

**Harris County  
Community Services Department**

**PY2014  
Annual Action Plan**



## **Executive Summary**

### **AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) assists low-income communities by providing and supporting community programs, facilities and services through the distribution of Community Development Block Grant(CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Harris County will receive \$15,702,816 for use towards community development activities during Program Year 2014 (PY2014), which begins March 1, 2014 and ends February 28, 2015. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines this allocation amount based on Harris County's Service Area population, poverty, housing overcrowding and age of housing. In order to receive these funds annual grants, Harris County must submit a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD for approval.

The 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan and PY2014 Annual Action Plan represents Harris County's vision for improving the quality of life in the low-and moderate-income areas of the county. It is a comprehensive plan addressing the County's housing, homelessness, and a non-housing community development needs for the five-year period. The plan contains goals, performance outcomes objectives, and implantation strategies for each of the plan's elements. The Annual Action Plan is a one year plan that describes the activities that the county will fund, implement, and/or support the implementation of 2014 projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Grant funds.

HCCSD is required to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive funding for program years 2013-2017. This money is provided to Harris County in order to benefit low-and moderate-income persons, eliminate slum and blight and to provide for urgent needs within the County.

#### **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Existing needs in Harris County are largely driven by current difficulties in the housing market, limited opportunities in the employment sectors, aging infrastructure, and shifting population trends.

Population size and location are dependent upon a number of factors. These include but are not limited to a community's ability to provide quality infrastructure such as roads and bridges and satisfactory levels of basic public services and facilities, such as police, fire, public health and emergency medical services, schools, and utilities. All of these impact the natural environment and affect quality of life for residents and visitors.

Many communities within the Harris County service area lack the basic necessities for a suitable living environment. There are often significant deficits in affordable housing options, supportive services for special needs populations, available homeless facilities, education and job training opportunities, and necessary infrastructure. Unfortunately, statistics regarding changes in the Harris County population potentially indicate that the need for community services and facilities is likely to continue to grow while the ability to cover rising costs may shrink. In order to address these needs, Harris County through a collaborative planning process has developed the following goals and measurable objectives in coordination with community partners over the next five years in Housing; Homeless; Public Facilities; Economic Development; Infrastructure; and Public Services.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Harris County evaluates its past performance every year as part of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) as required by HUD. The PY2012 CAPER was completed in May of 2013 and evaluated the County's performance for PY2012 and the last year of the PY2008-2012 Consolidated Plan.

During 2012, Harris County addressed issues in housing, homelessness, access to public services and facilities, provided infrastructure improvements and assisted with the eliminated of slum and blight. Listed below are Harris County 2012 Annual Action Plan and 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan accomplishments:

#### Housing

- Provided 92 households with direct down payment and closing cost assistance.
- Rehabilitated 33 owner-occupied housing units for the purpose of supplying decent and safe housing.
- Abated 28 lead contaminated housing units occupied by low-income persons to assist in the control of lead based paint hazards.
- Constructed 10 new affordable housing units all of which were rental units.

#### Homeless

- Assisted 11,192 homeless individuals and families with shelter and supportive services utilizing ESG funds.

- 1,604 homeless individuals were provided with supportive services utilizing CDBG funds.

#### Public Services

- Provided 1,231 seniors with Senior Services to enable them to increase or maintain quality of life and promote physical, mental, and social well-being.
- Provided 1,805 youth with Youth Services for the purpose of enriching, protecting, and improving quality of life.
- Provided Transportation services to 223 persons to increase mobility and access.
- Provided 25 persons with Substance Abuse Services to assist with well being.
- Provided 260 persons with Child Care services for the purpose of enriching, protecting and improving quality of life.
- Assisted 764 children with Abused and Neglected Children services for the purpose of enabling a secure and stable environment.

#### Public Facilities and Infrastructure

- Provided improvements or construction of parks and recreational facilities for 11,640 persons to serve recreational and leisure needs.
- 29,173 persons have improved access to cleaner water and sewer improvements.
- Provided street improvements to 4,590 persons for the purpose of improving the living environment.

#### Other

- Demolished 18 abandoned homes that contributed to slum and blight in the county.

## **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As part of the citizen participation process, Harris County provides several opportunities and activities to solicit participation from county residents and consults with the many organizations within the county. The participation of citizens and professionals is crucial to the process of planning for a community. Harris County residents are encouraged to participate throughout all stages of planning, review, and execution of community development activities. The Citizen Participation Plan emphasizes the involvement of low-income residents including non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments. The plan outlines the process through which the public can access general information, receive technical assistance, provide comments on critical issues, and receive timely responses to questions raised. Harris County offers multiple opportunities for

participation during the drafting of the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan, as well as the Request for Proposal (RFP) Process. These opportunities include public hearings, public notices, HCCSD website postings and emails to Harris County's interested parties mailing list.

During Harris County's PY2014 annual RFP process, all prospective applicants interested in applying for Harris County entitlement funds were notified of funding opportunities through the issuance of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on May 17, 2013. The NOFA was made available in three languages, English, Vietnamese, and Spanish, and posted in local newspapers, the HCCSD webpage and sent to interested parties via email and mail. To ensure full participation in the RFP process Harris County provided applicant conferences May 22-23, 2013. The conferences were specific to each program area, CDBG Public Services, HOME, and ESG. A conference for CDBG General was not held due to the PY2014 projects being evaluated thorough the PY2013 pre-application process. During the conferences, HCCSD staff presented information on program guidelines and instructions on completing the applications. Harris County Development, Grants Management, and Finance staff was also available to provide instruction the completion and submission of the application and program guidelines. Technical Assistance was also provided June 3-7, 2013, prior to the June 17, 2013 deadline, for applicants that may need addition assistance with the application.

The PY2014 Annual Action Plan and PY2014 CDBG and ESG projects were presented for public comment on November 1, 2013. During the following 30-day public review period, comments and suggestions were recorded by staff. On November 19, 2013 and December 3, 2013 at 10:00 am, public hearings were held in which Harris County residents could voice their opinions on conditional PY2014 awarded projects and the 2014 Annual Action Plan. All comments recorded during the public review period and public hearings are added to the Annual Action Plan.

Upon receiving notification of HUD's PY2014 actual allocation amounts for Harris County's CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, a public notice of proposed amendments to the Annual Action Plan was published in the Houston Chronicle on March 21, 2014 and posted to HCCSD's website per the County's Amendment Policy.

## **5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

One public comment was received by email from HCHA during the PY2014 Annual Action Plan public comment period. The public comment was "the legend of the Minority Concentration map does not list what the light blue areas mean," referencing the legend of one of the maps included in the plan.

Comments could be submitted to HCCSD by phone, email, letter or in person by visiting the HCCSD office to review the draft AAP. The public could also offer comments by attending public hearings held at HCCSD's office on November 19, 2013, at 10 am or on December 3, 2013, at the Harris County Commissioners Court Meeting.

## **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

Only one public comment was received and not accepted. Harris County did not accept the comment as staff had already revised the map in question.

## **7. Summary**

The PY2013-2017 Consolidated Plan and the PY2014 Annual Action Plan represent Harris County's vision for improving the quality of life in the low- and moderate-income areas of the county. The PY2014 Annual Action Plan is based on the Consolidated Plan's elements that identify housing, homeless, community, and economic development needs and resources, and establishes a strategic plan for meeting those needs. In its completed form, the Consolidated Plan aids decision makers in creating strategies and documents such as the PY2014 Annual Action Plan that address such issues as employment and employability, business opportunities, adequate streets, water, sewage and drainage systems, proper and useful education, parks and green spaces, community facilities, quality health care, and safe, peaceful, productive neighborhoods to persons living in low-income communities. The completed Consolidated Plan guides the county's distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for each Annual Action Plan over all five years from PY2013-2017.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Lead Agency	HARRIS COUNTY	Harris County Community Services Department
CDBG Administrator	HARRIS COUNTY	Harris County Community Services Department
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	HARRIS COUNTY	Harris County Community Services Department
ESG Administrator	HARRIS COUNTY	Harris County Community Services Department
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The Lead Agency for preparing the Consolidated Plan is the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD). The department is responsible for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) grant programs and preparation of federal reports.

