

Resources Available

The Harris County Community and Economic Development Department (HCCEDD) has grown to become an organization funded through a variety of federal and non-federal entitlement funds from a variety of grants including CDBG, HOME, ESG, and ADDI funds. In addition to HCCEDD, many other public and private agencies and other county departments offer services to low-income persons and, in many cases, complement community development efforts.

Federal Entitlement Resources

Harris County receives funds through four major formula grants issued by HUD: CDBG, HOME, ESG and ADDI. Harris County anticipates receiving approximately \$14,603,771 in CDBG, HOME, ESG and ADDI funds and \$78,518 in program income for PY2008. See Appendix B for Source of Program Income for PY2008.

Figure 1: Anticipated PY2008 Entitlement Funds Allocation

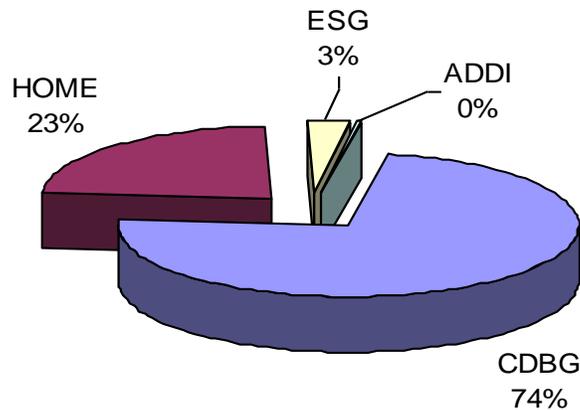


Table 2 provides a numerical representation of the changes in funding over the past five years.

Table 2: Harris County Entitlement Funds, PY2004 to PY2008

Program Year	CDBG	HOME	ESG	ADDI	TOTAL
PY2004	\$12,729,000	\$3,878,760	\$469,021	\$236,366	\$17,313,147
PY2005	\$12,131,506	\$3,709,549	\$465,561	\$134,781	\$16,441,397
PY2006	\$10,985,813	\$3,484,971	\$466,583	\$67,255	\$15,004,622
PY2007	\$11,032,425	\$3,458,436	\$473,802	\$67,255	\$15,031,918
PY2008	\$10,748,360	\$3,352,888	\$475,349	\$27,174	\$14,603,771

Table 3: Harris County PY2008 Funding Sources

Entitlement Grant, includes reallocated funds	
CDBG	\$10,748,360
HOME	\$3,352,888
ESG	\$475,349
ADDI	\$27,174
Total Entitlement Grants	\$14,603,771
Prior Years' Program Income NOT previously programmed or reported	
CDBG	\$0
HOME	\$0
ESG	\$0
Total	\$0
Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds	
CDBG	\$0
HOME	\$0
ESG 2004	\$7,152
2006	\$18,125
2007	\$2,165
Total	\$27,442
Total Estimated Program Income	
CDBG Subtotal	\$71,015
HOME Subtotal	\$7,503
Total Estimated Program Income	\$78,518
Section 108 Loan Guarantee Fund	
Total	\$0
Total Funding Sources	\$14,682,289
Proposed Projects	42

As an urban county, Harris County receives funds to cover all of unincorporated Harris County in addition to fifteen smaller cities within the county that agree to allow services within their jurisdiction. There are four entitlement jurisdictions within Harris County that receive HUD funds: Harris County and the cities of Houston, Pasadena, and Baytown. Cumulatively, these jurisdictions will receive approximately \$80 million in CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA and ADDI entitlement funds. The portion received by Harris County accounts for less than 20 percent of those funds. The City of Houston, on the other hand, represents 64 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. In comparison to Houston and Harris County, the entitlement funds available to these counties remain small, but they play an important role in addressing regional community revitalization.

Table 4: Entitlement Funds Throughout the Area, FY2008¹

	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	ADDI	TOTAL
Harris County	\$10,748,360	\$3,352,888	\$475,349	\$0	\$27,174	\$14,603,771
Houston	\$29,798,698	\$12,722,540	\$1,326,597	\$6,038,000	\$107,611	\$49,993,446
Pasadena	\$1,902,684	\$734,754	\$85,050	\$0	\$0	\$2,722,488
Baytown	\$819,318	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$819,318
League City	\$284,751	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$284,751
Missouri City	\$298,877	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$298,877
Pearland	\$269,260	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$269,260
Sugar Land	\$337,052	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$337,052
Galveston	\$1,410,021	\$534,637	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,944,658
Fort Bend County	\$1,873,205	\$504,335	\$82,082	\$0	\$3,461	\$2,463,083
Brazoria County	\$1,704,120	\$576,137	\$0	\$0	\$4,883	\$2,285,140
Montgomery County	\$1,785,664	\$486,696	\$0	\$0	\$3,456	\$2,275,816
Total	\$51,232,010	\$18,911,987	\$1,969,078	\$6,038,000	\$146,585	\$78,297,660

