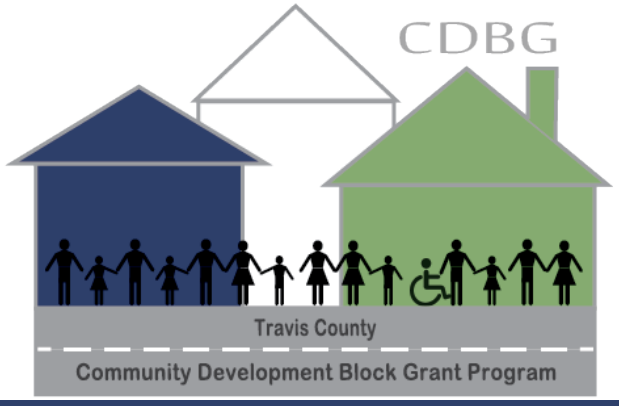
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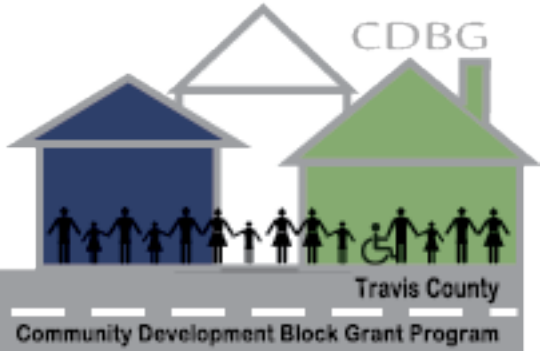
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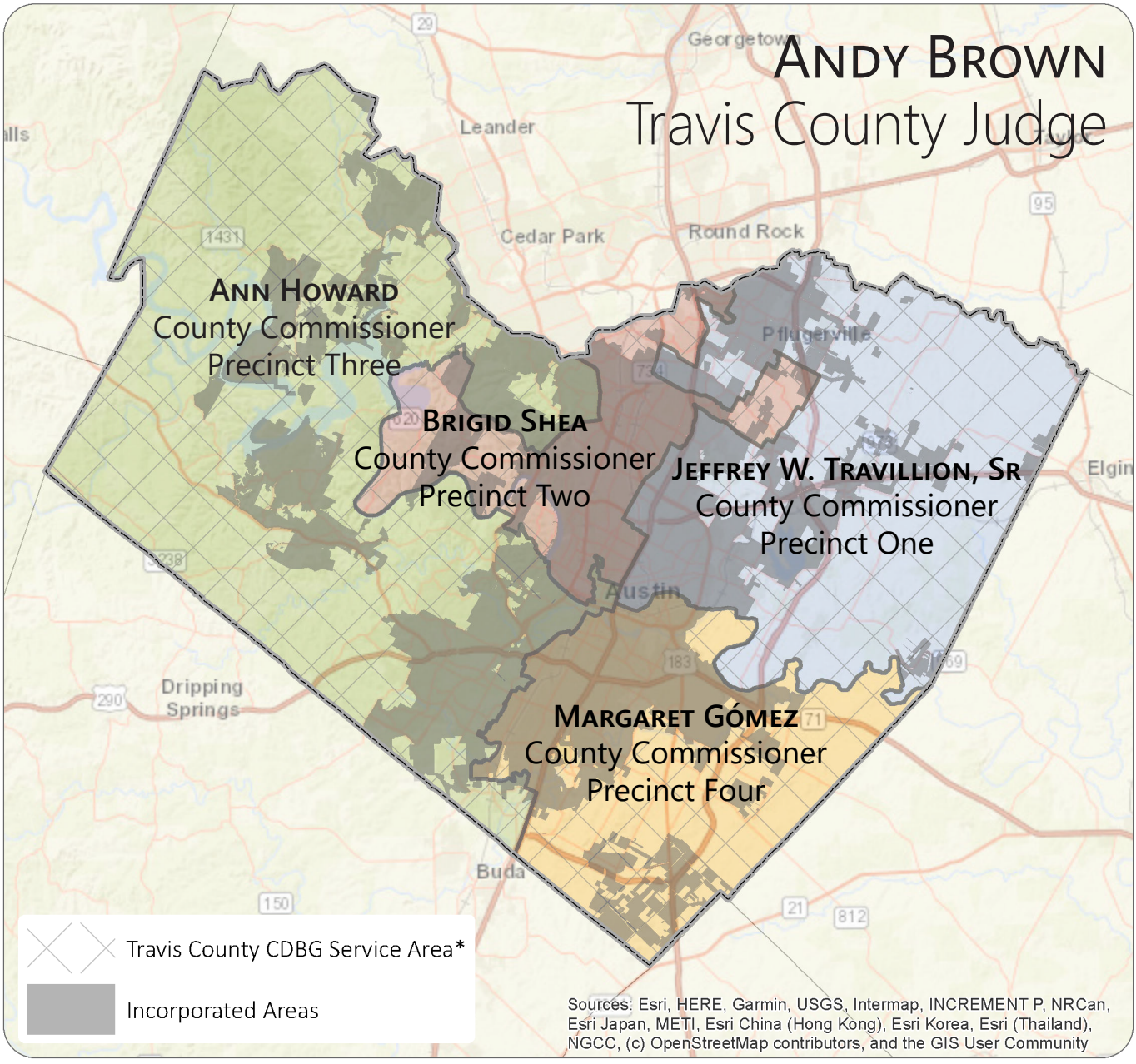


