If we lose this for the children who can least afford the care, I feel that we will have made a huge mistake, because eventually, personally, the City, the County or the State is going to have to pay a lot more for their care.

Thank you.

Name: Peter Griffiths

Organization: Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

Hello, my name is Peter Griffiths, City Councilman for the City of LaPorte, speaking on behalf of Neighborhood Centers. In a way, I'm a product of the Neighborhood Centers. I recall when I was a child, I'd go to the Center and take my naps. My mom volunteered there a lot as well. It's part of our community. It's part of our life. The City of LaPorte has been so well behind what we do at the Neighborhood Centers. We do whatever we can because we know what they've done there through the enrichment programs, the summer and after school, that they have developed great kids. I'm a product of that, and we want it to continue. Our fear is that if this is something that is dropped, that we might lose some of our kids that look forward to it, that have things to do. What are they going to do afterwards? Well, you know what, we don't want to have to pay police officers to have to hunt these kids down. We want the kids to be with them, learning something new and enjoying themselves.

I hope that we can get this grant. I hope that we can move forward. The City of LaPorte, the complete Council, is behind it. There is a resolution that we are passing Monday in support of this because we think so much of what they've done for our City.

Thank you.

Name: Sacha LaZarre

Organization: Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

I'll just speak very briefly. My name is Sacha LaZarre. I'm the Youth Services Developer for the agency, and I work very closely with Becky. My job at the agency, basically I oversee all of our fiscal programs and we have four different sites. I'm concerned with quality standards, program philosophy and controlling staff training. And I wanted to just say how proud I am of the program at LaPorte. In a very short time that it has been in existence, it has become a model program. It's the site that I use when I train other staff for observation. Also, to request funding, we frequently have visits to LaPorte. They've done a really good job. Some of the things I'm really proud of our program are that we have exceeded licensing standards in several ways. The easiest way

I can show you right now is, for example, with our student ratio. The State requires a 1:22 ratio. We have a 1:15 ratio. We also enjoy a very high rate of parent involvement. We provide services for the entire family, such as, the child comes in, the parents know they're welcome at the center, they have computer classes, we have a food pantry. We have so many other programs that support the entire family in staying whole.

Also, all of our programs are based on a positive youth development approach, which is our philosophy, and that's based on a research-based model, which was developed by the Search Institute. Just in a nutshell, we view children as resources to help our community, not problems or something to be fixed. And the program at LaPorte goes a long way to doing that.

We are able to provide a very high quality program to families who are very low-income. And as we all know there is usually a relationship. The least income you have, the least access you have to quality care and environment and staff. So it's super important for me, personally, that we keep this program going. I would like to actually go to a program beyond just serving the 5- to 13-year-olds and serving 5- to 18-year-olds. That is one of my personal goals for this program eventually.

Thank you.

Written comments received during the Public Comment period from March 25, 2005 to May 10, 2005.

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April 6, 2005

Harris County Economic Development Department
8410 Lantern Point Drive
Houston, Texas 77054

Attention: Mr. David Turkel

Dear Mr. Turkel:

Please continue your support of the Neighborhood Center in La Porte by renewing the \$70,000 Community Development Block Grant for its School Age Program for the 2005-06 year. I was surprised to learn this week that the grant request was rejected.

I am writing as a board member of both the Neighborhood Center La Porte and of the La Porte Education Foundation, as well as in my position as Regional Public Relations Manager for Lyondell Chemical Company. Lyondell has been a proud supporter for over 20 years of the Neighborhood Centers and has contributed in many ways to this particular

center. We are proud that our name is on the Center's Food Pantry, helping it to feed La Porte families who have fallen on hard times. Throughout the year, we support the program with funding and events for the children.

The School Age Program serves 30 children daily in after-school and summer programming. These are children whose families have no other means of providing this aid. It has a strong academic focus to ensure the children are successful in school. Without this core funding, our ability to offer services at this same level will be significantly affected.

