

PUBLIC NOTICE

2016

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) and HOME PROGRAMS
SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS,
INDIVIDUALS, AGENCIES AND GROUPS:

Notice is hereby given that citizen input meetings will be held to solicit suggestions for 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME activities and PY2016 Action Plan on the following dates:

*****Neighborhood Meetings*****

Monday, February 15, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

Bowles Life Center
2750 Graham Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Thursday, February 18, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

Dalworth Recreation Center
2012 Spikes Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

The main goal of these programs is to develop urban communities which are free of slums, deterioration, and conditions which are detrimental to the health, safety, and public welfare. Federal money is available to help maintain housing, provide more economic opportunities for low and moderate income households, improve community services, and provide for a greater diversity and vitality of neighborhoods. Other important uses of these funds are for the more rational utilization of land and natural resources, and the preservation of areas with historical significance.

Eligible activities for CDBG funding include:

- 1. Purchase and/or sale of land and buildings which:**
 - a. Are blighted, undeveloped or inappropriately developed
 - b. Can be brought to standard condition
 - c. Are needed for public works projects
 - d. Are needed for other public purposes
- 2. Construction or installation of public works facilities**
- 3. Code enforcement in deteriorating areas.**
- 4. Clearance, demolition, and rehabilitation of buildings, and payments for temporary housing of persons displaced by community development activities.**
- 5. Special projects to assist the mobility of the elderly and handicapped**
- 6. The provision of public services not otherwise available if:**
 - a. They support other approved activities
 - b. Aid to provide such services has been denied under other federal programs
- 7. Payment of local share for federal grants**
- 8. Activities necessary to develop a comprehensive plan and for community development and housing activities**
- 9. Payment of reasonable administrative costs related to community development activities**

Eligible activities for the HOME programs include Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO's), occupied and rental housing rehabilitation, housing reconstruction, tenant based assistance, and home ownership projects.

Activities of general governmental support, such as construction of city halls, libraries, or schools are not allowed.

Request for Proposals (RFP) forms will be available February 29, 2016 at the following location Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. RFP's are due on or before **March 31, 2016 by 5:00 P.M.** and can be returned to the following address.

City of Grand Prairie, Texas
Housing and Neighborhood Services Department
Neighborhood Services Division
205 W. Church Street
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Further information on the program may be obtained by contacting the Neighborhood Services Division at 972.237.8166.

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