Minor corrections to the final/approved PY22 Action Plan

NOTE: These minor corrections were made *after* the PY22 Action Plan was approved by TCCC on 8/9/22 and *before* the final version was posted to the TC CDBG website. Please note these changes were accidental omissions, but were included in some areas of the plan, which was posted for public comment and discussed during the July 12 public hearing; as a result, court approval was not required for these minor corrections.

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*In addition to the unincorporated areas, the Travis County CDBG Service Area for PY22 also includes all of the areas within the Bee Cave, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, San Leanna, Webberville and West Lake Hills.

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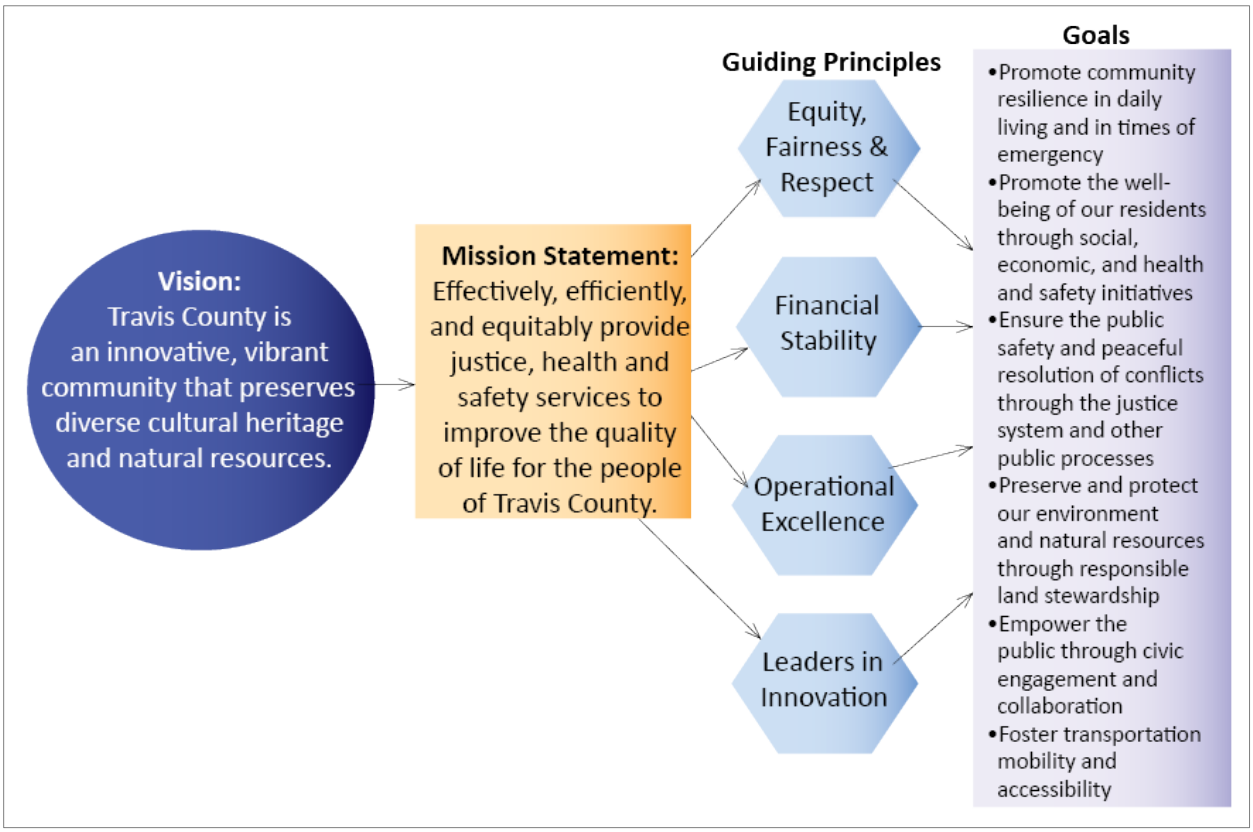
I. Executive Summary