The 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan and PY2014 Annual Action Plan contains plan elements that will address long-term goals and objectives for improving the quality of life for low and moderate-income residents and communities. The plan describes the activities the county will fund, implement, and/or support using its annual federal allocation. It provides useful information about current conditions within the county and identifies its strengths and weaknesses on community development issues.

As a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive funding for 2013-2017, HCCSD has developed and submitted a Consolidated Plan. Funds received through HUD entitlement dollars will be used to benefit Harris County low and moderate income persons, eliminate slum and blight and assist with urgent needs within the County.

### **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

For questions regarding the PY2013-2017 Consolidated Plan, contact Harris County Community Development (HCCSD) Planning and Development by phone at (713) 578-2000 or submit your comments in writing to Jared Briggs, Development Manager at Harris County Community Services Department, 8410 Lantern Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77054.

## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

Harris County is dedicated to obtaining input from citizens, professionals, non-profits and other governmental entities. Input from these groups is of the utmost importance not only during the development of community plans, but as a part of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan process itself. Effectively planning for a community would be difficult, if not impossible, without the support of its residents, especially low-income citizens directly affected by community development projects and programs. It is for these reasons that citizen participation is strongly encouraged throughout the processes of community revitalization planning, short and long range departmental planning, and plan implementation.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

Harris County has recently completed extensive consultation with local housing, health, mental, and service agencies as they developed the PY2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. Through these consultations the county is working on several coalition, such as the local initiative to end homeless through the 100,000 Homes campaign with the local housing authorities, HC Social Service Department, the Mental Health Authority, VA, local housing providers and numerous service providers; working with the Center for Independent Living and other partners to build advocacy for Barrier Free housing; and partnering with the local MPO, Fair Housing organizations, housing authorities, service and housing providers and other government organizations to develop a regional Fair Housing Assessment. This is addition to providing input and consultation on local plans such as the Sustainability Plan supported by a HUD grant and Regional Transportation Plan for submission to the Federal and State Departments of Transportation.

Harris County consulted with numerous public, private and non-profit agencies to improve the coordination services and activities. Agencies consulted included local governments, organizations within our target areas, cooperative cities, community development organizations, housing providers, non-profit organizations, civic clubs, management districts, economic development groups, local business, education entities, homeless service providers, and health care providers. Consultation was performed through the use of meetings with large groups, smaller focus groups, one-on-one meetings and phone interviews. At least one meeting was held in each of Harris County’s precincts. Additional consultation was achieved with a survey distributed by email, posted on the county’s website for electronic submission and distributed at community centers and housing authority properties. The relationships between the various community partners and feedback received from meetings and survey’s, assisted with the identification of community needs and issues throughout the County. Once identified, these assisted with the creation of coordinated goals and strategies focused on the needs of low and moderate income individuals.

**Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County serves as the lead agency for the Houston/Harris/Ft. Bend County Continuum of Care structure. Since its inception, Harris County has served in a leadership role guiding the policies and funding for homelessness priorities for the Continuum of Care. In 2010, the Department of Housing and Urban Development identified the Houston region as a Priority Community. With this designation, the area and the Continuum of Care has received strategic technical assistance in developing its homelessness response and service system as well as the Continuum of Care (CoC) governance structure. Under the new structure, Harris County is a member of the CoC steering committee. As one of 17 members representing public and private interests, the steering committee uses recommendations from network and tasks groups to guide policy development for the CoC, including funding and project prioritization. This structure allows for diverse stakeholders to participate in the decision making process for funding while providing a transparent leadership around homelessness funding and priorities for the region. This structure was also put in place to provide a more coordinated response to homelessness where all funding in the region is targeted toward strategic solutions working to end homelessness in the region.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

Harris County regularly consults with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, the lead agency for the Houston, Harris County, Fort Bend County Continuum of Care structure. Through consultation efforts with the Coalition and other Continuum of Care members Harris County aligned the priorities of the County's homeless strategies with the Continuum-wide priorities for homelessness. The Coalition is a recipient of Harris County's ESG funds for the operation of the HMIS as they are the system administrator. The Coalition also assists in evaluation of projects requesting ESG funds by providing input on the quality and timeliness of an applicants HMIS data entry. The Continuum of Care members, including Harris County, meet regularly to discuss strategies and develop standards for ESG funded projects.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Harris County attends meetings and workgroups to address needs of the homeless and implement coordinated access system.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	HCHA staff was consulted regarding the placement of Low Income Tax Credit developments, ensuring consistency with the Consolidated Plan, the Housing Choice Voucher Program and community housing needs. HCHA residents participated in focus groups to identify strengths and weaknesses of their community along with future needs of seniors, persons with disabilities and low-to-moderate income residents.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOUSTON AREA URBAN LEAGUE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff met with HAUL representatives to discuss fair housing issues and training. Anticipated outcome is that HAUL will assist in future fair housing training to Harris County subrecipients while providing the county with fair housing complaint data.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Lead-based Paint Strategy Neighborhood Nuisance
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	PHES provides Harris County with Lead-based Paint information and data. The county provides PHES with CDBG funding for lead-based paint abatement efforts. PHES also receives funds for neighborhood nuisance abatement to improved area safety.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Organization was contacted to provide data regarding the individuals living with AIDS and/or HIV within the county.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	LEE COLLEGE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted with survey participation. Provided feedback on previous project performed with Harris County.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS-HOUSTON SEARCH INC.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation through review of data and attendance of CoC Charrette, steering committee and meetings. Anticipated outcome is improved services to homeless persons.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YWCA Houston
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff visited the YWCA facility that provides support and housing for young women that have aged out of foster-care and are attending college. An interview was conducted with the facilities director. Consultation will allow the county to better serve this particular population.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	THE CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The CAC was asked to provide data on their services and children served. Data was also collected from annual reports and the organizations website. Improved coordination providing services to abused/neglected children.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COALITION FOR BARRIER FREE LIVING HOUSTON CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff met with HCIL staff to discuss issues facing persons with disabilities and potential improvements in housing and services. Member of HSP Community Team with HCIL.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	AIRLINE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	AID was consulted via phone and email. The district provided feedback on revitalization efforts in the community and projects funded by Harris County. Consultation should aid coordination on future projects and serve as a model for others areas in the county facing similar difficulties.
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Houston-Galveston Area Council
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Harris County staff met with members of H-GAC as part of the Sustainable Communities Grant, fair housing equity assessment, opportunity mapping, transportation needs, and regional environmental issues. Copy of draft AAP sent for review. Outcomes expected are improved coordination and administration of services.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Agency consulted about facility needs and methods to improve and create more resilient services throughout the county.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HARRIS COUNTY PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Child Welfare Agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Review of data and justification of continuing community needs.

15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Harris Health System
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Information on healthcare needs for homeless and community needs for services to low income residents.
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Correspondence regarding housing market and LIHTC data.
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Housing and Urban Development - Houston Field Office
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - Federal
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	FHEO Office consultation to discuss data and complaints for better understanding of fair housing issues.
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Hettig/Kahn Holding, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Business Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted with survey, email, phone calls to discuss region's housing market, rental market and tax credits was well as overall economic condition.

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

Harris County contacted numerous agencies and organizations through e-mail, phone calls and meetings to solicit their input and participation in the planning process for both the Consolidated Plan and PY2014 Annual Action Plan. Harris County thinks that all critical agency types were consulted during the participation and consultation process.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	Harris County aligned the priorities of the county's homeless strategies with the Continuum-wide priorities for homelessness.
Regional Transportation Plan	Houston-Galveston Area Council	The goals of Harris County's Strategic Plan overlap with the Regional Transportation Plan by improving transit services particularly to underserved and low-income communities.
Regional Plan for Sustainable Development	Houston-Galveston Area Council	The goals of Harris County's Strategic Plan overlap with the RPSD by improving the quality of life for county residents. The goals of both plans include increasing the availability affordable housing, improving social equity and improving the region's economic competitiveness.
Fair Housing Equity Assessment	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Harris County's goals and the FHEA both work to further fair housing in the region.
Social Equity Profile	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Harris County's goals and the Equity Profile overlap to further social equity with economic, education and quality of life improvements to low-income residents.
City of Houston Consolidated Plan	City of Houston	Harris County and the City of Houston have many overlapping goals to address homelessness and improved the quality of life to underserved and low-income communities.
PHA Plan	Harris County Housing Authority	Harris County's Strategic Plan and the PHA Plan goals include increasing the availability and supply of affordable housing, improving the quality of life for residents, promoting economic improvements/vitality, promoting self-sufficiency and asset development of low-income families and affirmatively furthering fair housing throughout the county.
Healthy Living Matters	Public Health and Environmental Services	PHES and HCCSD both have goals to improve underserved and low-income resident's health, such as reducing childhood obesity through a better environment and access to health services.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

Regional collaboration and coordination is facilitated by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) which covers a thirteen county region of southeast Texas and includes Harris County. The county works with H-GAC and surrounding counties and communities on transportation, population growth, sustainability, water quality and many other issues.