In the fall, our Harris County Project Monitor, Stella Okoh, described it as a "model program" and wrote an article that is to be published this summer in the *National Community Development Association Newsletter*. She even suggested we request *additional* funding to expand our program, which was encouraging because we have a substantial waiting list.

The Neighborhood Center is supported strongly by the parents of the children who attend it, by the city, the school district, area businesses and industry, and the citizens at large. It has been an integral part of the city of La Porte since 1952, and also helps the needy elderly and the unemployed.

Parents are heavily involved and several have received scholarships through a grant to NCI from the La Porte Rotary Club to attend computer classes conducted by San Jacinto College at our La Porte Neighborhood Center. In addition, as participants in our NCI programs, these children also receive new school shoes and school uniforms sponsored by Fiesta and Chevron Texaco.

As you can see, the La Porte area is united in our love for this center and our desire to make our community a better place. We strongly support our center, but we still need your help and the \$70,000 grant to serve all of these children.

Please don't withdraw your support of a program and a center that is making a difference and improving the lives of our people. Our children are our future.

Most sincerely,
Gayden L. Cooper

cc: Harris County Commissioners
Harris County Judge Robert Eckels
Ms. Nikki Caffey, Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia's Office

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks for all the help that the Neighborhood Center has provided for my family and especially for my daughter Elyssa. With the help of the NBHC my husband was able to attend college full time and I was able to attend part time. The program also provided great educational opportunities, swimming lessons, and field trips, that we were not able to provide or do for our daughter during this time in

our lives. This program is a great help for parents who are trying to go back to school and further their education. It would be a shame if this program was taken away from their community. I know how much they have helped us and we are grateful and I know that there is someone waiting for the opportunity to go back to school but cannot due to child care issues. That is why we hope the grant will continue for the next family out there. I would like to also express my thanks to the staff of the NBHC. They treat my daughter as on of their own. They are kind and caring and always have my daughter's best interest at heart. Thank you for your time and I hope this program will continue for the La Porte community.

Thank you,
K. Molina

To Whom It May Concern:

My 8 year old, Hayley Hartt, has been attending the La Porte Neighborhood Center for the last 2 years. This program has been a godsend for me, not only has it helped me in the finance department, but my daughter has benefited educationally and emotionally. This program is wonderful in every way. It's more than a daycare, they are consistently teaching these kids something new. It's such a great feeling to pick your child up and to hear them go on and on about what they have learned at daycare, that's just priceless to me, for me as a single mom who has to work every day and I can't spend that time with my child, it makes me feel good that she is at a place she feels safe and is enjoying learning. Mrs. Becky and her staff are just awesome. My daughter loves going and looks forward to going on school holidays all day, she loves the people that work there so I know she's treated well. I'm not sure how she would have ever got to do all the things she has got to do since attending the program, I have to work and most likely would not be able to afford it. And the best part for me is it's educational. My daughter is on the honor roll at school all A's and 1 B, which is great and I think I has a lot to do with attending the after school program and the help of the people who work there.

Thank you,
Denise Hartt

Dear Becky Jordy:

I am writing this letter to explain how much this center means to my family. As a single parent with four young children on a single income this center has been a tremendous load off my shoulders financially. I would not be able to afford to take my children to another center due to financial reasons. It saddens me to even think that this center would not be able to get another grant and I do not know what I would do without this facility.

When I told my children they were very upset because not only does the center provide care it also allows them to participate in field trips that they would probably not have gone on, they also help them with their homework which is a great help to me.

To make this letter short I and a lot of other families need this center to continue to provide the care and help that we as parents need without you our kids may not have a place to go. If there is anything we as parents can do please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,
Janet Bob

Hi Mr. Turkel,

My name is Cadesha Ershin and I come to the La Porte Neighborhood Center after school. I was so sad to learn that we will not have any money for field trips and learning activities. The art teacher was my favorite, and we will never get to see him again. Thank you.