Introduction

Under the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 5301), the Federal government, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), sponsors a program that provides Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Since 2006, Travis County has received CDBG funds from HUD on an annual basis.

Designated as the lead agency by the Travis County Commissioners Court, the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) prepares and submits this annual Action Plan to HUD every year. HHS is responsible for the public notification process, approval of projects, and the administration of these grants.

Figure 1. Travis County Vision, Mission & Goals



The Action Plan for Program Year 2022 (PY22) is the County's strategy for addressing the community's critical housing and community development needs in the Travis County CDBG service area, which for PY22 includes all the unincorporated areas in Travis County, along with all

of Bee Cave, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, San Leanna, Webberville, and West Lake Hills. PY22 is the fourth (4th) year of the five-year Consolidated Plan that spans PY19-PY23. Both the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan are developed under the guidelines established by HUD. The Action Plan allocates an estimated total of $1,296,262 for PY22, which will assist low- and moderate-income Travis County households in the CDBG service area through a home rehab program and continued funding for two right-of-way street improvement projects, along with funds for administration and planning.

Community engagement and participation is an essential goal of this program. County staff drew on a variety of data sources to provide a quantitative analysis of community needs and provided multiple opportunities to collect public input. The draft Annual Action Plan was made available for public review from June 22, 2022-July 22, 2022, and a public hearing was held on July 12, 2022.

At the end of each fiscal year, the County must also prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to provide information to HUD and the public to evaluate the County's performance and to determine whether the activities undertaken during the program year helped to meet the County's five-year goals and to address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. This annual performance report, prepared with public review and comment, must be submitted to HUD annually, no later than December 31st.

Summary of Objectives and Outcomes Identified in the Plan

After considering the housing, community development, and public service needs of Travis County's low- to moderate-income residents, along with public engagement efforts, Travis County Commissioners Court identified priorities for the five-year consolidated planning period as reflected in Table 1 below. Based on these priorities and the results of the PY22 Community Needs Assessment, the Commissioners Court approved projects for PY22, as summarized in Table 2. For a detailed discussion of projects, please refer to Section VI (Projects) of this Plan and Appendix B (PY22 Projects & Alternate Projects). Also see Appendix C which includes maps showing project locations (as applicable), low-to-moderate income (LMI) areas, and block groups with racial and/or ethnic concentrations.

