City of Sugar Land, Texas

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Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Sugar Land, Texas, is in Fort Bend County to the southwest of the City of Houston. With a 2010 census population of 78,817 and a 2015 American Communities Survey population of 88,129, Sugar Land is a fast-growing suburban community that operates as a self-contained economic center and is an integral part of the Houston Metropolitan area. The City of Sugar Land's official population estimate as of January 1, 2017 is 87,733. As a result of an annexation planned for December 2017, the City's population will increase by more than 30% to approximately 117,000.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is aimed at serving low to moderate income residents – those with incomes of 80 percent or less of the area's median household income. In addition to serving low to moderate income individuals throughout the City, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development places a priority on serving neighborhoods with a predominance of low-moderate income residents. According to the 2010 Census information by block group, 24,540 people or 31 percent of the population resided in current CDBG-designated neighborhoods, or Target Areas. Of these, 8,425 individuals were low to moderate income. Overall, 17.3 percent of the City's population is low to moderate income. Since the Target Areas generally represent older neighborhoods with little to no new development, the total population in them has not increased significantly.

The Program Year 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan is a strategic planning document that summarizes the City's proposed goals, performance outcome objectives, and implementation strategies for each of the identified community needs. Each year during the five-year period covered in the Consolidated Plan, the City of Sugar Land evaluates, and funds accordingly, projects selected to meet the goals and objectives identified in the Plan. The Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan contains goals, performance outcome objectives, and implementation strategies for using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

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2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Community Development Block Grant program has a priority of inclusion in the planning and implementation process. Therefore, the City of Sugar Land regularly consults with residents, agencies that are CDBG subrecipients, other local service and housing providers, neighboring CDBG Entitlement Jurisdictions, and county, regional and state agencies. The City also works directly with the Homeowner's Associations (HOAs) in Sugar Land to receive direct input from residents. Additionally, during the annual monitoring of public service and housing rehabilitation providers, the City requests input into the planning process and solicits names and contact information for residents who may have complaints or information that has previously been unvoiced.

The City of Sugar Land will continue to encourage citizen participation, with emphasis on participation by persons of very-low, low, and moderate income that are eligible for CDBG-funded services and residents of CDBG Target Areas in which funds can be expended. All CDBG-related documents, including the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, the Analysis of Impediment and Fair Housing Plan, the annual CAPERs (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report), information gathered from public meetings/hearings, measurable achievements and subrecipient monitoring results are available to the public for review at any time. This availability is announced at all public meetings and hearings.

Listed in the table below is a summary of the community needs and priorities that have been identified for the upcoming year. The priorities detailed within the table vary by activity and are based on several factors:

- Level of available CDBG funding against program cost
- Location of need for area-based projects (within CDBG Target Area)
- Level of physical need as assessed by the City's Public Works Department
- Number of households or people in need based on Census, State and local data from a variety of sources
- Level of need described in applications for subrecipient funding and numbers served by subrecipients in the past
- Availability and capacity of agencies to address the need if funded

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Matrix Code	Activity	Program Year 2014-2018 Objectives	Priority (H, M, L)
Public Facilities and Improvements			
03K	Street Improvements	313,000 square feet of paving	H
03L	Sidewalks	8,600 linear feet of sidewalks	H
Public Services			
05A	Senior Services	200 seniors receive services	H
05H	Employment Training	400 low-mod income persons	M
05N	Abused & Neglected Children	250 abused & neglected children receive services	H
Housing			
14A	Single Family Rehab	40 homes are rehabilitated	M
Administration			
21A Administration	CDBG Program Administration	Annual administrative management of CDBG funds	H

The Annual Action Plan outlines the level of need, the obstacles to meeting the needs and the strategies for addressing the greatest number of needs in the City of Sugar Land.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Despite the limited funding available, the City of Sugar Land has made an impact in the lives of low income persons living within the City. During the 2015 Program Year (PY), the second year in the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan, the City was able to report in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) the funding of services to assist abused and neglected children, elderly persons, disabled persons, and illiterate adults. Low income residents also received minor home rehabilitation to help the community retain affordable housing options. The total clients served during PY 2015 include:

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- 70 abused and neglected children were provided with advocacy services
- 60 low income adults were provided with General Education Development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- 42 elderly and disabled persons received hot, frozen and emergency meals
- 8 low income persons were assisted with minor rehabilitation

Year to date during the 2016 program year, the third year in the 2014 – 2018 Consolidated Plan, the City has documented the following total clients served:

- 6 abused and neglected children were provided with court appointed advocacy services
- 30 low income adults were provided with General Education Development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- 38 elderly and disabled persons received hot, frozen and emergency meals
- 915 low income persons have increased access to park facilities

In addition to services provided using CDBG funding, the City of Sugar Land also funds service programs through the utilization of local dollars. The City of Sugar Land's T.E. Harman Senior Center has a total enrollment exceeding 1,300 clients and serves as a location where seniors can socialize and sign up for activities and field trips, therefore helping to keep seniors active within the community.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Sugar Land is committed to involving all residents in its programs. The City hosts numerous public hearings and public meetings to involve all interested residents. Through various Departments, the City of Sugar Land works directly with multiple groups involved in the community, including the Homeowner's Associations (HOAs), non-profit agencies, civic associations and community groups. The City's staff routinely asks for input into the planning process and solicits names and contact information for residents who may have complaints or information that have previously been unvoiced.

For the 2017 Annual Action Plan, the City of Sugar Land hosted multiple public hearings. The first public hearing was held to garner information from attendees and provide a pre-application workshop for prospective applicant agencies for funding. The public hearing was tied to the 30-day public comment period and gave residents and interested parties an opportunity to publicly voice their opinions of the plans or to have questions regarding the CDBG program and the proposed plans answered. A second public hearing allowed residents an opportunity to provide input as part of City Council's review and approval of the Plan. The public hearings were advertised at City Hall, on the City's website, and in the general-circulation newspaper. Copies of the advertisements have been included as attachments.

The public hearings discussed the CDBG program, the funding process, Fair Housing rights and issues, eligible activities and then opened the floor to comments, concerns, the ranking of issues and recommendations.

In addition, during the plan development, the Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department made a workshop presentation to the City Council, which was open to the public. On June 19, 2017, the City of Sugar Land posted the Annual Action Plan for public comment with notice of the 30-day comment period posted in the general circulation newspaper, the City's website and SLtv. A summary of the City of Sugar Land's 2017 Annual Action Plan was advertised, and the entire Plan was available for review at City Hall and on the City's website. A public hearing was held on July 6, 2017 to receive comments from the public. On August 1, 2017, the Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department presented an Action Item to the City Council for the approval of the PY 2017 Annual Action Plan.

The City of Sugar Land will continue to encourage citizen participation, with emphasis on participation by persons of very-low, low, and moderate income that are eligible for CDBG-funded services and residents of CDBG Target Areas in which funds can be utilized. A concerted effort will be made to encourage citizen participation through the nonprofit organizations also serving low income persons. The City works directly with these nonprofits to offer information and gather input from clients directly benefiting from the program.

All CDBG-related documents, including the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, the Analysis of Impediment and Fair Housing Plan, the annual CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report), information gathered from public meetings/hearings, measurable achievements and subrecipient monitoring results are available to the public for review at any time. This availability is announced at all public meetings and hearings.

5. Summary of public comments

The City of Sugar Land solicited public comments through various outreach methods, including personal contact, newspaper publication, online notification and municipal television. The City of Sugar Land's Citizen Participation Plan outlines the criteria the jurisdiction will use for receiving public input, notification of awards and determining what changes constitute a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. These substantial amendments are subject to the Citizen Participation process. Substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan will include changes such as downgrading or upgrading of priorities; the addition or removal of priorities; or changing of the citizen participation planning process. Substantial amendments to the Annual Action Plan will include any change in the activities that will necessitate a reallocation of at least 20 percent of an activity's funding allocation;

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commencement of an activity not previously outlined in the plan; or cancellation of an activity previously outlined in the plan.

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

No comments were received regarding the Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan.

7. Summary

The Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan represents the City of Sugar Land's plan to ensure an improved quality of life for its low and moderate-income residents. The primary objective of the City of Sugar Land's CDBG program is the development of a viable urban community through the establishment of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities primarily for low and moderate-income persons. These objectives are achieved through a comprehensive approach to program implementation focused on infrastructure, public services, and housing rehabilitation projects throughout the community.

The City of Sugar Land's mission is to ensure that all areas of the City have comparable city services and infrastructure and that all residents have equal access to programs. The City aims to be a place where residents of all income levels and situations can enjoy all stages of their lives. The Plan identifies needs and establishes a strategic plan for meeting those needs. The Plan will serve as a guide for decision makers in creating strategies that address the provision of adequate streets, sidewalks, parks and green spaces, community facilities, and quality public services for persons living in low-income communities.