Harris County actively works with the Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care to improve coordination and quality of services to the area's homeless population. Members of the Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care developed a process for providing Certifications of Consistency for agencies seeking funding through the TDHCA to ensure that state funds are aligned with local priorities.

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The Citizen Participation Process for the development of the PY 2014 Annual Action Plan utilizes elements from Harris County's PY2013-2017 Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Plan and includes public notices, public hearings, website postings, community/organization meeting attendance by staff and emails to interested parties.

The primary goal of the Citizens Participation Plan is to provide all citizens of the community with adequate opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans. The Plan details the proposed use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and other funding sources.

The Plan also sets forth policies and procedures for citizen participation, which are designed to maximize the opportunity for citizen participation in the community development process. Special emphasis has been placed on encouraging participation by persons of low-incomes, residents in target areas, residents in affordable housing developments, and residents of areas where community development funds are utilized. Additionally, emphasis was placed on encouraging participation from local housing authorities, residents of subsidized housing, non-English speaking persons, minorities, and persons with disabilities or special needs and to people who live in blighted/and or LMI neighborhoods participate in the planning effort.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Non-targeted/broad community	PY 2014 NOFA publication requested submission of RFPs for PY2014 funding.	HCCSD received 48 proposals for PY2014 projects.	N/A	<a href="http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx">http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx</a>
2	Internet Outreach	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Vietnamese  Non-targeted/broad community	PY 2014 NOFA information posted to HCCSD website requesting proposals.	HCCSD received 48 proposals for PY2014 projects.	N/A	<a href="http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx">http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Mailing of pamphlet to interested parties	Non-targeted/broad community	Mailed PY2014 NOFA pamphlet to interested parties.	HCCSD received 48 proposals for PY2014 projects.	N/A	<a href="http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx">http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
4	Emails	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Vietnamese</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Harris County CSD sent numerous emails using the interested parties contact list of several hundred individuals and organizations to notify them of public notices, the NOFA, hearings and applicant conferences.</p>	<p>Sixty-one applicant conference attendees reviewed a presentation and received guidance. HCCSD received 48 proposals for PY2014 projects.</p>	N/A	<p><a href="http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx">http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_rfp.aspx</a></p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	PY 2014 Public Notice of awards. Harris County CSD did not receive any response from citizens or organizations regarding the public notice.	No comments were received.	N/A	
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	PY 2014 Public Notice of awards. Harris County CSD did not receive any response from citizens or organizations regarding the public notice.	No comments were received.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
7	Internet Outreach	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Vietnamese  Non-targeted/broad community	PY 2014 Public Notice of awards. Harris County CSD did not receive any response from citizens or organizations to the posting.	No comments were received.	N/A	<a href="http://www.csd.hctx.net/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1889">http://www.csd.hctx.net/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1889</a>
8	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	PY 2014 AAP public hearing held at HCCSD offices on November 19, 2013.	No public comments were submitted at the public hearing.	N/A	<a href="http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/CmpDocuments/103/AAP13/English_PY2014_PN_Final.pdf">http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/CmpDocuments/103/AAP13/English_PY2014_PN_Final.pdf</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
9	Emails	Non-targeted/broad community	HCCSD sent emails to select organizations requesting review and comment on the draft Annual Action Plan during the public review period.	One comment from HCHA was received regarding the legend of the Minority Concentration Map.	Comment was logged but not accepted as the Minority Concentration Map's legend had already been revised by staff.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	PY2014 Annual Action Plan was posted to the December 3, 2013 Commissioners Court Agenda and approved at the public hearing by commissioners.	No public comments were received at the public hearing.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
11	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	For the PY2014 Public Notice in the Houston Chronicle of actual HUD allocations and amendments to annual action plan, Harris County did not receive any comments.	No public comments were received.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
12	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	For the PY2014 Public Notice placed on the HCCSD website of actual HUD allocations and amendments to the annual action plan, Harris County did not receive any comments.	No public comments received.	N/A	<a href="http://www.csd.hctx.net/aap_publicnotice.aspx">http://www.csd.hctx.net/aap_publicnotice.aspx</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
13	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Harris County received one comment related to the posting of the draft Annual Action Plan to the HCCSD website for public review.	One comment from HCHA was received regarding the legend of the Minority Concentration Map.	Comment was logged but not accepted as the Minority Concentration Map's legend had already been revised by staff.	<a href="http://www.csd.hctx.net/aap14.aspx">http://www.csd.hctx.net/aap14.aspx</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
14	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	PY2014 Annual Action Plan amendments for actual HUD allocations were posted to the April 22, 2014 Commissioners Court Agenda and approved at the public hearing by Harris County Commissioners.	No public comments were received.	N/A	<a href="http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/agenda/2014/2014-04-22ag.pdf">http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/agenda/2014/2014-04-22ag.pdf</a>

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

#### Introduction

Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) administers CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding for Harris County. HCCSD holds an annual Request for Proposal (RFP) process to allocate funding according to the priorities, goals and objectives of its Consolidated Plan. HCCSD also coordinates with the Harris County Housing Authority on the Authority's projects for low-income tax credits and partners with the Houston Housing Authority to extend HUD resources to rapidly house the homeless. Harris County also acts as sponsor for several Continuum of Care (CoC) applicants and is a steering committee member of the CoC.

#### Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	11,844,232	25,113	0	11,869,345	30,195,100	Harris County Community Development Priorities

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	2,899,993	7,503	0	2,907,496	5,371,068	Improve the affordability of Affordable Housing for low and moderate income families.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	958,591	0	0	958,591	2,441,227	Assist homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless with necessary services to regain stability in permanent housing.
Other	private	Financial Assistance	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	3,000,000	Combination of funding from Emergency Assistance, EFSP PHASE 31, Reliant Care, TXU Energy Aid to assist eligible customers with emergency utility assistance for low-income households on the verge of utility disconnection or whose services have been disrupted due to economic hardship.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Public Improvements Services	3,000,000	0	0	3,000,000	5,000,000	FTA 5307 grant funding for the operations of transit services
Other	public - state	Financial Assistance Rapid re-housing (rental assistance)	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance grant to provide rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention for rent or homelessness prevention for utilities to 67 veterans who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homelessness due to the inability to pay rent or utilities.
Other	public - state	Homeowner rehab Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Public Improvements	96,000,000	0	0	96,000,000	70,000,000	Disaster Recovery funding from HUD to the State of Texas and allocated to Harris County for the recovery of housing and non-housing projects affected by Hurricane Ike/Dolly.

**Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

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**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The HUD funding that is received by the county is used to leverage additional dollars for transit services, social services, homeless programs and economic development. HUD requires that participating jurisdictions provide 25 percent match for all HOME funds and 100 percent for ESG funds. HUD's match requirements for HOME and ESG are passed to the county's sub-recipients of HUD funding. While there are no federal match requirements for CDBG, HCCSD prefers that those projects applying for CDBG Public Services funding provide a minimum of 10 percent leveraging and CDBG General a minimum of 20 percent leveraging for the proposed project. HCCSD also coordinates with the Harris County Housing Authority in the authority's projects applying for low-income housing tax credits. Harris County also acts as sponsor for several Continuum of Care (CoC) applicants and is a steering committee member of the CoC. HUD funding will also assist to expand State transit funding to serve low-income areas of the county.