Table 1. Priorities for the PY19-23 Consolidated Plan

Category	Ranking
Infrastructure	High
Housing	High
Community (Public) Services	Low
Populations with Specialized Needs	Low
Public Buildings and Facilities	Low
Business and Jobs	Low

Table 2. PY22 Projects

Project	Allocation
Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program	$1,004,010
Austin's Colony Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services)	$16,500
Forest Bluff Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services)	$16,500
Administration & Planning	$259,252

Evaluation of Past Performance

Program Year 2021 (PY21) marked the sixteenth year that Travis County received CDBG funds. Funds from PY15-21 are currently being spent. As projects are implemented, internal monitoring is taking place to assure grant compliance and project effectiveness. In early 2021, the CDBG Office analyzed all projects and cost-savings and determined there is approximately $133,697 available to reallocate. The CDBG Office is working to reallocate these cost-savings to a home rehabilitation/septic system program for PY22. Of the funds available to reallocate, some funds will require a substantial amendment of older action plans because some of the funds to be reallocated are for a different project type. The County's external auditor also reviewed the program in 2013, 2015, and 2018 and had no findings.

HUD monitored Travis County's CDBG program in June 2013 with no findings and one concern related to timely spending of funds. HUD most recently monitored Travis County's CDBG program in April 2020, which resulted in one finding related to all regulatory requirements not being included in the subrecipient agreement and three concerns related to policy and procedure deficiencies. In response, the Travis County CDBG program revised its policies and procedures and its subrecipient agreement to ensure regulatory compliance henceforth.

As part of the mandate from Congress to administer the CDBG program, each year HUD determines whether each CDBG entitlement is carrying out its activities "in a timely manner." HUD conducts an analysis of each entitlement's timeliness of spending 10 months into each grant year. For Travis County, the test occurs every August. The threshold for compliance with timeliness is having no more than 1.5 times the current year's allocation unspent. Due to COVID-19, as well as other administrative influences and staff changes, the program did not achieve timeliness for PY19 or PY20 and will not achieve timeliness for PY21.

In June 2021, Travis County provided HUD with a written notice explaining challenges to meet timeliness. The notice stated, "our community continues to work hard toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, Winter Storm Uri, and the subsequent impacts. We have made great progress, but the Travis County CDBG Program will struggle to draw down the needed $1.3 million in CDBG funds to meet the timeliness threshold by August 2021."

Despite efforts to get the construction of various projects underway, timeliness was not met by August 2021 (PY20). Design on Austin's Colony and Forest Bluff was completed on October 4, 2021. Unfortunately, there were delays with procurement. A construction notice-to-proceed (NTP) was issued for Austin's Colony on May 10, 2022. Forest Bluff is anticipated to be under construction by July/August 2022. Although active progress is underway, on June 9, 2022, the Travis County CDBG Office informed HUD in writing that Austin's Colony and Forest Bluff, totaling $2.14 million are in construction or will be within 30 days, but expenditures between June-August 2022 will not be sufficient to meet timeliness. As a result, Travis County indicated the projects will likely be completed by late 2022, but not early enough for Travis County meeting timeliness in August 2022 (PY21). With construction projects officially underway, Travis County feels confident timeliness will be met in August 2023 (PY22).

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

For the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. The public and service providers had the opportunity to provide input by 1) completing a survey, 2) meeting with CDBG staff, or 3) speaking at a public hearing.

For PY22, one meeting was held during the normally scheduled voting session. This public hearing was held on March 22, 2022. The public was able to appear in person or call into the meeting to ask questions or make comments. Four public comments were offered at this hearing and addressed by staff.

Needs assessment resident surveys were available online in English and Spanish until March 31, 2022. Written surveys were available upon request for those without access to a computer or the internet. A total of 88 residents completed surveys to provide input on the PY22 Action Plan.

A provider, or organizational, survey was also available to gather input and was offered in English only. Several list-servs, including the County's contracted social service providers, were used to send out the link to the online survey through email. A total of 16 surveys were completed by agencies.

A virtual consultation meeting was held on February 2, 2022, and a consultation survey was issued to stakeholder agencies.