April 6, 2005

Dear Mr. Turkel:

I am not a Director or Officer or Neighborhood Centers. I am a retiree from industry who has served on various boards and commissions, both elected and volunteer, with various cities in east Harris County and the 13 county Houston Galveston Area Council. In these various capacities I have seldom seen an organization that is as effective and has as much community support as NCI has in La Porte. They began filling a serious need during my tenure on city council and are continuing to expand their services in a methodical, planned progression with active support from the city as well as local churches.

Especially needed here are services for the Hispanic influx which we are now seeing. You cannot ignore their comparatively low income and higher number in east Harris County compare with other more affluent neighborhoods. Also this group has an especially large number of children which our local NCI staff is trying to serve.

The Harris County Community Block Grant has become one of the vital aids in serving this group and the sudden, unexpected withdrawal of these funds can not be compensated for except over time and by "over time" I mean until we can determine what other needed programs we have to terminate.

One very disturbing fact is that no reason has been given to canceling this grant and identifying who has a need greater than ours. Politics as usual does not set well when our children are put at risk. I support the group of Advisory Board Members who will appear at the public hearing April 7.

It is too bad I am scheduled for a medical procedure which can not be changed. I would like to hear the rationale which downgrades the public health and physical well being of our residents. Your support in restoring the grant would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Guy Sutherland

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to thank the After School Program at the Neighborhood Center for helping my children after school. They have helped with my children's homework, tutoring and keeping them safe after school.

If the Center was not there my 3 kids, Daisy, Monica, and Michael, would be walking and staying home alone without adult supervision. Because of them I'm able to work and have peace of mind that my children are being safe and taking care, especially for my 6 year old boy. He is very hyperactive and need constant supervision. The staff at the Neighborhood Center are great with my kids and have helped my son with homework and reading. Especially in the summer time with field trips and just kind of caring for them, when I am at work all day and otherwise they would stay home alone. Thank you for your care and help with childrens education.

Sincerely,
Monica C. Ramundo

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cynthia J. Cour-Palais. I am writing this letter today on behalf of the Neighborhood Center located in La Porte, Texas. I was recently informed that they were in danger of losing their funding for their government programs. Please do not allow this to happen. I am the mother of four children and if it were not for the program provided by the Neighborhood Center of La Porte, I would not be able to provide the necessities that my family needs. My children have benefited so much from this program. They offer educational trips to nature centers. My children never have been able to experience that. They have visitors to the center that provide entertaining, educational science facts. The center provides nutritional snacks, which is very important for young children. One of the best things I find about the program is that they emphasize education. All the children are expected to do their homework at the center and are all helped with their studies. They are taught how to use the internet and supervised appropriately. They visit educational websites. They have an art teacher that comes in as well to provide them with artistic exposure as well. The center is open on days that the schools are closed and allows for me to work instead of having to request days off that may result in my loss of a job. The center also provides many fieldtrips for the children that I as a single parent could not afford. One memorable trip was the trip to the Kemah Board walk. My children will never forget their first rides on an amusement park ride and that they were taken there by the Neighborhood Center of La Porte. Please renew their funding.

Sincerely,
Cynthia J. Cour-Palais

Monday, April 4, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being written to inform you of all the wonderful things being offered through Neighborhood Centers Inc for the Community.

My husband, myself and two children ages 5 and 6 moved to La Porte Texas the end of October 2003. His health was failing and we were looking for better medical care for him. All my time was taken up with my husband, getting him to the doctors and for all his treatments and home health care that I was having to provide for him. I was also worried about the best interest of the children and doing everything to make sure they were not neglected.

My worries were eased when I learned about the Neighborhood Center and all the different services and programs that they offer. We were all living on my husbands SSI income and I couldn't leave my husband unattended for fear that he would need me and no one would be there to help him.