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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.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	SUGAR LAND	Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Sugar Land is the Lead Agency for the CDBG Program which operates under the Council-Manager form of government. City Council appoints the City Manager, who acts as the chief executive officer of the government, carries out policy, and administers city programs. All department heads are ultimately responsible to the City Manager. The Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department manages the CDBG program and oversees development of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans, subrecipient agencies responsible for carrying out the program, and reporting of results through IDIS and the CAPER.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department serves as the contact for the Annual Action Plan and public comments related to the Plan. Staff can be reached at (281) 275-2170, communitydevelopment@sugarlandtx.gov, or at P.O. Box 110, Sugar Land, Texas 77487-0110.

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City annually conducts public outreach during the development of the annual action plan to receive input from the citizens of Sugar Land and the agencies that serve them. The City also consults on a regular basis with those housing and social service agencies that are subrecipients of CDBG funding.

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(l))

While the City of Sugar Land does not have any public or assisted housing within its city limits, efforts were made during the development of the PY2017 Annual Action Plan to reach out to providers of affordable housing, health, mental health and public services to enhance planning and coordination throughout the City of Sugar Land and greater Fort Bend County. Providers of affordable housing, such as Fort Bend CORPS, provided input to better understand the limitations when working to develop and provide quality affordable housing within the City of Sugar Land. The City recognizes that the cost of housing is a barrier to many families and through its partnership with housing providers has worked to conserve existing affordable housing within the community.

Providers of health, mental health and public services also participated in surveys and public meetings during the development of the PY2014-2018 Consolidated Plan to coordinate services to youth, seniors, disabled persons, homeless, and other populations in need. Providers included AccessHealth, Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Fort Bend Seniors, Literacy Council of Fort Bend, Fort Bend County Women's Center, and many more agencies serving the community. Additional consultation from individuals, Homeowners Associations, and City Departments were completed through the use of a survey distributed by email, posted on the city's website and Facebook page, and distributed at community centers. The coordinated efforts and combined feedback received from meetings and surveys assisted with the identification of community needs throughout the City.

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.

Though little documentation is available about the homeless population immediately within the City of Sugar Land, city staff works with Continuum of Care participants to coordinate efforts to address the needs of homeless persons. Staff also consults with providers of health, mental health and service agencies, in addition to the Sugar Land Police Department and Fort Bend ISD Homeless Coordinator to better assess the community need.

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

The City of Sugar Land falls within the Houston/Harris/Ft. Bend County Continuum of Care structure, which is led by the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County and includes Houston as well as Harris and Fort Bend counties. As Sugar Land does not receive an allocation of ESG funding, there are limitations in the services available to the homeless population. Nevertheless, the City and its departments are attentive to the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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

As part of the Citizen Participation Plan and the development of the PY2017 Annual Action Plan, organizations representing a variety of service providers were given an opportunity to provide input regarding their individual experiences serving clients within the City

of Sugar Land. Agencies include:

Sort	Agency/Group /Organization	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How the Agency/ Group/ Organization was consulted.
1	Child Advocates	Services - Children	Anti-poverty Strategy	Improved coordination of programs for abused children in Fort Bend County.
2	Fort Bend CORPS	Housing	Housing Need Assessment	Improved coordination of affordable housing in Fort Bend County.
3	Fort Bend County	Other Government - Local	Anti-poverty Strategy	Better coordination of anti-poverty programs in Fort Bend County.
4	Literacy Council of Fort Bend County, Inc.	Services - Education	Anti-poverty Strategy	Improved coordination of programs for illiterate adults in Fort Bend County.
5	Fort Bend Independent School District	Other Government - Local	Homelessness Strategy	Better coordination of homeless services in Fort Bend County.
6	Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels	Services – Elderly Person	Anti-poverty Strategy	Better coordination of elderly services in Fort Bend County.
7	Sugar Land Parks Department, T.E. Harman Senior Center	Services – Elderly Person	Anti-poverty Strategy	Better coordination of elderly services in Sugar Land.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

In an effort to consult a diverse group of service providers, the City of Sugar Land has reached out to agencies that provide services to the community's youth, elderly, homeless, and disabled as well as agencies that provide assistance with housing and healthcare.

Unlike the City of Houston and Harris County, the City of Sugar Land has substantially fewer agencies providing services. Many services are only offered in more metropolitan areas of the region. While this could serve as a limitation, increased efforts were made to consult with surrounding agencies during development of the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan and 2017 Annual Action Plan.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Fort Bend County PY2015-2020 Consolidated Plan	Fort Bend County	Coordinate funding overlap and strategies to address homelessness in Fort Bend County.
Harris County Program Year 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan	Harris County	Coordinated strategies to address homelessness in greater Houston MSA.
Missouri City PY 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan	Missouri City	Coordinated funding overlap within Fort Bend County.
The Way Home	City of Houston, Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County and the Houston/Harris & Fort Bend Counties Continuum of Care	Coordinated strategies to address homelessness in greater Houston MSA.
State of Texas Plan for Fair Housing Choice	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	Consistent impediment action steps and proposed anti-NIMBY strategies.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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 City of Sugar Land understands the importance of ensuring the participation and input of citizens, businesses, nonprofits, and City Departments in the development of the Annual Action Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan details the process by which the City reached out to enable all citizens to participate in an advisory role in the planning and implementation of the Annual Action Plan.

During the preparation of the Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan, the City of Sugar Land engaged in a series of public hearings to receive input from the citizens of Sugar Land and the agencies that serve them. These opportunities for public input allowed residents and nonprofit partners to voice concerns regarding the current state of issues such as streets and infrastructure, housing, public spaces, services and mobility. These are issues that affect all residents but can more severely impact the low-income residents of Sugar Land.

The City also consults on a regular basis with those housing and social services agencies that are subrecipients of CDBG funding. These agencies include:

- Fort Bend CORPS that provides housing rehabilitation, energy efficiency improvements, property clean-ups and other housing-related services through CDBG, foundation and private funding as well as volunteer labor. The agency is able to provide a fairly accurate assessment of current housing condition and housing needs.
- Fort Bend County Senior Citizens that provides services and advocacy for the elderly of Fort Bend County, including Sugar Land and provides the City with information regarding the needs of seniors in the community.
- The City of Sugar Land's Senior Citizens Program in the Parks & Recreation Department provides a number of services to ambulatory elderly within the City.
- Child Advocates of Fort Bend, along with the area's Child Protective Services office, that provide information regarding abused, neglected and endangered children.

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- Literacy Council of Fort Bend County is able to provide information about the needs of immigrant populations in Sugar Land –primarily Hispanic, Vietnamese, Chinese and Cambodian as well as the literacy needs of the entire community – English as a Second Language and Adult Reading needs.

In addition to those agencies funded through the CDBG program, the City of Sugar Land consulted with other agencies with insights into local and regional conditions. These agencies include the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County to provide the most current information regarding the needs of the homeless in Sugar Land.

The City of Sugar Land continues to attempt to broaden public participation in the development of the Annual Action Plan. The combination of the various forms of outreach allowed for the inclusive nature in the preparation of the Annual Action Plan.

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	Individual Emails	Community wide outreach	Summary of current services and specific community needs	No comments received	All responses accepted	
2	Public Hearing	Nonprofits serving Sugar Land residents, published in newspaper	March 22, 2017, attendance by nonprofits serving low income residents through housing, mental health, and literacy	No comments received	All responses accepted	
3	Public Meeting	Community wide outreach	June 6, 2017 City Council review workshop and resident attendance	No comments received	All responses accepted	
4	Public Notice	Community wide outreach	June 19, 2017 Notice of the public hearing and public comment period for the PY 2017 Annual Action Plan was posted to website and newspaper for review	No comments received	All responses accepted	
5	Public Hearing	Community wide outreach	July 6, 2017 public hearing	No comments received	All responses accepted	

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)
6	Public Meeting	Council review and approval of PY2017 Annual Action Plan	August 1, 2017 City Council approval and resident attendance	No comments received	All responses accepted	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

As an entitlement city, the City of Sugar Land is a recipient of CDBG funding annually. Funding allocations are limited and must be coupled with local dollars to leverage greater resources and extend the assistance available for low income families.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	Federal	Public Services, Public Improvements, Housing, Admin and Planning	$283,687	N/A	N/A	$283,687	$283,687	Funds will be used according to the noted priorities to include public services, public facilities and infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, and administration.

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

CDBG funding does not specifically set match requirements; however, the City of Sugar Land works to leverage substantial dollars to extend the services available to low and moderate-income persons. Public service agencies and subrecipients funded with CDBG dollars are also asked to contribute other resources towards the funded activities.

Due to the small amount of funding received each year, none of the prioritized activities are solely funded with federal dollars. Through their independent fundraising, which includes state, foundation and private dollars, subrecipients anticipate leveraging approximately $1.96 million towards services for residents during the 2017 Program Year. The City of Sugar Land also contributes local dollars towards program administration, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, including staff time and expertise, which is proposed to total over $25,000 for the 2017 Program Year.