A public hearing was held on July 12, 2022, during the 30-day public comment period (June 22-July 22, 2022). One written comment was received during the public comment period and one public comment was received during the July 12, 2022, public hearing.

For more detail, please refer to Appendix A (Public Participation).

II. The Process

Lead & Responsible Agencies

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

Table 3 – Responsible Agencies

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	Travis County	Health and Human Services

The HHS Department is the lead County agency responsible for the administration of the County's CDBG funding. This Department has the primary responsibility of assessing community needs, developing the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans, managing project activities in conjunction with other county departments and community partners, administering the finances, and monitoring and reporting. The CDBG office is in the Research and Planning division of HHS. The HHS Department reports to the Travis County Commissioners Court for oversight authority.

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Consultation

Introduction

Service providers, Travis County departments, and other local governmental agencies had several opportunities to participate in the PY22 Action Plan process including: 1) completion of a community needs assessment survey; or 2) through consultation on specific content areas in the plan. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff was not able to facilitate normal in-person consultation. As a result, the CDBG Office issued an online consultation survey followed by one virtual consultation meeting, which included nonprofits and County staff.

The PY22 Community Needs Assessment was available as an online survey. Respondents were asked to assist in identifying the greatest needs in the CDBG service areas, grouped into the investment categories of Populations with Specialized Needs, Community Services, Housing, Infrastructure, Public Buildings and Facilities, and Business and Jobs. In total, 16 needs assessment survey responses were received from nonprofit organizations. Additionally, four consultation survey responses were received.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDBG Office has implemented a virtual consultation's effort, to ensure we continue to consult with stakeholder departments, agencies and community partners to receive ongoing feedback regarding the services provided to residents within the Travis County CDBG service area and more importantly how we can continue to coordinate and collaborate to be as effective as possible. In preparation for the PY22 Action Plan, the CDBG Office held one virtual consultation meeting with agencies on February 2, 2022. In addition to four Travis County departments (HHS/CDBG, TNR, PBO/EDSI, and Justice & Public Safety), the City of Lago Vista (a small city, which is a part of the Travis County CDBG service area since 2020), the Texas Association of Mexican American Chamber of Commerce (TAMACC) (a 501c3 non-profit), and Dress for Success an 501c3 non-profit, for a total of eleven (11) individuals participated in the virtual meeting. A consistent discussion theme during the February 2, 2022, virtual consultation meeting was collaboration. Once the CDBG Office is fully staffed, the task of strengthening the CDBG Office's overall stakeholder collaboration will become a primary focus.

The Travis County CDBG Office continues to reach out to all agencies and make additional efforts to engage with agencies that focus on the establishment of broadband infrastructure and lead-based paint prevention and education. The CDBG Office created a survey monkey link to receive additional consultation feedback from agency stakeholder. Four (4) responses were received via the consultations survey: Travis County TNR Department, two responses from the City of Lago Vista, and one response from Meals on Wheels Central Texas.

The Travis County CDBG Office has also proactively pursued a partnership with the Texas Department of State Health Services for lead poisoning education and prevention efforts. CDBG staff attends regular Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) work group meetings to remain informed of DSHS activities, which provides opportunities for Travis County to share important lead-poisoning prevention and education efforts.

Please see Attachment A for consultation details.

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.

CDBG staff continue to work closely with the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation and other Travis County departments to implement the actions outlined in the County's Fair Housing

Plan. As part of this process, the County has convened an Affordable Housing Policy Committee. While the committee is made up of Travis County and City of Austin staff, the structure of the work includes consultation with an advisory group consisting of representatives from other units of local government, nonprofit and for-profit housing developers, and social service agencies. As the committee creates or refines policies, they will seek input from this advisory group to ensure effective coordination between all parties.

Additionally, CDBG staff and other Travis County Departmental staff participate in planning efforts that include a variety of stakeholders such as the City of Austin, local nonprofits, businesses, and other regional organizations. Some of these efforts include participation in Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), the Central Texas Regional Assessment of Fair Housing, and a Joint Comprehensive Housing Market Study.

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.

