

Resources Available

The Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) has grown to become an organization funded through a variety of federal and non-federal funds from a variety of grants including CDBG, HOME, ESG, ADDI, CDBG Disaster Recovery, Federal Transit Administration and Neighborhood Stabilization Program. In addition to HCCSD, 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 \$13,740,169 in CDBG, HOME, ESG and ADDI funds and \$62,075 in program income for PY2009. Appendix B details Source of Program Income for PY2009.

Figure 1: Anticipated PY2009 Entitlement Funds Allocation *

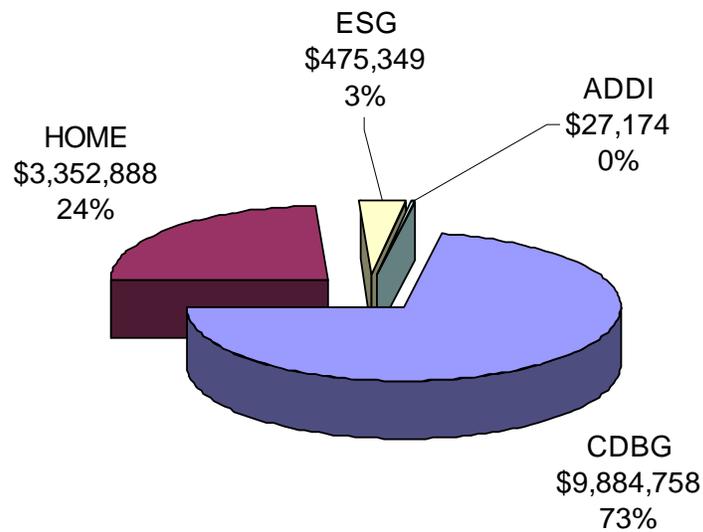


Table 2 provides a numerical representation of the changes in funding over the past five years.

* Please note that allocation amounts throughout this document reflect the voluntary reduction of \$863,602 in CDBG funding as resolution to a program finding from PY2001.

Table 2: Harris County Entitlement Funds, PY2005 to PY2009

Program Year	CDBG	HOME	ESG	ADDI	TOTAL
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
PY2009	\$9,884,758	\$3,352,888	\$475,349	\$27,174	\$13,740,169

Table 3: Harris County PY2009 Funding Sources

Entitlement Grants	
CDBG	\$9,884,758
HOME	\$3,352,888
ESG	\$475,349
ADDI	\$27,174
Total Entitlement Grants	\$13,740,169
Total Estimated Program Income	
CDBG Subtotal	\$54,572
HOME Subtotal	\$7,503
Total Estimated Program Income	\$62,075
Total Funding Sources	
Total Funding Sources	\$13,802,244
Proposed Projects	44

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
<i>Harris County</i>	<i>\$10,748,360</i>	<i>\$3,352,888</i>	<i>\$475,349</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$27,174</i>	<i>\$14,603,771</i>
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.

CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding

In 2008, HCCSD received an allotment from the State of Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds. The allotment, in the amount of \$20 million dollars, is currently being used to assist with the needs of predominantly low to moderate income persons. The expanded services include services to incarcerated evacuees, the provision of public health services in the form of emergency and non-emergency medical services, the provision of residential placement and counseling services in the juvenile justice system, the provision of crisis counseling, case management, therapeutic mental health services and the provision of non-emergency medical transportation services to evacuees who fled to and continue to reside in the Houston region as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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 FY2008 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Competition, Harris County, the Coalition for the Homeless, and the City of Houston requested \$21,826,537 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 27 organizations with 53 projects to assist homeless individuals and families. Harris County administers 13 of those projects, receiving \$3,970,200 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, 2007 and 2008 Harris County was allocated approximately \$4.6 million. Of that amount, \$2,539,000 has been programmed for various projects in multiple locations within Harris County. Some of those projects include:

- A Park and Ride at Garth Road and Interstate 10 in the City of Baytown. This Park and Ride service is delivering over 100 people per day to jobs within the Central Business District of Houston as well as providing trips to the Texas Medical Center;
- Local fixed route service in the City of Baytown. This local service began in August 2008 in partnership with Lee College, the City of Baytown and United Way of the Baytown Area. This service carries an average of 100 passengers per day to school, medical appointments and local employment opportunities;
- 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; and
- An additional Park and Ride is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2009 in Pasadena to service the State Highway 225 corridor.

In addition to the above, Harris County has programmed approximately \$2,085,000 million of FTA funds for use by the Harris County RIDES Program. The RIDES Program is administered by the Office of the County Judge and provides subsidized Taxi Vouchers for individuals qualified by participating agencies to receive benefits of the program.

NSP- Housing Info

Harris County developed the Home Ownership Protection Program (HOPP) to best allocate NSP funding. HOPP is a holistic approach to addressing the foreclosure problems in Harris County. Harris County will use NSP funding to perform traditional acquisitions and redevelopments of abandoned properties, but also supplement this with Harris County funding to creatively address the needs of low-income home owners and residents in the County. All single family activities created through HOPP will include a minimum of eight hours of housing counseling. HOPP will focus on two areas that address Harris County's greatest need: 1) direct owner intervention and 2) County acquisition & disposal.

The direct owner intervention portion of the program will work directly with home owners that are in the Harris County Service Area, have current, stable employment, have the ability to service debt and are at or below 120 percent of the median family income. The County acquisition and disposal portion will focus on acquiring and redeveloping properties that are in the Harris County Service Area, in an area where rehabilitation and resale will be in the best possible physical condition and have an impact on stabilizing the neighborhood.

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 PY2009 AAP was approved by Commissioner's Court, Harris County had received notice from 25 developers of their intent to apply for LIHTC and construct a total of 3,494 affordable rental housing units in 25 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 PY2008, HCCSD received \$1 million from HCHFC that will be carried over into PY2009 to help support the DAP and Home Repair Programs. DAP will receive 80% of the funding serving 56 households and Harris County Home Repair Program will receive 20% serving 20 households.

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.

County Departments. HCCSD 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 6,000 road miles maintained by Harris County precincts as well as 128 parks and community centers.

Analysis of PY2009 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 HCCSD. 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.