

PUBLIC NOTICE

2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and HOME PROGRAMS (AMENDMENT)

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
Housing and Neighborhood Services
205 W. Church
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: This
is a 5-day comment period from March 8, 2021 – March 13, 2021**

The above-named City has completed its citizen participation, community development plan, public notices, and review process. On June 16, 2020, the City Council, after due citizen participation requirements and publications, have reviewed activities for an expected **CDBG, CDBG-CV, CDBG-CV3** and **HOME** grant entitlement allocation totaling \$4,024,613.00

Subsequently, the application, certifications, and required documentation will be amended and submitted to HUD on or about March 10, 2021. One year Annual Action Plan and final statement and other appropriate documentation which lists the activities is available to the public regarding the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs at the address listed above during normal business hours. Additional information can be obtained by calling (972) 237-8166.

All citizens are encouraged to examine and submit comments regarding the PY20 CDBG and HOME Programs to the street address listed above. Comments must be received on or before March 10, 2021. Housing and Neighborhood Services of the City is the designated department which operates and provides oversight for the CDBG Program.

Funding Sources
Program Year 2020
10-01-2020 to 9-30-2021
City of Grand Prairie, Texas USA

CDBG FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: CDBG Fund Allocation Total: \$1,505,715.

HOME FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: PJ Fund Allocation Total: \$519,870.

CDBG-COVID FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: Fund Allocation Total: \$885,933.

CDBG-CV3 FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: Fund Allocation Total: \$1,113,095.

Please note there is no projected program income or returned grant funds anticipated from any sources.

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE 2020 CDBG PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Administration

CDBG Program Administration **\$275,000**

This includes oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the CDBG Program. This pays the full salaries of the Neighborhood Services Manager, and Neighborhood Services Specialist.

Fair Housing **\$5,000**

Provision of fair housing services and counseling is available to all city residents. The budget supports part of the Fair Housing Officer's activities.

Rehabilitation, Code and Housing Related

Housing Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Emergency, Homeownership and Program

Direct Delivery Cost **\$356,750**

Payment of operational expenses for the Housing and Emergency Rehabilitation Program, HOME, BuyinG-Power, and public service agency administration. This program pays for the salaries of staff positions.

Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction **\$386,354**

This program provides full rehab assistance up to \$25,000 and reconstruction up to \$120,000 for citizens 60 years and older or disabled utilizing CDBG funds. Liens are filed to protect the City's investment on single family low/mod owner occupied units. Depending on income, deferred payment, 0 percent and 3 percent loans are utilized.

Emergency Small Home Repair **\$70,000**

This program provides emergency repairs up to \$5,000 to alleviate health, safety, and public welfare conditions. Emergencies must occur without warning and applicants must be 50% of the median area income or below.

BuyinG-Power Program **\$37,000**

The City of Grand Prairie BuyinG-Power Program will help pay initial costs to help qualified low and moderate income citizens purchase a home. The City will provide up to \$5,000 which can be used towards half of the down payment and/or reasonable closing costs. The home purchased must be the primary residence of the buyer and located within the city limits of Grand Prairie.

Public Service Activities

Grand Prairie United Charities **\$51,000**
Provide salaries for a Caseworker, Administrative Assistant, Office Coordinator, and Donation Coordinator to assist Low Income families and water bill payments for clients. Services provided are food pantry, rent/mortgage, utility assistance (electric, water, gas), etc. for Grand Prairie families in need.

Brighter Tomorrows **\$51,000**
Payment of salaries of Residential Specialists related to the direct operation of a battered women and children shelter. This includes food, clothing, shelter, emergency transportation, emergency medical care, 24-hour a day crisis intervention, legal assistance in civil and criminal justice systems, educational arrangements for children, support groups, parenting classes, survival skills, and domestic and sex violence counseling.

Children First Center **\$51,000**
Funds are used for abuse counseling at a reduced cost. It makes counseling affordable to qualified low/mod income and presumptive benefactor persons. This includes counseling and guidance services with a primary focus on child abuse prevention.

Lifeline Shelter for Families **\$51,000**
This program was established to address the problem of homelessness in Grand Prairie providing full services to homeless families including shelter, food, clothing, transportation along with educational and employment services. This funding will be used to offset the salary of the Case Manager and Executive Director. The focus is on families with children based on students classified as homeless in the Grand Prairie Independent School District.

GP Charlie Taylor/Shotwell/Dalworth Day Camps & The Epic **\$12,900**
After school and day camps are provided Monday – Friday for school age children under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department. This service will be provided to low and moderate income children that reside in the City of Grand Prairie.

Grand Prairie Summit **\$4,000**
The Summit Scholarship Program is total scholarships for Grand Prairie low-income residents above the age of 50. The Summit scholarship would have no overhead and would go completely to cover the complete cost of the membership fees of those awarded.

Grand Prairie Homeless Outreach **\$4,646**
Helps lift the homeless out of homelessness and into homes (could be apartments or other housing arrangements) via case management that assesses the homeless persons current situation and develops a plan to improve their situation.

Public Facilities and Improvements

Sidewalks Repair and Replacement

\$150,000

This project will repair / replace concrete sidewalks along streets where children routinely walk to school in CDBG Low-Moderate census tract areas. Maintaining these sidewalks will increase the children's safety and beautify the neighborhoods.

HOME Program

Home Rehabilitations (HRP)/Home Reconstructions

\$309,269

The rehabilitation and reconstruction program provides deferred payment, 0% and 3% loans up to \$85,000 for low and moderate-income homeowners 60 years and older or disabled citizens to rehab single-family homes and is used in conjunction with the CDBG Rehabilitation Program. Liens are filed to protect the City's investment on single family low/mod owner occupied units Applications are accepted on a first-come first-served basis and rehabs and/or reconstructions are conducted based on need.

Grand Prairie Community Housing Development Organization, Inc. (CHDO)

\$78,000

This organization provides revitalization to Grand Prairie city wide through new construction and lot development for single family units. This funding will be used primarily for lot acquisition and construction to provide affordable housing for low to moderate income qualified families.

Future Builders Program

\$132,725

City of Grand Prairie partnership with Grand Prairie Independent School District construction students to build affordable housing for low to moderate income qualified families.

CDBG-CV Program

Small Business Grant Program

\$1,999,028

The program will use \$885,933 of CDBG-CV funds to provide grants of up to \$20,000 to businesses with up to fifteen (15) employees at the time of application, or up to five (5) employees with a low to moderate income owner. The business must demonstrate a loss of gross revenue of 25% or more as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to be considered for funding.

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