Per the 2021 Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Snapshot Results summary document released by ECHO,[1] due to COVID-19 safety protocols, ECHO used an alternative methodology in place of the unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Count in 2021. Rather than an in-person unsheltered count, ECHO used local HMIS data to estimate the scale of unsheltered homelessness in the community on January 28, 2021.

Per ECHO's assessment:

> *"While the visibility of homelessness may have increased as a result of COVID-19 precautions, estimates of* ***the number of people experiencing homelessness (PEH) in Austin/Travis County have remained relatively constant****.*
>
> *The addition of Protective Lodges (ProLodges) as a part of the COVID-19 response compensated for a decrease in the capacity of emergency shelters as a result of COVID-19 safety protocol."*

Based on ECHO's alternate PIT Count for 2021, 3,160 people experiencing homelessness were counted. Of these:

- 2,238 people were sleeping unsheltered (e.g., outside, in tents, in cars, etc.),
- 713 people were sleeping in shelters or transitional housing, and
- 209 people were sleeping in COVID-19 Protective Lodges (ProLodges).

[1]Accessed on 5/2/22: https://1zdndu3n3nla353ymc1h6x58-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-HMIS-Snapshot-One-Pagers-FINAL.pdf

Since the HMIS Snapshot and PIT Count methods are not interchangeable and data from each cannot be compared, in order to compare the 2021 count to the 2019 and 2020 counts, ECHO applied the alternate HMIS method. The results from the 2021 HMIS Snapshot Results summary document are tabulated below for comparison:

HMIS Method Estimates of Homelessness	**2019**	**2020**	*% change from 2019 to 2020*	**2021**	*% change from 2020 to 2021*
Unsheltered	1,855	2,262	*22% increase*	2,238	*1% decrease*
Sheltered or in transitional housing	1,169	932	*20% decrease*	713	*23% decrease*
Sheltered in ProLodges	N/A	N/A	*N/A*	209	[2]
Total count	**3,024**	**3,194**	***6% increase***	**3,160**	***1% decrease***

Regarding progress that has been made in terms of addressing homelessness in Travis County, according to ECHO's 2021 HMIS Snapshot Results summary document referenced above:

- The Austin/Travis County Homelessness Response System has focused more resources toward permanent housing solutions, rather than shelter capacity, over the last decade.
- The number of permanent housing beds in the system increased 24% between 2020 and 2021 (from 2,066 to 2,571).
- Beginning in 2017, more clients have been housed by the Homelessness Response System than the prior year.
- Even with COVID-19 straining the system, 139 more people were housed in 2020 than in 2019 due to the Housing First approach taken by the system. Using this approach, people experiencing homelessness are connected to permanent housing and are offered supportive services to maximize housing stability while preventing a return to homelessness. According to ECHO, research shows that Housing First program participants:
  - Access housing faster,
  - Are more likely to remain housed,
  - Are less likely to use emergency services (hospitals, jails, emergency shelters, etc.), and
  - Utilize up to $23K less per person per year in public resources than when in a shelter program.

In terms of improving the Homelessness Response System, according to ECHO's 2021 HMIS Snapshot Results summary:

- Many subpopulations, including Black people, people living with a disability, and veterans, are overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness (PEH) in Austin/Travis County. Intentional strategies are needed to address the disproportional impact of homelessness among these overrepresented subpopulations.
- Since race, ethnicity, and other subpopulation categories are not mutually exclusive,

[2] ProLodges were added as a result of COVID-19 to help compensate for decrease in emergency shelter capacity due to COVID precautions.

intersections of these dimensions may contribute to unique challenges.

The largest subpopulation of people experiencing homelessness measured are people living with a disability. Chronic homelessness and domestic violence survivorship are also common among people experiencing homelessness in the Austin/Travis County community. Travis County staff participates on the Independent Review Team, Membership Council, and Homelessness Equity Coalition Taskforce. During PY22, staff will continue its committee participation.

Regarding financial investments, the Family Support Services Division provides homelessness prevention services, and HHS provides general fund dollars to a variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments.