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

All the proposed improvements within Covington Woods (CT/BG 672302-2) will be completed on publicly owned land for the benefit of the community. The street and sidewalk improvements will be completed to increase amenities and accessibility.

Discussion

The City of Sugar Land is committed to combining resources and leveraging public and private funds to ensure the sustainability of low and moderate-income neighborhoods and residents throughout the City.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Covington Woods Infrastructure Improvements	2017	2018	Street and Sidewalk Improvements	Covington Woods	Street and Sidewalk Improvements	$108,787	7,650 SF of street, 900 SF of driveway and 800 SF of sidewalk improvements, including 4 ramps to increase accessibility
2	Fort Bend Seniors, Meals on Wheals	2017	2018	Public Services	City wide	Senior Services	$24,500	20 elderly and disabled persons assisted with meals
3	Literacy Council of Fort Bend County, Inc., Literacy Tutoring	2017	2018	Public Services	City wide	Employment Training	$12,840	45 low-moderate income persons assisted with GED, ESL and literacy education
4	Child Advocates, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	2017	2018	Public Services	City wide	Abused and Neglected Children	$4,000	10 abused and neglected children assisted with advocacy and support services
5	Fort Bend CORPS, Home Rehabilitation Program	2017	2018	Housing	City wide	Single Family Rehab	$78,440	9 low-moderate income families assisted with minor housing repair
6	CDBG Program Administration	2017	2018	Administration	N/A	Administration	$55,120	Annual administrative management of CDBG funds

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

During Program Year 2017, the City of Sugar Land will focus efforts on public services, housing rehabilitation and public improvements. Public services include services to seniors, abused and neglected children, and persons with limited English proficiency. One public improvement and one housing project are also included.

Sort Order	Goal Name and Goal Description
1	**Covington Woods Infrastructure Improvements**
	Project will include street and sidewalk improvements, including ramps to increase accessibility.
2	**Meals on Wheals**
	Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels Program will provide home-delivered meals to low and moderate income senior citizens and/or disabled persons within the City.
3	**Literacy Tutoring**
	The Literacy Council of Fort Bend County will utilize CDBG funding to carry out literacy programs for Sugar Land clients and also provide GED prep courses for those clients interested in completing the program.
4	**Child Advocates, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)**
	Child Advocates of Fort Bend will utilize CDBG funding to provide advocacy and support services for abused and neglected children and their families.
5	**Home Rehabilitation Program**
	The Fort Bend CORPS will utilize CDBG funding to conduct minor housing rehabilitation to homes owned and occupied by low to moderate income families.
6	**CDBG Program Administration**
	The City of Sugar Land will utilize CDBG funding to provide administrative services to deliver the CDBG program successfully and in full compliance with all HUD and federal regulations.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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):

Each year, the City of Sugar Land assists approximately 8 families with minor housing rehabilitation to help ensure sustained housing affordability. Over half of the families assisted are low income while 20% are extremely low-income and 30% are moderate-income families.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

During Program Year 2017, the City of Sugar Land will focus efforts on public services, housing rehabilitation and public improvements. Overall, a total of seven projects will be funded with the anticipated allocation of $267,181.

#	Project Name
1	Covington Woods Infrastructure Improvements
2	Meals on Wheels
3	Literacy Tutoring
4	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
5	Home Rehabilitation Program
6	CDBG Program Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities have been determined to reflect several factors, including level of need, level of available funding, and capacity of local agencies.

Funding priorities are foremost reflective of the community's need. Both through input from residents and meetings with service providers, the City was able to better assess need.

With continued decreases in the level of Federal CDBG funding, the City of Sugar Land has to make strategic decisions regarding the funding of projects. With limited funds coupled with a 15% cap on the funding of public services, only a limited number of projects can receive funding each year.

The availability of local agencies with the capacity to provide services and expend federal funds is one obstacle to addressing underserved needs. A limited number of agencies provide housing and services to homeless populations, services to youth, transportation services, and health services to Sugar Land residents.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Project Name	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome
Covington Woods Infrastructure Improvements	Covington Woods	Street and Sidewalk Improvements	$108,787	7,650 SF of street, 900 SF of driveway and 800 SF of sidewalk, including 4 ramps to increase accessibility
Fort Bend Seniors, Meals on Wheels	City wide	Senior Services	$24,500	20 elderly and disabled persons assisted with meals
Literacy Council of Fort Bend County, Inc., Literacy Tutoring	City wide	Employment Training	$12,840	45 low-moderate income persons assisted with GED, ESL and literacy education
Child Advocates, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	City wide	Abused and Neglected Children	$4,000	10 abused and neglected children assisted with advocacy and support services
Fort Bend CORPS, Home Rehabilitation Program	City wide	Single Family Rehab	$78,440	9 low-moderate income families assisted with minor housing repair
CDBG Program Administration	N/A	Administration	$55,120	Annual administrative management of CDBG funds

Table 9 – Project Summary

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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

The vast majority of projects proposed during Program Year 2017 will serve residents throughout the City of Sugar Land.

Public services and housing rehabilitation are intended to serve individuals and families in need regardless of their geographic location. While each client is asked to provide their address, the process is intended to verify residence rather than to target services in any particular geographic area.

The Street and Sidewalk Improvements will be the only project that focuses on a specific geographic location. Improvements are proposed within the Covington Woods Target Area within Census Tract/Block Group 672302-2.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Covington Woods	**38%**

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Sugar Land has an exception to the 51 percent rule for low-moderate income and uses the HUD established qualifying criteria allowing areas with 25.39 percent or greater low-moderate income. The Covington Woods Target Area meets this criterion and is made up of 25.39% low and moderate-income persons who are primarily concentrated within a few blocks.

Discussion

Poverty and the services needed to address poverty in Sugar Land are disbursed throughout the City. With the exception of one project, that will target Covington Woods, the remaining five projects will serve low income individuals and families throughout the City.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

While the City of Sugar Land is not a recipient of Federal HOME funding, the City allocates at least 25% of its annual CDBG allocation each year toward housing activities. Due to this smaller allocation towards housing each year, the City is mostly able to focus efforts on the rehabilitation of existing units.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	4
Special-Needs	5
Total	9

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	9
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	9

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The funding of housing rehabilitation each year is intended to assist low and moderate-income families remain in their homes. Over half of families assisted are elderly and disabled and often are in need of modifications to their homes to allow for greater accessibility. Elderly and disabled persons are also usually on a fixed income and have limited resources to invest into the repair of their home. These vulnerable populations are in greatest need for housing assistance.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Sugar Land does not have any public housing located within its city limits and does not have a public housing authority that serves its residents.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

The City of Sugar Land does not have any public housing located within its city limits and does not have a public housing authority that serves its residents.

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

Introduction

The City of Sugar Land will focus much of its efforts during Program Year 2017 on special needs populations by funding assistance to elderly, disabled adults, and abused and neglected children. Services will assist the special needs population with food, court advocacy, and housing repairs.

In the past, the City has provided funding to a homeless service provider for assistance to homeless victims of domestic violence. Unfortunately, the difficulties in complying with federal funding requirements have led to a lack of interested homeless providers. The lack of qualified and interested service providers restricts the amount of services available to the community.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Through the funding of minor housing rehabilitation, the City is working to enable low income persons, particularly elderly and disabled persons, to remain in their homes and avoid homelessness. Repairs such as new roofing, plumbing, and accessibility improvements, if not made, can result in life safety concerns that can make a home uninhabitable.

Though the City of Sugar Land will not have an opportunity to fund the current needs of homeless persons, local service providers are working to address the needs of homeless persons.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

In addition to assistance provided by local churches, three homeless service providers serve Fort Bend County. The agencies focus their efforts on three specific target populations, including homeless families, victims of domestic violence, and homeless youth ages 7-17. As part of the development of the Program Year 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan and the Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan, Sugar Land has reached out to each of the agencies, including Fort Bend Family Promise, the Fort Bend County Women's Center, and Parks Youth Ranch to better understand their need for funding.

The City of Sugar Land will also continue developing its relationship with the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County, the Sugar Land Police Department, and Fort Bend ISD to reach out to homeless persons to better understand their individual needs. Sugar Land also

intends to participate in the efforts to make coordinated intake and rental assistance available.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Though the City of Sugar Land will not have an opportunity to fund the current needs of homeless persons, local service providers are working to address the needs of homeless persons. Each of the three service providers working in Fort Bend County target a specific population, including homeless youth, victims of domestic violence, and homeless families. All three organizations provide emergency shelter, but only Fort Bend Family Promise and the Fort Bend County Women's Center offer assistance with transitional and permanent housing.

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

According to the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County's zip code data, which can overlap in other regions, residents from the Sugar Land area utilized homeless services from service providers. Additionally, Fort Bend ISD reports that 209 Sugar Land children received homelessness services in 2016-2017.