I received assistance with the funding for the after school program for my children, which has kept them involved with many projects and field trips as well as being a tutor with their homework. My utility bills would have been turned off if it wasn't for their help. They provided me with the groceries for my home.

All of their staff is highly qualified to be there working with the children and helping them cope with problems ranging from school work to emotional disputes, brought on by home problems and the affect they are causing in their minds. During the school months, the staff helps the children with their homework as well as many special activities. Something special is always organized for holidays and special occasions. During the summer months Neighborhood Center has a well planned out summer of fun for the kids. Because of my income level, I could never do all the excellent entertainment provided by Neighborhood Center.

In November 2004 my husband passed away and once again the Neighborhood Center came through with their understanding staff and letting me know if there was anything they could do to help me through this. Once again, the kids were weighing heavily on my mind, and once again the staff came through for me with the moral support that was needed.

In February 2005 a Grant was approved for me through the Neighborhood Center for an opportunity to learn a continuing Education Skill which would make it possible to get a job and support my children.

Once again thank you for having this service available to the community and to offer such special programs that helps people like me who feel they don't have any where to turn or anyone who cares. Your staff at Neighborhood Center in La Porte has given me all that I needed and then some to help me get out and make a different start for myself.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Sharon Styron and Children

City of Baytown
P.O. Box 424
Baytown, TX 77522-0424

April 25, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

After viewing the current Harris County Annual Action Plan, we are pleased that Harris County has allocated funds for the benefit of citizens within the City of Baytown. With the growing population of our city, the services you supported will afford our citizens more of an opportunity to pursue comfortable lifestyles. It is my belief that programs such as the Harris County ADDI Downpayment Assistance Program and the New Horizon Family Center will make positive changes within our city limits.

Once again, thank you for your support and we look forward to working with your agency in the future and to continue progress within our city.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Foster
Community Development Planning Manager

2005 Projected Use of Funds

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
CDBG		
City of Galena Park	City of Galena Park Sanitary Sewer Rehab	\$ 433,745
City of Jacinto City	City of Jacinto City Senior and Multi-Service Center	\$ 1,525,526
City of South Houston	City of South Houston Sanitary Sewer	\$ 616,100
Greenwood	Greenwood Utility District Sanitary Sewer	\$ 397,738
Linus	Harris County FWSD 1-A Linus Sanitary Sewer Lift Station	\$ 310,070
Barrett Station	Harris County FWSD 1-A Water Sewer Rehab #4 & 5	\$ 471,064
Linus	Harris County FWSD 27 Sewer System	\$ 18,000
County Wide	Harris County Health and Safety	\$ 150,277
County Wide	Harris County Minor Repair	\$ 115,346
Barrett Station	Harris County MUD 50 Rehabilitation of Storage Tank	\$ 332,543
Barrett Station	Harris County MUD 50 Sewer Water Extension	\$ 224,422
Barrett Station	Harris County MUD 50 Water Sewer Rehab #4 & 5	\$ 501,465
County Wide	Harris County PHES Nuisance Abatement	\$ 130,000
North Houston Heights	Harris County PID North Houston Heights	\$ 626,025
McNair	Harris County Precinct 2 Parks Edna Mae Washington Water Spray Park	\$ 186,850
Aldine	Harris County Precinct 2 Parks Hall's Bayou Jogging Trail	\$ 20,122
Northwest Harris County	Harris County Precinct 3 Westside Senior Education Center	\$ 200,000
Spring	Harris County Precinct 4 Parks WM Southwell Park	\$ 21,816
Channelview	Harris County WCID 21 Meads Road Project Water/Sewer Lines	\$ 167,155