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

Not Applicable

**Discussion**

Harris County verifies all leverage and match documentation submitted by subgrantees for prospective match or leverage. The range of resources leveraged to support Harris County projects is broad and includes local and national foundations, the United Way, State and Federal Agencies such as TDHCA, Health and Human Services, Texas Department of Justice, Area Agency on Aging, Texas Veterans Commission as well as private donations from individuals, both cash and volunteer services.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Homeownership for Owners	2013	2018	Affordable Housing		Housing	HOME: \$1,007,503	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 70 Households Assisted
2	Single-family Home Rehabilitation Owners	2013	2018	Affordable Housing		Housing	CDBG: \$360,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 24 Household Housing Unit
3	SF Lead Based Paint Abatement Owners	2013	2018	Affordable Housing		Housing	CDBG: \$500,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
4	Homeless Emergency and Transitional Housing	2013	2018	Homeless		Homelessness	ESG: \$158,997	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1351 Persons Assisted
5	Rapid Re-Housing	2013	2018	Homeless		Homelessness	CDBG: \$501,394 ESG: \$337,596	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 145 Households Assisted
6	Homeless Management Information System	2013	2018	Homeless		Homelessness	ESG: \$150,000	Other: 60 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Water/Sewer Improvements	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	Galena Park Greenwood-Heights Northington-Kenwood Sherwood Place Woodsdale	Infrastructure	CDBG: \$2,970,478	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 11681 Persons Assisted
8	Neighborhood or Social Service Facilities	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities	CDBG: \$750,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 490 Persons Assisted
9	Senior Services (Special Needs Population)	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$103,578	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 880 Persons Assisted
10	Youth Services/Child Care	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$382,630	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2295 Persons Assisted
11	Transportation Services	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$445,585	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1320 Persons Assisted
12	Abused and Neglected Children	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$142,113	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 485 Persons Assisted
13	Clearance and Demolition	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Other	CDBG: \$150,000	Buildings Demolished: 15 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
14	Planning	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Other	CDBG: \$10,000	Other: 1 Other
15	General Public Services	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$63,900	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 90 Persons Assisted
16	Homeless Street Outreach	2013	2018	Homeless		Homelessness Public Services	CDBG: \$65,647	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 350 Persons Assisted
17	Youth Centers	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities	CDBG: \$500,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2524 Persons Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeownership for Owners
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide individuals and families with the opportunity for homeownership through financial assistance to prospective homebuyers.

<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Single-family Home Rehabilitation Owners
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide single-family rehabilitation assistance to low-to-moderate income or senior homeowners.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	SF Lead Based Paint Abatement Owners
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide lead paint abatement to low-to-moderate income or senior single-family homeowners.
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Emergency and Transitional Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide homeless persons with emergency shelter.
<b>5</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Rapid Re-Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide rental assistance and case management services to chronically homeless individuals and families.
<b>6</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Management Information System
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to administer the Homeless Management Information System.
<b>7</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Water/Sewer Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to make improvements to water and sewer systems in Harris County.
<b>8</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Neighborhood or Social Service Facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to construct a facility for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.
<b>9</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Senior Services (Special Needs Population)
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide services to seniors that improve their quality of life.
<b>10</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide services that improve area children's health, well-being and educational opportunities.

11	<b>Goal Name</b>	Transportation Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide transportation services to low-to-moderate income persons, seniors and individuals with disabilities.
12	<b>Goal Name</b>	Abused and Neglected Children
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide therapy and advocacy for abused and neglected children and assist in the construction of a new building to provide services.
13	<b>Goal Name</b>	Clearance and Demolition
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide nuisance abatement for abandoned structures.
14	<b>Goal Name</b>	Planning
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to evaluate and monitor Strategic Plan efforts.
15	<b>Goal Name</b>	General Public Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide employment and training services.
16	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Street Outreach
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide emergency health services to homeless individuals.
17	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth Centers
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to partially demolish, rehabilitate and expand with new construction an existing facility that serves abused youth.

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):**

Harris County Community Services Department estimates providing affordable housing to the following number of families as defined by HOME 91.215(b).

Owner (119 Households)

- Extremely Low - 9
- Very Low - 25
- Low - 80

Renters (145 Households)

- Extremely Low - 145

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

For PY2014, Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) proposes to fund thirty-eight (38) qualifying projects. In addition, included in the list below are Harris County Community Services Department Administrative projects numbered 1 through 5.

#	Project Name
1	Unprogrammed CDBG
2	Unprogrammed HOME and CHDO
3	Not Specified
4	Harris County HOME Administration
5	Harris County CDBG Administration
6	Child Advocates Inc. - Court Appointed Special Advocates Program
7	Children's Assessment Center - Therapy and Interviewing Services for Sexually Abused Children
8	Communities in Schools - Bay Area
9	Communities in Schools - Southeast Harris County
10	Goodwill Industries of Houston - Goodwill Houston Job Connection
11	Harris County CSD - Case Management
12	Harris County CSD - Northline Case Management
13	Harris County CSD - Transportation Program
14	Harris County Precinct 1 - Seniors Drama
15	HC PSCA - TRIAD Prevention Program: Truancy Learning Camps
16	Harris County Pct. 1 Street Olympics - Aquatics
17	Harris County Pct. 1 Street Olympics - Discovery Camp
18	Harris County Pct. 1 Street Olympics - Summer Games
19	Healthcare for the Homeless - Dental Care Program
20	Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston - Meals on Wheels
21	Northwest Assistance Ministries - Meals on Wheels
22	Precinct2gether - After-School and Summer Day Camp
23	Precinct2gether - Voucher Program
24	SEARCH Homeless Services - Housing for the Homeless
25	City of Galena Park - Water Mains and Fire Protection
26	East Aldine Management District - Hanley St. West Water and Wastewater
27	Harris County CSD - Health and Safety Home Repair Program
28	Harris County CSD - Minor Home Repair Program
29	Harris County Precinct 2 - Inwood Sanitary Sewer Phase II
30	Harris County PHES - Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program
31	Harris County PHES - Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement
32	Reach Unlimited - Learning Activity Center Phase II

#	Project Name
33	Sunbelt FWSD - Oakwilde Sanitary Sewer Rehab Pkg. No. 6
34	ESG
35	Harris County CSD - Downpayment Assistance Program
36	Harris County CSD - Strategic Implementation Plan
37	The CAC Foundation - Capital Campaign for Building Expansion

**Table 7 – Project Information**

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

For the PY2014 RFP and Annual Action Plan, Harris County determined that a high priority level should be assigned to the following CDBG Public Service objectives: General Services, Senior Services, Youth Services/Child Care, Health Services, Services to Persons with Disabilities, Transportation Services, Services to Persons with HIV/AIDS, Abused/Neglected, and Crime Awareness and Juvenile Justice. Projects selected for funding should address at least one of the high priority level objectives. CDBG General projects were selected during the PY2013 pre-application process for the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. Harris County ESG funds focused on Emergency and Transitional Shelters and Rapid Rehousing.