To ensure services to families experiencing homelessness, service providers within Fort Bend County work with the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County to participate in the coordinated intake and referral process. The coordinated intake and referral system has been initiated in Houston and includes other parts of the region, such as Sugar Land.

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.

To ensure services to families in need of housing, service providers within Fort Bend County work with the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County to participate in the coordinated intake and referral process. Persons facing homelessness would be referred to the system from Sugar Land to receive services and rental assistance and therefore help stabilize their lives. The coordinated intake and referral system has been initiated in Houston and includes other parts of the region, such as Sugar Land.

Parks Youth Ranch has recognized the need to provide housing to homeless youth aging out of the foster care system and other youth facilities. The agency is currently working to address this model and will likely be addressing the need at their current location, which is outside of the City of Sugar Land.

Persons being discharged from publicly funded institutions such as the criminal justice system are eligible for reentry services from the facility at which they are being discharged. Program assistance focuses on key factors that include housing, employment, health care, transportation, and financial resources. These efforts are coordinated with local service providers to ensure a complete approach to reentry.

Discussion

It is extremely difficult for the City of Sugar Land to serve the City's homeless population without the assistance of local service providers. Unfortunately, the difficulties in complying with federal funding requirements have led to a lack of interested homeless providers. The lack of qualified and interested service providers restricts the amount of services available to the community. Despite this concern, the City will continue its efforts to collaborate with service providers both in Fort Bend County and in Harris County.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	0
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	0

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

Introduction

The City of Sugar Land does not receive HOME funding and is unable to counter the high cost of developing affordable housing. Additionally, because Sugar Land is an entitlement community, Fort Bend County cannot invest HOME dollars within Sugar Land. For-profit and non-profit developers therefore have little incentive to build affordable housing within the city limits.

The community's perception of affordable housing also serves as a barrier towards the development of affordable housing. While low income housing tax credit (LIHTC) projects have not been proposed in Sugar Land, projects proposed in the immediately surrounding jurisdictions have received some scrutiny. Similar thinking exists within Sugar Land as it relates to affordable housing.

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

The City of Sugar Land has worked during the last four years to better inform the community regarding diverse housing options and their benefits. The City of Sugar Land is currently updating its Land Use Plan, which documents the land use policies that guide development within the City. This update is a multi-phase project that includes numerous opportunities for public input. During the Land Use Forum Speaker and Community Discussion Series, approximately 200 community members attended and participated in the six-part speaker series held from January to April 2014. Topics included Housing Choices for a Successful City, which focused on housing choice and the benefits of having a diverse housing stock. Another way the public was able to provide feedback on the Land Use Plan was through public meetings and online town halls. So far there have been two open house-style meetings and several online town halls to receive input from the general public. The update process is on-going and will continue during the upcoming program year and will include the finalization of the vision, goals, policies and an action items associated with the Land Use Plan and development within the City. The update is anticipated to be complete in 2017 with final adoption of the updated Plan.

In addition, the City will continue to provide information about housing choice and fair housing by distributing brochures to the local libraries and subrecipient agencies receiving CDBG funds. This distribution will provide multiple avenues for Sugar Land residents to receive the information.

To ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing during the 2017 Program Year, the City of Sugar Land continues to commit approximately 28% of the City's annual CDBG allocation to fund minor housing rehabilitation. Low income individuals and their families receive assistance for the repair of their home to help retain affordable housing options currently available.

Discussion

Despite the challenges in developing new affordable housing, the City is working to preserve all of its current stock of affordable housing. Restrictions resulting from limited funds are much more difficult to contend with.

In regard to the City of Sugar Land's impediments to fair housing choice, the City will in the upcoming fiscal year continue to address the lack of affordable housing by helping preserve the existing housing stock through the funding of a minor rehabilitation program.

To address the cost of housing, the City will continue to have one of the lowest tax rates within the Houston metropolitan area. The City of Sugar Land has the highest level of growth rate in the metropolitan area, and the homeownership rate for non-white households is 18% to 22% higher than the Houston metropolitan area which reflects the higher levels of equity.

The City will also continue to address language barriers through the funding of entities such as Literacy Council of Fort Bend County who carries out English as a Second Language (ESL) programs and assists residents in acquiring a GED and Literacy Education. These activities help improve the quality of life for low-income City of Sugar Land residents.

In regard to the community's concerns of an insufficient number of rental housing units, the City of Sugar Land is currently updating its Land Use Plan, which documents the land use policies that guide development within the City. The update is anticipated to be complete in 2017 with final adoption of the updated Plan.

Finally, The City of Sugar Land will continue to monitor and provide technical assistance yearly to every subrecipient in Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The largest obstacle to meeting the needs of underserved populations is the limited available funding. Each year, the amount of available funding is reduced, therefore requiring the City to reduce the allocation to service agencies that aid low income residents.

The next most concerning obstacle is the lack of qualified and interested service providers. Unfortunately, the difficulties in complying with federal funding requirements have led to a lack of interested homeless providers. The lack of qualified and interested service providers restricts the amount of services available to the community.

To address these obstacles, the City of Sugar Land collaborates internally with its departments and funds strong community organizations focused on assisting underserved populations. In working with the Police Department, Parks Department, Public Works Department and Engineering Department, the Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department can better assess and meet the needs of underserved communities. By continuing to fund well-established community organizations such as Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Fort Bend CORPS, Fort Bend Seniors and Literacy Council of Fort Bend County during the 2017 Program Year, the City is able to assist vulnerable populations. Through these collaborative efforts, populations at risk, including abused children, the elderly and disabled persons, receive much needed services.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Sugar Land has worked during the last four years to better inform the community regarding diverse housing options and their benefits. The City of Sugar Land is currently updating its Land Use Plan, which documents the land use policies that guide development within the City. This update is a multi-phase project that includes numerous opportunities for public input. During the Land Use Forum Speaker and Community Discussion Series, approximately 200 community members attended and participated in the six-part speaker series held from January to April 2014. Topics included Housing Choices for a Successful City, which focused on housing choice and the benefits of having a diverse housing stock. Another way the public was able to provide feedback on the Land Use Plan was through public meetings and online town halls. So far there have been two open house-style meetings and several online town halls to receive input from the general public. The update process is on-going and will continue during the upcoming program year and will include the finalization of the vision, goals, policies and an action items associated with the Land Use Plan and development within the City. The update is anticipated to be complete in 2017 with final adoption of the updated

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Plan.

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Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

As part of all funds expended on minor housing rehabilitation, testing for lead based paint is required for all homes built prior to 1978. These measures help identify lead hazards and establish a base for improvements in homes where lead is found to be present. Where necessary, lead is encapsulated to ensure no further risk to occupants of the homes.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Sugar Land works to ensure that all programs and policies established to support and funded by the CDBG program have a goal of assisting low and moderate-income families to prevent the cycle of poverty. Programs and services are intended to provide families with continued opportunities.

One of the City's goals is to provide GED, ESL and literacy training for low to moderate income persons who are unable to enter the job market due to their inability to effectively communicate. The program will offer the community an opportunity for improved employment options and greater access to community resources. Through this goal, over 45 persons are anticipated to receive assistance during Program Year 2017.

With a goal to assist at least 20 abused and neglected children during Program Year 2017, the City of Sugar Land intends to fund advocacy and support services. These services give children an opportunity to heal and move beyond the trauma of their abuse and entrance into the foster care system to become more successful adults.

Minor home repair will provide low income families an opportunity to remain in safe and permanent housing. Housing provides families and particularly children an opportunity to stabilize their lives. Minor housing rehabilitation and accessibility modifications help elderly and disabled persons to remain in their homes.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

During the next year, the City of Sugar Land will continue working to better assess the local need of families experiencing homelessness. The City is working with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County and Fort Bend Independent School District to better

understand and coordinate the delivery of services across systems with service providers throughout the greater Houston area.

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

Through its collaborative efforts with the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County, the City of Sugar Land is working to coordinate efforts between private housing and other service agencies. Local agencies such as the Sugar Land Police Department, Fort Bend ISD, and homeless service providers would identify the needs of homeless persons and work through the Coalition's referral system to receive rental assistance and therefore help stabilize their lives.

Discussion

In managing the constraints posed by limited funding and lack of interest by service providers, the City of Sugar Land is in a position where it must better leverage its relationships with partner agencies.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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

The City of Sugar Land does not plan to receive any program income.

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

The City of Sugar Land does not plan to receive any Section 108 loans.

3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements

The City of Sugar Land does not have any urban renewal settlements.

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.

The City of sugar Land does not have any grant funds returned to the line this year.

5. The amount of income from float-funded activities
Total Program Income

The City of Sugar Land does not have any float-funded activities.

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities

The City of Sugar Land does not plan to undertake any urgent need activities.

Discussion

The City of Sugar Land does not fund any activities that create program income.

