



CITY OF FORT WORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
and
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM
ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN FORT WORTH**

REGARDING THE

2023-2027 CONSOLIDATED PLAN and 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

FOR USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) PROGRAM**

Public Comment Period June 30, 2023 to July 31, 2023

The City of Fort Worth is providing a thirty-day public comment period regarding the submission of the proposed 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan for use of HUD grant funds for the 2023-2024 program year. The proposed plans meet federal requirements under the Community Development Act of 1974 and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended. These plans will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or about August 15, 2023 to meet application and regulatory requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) presents a summary of housing and community development needs of low-income households in Fort Worth, and identifies the priority needs that the City proposes to address with use of HUD grant funds over the next five years. The ConPlan also states the City's goals for addressing the identified priority needs. These goals must align with HUD's goals for providing Decent Housing, a Suitable Living Environment, and Expanded Economic Opportunities for low income persons. Each annual Action Plan during the five-year period from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2028 must address these priority needs and goals.

The City of Fort Worth is proposing the following ConPlan priority needs and goals for use of HUD grant funds, all of which are consistent with existing priorities and goals of the Fort Worth City Council.

Priority Need	Goal
Promote Affordable Housing for Renters and Owners	Increase neighborhood stability through homeownership assistance, Fair Housing efforts, and supportive services for renters and owners
Housing Preservation and Rehabilitation	Preserve and expand the supply of quality affordable housing throughout the City
Neighborhood Improvement and Revitalization	Enhance neighborhood development and revitalization throughout the City
Economic Empowerment and Financial Resilience	Support programs and services providing employment training and career readiness programs that promote self-sufficiency and household stability
Children and Youth Services	Support programs and services to prepare children and youth for success through educational, mentoring, training and related programs
Aging In Place	Support programs and services for older adults to access resources needed to age in their homes, while maintaining both their independence and quality of life
Accessibility Improvements	Improve accessibility in public facilities and housing, including architectural barrier removal
Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support	Provide housing and support services for persons experiencing and at-risk of experiencing homelessness; support efforts to achieve permanent housing
Healthy Living and Wellness	Support programs and services to improve the mental and physical health of low- to moderate income Fort Worth families

ACTION PLAN

The 2023-2024 Action Plan for the City of Fort Worth summarizes the specific activities and proposed expenditures for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Programs for the upcoming program year, which begins on **October 1, 2023 and ends on September 30, 2024.** **The purpose of these funds is to benefit low and moderate-income families, individuals and neighborhoods throughout Fort Worth. ESG grant funds benefit Fort Worth homeless persons, and HOPWA grant funds benefit individuals with HIV/AIDS in Tarrant, Johnson, Parker, and Wise counties.** Activities and/or programs which receive funding must contribute to the attainment of goals outlined in the Five Year (2023-2027) Consolidated Plan.

The total amount of grant funding to be allocated for the 2023-2024 Program Year is \$13,552,621.00 including \$100,000 in estimated program income from the CDBG and HOME programs. This includes \$6,994,785.00 in CDBG funds, \$3,271,119.00 in HOME funds, \$610,543.00 in ESG funds, and \$2,576,174.00 in HOPWA funds. A further detailed listing of how these funds will be allocated among different priorities and agencies can be obtained from the City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department by contacting the staff persons referenced at the end of this notice. The following is a list of proposed activities:

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS BY ACTIVITY AND/OR PROGRAM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)	
CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES	
AB Christian Learning Center (Out of School Time Program)	\$78,218.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County (Youth Development at Eastside Branch)	\$70,000.00
Camp Fire First Texas (Teens In Action)	\$50,000.00
Cancer Care Services (Cancer Care Services)	\$50,000.00
Easter Seals North Texas, Inc. (Employment Services)	\$60,000.00
Girls, Inc. of Tarrant County (Leadership Program)	\$100,000.00
Guardianship Services (Money Smart+)	\$100,000.00
Housing Channel (Housing Counseling & Education)	\$111,000.00
Junior Achievement of the Chisholm Trail, Inc. (Cradle to Career Initiative)	\$25,000.00
Maroon 9 Community Enrichment Organization (Maroon 9 Teen Enrichment Program)	\$25,000.00
Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Greater Tarrant County (Nutrition Program)	\$75,000.00
NPower (Tech Fundamentals Workforce Training Program)	\$25,000.00
The Ladder Alliance (Tarrant County Workforce Development)	\$80,000.00
The Women's Center of Tarrant County (Employment Solutions)	\$75,000.00
United Community Centers, Inc. (Holistic Educational Literacy Program)	\$125,000.00
Subtotal CDBG Public Service Agencies	\$1,049,218.00
CDBG HOUSING PROGRAMS	
City of Fort Worth – Rehabilitation and Construction Management Program Delivery	\$610,000.00
City of Fort Worth – Homebuyer and Housing Services Program Delivery	\$180,000.00
City of Fort Worth – Priority Repair Program	\$2,500,000.00
REACH, Inc. Resource Center on Independent Living - Project Ramp (Accessibility)	\$165,000.00
Trinity Habitat for Humanity– Cowtown Brush-Up	\$455,000.00
Subtotal CDBG Housing Programs Budget	\$3,910,000.00
CDBG MAJOR PROJECTS	
Rental Rehabilitation Multifamily Project	\$636,610.00
Subtotal CDBG Major Projects	\$636,610.00
CDBG ADMINISTRATION (20%)	
Neighborhood Services Department – CDBG Administration (20%)	\$1,398,957.00
Subtotal CDBG Administration	\$1,398,957.00
Total Community Development Block Grant Funds	\$ 6,994,785.00
CDBG ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME	
Program Income: CFW Priority Home Repair Program	\$50,000.00
Subtotal CDBG Activities Utilizing Estimated Program Income	\$50,000.00
Grand Total CDBG Budget including Estimated Program Income	\$7,044,785.00