## Projects

### AP-38 Projects Summary

#### Project Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Unprogrammed CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$2,474,956
	<b>Description</b>	Unprogrammed CDBG funds.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Unprogrammed HOME and CHDO
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$1,609,994
	<b>Description</b>	Unprogrammed HOME and CHDO funds.
	<b>Target Date</b>	

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Not Specified
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
	<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Target Area</b>		
<b>Goals Supported</b>		
<b>Needs Addressed</b>		
<b>Funding</b>		HOME: \$289,999
<b>Description</b>		Funding used for program administration.
<b>Target Date</b>		

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Program administration.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CDBG Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$2,358,846
	<b>Description</b>	Funding used for program administration.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Program administration.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Child Advocates Inc. - Court Appointed Special Advocates Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Abused and Neglected Children
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Child Advocates will supervise court appointed advocate volunteers in their efforts to provide court appointed advocacy services to 150 abused and neglected children.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities will benefit 150 families with abused or neglected children.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity; Facility is located at 2401 Portsmouth Street Suite #210, Houston, Texas 77098.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Advocacy for children who have been abused and neglected.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Children's Assessment Center - Therapy and Interviewing Services for Sexually Abused Children
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Abused and Neglected Children
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$77,113
	<b>Description</b>	The Children's Assessment Center will provide therapy and interviewing services to 335 sexually abused child victims by providing therapy and mental health services.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 335 families with children that have been sexually abused.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity; Facility is located at 2500 Bolsover Street, Houston, Texas 77005.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Therapy and interviewing services to abused and neglected children.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Communities in Schools - Bay Area
	<b>Target Area</b>	Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$29,066
	<b>Description</b>	Communities in Schools - Bay Area will help 90 children with intensive case management services through campus wide activities, projects and programs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit to 90 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Bay Area of Harris County.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Recreational and counseling services for children.
9	<b>Project Name</b>	Communities in Schools - Southeast Harris County
	<b>Target Area</b>	South Houston
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$41,096
	<b>Description</b>	Communities in Schools - Southeast Harris County proposes to serve a minimum of 115 unduplicated, economically disadvantaged students who will receive a minimum of 30 case-managed services.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit to 115 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Southeast Harris County; South Houston Target Area
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Recreational and counseling services to children and their parents.	
10	<b>Project Name</b>	Goodwill Industries of Houston - Goodwill Houston Job Connection
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	General Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$63,900
	<b>Description</b>	Goodwill Industries of Houston will provide employment and training services to 90 individuals in the North Central Harris County area.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit to 90 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Employment training to individuals.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CSD - Case Management
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Rapid Re-Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$401,394
	<b>Description</b>	Harris County's Division of Social Services will provide rapid re-housing case management services to 50 chronically homeless individuals who have been identified as receiving a Houston Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 50 homeless families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity; Facility is located at 9418 Jensen Drive, Houston, Texas 77093.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rapid re-housing and case management.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CSD - Northline Case Management
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Emergency and Transitional Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Project will provide housing and case management services for 70 unduplicated homeless residents of Northline complex.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activity benefits 70 homeless families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing and related case management services.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CSD - Transportation Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Transportation Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$355,113
	<b>Description</b>	The Harris County CSD Transportation Program will: (1) provide non-emergency medical demand response transit services to low income and disabled persons for essential services in the non METRO service areas. (2) provide a connector shuttle service for La Porte to transport low-income or disabled persons to social services and medical facilities. This service that will have a flex component for ADA demand response trips. (3) provide a lifeline deviated route service in Highlands Crosby that will extend operating times to provide access to low income clinics and employment centers within the low income areas on the east side of Harris County. Both the La Porte shuttle and the Crosby / Highlands deviated route service will serve unduplicated persons.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 820 low-income, senior and/or families that have a person with a disability.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non-emergency medical demand response to low-income and persons with disabilities</li> <li>2. Connector shuttle in La Porte for low-income and persons with disabilities to social services and medical facilities</li> <li>3. Lifeline deviated route in Highlands/Crosby area for low-income areas to provide access to clinics and employment centers</li> </ol>
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County Precinct 1 - Seniors Drama
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Senior Services (Special Needs Population)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$17,150
	<b>Description</b>	Project will use dramatic and performing arts to raise awareness to 80 senior participants.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activity benefits 80 low-income families with seniors.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Southeast Harris County.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Services to the elderly that raise awareness of senior issues.
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HC PSCA - TRIAD Prevention Program: Truancy Learning Camps
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$44,800
	<b>Description</b>	Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults will provide truancy prevention with 15 camps and early intervention activities for at least 180 youth ages 10-17 and their families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit approximately 180 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Youth intervention with educational camps and activities.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County Pct. 1 Street Olympics - Aquatics
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$42,024
	<b>Description</b>	Project provides learn-to-swim classes, instructional swim program for inner-city youth, nationally competitive swim team and coordinates US Swim sanctioned meets for over 275 children in HCCSD Service Area.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit approximately 275 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Instructional program for youth to learn to swim.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County Pct. 1 Street Olympics - Discovery Camp
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,826
	<b>Description</b>	The Discovery Camp provides an opportunity for youth to discover nature through a summer day camp, an all-year 'Traveling Naturalist' and summer internship program for 210 youth.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 210 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Youth education of nature through summer camp</li> <li>2. Travelling Naturalist for youth education</li> <li>3. Internship program for older youth</li> </ol>
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County Pct. 1 Street Olympics - Summer Games
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$58,502
	<b>Description</b>	Program provides character building participatory and competitive summer recreational activities for 300 children (6- 16 years old) who reside in Harris County and work training opportunities for high school and college students via a summer work program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 300 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Youth recreational events for 6 to 16 year olds and summer work program for older youth.
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Healthcare for the Homeless - Dental Care Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Street Outreach
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,647

	<b>Description</b>	Project will provide urgent, routine and restorative dental care services to 350 homeless individuals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 350 homeless families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Emergency health services to homeless individuals.
<b>20</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston - Meals on Wheels
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Senior Services (Special Needs Population)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$43,428
	<b>Description</b>	Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston will provide meals and case assessment to 350 homebound seniors in the Harris County area per specified guidelines.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 350 low-income or disabled seniors.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide support through daily meals and case assessment of homebound seniors.
<b>21</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Northwest Assistance Ministries - Meals on Wheels
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Senior Services (Special Needs Population)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$43,000
	<b>Description</b>	Northwest Assistance Ministries' Meals on Wheels Program will provide case management and direct assistance (meals) to 450 home bound senior citizens.

	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 450 low-income or disabled seniors.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide daily meals and case assessment to seniors through contact with volunteers.
<b>22</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Precinct2gether - After-School and Summer Day Camp
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services/Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$141,316
	<b>Description</b>	Precinct2gether will provide a summer day camp to 650 students and after-school care to 475 students.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 1,125 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	East Harris County.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational summer day camp for youth.</li> <li>• After-school care for youth.</li> </ul>
<b>23</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Precinct2gether - Voucher Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Senior Services (Special Needs Population) Transportation Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$90,472
	<b>Description</b>	Precinct2gether will provide case management services and transportation voucher cards to 500 seniors.

	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 500 low-income or disabled seniors.
	<b>Location Description</b>	East Harris County.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Transportation vouchers to seniors to access services.
<b>24</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	SEARCH Homeless Services - Housing for the Homeless
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Emergency and Transitional Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$90,218
	<b>Description</b>	SEARCH will provide housing assistance, outreach and intensive case management services to homeless for 71 households.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 71 homeless families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Outreach to homeless for case management and housing assistance.
<b>25</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Galena Park - Water Mains and Fire Protection
	<b>Target Area</b>	Galena Park
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Water/Sewer Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$610,639

	<b>Description</b>	The City of Galena Park proposes to directly assist 1,572 unduplicated low and moderate-income individuals by constructing Phase 1 of the Water Mains & Fire Protection Project. Phase I includes installation of 1,660 ft. of 10" water mains, 6,600 ft. of 8" water distribution mains and 11 fire hydrants. The neighborhood's water distribution grid is 76 years old and unable to deliver adequate water flow for basic fire protection.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit approximately 500 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	2503 to 2520 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th, ; 201 Sage Drive to 785; 201 Bank Drive to 727 Bank Drive/Galena Park/Precinct 2.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of water mains and fire hydrants.
<b>26</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	East Aldine Management District - Hanley St. West Water and Wastewater
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sherwood Place
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Water/Sewer Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,053,996
	<b>Description</b>	East Aldine Management District will assist 1,499 low-moderate income residents by installing a sanitary sewer collection system which includes installation of 2,200 ft. of 8" water lines, 1,100 ft. of 15" sanitary sewer line, and 1,000 ft. of 8" sewer line with 6" service leads. Currently, residents are using on-site sewage facilities (OSSFs) and many of these systems are failing, which can contribute to bacteria in local waterways and around homes. The installation of the water system will provide a clean source of drinking water for the area residents.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit approximately 500 low-income families.