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SPORTS

@FtBendAthletics: Marshall finishes second in 5A state

By Bill McCaughey
For The Fort Bend Star

All throughout their playoff season, the Fort Bend Marshall boys' basketball team used aggressive defense to trigger scoring runs as they won their way to the state championship game.

Last Saturday, the Buffalos came up one scoring run short as Mansfield Timberview beat Marshall 74-66 to win the 2017 5A state championship in San Antonio at the Alamodome.

Marshall controlled the first half as their aggressive defense and running game shut down the Mansfield offense as the Buffalos took a halftime lead of 37-27. The second half saw Mansfield out-Marshall Marshall as the Wolves picked up their defensive intensity, causing turnovers leading to a 19-2 run and a 49-43 lead at the end of the third quarter.

"They got a run in the third quarter and it came at a bad time for us. We thought we would come out with a run, but it never came," Marshall coach Gary Nichols said. "We never got another one."

Mansfield never let up in the fourth quarter as they claimed their first state championship. The final score was 74-66.

Jabari Rice led Marshall with 20 points and Taz Sherman scored 17. Marshall ended their season with 32 wins and 8 losses.

"I am just so elated about this group, especially the seniors. We fought through adversity all year long. They are champions," Nichols said. "They learned a lesson that sometimes you play as hard as you can and still not win. That's the way life is. As long as you play your best, you are a champion."

"It was a blessing just to play in this championship game. One of our season's goals was to get here and we got here. We just couldn't finish it," Rice said. "We're not going to hold our heads down."

"This is the best Marshall team ever. We will always have that," John Walker said. "We are very honored just to get here. Now we just have to focus on the next thing."

Marshall beat Northwest 82-59 in the semifinals to earn their way into the championship game. The Buffalos used a 13-0 scoring run in the second quarter to take a lead they would not give up.

ALL-DISTRICT

The District 23-5A all-district team has been announced. Chandler Jacobs of Elkins has been named Most Valuable Player and Albert Thomas of Elkins was named Coach of the Year. First team members include:

Elkins: Jacobs, Larry Kuimi, and Morgan Armstrong

Marshall: John Walker, Jabari Rice, and Taz Sherman

Second team members include:

Elkins: Wentrell Williams and Robert Means

Marshall: Floyd Nzamba and Anthony Norman

Willowridge: Jalen Knott, Israel Boyd and Calexiun Hollinquest

2016 Atlantic League Player of the Year Jeremy Barfield re-signs with Skeeters

Baseball team inks several players to contracts

The Sugar Land Skeeters recently announced that the club has re-signed the 2016 Atlantic League Player of the Year, outfielder Jeremy Barfield, for the 2017 season, in addition to several other players.

Last season, the Houston native became the first Skeeters player to win the league MVP award in the franchise's five-year history.

Barfield led the Atlantic League and set single season franchise records in home runs (27), total bases (272) and extra-base hits (60). He became the first Skeeters player ever to win the Atlantic League home run crown. Barfield also finished second in the league in runs scored (87), tied for third in RBI (85), fourth in slugging percentage (.533) and walks (62), tied for fourth in hits (156) and finished fifth in doubles (31).

The 28-year-old also set a single season franchise record in multi-hit games (51) while placing second in hits (156), RBI (85) and third place in doubles (31). In 2016, Barfield was voted to the ALPB All-Star Game, named to the End-Of-Season All-Star team and was also named the Skeeters MVP hitting .306 with 27 home runs, 95 RBI, 87 runs and 31 doubles. Jeremy batted .308 in the playoffs and helped lead the Skeeters to their first ever Atlantic League championship and a perfect 6-0 record in the post season.

Barfield played most of his minor league career in the Oakland A's farm system reaching as high as AAA Sacramento in 2013. He spent a short time with the Skeeters in 2015 appearing in 17 games, but in that short time, helped the Skeeters put together a 10-game winning streak which tied for second longest in franchise history before being signed by the Colorado Rockies and reaching the AAA level for the second time in his career.

The Klein High School graduate was drafted by the New York Mets in the 9th round of the 2006 MLB June Amateur Draft. The Oakland A's chose him in the 8th round of the 2008 MLB Amateur Draft, but decided to attend college first (San Jacinto College). In eight minor league seasons he batted .260 with 72 HR and 392 RBI. Barfield is the son of former major leaguer Jesse Barfield and the brother of former major leaguer and Atlantic League player Josh Barfield.

LANCE ZAWADZKI

The Sugar Land Skeeters has re-signed Atlantic League veteran infielder and former big leaguer Lance Zawadzki for the 2017 season. Zawadzki, 30, returns to begin his first full season with the Skeeters after joining the club last season in July.

After spending three seasons in the Atlantic League (2014-2016) with the Lancaster Barnstormers, Zawadzki joined the Skeeters last season and played a significant role in helping the club capture the 2016 Atlantic League championship. During the Skeeters 6-0 playoff run in 2016, he started all six games and batted .261 with one home run and four RBI. He solidified the Atlantic League championship for the Skeeters after catching the final out in the last game of the Atlantic League Championship Series against the Long Island Ducks.

Ironically, Zawadzki helped the Barnstormers defeat Sugar Land in the 2014 Atlantic League Championship Series, giving him two championships in the last three years. The power hitting shortstop has 88 career home runs, 167 doubles, 25 triples and 423 RBI in 958 games played. Lance earned Atlantic League All-Star honors with the Barnstormers both in 2014 and 2015.

MARK HAYNES

Right-handed pitcher Mark Haynes, 30, returns after joining the Skeeters in September. The Sugar Land native posted a 3.38 ERA in three games last season with the club. Haynes began his Independent League career in the American Association in 2010 with the Shreveport-Bossier Captains and played two seasons. In 2012 he joined the Laredo Lemurs and pitched four years. Last season prior to joining the Skeeters, he played for the Kansas City T-Bones where he posted a 5-2 record in 40 relief appearances, a 3.86 ERA with 15 saves. In his seven seasons pitching for Independent League teams he has pitched in 206 games (19 starts) with 28 career saves.

Haynes was a three-year starter and baseball letterman at Austin High School. The right-hander later played for Rice University, where he was primarily a middle reliever. Injuries limited Haynes his first two seasons at Rice (9 game pitched) but he would appear in 42 games for the Owls from 2009-2010. In his four years at Rice he was 3-0 in 51 total games (3 starts) with a 4.11 ERA in 92.0 innings pitched.

ZECH ZINICOLA

The Sugar Land Skeeters have re-signed right-handed reliever Zech Zinicola.

Zinicola, 32, returns for his second season with the Skeeters after appearing in 60 games in relief last season and posted a 2.93 ERA in 61.1 innings pitched with three saves. The right-hander helped the Skeeters during their 6-0 playoff run in 2016 as one of four Skeeters relievers who combined for a 1-0 record and allowed no runs in 10.1 IP, five hits, five strikeouts and three walks. Zech was first drafted by the Atlanta Braves (43rd round) in the 2003 MLB Amateur Draft out of Arlington High School (Riverside, Calif.) and would later be drafted again by the Washington Nationals (6th round) in the 2006 Amateur Draft out of Arizona State University. While at Arizona State, he was teammates with a number of current major leaguers including Andrew Romine (DET) and Dustin Pedroia (BOS).

OZZIE MARTINEZ

Infielder and former big leaguer Ozzie Martinez has been signed for the 2017 season.

Martinez makes his Atlantic League debut with the Skeeters after spending last season in the Baltimore Orioles system. The 28-year-old native of Carolina, Puerto Rico, was first drafted by the Florida Marlins (11th round) in the 2006 MLB Amateur Draft out of Porterville College (Porterville, Calif.).

He spent six seasons in the Marlins system, making his big league debut with the team in 2010. He was named the No. 5 prospect for the Marlins in 2011 and the No. 10 prospect for the Chicago White Sox the following year.

Martinez appeared in 14 games for the Marlins in 2010 and another 20 games in 2011, with a combined .258 batting average. In 2011, he was traded by the Marlins to the Chicago White Sox and would then spend time in the Los Angeles Dodgers, Atlanta Braves and Baltimore Orioles systems over the next five seasons.

RAFAEL MONTALVO

After being a part of the coaching staff with manager Gary Gaetti last season as bullpen coach, former big leaguer Rafael Montalvo returns for his first season as pitching coach and brings 13 years of professional baseball playing experience to Sugar Land. He spent time in the Los Angeles Dodgers, Houston Astros and California Angels systems. He pitched one season in the Atlantic League in 1999 for the Atlantic City Surf and went 10-8 in 24 starts with a 3.89 ERA. Overall he played 12 seasons in the minor leagues and was 49-40 with a 3.72 ERA in 914.0 innings pitched.

Montalvo went on to serve as a pitching coach in the Tampa Rays organization from 2000-2009 at all levels ranging from Rookie ball to Triple-A in their minor league system. In 2010 he joined the Road Warriors as a pitching coach in the Atlantic League and served as pitching coach and special advisor from 2011-2015 for both Japan and Mexico Leagues.