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 Jurisdiction does not receive ESG funds.

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.

See table below.

Table 4 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**City of Lago Vista**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency – Emergency Management Other government – Local Other-Family Community Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency completed the Consultations survey to help identify priorities for, and areas of, investment for the next program year, particularly in the area of broadband infrastructure expansion.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – County Other – Transportation/Transit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs Assessment

Table 4 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency completed the Consultations survey to help identify priorities for, and areas of, investment for the next program year, specifically in the area of infrastructure improvements in the Travis County CDBG service area.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Meals on Wheels Central Texas**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Food Access or Hunger Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency completed the Consultations survey to help identify priorities for, and areas of, investment for the next program year, specifically in the area of home rehabilitation and septic system rehab for LMI residents in the Travis County CDBG service area.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency – Health Services Lead Education & Poisoning Prevention
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency completed the Consultations survey to help identify priorities for, and areas of, investment for the next program year, specifically in the of lead education and poisoning prevention for LMI residents in the Travis County CDBG service area.

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

Through meetings and/or the survey all Agency types were consulted.

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

Table 5 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	ECHO	No specific goals are included for Federal funding; however, non-Federal sources of funding are coordinated.

In 2018:

- Travis County staff worked to determine if it were feasible for CDBG funds to be spent on public transit.
- It was determined that CapMetro subcontracts its maintenance and operations (drivers and maintenance personnel) and its infrastructure construction (bus stops). Travis County CDBG tried to fund transit, but contract negotiations were not successful because it would have required CapMetro to amend contracts that had already been negotiated with the union associated with the Operator and with the entity (not union associated) that completed construction of bus stops on Cap Metro's behalf; thus, this was not feasible. As a result, CDBG worked with CapMetro to find an alternate route to fund the much-needed transit via the CapMetro 5307 Service Expansion Program and an associated Transit Development Plan including TNR's involvement in the long-term solution.

In PY19, in order to assess current efforts, goals, and plans related to Community Development, Economic Development, and Housing needs in the region, CDBG staff participated in transit planning for a proposed regional rail line, attended meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning in Texas, and considered briefings, reports, and strategic plans issued by local and regional agencies.

In PY19 and PY20, CDBG staff focused primarily on the effort to coordinate state and federal funding provided for the preparation, prevention, or response to COVID-19. Since March 2020, the Travis County CDBG Office has received two CDBG-CV funding allocations from HUD, the first in April 2020 and the second in September 2020. Additionally, during PY20, the CDBG Office received funds from TDHCA to administer the Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP) to income eligible residents within the Travis County CDBG service area. At the end of PY20 (September 15, 2021), the CDBG Office also received funds from TDHCA to administer the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) to income eligible residents in Travis County, excluding the City of Austin. The TERAP contract ended January 14, 2022 (in PY21). The TEMAP contract will send September 14, 2022 (at the end of PY21).

Via various ongoing discussions, public transit needs in Travis County are being addressed through the Travis County TNR's Transit Development Plan (TDP).

The CDBG PY19-23 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) does not include public services, except for those associated with COVID-19 response. Therefore, public transit is not an eligible project type for CDBG expenditures per the current 5-year ConPlan. The citizens residing in the services area have expressed needs, such as ADA compliant road repairs and access to water/wastewater, as their highest priority, and this is the focus of the PY19-23 ConPlan.

In PY21 and into PY22, the Travis County CDBG Office has been attending frequent Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meetings with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to remain informed and involved in state-wide lead poisoning prevention and education efforts.

III. Public Participation

Summary of Citizen Participation Process / Efforts Made to Broaden Citizen Participation

For the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. The public and service providers had the opportunity to provide input by:

1. completing a survey,
2. virtually meeting with CDBG staff, or
3. speaking at a public hearing.

Notification about participation opportunities was provided in a variety of formats, including print, online, and social media.

For PY22, one meeting to gather information about community needs was held at Travis County Commissioners' Court during the normally scheduled voting session. The public was able to appear in person or call into the meeting to ask questions or make comments.