	<b>Location Description</b>	4200 to 4700 Hanley Lane Houston, Texas/Sherwood Place/Precinct 2.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of water and sanitary sewer lines.
<b>27</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CSD - Health and Safety Home Repair Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Single-family Home Rehabilitation Owners
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$160,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Harris County Health and Safety Home Repair Program provides grants to low-income and elderly (62 years or older) households for up to \$40,000 for septic system and/or water well repairs that have a current health and safety code violation citation(s). The home must be a single-family dwelling and owner-occupied by an elderly or disabled family that demonstrates they are unable to afford the repair(s) needed.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 4 families in low-income or elderly households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Scattered sites - County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rehabilitation of single-family homes with water/sewer health or safety code violations.
<b>28</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CSD - Minor Home Repair Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Single-family Home Rehabilitation Owners
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$200,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Harris County Minor Home Repair Program provides grants to low-income and elderly (62 years or older) households for up to \$10,000 for minor home repairs. The home must be a single-family dwelling and owner-occupied by an elderly or disabled family that demonstrates they are unable to afford the repair(s) needed.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 20 families in low-income and elderly households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Scattered sites - County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rehabilitation of single-family homes for low-income, senior or disabled residents.
<b>29</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County Precinct 2 - Inwood Sanitary Sewer Phase II
	<b>Target Area</b>	Northington-Kenwood Sherwood Place
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Water/Sewer Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$780,843
	<b>Description</b>	Harris County Precinct 2, in partnership with East Aldine Management District, will assist 2,191 low to moderate income residents by reducing failing septic systems, thus reducing dangerous bacteria levels in roadside ditches and local waterways. The project includes construction of 2,200 ft. of 8" sanitary sewer line, 800' of 10" sanitary sewer line and service connections. The City of Houston will own and operate the system after construction.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit approximately 750 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	5100 to 5429 Hartwick Road and 11335 to 11375 Allwood Street, Houston, Texas /Northington Kenwood & Sherwood Place Target Areas/Precinct 2.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of sanitary sewer lines.
<b>30</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County PHES - Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	SF Lead Based Paint Abatement Owners
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$500,000
	<b>Description</b>	Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (PHES) will reduce lead-based paint hazards in 20 single-family housing units throughout Harris County.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities will benefit 20 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Scattered sites - County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing rehabilitation with the primary goal to remove/reduce lead or lead-based paint hazards.
<b>31</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County PHES - Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Clearance and Demolition
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Other
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement Program will identify, investigate and abate 15 abandoned structures within Harris County.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	Scattered sites - County-wide activity.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Clearance or demolition of buildings identified as neighborhood nuisances in Harris County.
<b>32</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Reach Unlimited - Learning Activity Center Phase II
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Neighborhood or Social Service Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$750,000

	<b>Description</b>	Reach Unlimited Inc. will address the immediate and critical daycare, educational and vocational needs of persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities in the unincorporated areas of northwest Harris County by building a 45,085 sq. ft. learning activity center to serve a projected total of 490 extremely low-income clients in Precinct 3. The new facility will be built adjacent to the current facility that serves 290 individuals with disabilities at the current Reach Unlimited. The new facility will contain classrooms for learning, space for after school programs for children ages 12 and over, a gymnasium/multipurpose area for recreational activities and to host Special Olympic games, a commercial kitchen and eating area, emergency shelter in times of extreme weather for those with special needs, and a space for vocational training for clients who are able to work.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit 490 families of individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	<p align="LEFT">11832 Muller Cemetery Road Cypress, TX 77092/Precinct 3.</p>
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Construction of a new learning activity facility for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities.
<b>33</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Sunbelt FWSD - Oakwilde Sanitary Sewer Rehab Pkg. No. 6
	<b>Target Area</b>	Greenwood-Heights Woodsdale
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Water/Sewer Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$525,000
	<b>Description</b>	Sunbelt Fresh Water Supply District will rehabilitate 10,374 linear feet of sewer lines, 16 manholes and 155 sewer service connections. This project will reduce inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewer system occurs during normal rainfall periods and keeps the inflow and infiltration plan above 90% capacity. By extrapolation, the unduplicated population served will be 6,419. The reduction in inflow/infiltration is equivalent of 86 equivalent single-family connections (ESFC) that will be available to support currently underserved areas.

	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities benefit approximately 2,100 low-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Casteldale Dr, Bay Crest Dr, Mooney Rd, Northpost Dr, Merrimac St, Oakville St, Havner Ln, Hurlingham St, Houston, Texas /Woodsdale & Greenwood Heights/Precinct 2.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rehabilitation of sanitary sewer lines.
<b>34</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	ESG
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Emergency and Transitional Housing Rapid Re-Housing Homeless Management Information System
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$958,591 TVC Fund for Veteran's Assistance: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	ESG projects include the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), three (3) Rapid Re-Housing projects, three (3) Emergency and Transitional Shelter projects, program administration and unprogrammed funds.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/29/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities will benefit at least 135 families experiencing homelessness.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities are County-wide.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HMIS</li> <li>2. Rapid Rehousing Rental Assistance and case management services</li> <li>3. Emergency and Transitional Shelters</li> <li>4. ESG Administration / Unprogrammed Funds</li> </ol>
<b>35</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CSD - Downpayment Assistance Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeownership for Owners
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$1,007,503
	<b>Description</b>	CSD will provide down payment assistance and closing costs to serve approximately 70 low to moderate income homebuyers in the Harris County Service Area.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Benefit 70 low-to-moderate income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Homeownership assistance to LMI households through the form of down-payment assistance.
<b>36</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Harris County CSD - Strategic Implementation Plan
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Planning
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Other
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	This project will evaluate and monitor efforts related to Strategic Plan goals and objectives.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A

	<b>Location Description</b>	County-wide - 8410 Lantern Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77054
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Strategic planning for the county. Funding is from CDBG administration percentage.
<b>37</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	The CAC Foundation - Capital Campaign for Building Expansion
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Abused and Neglected Children
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$500,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Children's Assessment Center (CAC) is expanding its current facility to better serve the needs of sexually abused children in Harris County. Since building our current campus in 1998, the number of multidisciplinary team members working in our building has increased 81%. The CAC will demolish the building's original parking structure, rehabilitate the existing building, and construct a new 77,000 sq. ft. addition to the existing building.
	<b>Target Date</b>	2/28/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 500 families will benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	2500 Bolsover St., Houston, Texas 77005
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Demolish the building's original parking structure, rehabilitate the existing building, and construct a new 77,000 sq. ft. addition to the existing building.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

Harris County does not use geographic target areas as a basis for providing funding, but requests that all proposals submitted through the annual Request for Proposals process identify the geographic boundaries and specific target areas each project will serve.

Most projects will provide assistance to residents throughout the Harris County Service Area, though some target areas will receive funding for services specifically for that area. These target areas include: Cloverleaf, Aldine, Galena Park, Greenwood-Heights, Jacinto City, McNair, Northington – Kingwood and South Houston. The majority of this targeted funding will be in the Northern and Eastern portions of the Harris County service area. These areas are low income communities with high concentration of minorities. The areas have strong existing neighborhoods but are in need of revitalization assistance for aging infrastructure and to improve local community amenities. In four of these areas, HCCSD staff have worked with the local community to identify specific revitalization goals.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

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

Harris County does not prescribe a specific percentage of funding to target areas; however, during the competitive Request for Proposals process target areas have access to apply for funding along with Low-to-Moderate Income Clientele facilities or organizations. Harris County has identified target areas within the county that have 51% or greater low- to moderate-income population and that have aging infrastructure. These target areas are priorities for infrastructure and neighborhood facilities funding. Harris County will continue to fund geographic priorities identified in the Strategic Plan and adjust funding annually to ensure that priorities goals are met.

### **Discussion**

The County is mindful of the location of services and seeks to ensure equitable distribution of funding to serve families in need across the County. Target areas have been identified that are 51% or greater LMI population and are in need of revitalization efforts. The county allocates funding based on priorities identified in its Consolidated Plan and proposals submitted in its annual Request for Proposals process.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The lack of quality affordable housing choice can be an impediment to fair housing. To foster decent, safe, and affordable housing, Harris County will continue to collaborate and partner with local non-profit housing developers, for-profit builders, the Harris County Housing Authority and the residents of Harris County to measure the needs, discuss the issues and find solutions to problems of the Harris County housing market. Through these programs, Harris County will work to foster and maintain decent and affordable housing for low-income residents of Harris County through homeownership, rehabilitation programs, and new construction projects.