County Wide	New Horizon Family Center	\$	306,473
Waller	SPARK Waller Junior High	\$	210,535
County Wide	Harris County Downpayment Assistance Program	\$	842,281
County Wide	Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans AAMA House	\$	70,000
County Wide	Astrodome Resource Center	\$	60,400
County Wide	Children's Assessment Center	\$	80,000
	Assessment, Therapy and Psychological Services		
South Houston	Communities in Schools South Houston Youth Prevention Initiative Services	\$	44,000
County Wide	CROSSROADS Delinquency Prevention	\$	35,000
Harris County Precinct 2	East Harris County Senior Citizens Case Assessment and Transportation Voucher Program	\$	100,000
Harris County Precinct 2	East Harris County Youth Program	\$	166,323
County Wide	FLAS HIV Prevention Among Hispanic Youth	\$	75,000
County Wide	Harris County Juvenile Board Katy-Hockley Boot Camp	\$	34,650
Aldine	Harris County Street Olympics Aquatics	\$	59,943
Southeast Precinct 1 Harris County	Harris County Precinct One Seniors Drama	\$	28,700
County Wide	Harris County PSCA TRIAD: Truancy Learning Camp	\$	88,000
County Wide	Health Care for the Homeless-Houston Dental Care for the Homeless	\$	76,300
County Wide	Houston Area Women's Center Children and Youth Enrichment	\$	60,681
County Wide	Houston SRO Housing Corporation PARTNERS Supportive Housing Program	\$	31,157
Northeast Harris County	Humble Area Assistance Ministries Housing Crisis Assistance	\$	60,000
Northwest Harris County	Northwest Assistance Ministries Meals on Wheels	\$	35,000
County Wide	Prevent Blindness Texas Partners In Prevention	\$	39,200

East Harris County	San Jacinto College North Basic Computer Skills	\$ 96,000
County Wide	SEARCH Housing for the Homeless	\$ 50,000
County Wide	Family Time Foundation Battered Women's Shelter	\$ 46,600

HOME

County Wide	Harris County Downpayment Assistance Program	\$ 1,521,972
County Wide	Harris County Housing Authority Waterside Court	\$ 1,806,682*
County Wide	Harris County Major Rehab Program	\$ 463,942

ESG

County Wide	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston Family Assistance Program	\$ 39,668
County Wide	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston Houston Villa Guadalupe Transitional Housing Facility	\$ 17,158
County Wide	Houston Area Women's Center Essential Services for Homeless Battered Women And Children	\$ 100,000
County Wide	New Horizon Family Center ESG Grant	\$ 59,500
County Wide	Northwest Assistance Ministries Assistance Program	\$ 100,000
County Wide	Star of Hope Women and Family Shelter	\$ 58,500
County Wide	The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.	\$ 42,000

ADDI

County Wide	Harris County ADDI Downpayment Assistance Program	\$ 134,781
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County Wide includes only the unincorporated areas of Harris County and 15 cities within the county that have signed cooperative agreements to participate in the county's entitlement program.

* Allocation includes a combination of PY2005 funds (\$674,843) and PY2002 funds (\$1,131,839).

BENEFIT TO LOW-INCOME PERSONS

No less than 70 percent of the PY2005 CDBG funds will be used for activities that principally benefit low-income persons.

DISPLACEMENT PLAN AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

None of the proposed PY2005 activities are expected to result in the permanent displacement of any person, business, or other entity. Harris County's Plan for "Minimizing Displacement of Persons as a Result of a CDBG-funded Activity," which includes a description of the types of a level of relocation assistance available, can be reviewed in the CEDD office.

PUBLIC COMMENT & HEARING

The Harris County Commissioners Court is scheduled to consider the PY2005 Annual Action Plan on April 26, 2005, at 10:00 A.M. at the Harris County Commissioners Court, 1001 Preston, Houston, Texas 77002. Comments may be submitted by this date at the CEDD office (8410 Lantern Point Drive, Houston, Texas, 77054), by calling the Development staff at (713) 578-2000, or at the Harris County Annual Action Plan public hearing scheduled for:

Thursday, April 7, 2005

2:00 P.M.

at the

Harris County Community and Economic Development Department

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