(Submitted photo)

Jeremy Barfield is returning to the Sugar Land Skeeters this year. He is the 2016 Atlantic League Player of the Year and the Skeeters MVP.

FOOT FACTS

by **Dr. Eric Tepper**

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TOGETHERNESS

The majority of podiatric problems can be cured without invasive measures; however, when foot pain becomes severe enough to interfere with normal activities, surgery may be the best option. Foot fractures or joint deteriorations from chronic diseases sometimes require joint fusion surgery ("arthrodesis"). In such cases, bones are surgically joined together with bone grafts, screws, plates, pins, or a combination of these things. During the healing process, the foot is casted to keep the fused joint immobilized. Over time, the body treats the fused site like a fracture and heals the area with new bone, making the two bones become one. Fused joints may lose flexibility, but they are able to bear weight better and are no longer painful.

If you have a problem with your feet, come see us at **3143 Hwy. 6 South.** We will help you feel better and lessen the pain. We can help with adult and pediatric foot care, sports medicine, and even hospital-based surgery. Foot ailments that we treat include anything from corns, calluses, burns, and much more. We are board certified in medical and surgical treatment for all disorders

HINT: Podiatric surgical risks vary depending upon a patient's age, health history, and the type of procedure that is being performed.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SUGAR LAND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR USE OF CDBG FUNDS

The City of Sugar Land will hold a public hearing to give all Sugar Land residents an opportunity to voice opinions on the Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan for use of **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds** and proposed projects for the upcoming program year. We would like to hear your comments on how we should prioritize programs for the coming year and how we plan to spend CDBG funding.

A **mandatory** pre-application workshop for all agencies requesting CDBG funds will be held in conjunction with the public hearing. Eligible agencies include 501(c)(3) non-profits, City Departments and County agencies. Applications are due by 5 P.M.April 18, 2017, and will be made available only to those agencies in attendance.

All attendees are invited to speak on the subject of CDBG at the public hearing on:

Tuesday, March 21, 2017
9:00 A.M.
Brazos Rooms I & II
City of Sugar Land City Hall
2700 Town Center Boulevard North
Sugar Land, Texas

Residents may send comments by April 18, 2017 to the City of Sugar Land Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department, P.O. Box 110, Sugar Land, Texas 77487-0110. Residents may also fax comments to the City at (281) 275-2360.

CDBG Program Background

The goal of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to public facility construction and improvements, handicapped accessibility, operational funding for non-profit agencies, rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing, housing development assistance, enforcement of City codes, clearance and demolition, infrastructure improvements, business development and job creation activities. Not less than 70% of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons.

Fair Housing Issues

The Public Hearing will be a forum regarding input on fair housing and related issues. Citizens with suggestions and/or concerns will be provided opportunity to voice those issues during the last portion of the public hearing.

Note: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, these facilities are wheelchair accessible, and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for special accommodations or interpretive services must be made at least 48 hours prior to the meetings. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs. Please contact the Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department at (281) 275-2170 or by FAX at (281) 275-2360.

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COUNTIES OF HARRIS AND FORT BEND

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared M. Fredrickson, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the FORT BEND STAR and the FORT BEND/SOUTHWEST STAR, that said newspaper (i) devote not less that 25% of its total column lineage to general interest items,(ii)are published once each week, (iii) are entered as second-class postal matter in the Fort Bend County and Harris County, Texas and (iv) were published regularly and continuously in Fort Bend County and Harris County, Texas and that the attached notice was published in said newspapers on the following date(s) to wit:

March 15, 2017

M. Fredrickson

M. Fredrickson, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of March, A.D., 2017.

Lisa B. Long

Lisa B. Long, Notary Public

My commission expires:

LISA B. LONG
My Notary ID # 5397439
Expires January 15, 2020

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MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

Reynolds outlines 85th legislative session

State Rep. Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City, recently recapped his activity in the 85th Legislature, which ended May 29.

Although Gov. Greg Abbott has called for a special session that will begin July 18, a lot went on in the five months the Legislature was in regular session. The following is a summary of Reynolds' report to his constituents:

This session's bills each fall on the spectrum of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. The "Good" bills were drafted with good intent and successfully progressed through the legislative process. The "Bad" bills were good bills that were neglected and failed to pass – thus, missed opportunities for Texas. Lastly, the "Ugly" bills were drafted in bad faith and whether or not they passed, there was still too much time wasted considering them.

The Legislature had the enormous task of trying to figure out how to fund our necessary services such as public education, higher education, and health and human services. The proposed finalized budget, also referred to as SB1, does provide some minimum funding to increase the higher education financial aid program TEXAS Grants by 10 percent. It also provides supplemental funding of approximately $768 million, which allows for a short term funding fix for the retired educators health care program, TRS Care.

There is increased funding for mental health, as well as for Prevention and Early Intervention programs. Importantly, there are also additional dollars to implement the legislative overhaul for the state's child protective services and foster care programs. This improved funding for additional CPS personnel will increase agency efficiency by ensuring employee caseloads are maintained at a reasonable level.

Medicaid has again been underfunded. The $23.9 billion of state funding for Medicaid for 2018-2019 is about $400 million less than what was budgeted for 2016-2017. Instead of providing additional funding on the front end, the state will risk the prospect of the program going broke and fund it with another supplemental measure. The state will start the next biennium in a projected $1 billion hole in general revenue needed to fully fund Medicaid. If proposed cost containment measures are unsuccessful or outpaced by growth in the program, this deficit could balloon by up to $2 billion by some estimates.

"For the past 140 days, my aim was not only to create and pass impactful laws, but also to monitor and speak forcefully against ugly bills that would be harmful," said Reynolds. "Although this legislative session was very contentious, we managed to get some good things accomplished for Texas."

SB 1849 began as a great criminal justice reform bill, but it has been narrowed into a good mental health and jail reform bill.

The Sienna Plantation Levee Improvement District of Fort Bend County, Texas, intends to expand its existing park system, but concerns have been raised that there are too many constraints on the district's ability to fund this expansion by issuing bonds. H.B. 2938 seeks to remove these constraints.

HB 1806 amends current law to provide an exception for Missouri City to use hotel occupancy taxes. This bill does not create a new tax nor adds to current tax. This bill allows Missouri City to use funds it already has for additional purposes.

I filed HB 1170 bill on behalf of Fort Bend County. This bill allows counties to lease advertising space on personal property owned or leased by the county, which would potentially save the county money. This legislation will allow for advertising on scoreboards or in parks, whereas in the past only certain facilities were permitted to have advertising.

Currently, the annexation rules in certain counties are too restrictive with respect to county assistance districts. H.B. 1716 seeks to provide such districts with greater flexibility regarding their territorial composition.

HB 2559 is an elections bill that relates to the public inspection of annual mail ballot applications allowing for a more efficient mail voting process.

While officer-involved injuries and deaths and certain injuries and deaths of peace officers are required to be reported by law, some law enforcement agencies are failing to do so. H.B. 245 will address this noncompliance by penalizing law enforcement agencies that fail to comply with those reporting requirements following notice from the attorney general's office.

Classroom instruction is too often disrupted by statewide standardized testing. HB 515 seeks to minimize this disruption by reducing and revising state testing requirements.

"Despite the good bills that were passed, there were a number of good bills that were overlooked. These good bills were turned bad because they're missed opportunities for Texas," said Reynolds.

HB 475 would have addressed the issue of a stagnant minimum wage in Texas by raising the state's minimum wage to $15 per hour.

HB 228 would have addressed the unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation, thus, allowing equal pay for equal work, no matter the gender of the employee.

HB 1281 would have enhanced opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs).

HB 476 aimed to give small businesses and HUBs more opportunity for economic growth and experience.

HB 1858 would have provided for a full day of prekindergarten in public schools.

HB 21 provided changes to the public school finance system that are necessary in order to meet the requirement under the Texas Constitution that the legislature establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools. HB 21 originally aimed to pump $1.6 billion additional dollars into public schools. The school finance package increased annual per-student funding, as well as spending for school transportation and educating dyslexic students. However, the Senate reduced the plan to about half its worth and offered some special education students vouchers, which allow for using state funding to attend private schools.

HB 861 would have afforded a pay raise to all classroom

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teachers, full-time librarians, full-time school counselors or full-time nurses of public schools if the rules were adopted by the commissioner presiding over the school district.

HB 604 created single member districts for the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) instead of the current at-large system.

HB 1107 was a local bill that would allow Fort Bend to be included in the list of those counties that the authority to prohibit roadside vending in the unincorporated portions of the country.

HB 1815 ensured the enforcement of regulations and imposition of fines in county parks will discourage vandalism and other dangerous activities taking place in such parks.

HB 854 sought to require the appointment of a Special Prosecutor to prosecute cases where a police officer kills or seriously injures a citizen. The Special Prosecutor must come from a different county than that which is served by the officer.