Harris County will promote the transition of low-income families to self-sufficiency through funding support of homeownership programs, which allow an eligible low-income household to choose a home that meets their needs throughout the county's service area.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	145
Non-Homeless	90
Special-Needs	24
Total	259

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	145
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	44
Acquisition of Existing Units	70
Total	259

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

During PY2014, Harris County anticipates providing 259 households assistance to address barriers to affordable housing. These may include accessibility, adequacy, services and long term affordability. Approximately 145 households will receive rental assistance to ensure rapid transition from homelessness into permanent housing. Through downpayment assistance and rehabilitating existing structures, HCCSD expects to assist 90 low income families in achieving homeownership. HCCSD also expects to repair and improve accessibility for 24 special needs households including elderly and disabled.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Harris County Housing Authority does not manage or own public housing projects but supplies housing choice vouchers to assist low income residents of Harris County accessing affordable housing.

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

While the HCHA does not own public housing it does provide approximately 25,000 housing choice vouchers annually. Harris County Community Services Department will continue to collaborate and partner with the Harris County Housing Authority to measure the needs of low income residents, discuss the issues and find solutions to problems of the Harris County permanent housing market.

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

Harris County Housing Authority does not own or operate public housing facilities and therefore does not work with residents to participate in management. Formerly, Harris County Community Services Department and the Housing Authority had a formal partnership to link eligible HCHA residents to the Community Services department downpayment assistance program. HCCSD will work with the Housing Authority to identify if there are current or future opportunities for similar programs once the Housing Authority establishes its new priorities.

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

Not applicable.

### **Discussion**

The Harris County Housing Authority has established a new leadership and management team that continues to evaluate the agency's priorities. Harris County Community Services Department plans to continue its partnership with the Housing Authority and support the new initiatives through seeking potential partnerships for downpayment assistance and other grant opportunities that arise.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

Harris County has worked with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County/Fort Bend County as well as other entitlement grantees receiving ESG funding throughout the community to align priorities and funding across the continuum for programs addressing the needs of Harris County residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

### **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**

Harris County is funding Healthcare for the Homeless to provide essential behavioral and physical health services to homeless individuals on the street. Harris County is not funding agencies to provide other outreach to homeless individuals living on the street in PY 2014. As part of the strategy to address homelessness, Harris County and other members of the Continuum will fund street outreach that links homeless persons directly to housing in future funding years.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Harris County is funding three emergency shelters with \$158,997 to provide services to survivors of domestic violence and women with chemical dependency and substance abuse disorders. These agencies will provide shelter for over 800 households.

#### **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**

Harris County will provide \$383,436 for rapid re-housing that will provide housing and services to households experiencing homelessness. As a part of Harris County ESG standards for provision of services, any household receiving rental assistance will also receive comprehensive case management to ensure stability and self-sufficiency.

#### **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.**

Harris County has previously funded both homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs. With HUD currently encouraging communities to create and implement more rapid re-housing programs, Harris County has decided to provide HCCSD ESG funds for rapid re-housing programs rather than homelessness prevention programs. Harris County expects this shift in focus to be temporary and for funding of homelessness prevention programs to be revisited in future funding years. However, homelessness prevention services will still be offered at Harris County and local agencies through other funding sources as they are available.

**Discussion**

Harris County has worked closely with the Coalition for the Homeless and other ESG grantees within the Continuum to develop continuum wide strategies to end and prevent homelessness for the region’s most vulnerable populations. As part of the strategy, Harris County Community Services Department requires all agencies providing services with HCCSD ESG funds to use a common assessment tool to ensure the most vulnerable populations receive services. Harris County was active in the recent community charrette for homelessness. Out of this process, there were several recommendations made by community members and experts to addressing the needs of homeless persons in Harris County. These recommendations have been implemented into the Harris County strategies to address homelessness.

<b>One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:</b>
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family – <i>Not Applicable</i>
Tenant-based rental assistance – <i>Not Applicable</i>
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated - <i>Not Applicable</i>
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds - <i>Not Applicable</i>
Total – <i>Not Applicable</i>

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction**

Harris County Community Services Department is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing and overcoming identified barriers to affordable housing. These efforts have resulted in the creation of the a Fair Housing Plan, development of specific goals and objectives to overcome barriers to affordable housing and support for projects that counter the negative effects of public policies.

### **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**

Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) has 5 projects that ameliorate the negative effects of public policies. The projects are as follows: Harris County Community Services Department Downpayment Assistance Program will serve 70 households, HCCSD Health and Safety Home Repair Program to serve 4 households, HCCSD Minor Home Repair Program will serve 20 households and HC Public Health and Environmental Services will serve 20 households with the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program and 15 households through the Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement respectively. Additional, HCCSD has completed the county's Fair Housing Plan which has identified barriers to affordable housing and strategies to overcome these barriers. Information about the Fair Housing Plan is included as an appendix to the Annual Action Plan and contains a list of local fair housing enforcements contacts.

### **Discussion**

HCCSD has developed specific goals and objectives that address the housing needs of low- to moderate-income populations within the county's service area. These housing goals are aimed at creating the opportunity for adequate, affordable, accessible housing for extremely low-, very low-, and low-income persons through eventual elimination of lead based paint hazards, encouragement of homeownership, minor home repair, rehabilitation of single-family and multi-family housing, provision of rental assistance, new construction, and development of partnerships. In its PY2013-2017 Fair Housing Plan, HCCSD identifies possible barriers to housing choice and affordable housing which are violations to the Fair Housing Act and strategies to overcome these barriers. With all projects, Harris County places a high priority on projects serving seniors and persons with disabilities.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

Harris County will fund projects in PY 2014 that meet the needs of underserved through public services and infrastructure improvements, will improve and maintain affordable housing, prevent homelessness for extremely low-income families, reduce lead-based paint hazards, eliminate neighborhood nuisances and increase coordination among public and private housing and social service agencies.

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

Harris County Community Services Department selected 38 projects in the areas of housing, homelessness, infrastructure, public services and other to address the varying needs of the underserved. The Community Services Department (CSD) will continue working with the Public Infrastructure Department, Public Health and Environmental Services (PHES), Harris County Public Library, as well as the County Commissioners' Precincts on projects. Efforts with the Public Infrastructure Departments will continue in order to develop and implement strategies to address the capital improvement efforts in the County's target areas. CSD will fund and coordinate infrastructure improvement activities with Fresh Water Supply Districts (FWSD), Municipal Utility Districts (MUD) and Water Control & Improvement Districts (WCID) that serve target area and low-to-moderate income populations.

Coordination with PHES will continue to provide much-needed health care services to low-income residents of Harris County. The Community Services and Public Library Department will continue to meet with residents, especially in the communities participating in neighborhood revitalization programs, to ascertain the needs and desires for libraries within those communities. Community Services will also continue to work with the Commissioners' Precincts to provide funding to implement their community development projects.

Harris County will continue to support non-profit organizations, Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDO). The Department will actively recruit eligible organizations to become CHDOs and CBDOs. In addition, the department will continue to offer regulatory training to these organizations in order to ensure a better understanding of CDBG, ESG and HOME rules.

Harris County will continue to support the Harris County Housing Authority's efforts to expand the availability of affordable housing units to county residents.

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

The lack of quality affordable housing choice can be an impediment to fair housing. To foster decent, safe, and affordable housing, Harris County will continue to collaborate and partner with local non-profit housing developers, for-profit builders, the Harris County Housing Authority and the residents of Harris County to measure the needs, discuss the issues and find solutions to problems of the Harris County housing market. Through these programs, Harris County will work to foster and maintain decent and

affordable housing for low-income residents of Harris County through homeownership, rehabilitation programs, and new construction projects.