¹ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Community Planning and Development Program Formula Allocations for FY 2008
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/budget/budget08/>

Other Resources - Federal

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

In HUD's FY2007 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Competition, Harris County, the Coalition for the Homeless, and the City of Houston requested \$20,122,265 in funding from HUD's Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program (SRO). This request represented 31 organizations with 66 projects to assist homeless individuals and families. Harris County administers 18 of those projects, receiving \$3,983,536 million in funding. These organizations will provide SRO units, transitional housing, and permanent housing for people with disabilities, and supportive services, including case management, literacy/education training, employment skills training, preventive health care, transportation, and substance abuse counseling.

Federal Transit Administration

Harris County became a recipient of Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") funding in 2006 and is now eligible to receive up to \$4.5 million a year in FTA funding for use in areas outside of the METRO service area. For fiscal years 2006 and 2007, Harris County was allocated approximately \$2.2 million. Of that amount, \$889,000 has been programmed for various projects in multiple locations within Harris County. Some of those projects include a Park and Ride project which began operation in October 2007 at Garth Road and Interstate 10 in the City of Baytown. This Park and Ride service is delivering over 60 people per day to jobs within the Central Business District of Houston as well as providing trips to the Medical Center. Another program supported by these FTA funds is the continued operation of the Non-emergency Medical Transportation Program (CDBG funded activity) which provides free transportation services for elderly and handicapped individuals in connection with their medical needs.

In addition to the above, Harris County has programmed approximately \$1.3 million of FTA funds for use by the County's RIDES program. The RIDES program provides subsidized Taxi Vouchers for individuals qualified by participating agencies to receive benefits of the program.

Disaster Housing Assistance Program

HCCEDD was awarded \$6,673,400 from the DHAP (Disaster Housing Assistance Program) for the purpose of providing case management and contract monitoring services for a period of 18 months. Of the awarded amount, HCCEDD will perform contract monitoring services in the amount of \$3,336,700 and the remainder will be subcontracted to other agencies to provide case management for eligible households.

CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding

HCCEDD will also receive an allotment from the State of Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds. The allotment, in the amount of \$20 million dollars will be used to assist with the needs of predominantly low to moderate income persons and expanded services to incarcerated evacuees who fled to and continue to reside in the Houston region as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Other Resources - Non-Federal

State Funding

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 PY2008 AAP was submitted to HUD, Harris County had received notice from 24 developers of their intent to apply for LIHTC and construct a total of 4,050 affordable rental housing units in 22 developments within the Harris County service area.

Other Sources of Funding

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ). Harris County utilizes special TIRZ funds designated for the creation of affordable housing to provide additional funding for homeless shelters, down payment assistance, and other affordable housing related projects. These funds are utilized to provide assistance to eligible participants in the form of loans and grants, in order to increase the availability of affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low-income individuals and families.

Harris County Housing Finance Corporation (HCHFC). During PY2006, HCCEDD received \$1 million from HCHFC that will be carried over into PY2008 to help support the DAP and Home Repair Programs.

CenterPoint Energy. Through its Agencies in Action Program, CenterPoint Energy has awarded \$200,000 to the County to assist CenterPoint Energy by identifying eligible customers, validating income eligibility, performing assessments to prioritize energy efficiency improvements and arranging for the retrofitting or installation of eligible energy efficiency measures. The funding will be made available annually to provide efficiency improvements to income-eligible customers within CenterPoint's electric distribution service area.

HCCEDD represents only one of the many departments within Harris County working to improve the quality of life for all Harris County residents, including those low-income individuals and families within Harris County's HUD service area. In fact, the majority of County departments work toward improving quality of life and enhancing community revitalization. Even without the use of HUD funds, the County's many departments 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 128 parks and community centers.

Analysis of PY2008 grant expenditures in the major areas of the PY2008-2012 Consolidated Plan, such as housing, public facilities, infrastructure, youth services and health, indicate that activities implemented in other County departments complement those funded through HCCEDD. For example, the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department spends a large amount of its annual budget providing health services such as immunization, prenatal care, and pediatric health care.

TDHCA Manufactured Housing Division. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Manufactured Housing Division implements state and federal laws to regulate the manufactured housing industry in Texas and is the only regulatory function of the agency. TDHCA selected HCCEDD's Housing Construction and Inspection Services Section as a contractor to perform inspection and enforcement activities related to the construction of nonpermanent foundation systems and the erection and installation of temporary manufactured housing at home sites within the Harris County service area for a period of 24 months. Approximately fifteen (15) home sites per month will be inspected and the County will be reimbursed at a rate of \$75.00 for each inspection of nonpermanent foundations and \$150.00 per inspection of each permanent foundation.