HB 1714 sought to ensure the integrity of the Grand Jury process. This bill provides equal access to an attorney and more properly balances the scaled of justice for all parties who are involved.

HB 1955 proposed voter registration of Texans with an unexpired driver's license or personal identification card issued in the state to be completed over the internet from a secure website.

HB 2452 modified the voter identification requirements to the system Texas had in place prior to 2013. The bill intended for voters to provide proof of their identity using their voter registration card or one of many different forms of photo or non-photo identification.

"The 'ugly' bills were drafted, filed, and debated in bad faith," said Reynolds. "With only 140 days of session, it is despicable that so much valuable time was wasted on such discriminatory and divisive bills. Texas leadership displayed a great displacement of priority on the following bills."

SB 4, or the Sanctuary Cities Bill or the "Show Me Your Papers" Bill, will require all Texas law enforcement agencies to comply with U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) detainers.

SB6, or the Bathroom Bill, would require transgender people to use the bathroom in public schools, government buildings, and public universities that matches their "biological sex."

SB 2, which passed in an 18-12 vote, could require taxing entities to hold an election if the amount of operating and maintenance funds they plan to collect from property taxes is, in general, 5 percent more than what they took in the previous year.

SB 5 upholds the previous Voter ID law that was passed in 2011 despite disparate impact studies and by the courts that this limited list of allowable forms of ID has had a disproportionate effect on racial minorities. This law requires voters to present some form of official identification before they are permitted to register to vote, receive a voting ballot, or to actually vote.

SB 3 attempted to amend current law relating to the establishment of an education savings account program and a tax credit scholarship and educational expense assistance program – also known as "vouchers" or "school choice."

HB 3859 started out as a bill to address the concerns of provider of child welfare services who may experience adverse or retaliatory actions from state agencies or other governmental entities for exercising their religious beliefs while providing those services.

SB 8 is an anti-abortion bill that is likely to be challenged in court. The bill is a deliberate effort to chip away a woman's right to choose through the courts and at the taxpayer's expense.

HB 1774, better known as the Blue Tarp Bill, will strengthen the influence of insurance companies in property claims disputes.

HB 25, this controversial elections bill aims to eliminate straight party voting on election ballots.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0003060000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Weatherford Farms, Inc., 13223 Murphy Road, Stafford , Texas 77477, which operates a wholesale greenhouse operation, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0003060000 to authorize removal of E. coli limits. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of greenhouse wastewater and stormwater at a daily average dry-weather flow not to exceed 36,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001. The TCEQ received this application on December 6, 2016.

The facility is located at 13223 Murphy Road, in the City of Stafford, Fort Bend County, Texas 77477. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. http:// www.tceq.texas.gov/ass ets /public/ hb610/index.html?lat=29.6302&lng-- 95.5609&zoom =13&type=r

The effluent is discharged via Outfall 001 to City of Stafford drainage ditch 2B7; thence to Keegans Bayou; thence to Brays Bayou; thence to the Houston Ship Channel / Buffalo Bayou Tidal in Segment No. 1007 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving waters uses are minimal aquatic life use for City of Stafford drainage ditch 2B7 and limited aquatic life use for Keegans Bayou and Brays Bayou. The designated uses for Segment No. 1007 are navigation and industrial water supply.

In accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action.

Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review is not required because no intermediate, high, or exceptional aquatic life use water bodies have been identified in the discharge route. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Stafford Municipal Court, 2610 South Main Street, Stafford, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court .

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If **a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a tim ely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive dire ctor will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the executive director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 130 8 7 , Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq .texas .gov/goto/ cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/ comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includ es email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea informaci6n en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800 -68 7- 4040 .

Further information may also be obtained from Weatherford Farms, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. James W. Weatherford III, owner, at (281) 498- 7261.

Issued: May 25, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELEASE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT
CITY OF SUGAR LAND PROGRAM YEAR 2014-2018 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND PROGRAM YEAR 2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR USE OF CDBG FUNDS

A public hearing will be held to give all Sugar Land residents an opportunity to voice opinions on the Amendment to Program Year (PY) 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan and Program Year (PY) 2017 Annual Action Plan for the use of **HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds** and proposed projects for the upcoming program year. We would like to hear your comments on how we should prioritize programs for the coming year and how we plan to spend CDBG funding.

A draft of the PY 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan and PY 2017 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review and comment beginning June 19, 2017 through July 18, 2017. The draft plans may be found on the City website www.sugarlandtx.gov and in the City Secretary Office, City of Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Boulevard North, Suite 122, Sugar Land, Texas 77479.

Public Hearing: The City will host a public hearing to further explain the CDBG process and solicit comments and feedback from residents concerning the proposed activities. Comments will be taken into consideration for any changes to the draft plan before submittal to HUD. All attendees are invited to speak on the subject of CDBG at the **Public Hearing 6:00 P.M., Thursday, July 6, 2017, Imperial Park Recreation Center, 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, Texas 77478.**

Residents may also send comments to the City of Sugar Land Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department, P.O. Box 110, Sugar Land, Texas 774870110. Residents may fax their comments to the City at (281) 275-2360. All comments must be received by the end of the comment period on July 18, 2017 in order to be considered and included within the City's Consolidated Plan Amendment and PY2017 Annual Action Plan.

Fair Housing Issues: The Public Hearing will also be a forum regarding input on fair housing and related issues. Citizens with suggestions and/or concerns will be provided an opportunity to voice those issues during the last portion of the public hearing.

Note: In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, this facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for special accommodations or interpretive services must be made at least 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact Stacie Henderson at (281) 275-2170 or by FAX at (281) 275-2360.

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF HARRIS AND FORT BEND

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared M. Fredrickson, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the FORT BEND STAR and the FORT BEND/SOUTHWEST STAR, that said newspaper (i) devote not less that 25% of its total column lineage to general interest items,(ii)are published once each week, (iii) are entered as second-class postal matter in the Fort Bend County and Harris County, Texas and (iv) were published regularly and continuously in Fort Bend County and Harris County, Texas and that the attached notice was published in said newspapers on the following date(s) to wit:

June 14th 2017

M. Fredrickson, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of June, A.D., 2017.

Lisa B. Long, Notary Public

My commission expires:

LISA B. LONG
My Notary ID # 5397439
Expires January 15, 2020

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Table 3A
Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan
Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Obj #	Specific Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Expected Number	Actual Number	Outcome/ Objective*
N/A	**Rental Housing Objectives**					
	Owner Housing Objectives					
DH-3.1	Minor single-family owner-occupied housing rehabilitation	CDBG	Housing units	9	TBD	DH-3
N/A	**Homeless Objectives**					
N/A	**Special Needs Objectives**					
N/A	**Community Development Objectives**					
	Infrastructure Objectives					
SL-1.1	Street & Sidewalk Improvements	CDBG and City Funds	Streets & Sidewalks Improved	1	TBD	SL-3
N/A	**Public Facilities Objectives**					
	Public Services Objectives					
SL-1.2	Child Advocacy	CDBG	People	10	TBD	SL-1
EO-1.1	Adult Literacy	CDBG	People	45	TBD	EO-1
SL-1.3	Meals for Seniors	CDBG	People	20	TBD	SL-1
N/A	**Economic Development Objectives**					
N/A	**Other Objectives**					

***Outcome/Objective Codes**

	Availability/Accessibility	Affordability	Sustainability
Decent Housing	DH-1	DH-2	DH-3
Suitable Living Environment	SL-1	SL-2	SL-3
Economic Opportunity	EO-1	EO-2	EO-3

Table 3C
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name City of Sugar Land

Priority Need
High

Project Title
Covington Woods Street & Sidewalk Improvements

Description
Covington Woods Street & Sidewalk Improvements will include 7,650 SF of pavement with 900 SF of driveways and 800 SF of sidewalk, including 4 ramps for increased accessibility.

Objective category: ☒ Suitable Living Environment ☐ Decent Housing ☐ Economic Opportunity
Outcome category: ☐ Availability/Accessibility ☐ Affordability ☒ Sustainability

Location/Target Area: Covington Woods (CT/BG 672302-2)
Street Address: Barrowgate Drive
City, State, Zip code: Sugar Land, TX 77498

Objective Number SL-1.1	Project ID 2017-001
HUD Matrix Code 03K	CDBG Citation 570-201(c)
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMA
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/1/2017	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 9/30/2018
Performance Indicator People	Annual Units 965
Local ID N/A	Units Upon Completion To be reported in CAPER

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	$108,787
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	$108,787

The primary purpose of the project is to help: ☐ the Homeless ☐ Persons with HIV/AIDS ☐ Persons with Disabilities ☐ Public Housing Needs

Table 3C
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name City of Sugar Land

Priority Need
High

Project Title
Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Description
Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels will provide home-delivered meals to 20 low and moderate income senior citizens and/or disabled persons within the City.