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

To reduce lead-based paint hazards, Harris County Community Services Department will fund Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program. The program will reduce lead-based paint hazards in 20 single-family housing units in Harris County. Project activities include community outreach and education, blood lead testing, program coordination with medical institutions, relocation, risk assessment, lead safe work project design and oversight, and lead clearance testing.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Many Harris County residents are currently living at or below the federal poverty level, with many of these people being homeless or at risk of becoming homeless because of insufficient income. There is a great need among these individuals to expand their opportunities for education and employment, thus improving their quality of living. The Annual Action Plan's activities support the Consolidated Plan's comprehensive collection of goals, programs, and policies which work to reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop affordable housing, and coordinate with other programs and services to increase education and economic opportunities.

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

Harris County is working with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County to create a coordinated access system for homeless service programs. Lessons learned in developing this system will be used to better coordinate delivery of services across systems. HCCSD would like to build upon the existing partnerships with organizations such as TDHCA, as well as create new partnerships with public, private, non-profit, philanthropic, and non-profit organizations. With respect to specific gaps, HCCSD will continue trying to research and develop a linking of services between institutional discharge cases (persons being discharged from jail, mental institutions, foster care, etc, and likely to be released into homelessness) and community essential services. With the continued uncertainty of public support dollars, HCCSD has been and will continue to expand its partnership with private funding foundations in the community and coordinating funding systems.

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

Harris County will continue to support non-profit organizations, Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDOs). The Department will actively recruit eligible organizations to become CHDOs and CBDOs. In addition, the department will continue to offer regulatory training to these organizations in order to ensure a better understanding of CDBG, ESG and HOME rules.

## **Discussion**

Harris County Community Services Department addresses these needs through project funding, but supplements projects with other services to provide resources for low income residents and neighborhoods. These include:

The Housing Resource Center, a virtual gateway to affordable housing throughout Harris County with updated listings provided by the Harris County Housing Authority, the local real estate community and our own neighborhood stabilization program for first time homeowners called H.O.M.E. (Home Ownership Made Easy).

HCCSD Economic Development Programs develop and implement strategies that will stimulate Harris County's economy by working with other taxing entities and economic development consortiums to implement programs that will convince businesses to build or expand within Harris County in order to revitalize communities and create new opportunities. The Housing & Community Development and Economic Development divisions work together to ensure that TIRZ affordable housing set-aside funds are dedicated to the development of affordable housing throughout HCCSD's service area.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

Harris County continuously works to comply with all program specific requirements for CDBG, HOME and ESG. In addition, the department will continue to offer technical assistance to subrecipient organizations in order to ensure a better understanding of program specific CDBG, ESG and HOME rules.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### 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.

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	25,113
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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>25,113</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	75.01%

#### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

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as follows:

The Harris County Downpayment Assistance Program (DAP) assists eligible, low-income Harris County residents in attaining affordable housing by providing financial assistance for downpayment and closing cost assistance. Funds for assistance are made available as deferred forgivable loans. Harris County utilizes recapture for this HOME funded program as required by 24 CFR 92.254(a).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Harris County's homebuyer programs are designed to assist eligible, low-income applicants to purchase a decent, safe, and sanitary housing with financial assistance for downpayment, closing cost, and mortgage assistance. Funds for assistance or the HOME subsidy loan are made available as deferred and forgivable loans. Deferred and forgivable loans are loans that repayment is deferred until the end of the affordability period and then forgiven if the homebuyer complies with the affordability requirements, which is determined by the HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer. As the HOME subsidy to the homebuyer is the basis for the period of affordability, the affordability period is determined by 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) Periods of Affordability and as reflected in the below table.

Table: Periods of Affordability

Homeownership assistance - HOME amount per unit	Minimum Period of Affordability (in years)
Under \$15,000	5
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10
Over \$40,000	15

To be eligible, both the housing and potential homebuyer must meet program requirements set by HUD and HCCSD. Recapture, per 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii), is triggered by any transfer of ownership, either voluntary or involuntary, during the established HOME period of affordability as outlined in the written agreement between the homebuyer and Harris County and enforced via lien on the property. The direct HOME subsidy to the homebuyer is what is recaptured with a voluntary or involuntary transfer.

Each HOME subsidy loan made includes recapture requirements should the homeowner trigger recapture by any transfer of ownership, either voluntary or involuntary, during the period of affordability. If the home is transferred during this period, Harris County will evaluate and trigger

recapture of the entire HOME subsidy loan, including any program income, provided to the homebuyer from the net proceeds of the sale. If the net proceeds, which are the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs, from the sale of the home are not sufficient to recapture the HOME subsidy loan amount, Harris County will collect what is available from net proceeds.

To ensure awareness of the recapture requirements involved in receiving a HOME subsidy loan through the Downpayment Assistance Program, all applicants are required to sign an Applicant Certification form.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Recapture, per 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii), is triggered by any transfer of ownership, either voluntary or involuntary, during the established HOME period of affordability as outlined in the written agreement between the homebuyer and Harris County and enforced via lien on the property. The period of affordability is based upon the HOME subsidy to the homebuyer that enabled the homebuyer to purchase the unit. To ensure awareness of the recapture requirements involved in receiving a HOME subsidy loan through the Downpayment Assistance Program, all applicants are required to sign an Applicant Certification Form.

Additionally, HCCSD conducts an annual mail-out to all homeowners still under the affordability period. Each homeowner must confirm residency/primary occupancy of the home purchased with federal funds. Any homeowner found to have transferred ownership, either voluntary or involuntary, during the period of affordability is referred to the Harris County Attorney's Office to pursue recapture of funds.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Harris County does not plan to utilize HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Written standards are included as an attachment.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Houston/Harris County/Fort Bend County Continuum of Care is in the process of establishing a coordinated access system. Through the use of HUD technical assistance, and the creation of a Coordinated Access Work Group (CAWG), progress has been made on the development of eligibility standards, prioritization policies, and a housing referral guide. The CAWG has also developed, and several providers are testing, assessment forms for diversion, shelter/emergency placement, and a Next Step or Housing Type assessment for Rapid Re-Housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Harris County releases a request for proposals annually to solicit projects for ESG funding. Harris County evaluated proposals for organizations providing shelter and essential services, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

Harris County ensures that every agency funded through ESG has a homeless or formerly homeless individual in a position to make recommendations on policies and services funded under ESG. In addition, Harris County has a policy committee that includes a formerly homeless individual. Harris County is also part of the CoC Steering Committee, which includes representation from the consumer advisory board.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

In consultation with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County and other Emergency Solutions Grants grantees with the Continuum, Harris County has developed the following program standards for Emergency Shelters, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing and HMIS activities. Harris County is not including performance standards for Street Outreach at this time because members of the Continuum are not currently funding activities related to Street Outreach. As with the other standards, grantee members of the Continuum will refine the performance standards to include those for Street Outreach in the proceeding program years.

For all standards, the initial data collection will be used to establish baseline data. The progress towards outcomes will later be used to establish the community standard for achieving those outcomes. Emergency Shelters performance will be based on the community outcomes below.

- Number and percentage of people exiting to a known place
- Number and percentage of people assisted in overcoming a specific barrier to obtaining housing
- Number and percent of people who increase income from entry to exit in emergency housing programs

For Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing, the Continuum has decided to use the same performance standards to help measure the success of these interventions for the community. The County recognizes that clients who receive Rapid Re-Housing assistance will have a separate set of needs and likely higher barriers to maintaining permanent housing, so the outcome goals will be different, even though the measures for both programs are the same.

- Number and percentage of people who exit services to permanent supportive housing, transitional housing or unknown place
- Number and percent of people who increase income from entry to exit in emergency housing programs
- Number and percent of people who are still housed 30 days after exiting prevention program

## **Discussion**

Harris County and other ESG grantees in the Continuum have been working to develop standards for performance and service delivery over the past year. As part of increasing coordination among providers, the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Planning and Service Coordination Workgroup was created. Members include 25 providers funded through ESG (mandatory), SSVF, and private sources, and city and county staff of the four ESG recipients. The workgroup is facilitated by Coalition for the Homeless staff. The CoC invites agencies that provide related services as it becomes aware of them. The group's planning role includes targeting clients and developing service standards and training, in conjunction with the Consumer Advisory Council and input from mainstream providers. The group's Service Coordination role includes implementing coordinated assessments to direct clients

to the most appropriate provider, linking people with subsidized permanent housing, and system and program level performance improvement through training and data analysis.