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)	
Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP)	\$408,339.25
CHDO Set Aside (15%) – Housing Channel (Renaissance Townhomes)	\$490,667.85
CHDO Operating Costs (to support Renaissance Townhomes)	\$45,000.00
Fort Worth Housing Solutions: Babers Manor	\$1,000,000.00
Columbia Renaissance (Phase III)	\$1,000,000.00
Subtotal HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$2,944,007.10
HOME ADMINISTRATION (10%)	
Neighborhood Services Department - HOME Administration (10%)	\$327,111.90

Subtotal HOME Administration	\$327,111.90
Total HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds	\$3,271,119.00
HOME ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME	
Program Income: Homebuyer Assistance Program	\$50,000.00
Subtotal HOME Program Income	\$50,000.00
Total HOME Budget including Estimated Program Income	\$3,321,119.00

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)	
Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.: (Supportive Services, Facility-Based Housing Operations, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and Administration)	\$1,300,000.00
AIDS Outreach Center: (Short Term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance – STRMU; Tenant Based Rental Assistance – TBRA; Supportive Services; and Administration)	\$429,850.00
Subtotal HOPWA Public Service Agency Funding	\$1,729,850.00
HOPWA PROGRAM – City of Fort Worth	
Neighborhood Services Department – HOPWA Administration (3%)	\$77,285.00
Neighborhood Services Department: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$624,400.00
Neighborhood Services Department: Supportive Services	\$119,639.00
Neighborhood Services Department: Permanent Housing Placement	\$25,000.00
Subtotal HOPWA City of Fort Worth	\$846,324.00
Total HOPWA Budget	\$2,576,174.00

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)	
Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County (Shelter Operations/Services)	\$116,635.00
Lighthouse for the Homeless <i>dba</i> True Worth Place (Day Shelter Operations/Services)	\$158,400.00
The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation (Homelessness Prevention)	\$150,000.00
Center for Transforming Lives (Rapid Re-Housing)	\$75,901.00
SafeHaven of Tarrant County (Shelter Operations/Services)	\$63,816.00
Subtotal ESG Public Service Agency Funding	\$564,752.00
ESG ADMINISTRATION (7.5%)	
Neighborhood Services Department – ESG Administration (7.5%)	\$45,791.00
Subtotal ESG Administration	\$45,791.00
Total ESG Budget	\$610,543.00

GRAND TOTAL CDBG/ESG/HOPWA/HOME BUDGETS Including Estimated Program Income	\$13,552,621.00
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Beginning June 30, 2023, drafts of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and the 2023-2024 Action Plan will be available on the City’s website at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/neighborhoods/grants/>. Copies will also be available for public review at the following locations:

Neighborhood Services Department
City Hall Annex, 3rd Floor
908 Monroe St.
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

East Regional Library
6301 Bridge Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76112

Southwest Regional Library
4001 Library Lane
Fort Worth, Texas 76109

The thirty-day public review and comment period for both plans will commence on Friday, June 30, 2023. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, July 31, 2023. To submit written comments please write to the City of Fort Worth, Neighborhood Services Department, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, Attention: Sharon A. Burkley, Community Development Planning

Manager. To request additional Consolidated and/or Action Plan information or to request a copy, please contact Sharon A. Burkley at (817) 392-5785 or Sharon.Burkley@fortworthtexas.gov Written comments may also be faxed to (817) 392-2558.

<p style="text-align: center;">Public Hearing Dates July 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m. August 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m.</p>

Neighborhood Services Department staff will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at E.M. Shamblee Public Library, 1062 Evans Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. The Fort Worth City Council will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, August 8, 2023. This hearing is proposed to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 200 Texas Street, 2nd Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, in conjunction with the regular Council meeting. Please contact Sharon A. Burkley, Community Development Planning Manager at (817) 392-5785 or via email at Sharon.Burkley@fortworthtexas.gov for additional information.

The purpose of these hearings will be to receive public comment on the proposed funding listed above and on both the Action Plan and the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The plans are scheduled to be adopted by City Council on August 8, 2023 with both plans submitted to HUD on August 15, 2023.

Asistencia En Español: para que le interpreten la solicitud en Español, llame al (817) 392-7540.