Objective category: ☒ Suitable Living Environment ☐ Decent Housing ☐ Economic Opportunity
Outcome category: ☒ Availability/Accessibility ☐ Affordability ☐ Sustainability

Location/Target Area: Fort Bend Seniors Office/Community wide
Street Address: 1330 Band Road
City, State, Zip code: Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Objective Number SL-1.3	Project ID 2017-002
HUD Matrix Code 05A	CDBG Citation 570-201(e)
Type of Recipient Nonprofit	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/1/2017	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 9/30/2018
Performance Indicator People	Annual Units 20
Local ID N/A	Units Upon Completion To be reported in CAPER

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	$24,500
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	$24,500

The primary purpose of the project is to help: ☐ the Homeless ☐ Persons with HIV/AIDS ☒ Persons with Disabilities ☐ Public Housing Needs

Table 3C
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name City of Sugar Land

Priority Need
Medium

Project Title
Literacy Council of Fort Bend, Literacy Tutoring

Description
The Literacy Council of Fort Bend County will utilize CDBG funding to carry out literacy programs for 45 Sugar Land clients and also provide GED prep courses for those clients interested in completing the program.

Objective category: ☐ Suitable Living Environment ☐ Decent Housing ☒ Economic Opportunity
Outcome category: ☒ Availability/Accessibility ☐ Affordability ☐ Sustainability

Location/Target Area: Literacy Council of Fort Bend County Office/Community wide
Street Address: 12530 Emily Court
City, State, Zip code: Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Objective Number EO-1.1	Project ID 2017-003
HUD Matrix Code 05H	CDBG Citation 570-201(e)
Type of Recipient Nonprofit	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/1/2017	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 9/30/2018
Performance Indicator People	Annual Units 45
Local ID N/A	Units Upon Completion To be reported in CAPER

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	$12,840
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	$12,840

The primary purpose of the project is to help: ☐ the Homeless ☐ Persons with HIV/AIDS ☐ Persons with Disabilities ☐ Public Housing Needs

Table 3C
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name City of Sugar Land

Priority Need
High

Project Title
Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Court Appointed Special Advocates

Description
Child Advocates of Fort Bend will utilize CDBG funding to provide advocacy & support services for 10 abused and neglected children.

Objective category: ☒ Suitable Living Environment ☐ Decent Housing ☐ Economic Opportunity
Outcome category: ☒ Availability/Accessibility ☐ Affordability ☐ Sustainability

Location/Target Area: Child Advocates of Fort Bend Office/Community wide
Street Address: 5403 Avenue N
City, State, Zip code: Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Objective Number SL-1.2	Project ID 2017-004
HUD Matrix Code 05N	CDBG Citation 570-201(e)
Type of Recipient Nonprofit	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/1/2017	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 9/30/2018
Performance Indicator People	Annual Units 10
Local ID N/A	Units Upon Completion To be reported in CAPER

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	$4,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	$4,000

The primary purpose of the project is to help: ☐ the Homeless ☐ Persons with HIV/AIDS ☐ Persons with Disabilities ☐ Public Housing Needs

Table 3C
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name City of Sugar Land

Priority Need
Medium

Project Title
Fort Bend CORPS, Home Rehabilitation Program

Description
The Fort Bend CORPS will utilize CDBG funding to conduct minor housing rehabilitation to 9 homes owned and occupied by low to moderate income families.

Objective category: ☐ Suitable Living Environment ☒ Decent Housing ☐ Economic Opportunity
Outcome category: ☐ Availability/Accessibility ☐ Affordability ☒ Sustainability

Location/Target Area: Fort Bend CORPS Office/Community wide
Street Address: 1004 Blume Road
City, State, Zip code: Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Objective Number DH-3.1	Project ID 2017-005
HUD Matrix Code 14A	CDBG Citation 570-202
Type of Recipient Nonprofit	CDBG National Objective LMH
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/1/2017	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 9/30/2018
Performance Indicator Housing Units	Annual Units 9
Local ID N/A	Units Upon Completion To be reported in CAPER

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	$78,440
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	$78,440

The primary purpose of the project is to help: ☐ the Homeless ☐ Persons with HIV/AIDS ☐ Persons with Disabilities ☐ Public Housing Needs

Table 3C
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name City of Sugar Land

Priority Need
High

Project Title
Administration

Description
The City of Sugar Land will utilize CDBG funding to provide administrative services to deliver the CDBG program successfully and in full compliance with all HUD and federal regulations.

Objective category: ☐ Suitable Living Environment ☐ Decent Housing ☐ Economic Opportunity
Outcome category: ☐ Availability/Accessibility ☐ Affordability ☐ Sustainability

Location/Target Area: City of Sugar Land Office/Community wide
Street Address: 2700 Town Center Boulevard North
City, State, Zip code: Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Objective Number N/A	Project ID 2017-006
HUD Matrix Code 21A	CDBG Citation 570-206
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective N/A
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/1/2017	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 9/30/2018
Performance Indicator N/A	Annual Units N/A
Local ID N/A	Units Upon Completion N/A

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	$55,120
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	$55,120

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SF 424

The SF 424 is part of the CPMP Annual Action Plan. SF 424 form fields are included in this document. Grantee information is linked from the 1CPMP.xls document of the CPMP tool.

SF 424

Complete the fillable fields (blue cells) in the table below. The other items are pre-filled with values from the Grantee Information Worksheet.

Date Submitted: 8/11/17	Applicant Identifier: B-17-MC-48-0041	**Type of Submission**	
Date Received by state:	State Identifier:	**Application**	**Pre-application**
Date Received by HUD:	Federal Identifier:	☒ Construction	☐ Construction
		☒ Non Construction	☐ Non Construction
Applicant Information			
City of Sugar Land		UOG Code: TX485202	
2700 Town Center Boulevard North		Organizational DUNS: 053502001	
		Organizational Unit:	
Sugar Land	Texas	Department: Environmental & Neighborhood Services	
77479	Country U.S.A.	Division:	
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		County: Fort Bend	
74-6027491		Program Year Start Date (MM/DD): 10/01/17	
Applicant Type:		**Specify Other Type if necessary:**	
Local Government: City		Specify Other Type	
Program Funding		**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**	
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
Community Development Block Grant		14.218 Entitlement Grant	
CDBG Project Titles PY 2017 Annual Action Plan for Environmental & Neighborhood Services		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s): City of Sugar Land, Texas	
$CDBG Grant Amount: $283,687	$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged: $0	Describe: CDBG funds to continue providing public services, housing rehabilitation and public infrastructure projects.	
$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged: $0		$Additional State Funds Leveraged: $0	
$Locally Leveraged Funds: $1,096,000		$Grantee Funds Leveraged:$25,000	
$Anticipated Program Income: $0		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s) $1,121,000			
Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME	
HOME Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s)	
$HOME Grant Amount	$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	

$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged	$Additional State Funds Leveraged
$Locally Leveraged Funds	$Grantee Funds Leveraged
$Anticipated Program Income	Other (Describe)
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)	

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS	14.241 HOPWA	
HOPWA Project Titles	Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s)	
$HOPWA Grant Amount	$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe
$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged	$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
$Locally Leveraged Funds	$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
$Anticipated Program Income	Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s)		

Emergency Shelter Grants Program	14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles	Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s)	
$ESG Grant Amount	$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe
$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged	$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
$Locally Leveraged Funds	$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
$Anticipated Program Income	Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)		

Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?	
Applicant Districts: 22nd	Project Districts: 22nd	☐ Yes	
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		☒ No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review

Person to be contacted regarding this application		
Stacie	R	Henderson
Assistant Director of Environmental & Neighborhood Services	281-275-2170	281-275-2771
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Signature of Authorized Representative		Date Signed 08-01-2014

CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

☐ **This certification does not apply.**
☒ **This certification is applicable.**

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
   a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
   b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
   c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
   d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
   a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
   b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
   a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
   b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature/Authorized Official

08-07-2017

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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

11. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

12. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2017, 2___, 2___, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

13. Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

    However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

    The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

14. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

15. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

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OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities, which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

> The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Signature/Authorized Official

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ESG Certifications

I, , Chief Executive Officer of Jurisdiction, certify that the local government will ensure the provision of the matching supplemental funds required by the regulation at 24 *CFR* 576.51. I have attached to this certification a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds.

I further certify that the local government will comply with:

1. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grants are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating costs or essential services.

2. The building standards requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.55.

3. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.

4. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 *CFR* Part 576, and other applicable federal laws concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.

5. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

6. The requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.

7. The requirements of 24 *CFR* Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.

8. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG funds and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter.

9. The requirement that recipients involve themselves, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, homeless individuals and families in policymaking, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 *CFR* 76.56.

10. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57(e) dealing with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable with respect to the environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related

authorities as specified in 24 *CFR* Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.

12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 *USC* 11362) to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.

13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification
This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

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7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled
Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal

criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:

a. All "direct charge" employees;
b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
2. Citizen Participation Plan
3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan

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