Resident surveys were available online in English and Spanish. Written surveys were available at public meetings and upon request for those without access to a computer or the internet. A total of 88 residents completed surveys to provide input on the Action Plan.[3]

A provider, or organizational, survey was also available to gather input and was offered in English only. Several list-serves, including the County's contracted social service providers, were used to send out the link to the online survey through email. A total of 16 surveys were completed by agencies.[4] This represents an increase in participation in the organizational survey. Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Travis County CDBG Office administered the consultation survey via Survey Monkey, which generated four consultation responses, and hosted one virtual consultation meeting for organizations/service providers.

Residents ranked the following needs as the top three priorities:

1. Infrastructure
2. Community (Public) Services
3. Housing

Each year, the way in which residents determine needs is likely driven by personal needs, and community need or community climate.

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[3] A total of 173 residents started the survey. Of that number, 19 were disqualified due to service area and 59 residents exited the survey prior to completion, 7 surveys were disqualified as duplicates. The remaining 88 completed surveys were used to inform our needs assessment.

[4] A total of 23 providers started the survey however only 16 surveys were completed.

- Ultimately, infrastructure is consistently an ongoing urgent need for citizens. As conveyed verbally during the March 22, 2022, public hearing, one person commented on public transit issues, which may fall under infrastructure or public service, depending upon the specific activity.
- With respect to community (public) services, it should be noted that likely due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, residents' desires to see more community services in order to meet the ongoing needs related to COVID-19 remains heightened. The Travis County CDBG Office remains aware of COVID-19 response needs and issued an annual needs assessment for CDBG-CV, since 2020 community (public) services has become a high priority, but only for COVID-19/CDBG-CV funding opportunities.
- As conveyed verbally during the March 22, 2022 public hearing, three persons commented on the need for home repair, which falls under the housing category.

Organizations ranked the following needs as the top three priorities:

1. Housing
2. Infrastructure
3. Populations with Specialized Needs/Services *and* Community Services/Public Services (tied for third)

All feedback, from residents and organizations, including the feedback received via consultations, helped guide decision-making when selecting projects for PY22 funding.

The public comment period was held from June 22, 2022 - July 22, 2022. A public hearing was held on July 12, 2022. The public has the option to appear in person or call into the meeting to ask questions or make comments. One written comment was received during the public comment period and one comment was received during the July 12 public hearing.

For more detail, please refer to Appendix A (Public Participation).

Citizen Participation Outreach

See table below.

Table 6. Citizen Participation Outreach

	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	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	For PY22, one meeting to gather information about community needs was held at Travis County Commissioners' Court during the normally scheduled voting session. The public was able to attend in person or call into the meeting to ask questions or make comments. Four comments were offered during the hearing. An additional hearing was held to receive comments on the draft PY22 Action Plan during the public comment period.	Four comments were offered during the Needs Assessment public hearing on March 22, 2022. One comment was received during the Public Comment draft public hearing on July 12, 2022.	N/A	
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	CDBG staff held one virtual meeting: February 2, 2022: Eleven participants attended the meeting representing four Travis County departments (HHS/CDBG, TNR, Justice & Public Safety, and PBO/EDSI), one participating jurisdiction (Lago Vista), and two non-profits: Dress for Success and (TAMACC).	Participants met virtually with CDBG staff to receive information about the program and provide information on community needs. For detailed results please refer to the Appendix A (Public Participation).	N/A	

Table 6. Citizen Participation Outreach

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Community Needs Assessment Survey	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community	A total of 88 residents and 16 representatives of agencies completed the survey.	Residents' top three priorities were: 1. Infrastructure 2. Community Services 3. Housing Organizations' top three priorities were: 1. Housing 2. Infrastructure 3. Populations with Specialized Needs/Services *and* Community Services/Public Services. For detailed results please refer to Appendix A (Public Participation).	N/A	

Table 6. Citizen Participation Outreach

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
4	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community	The Community Needs public hearing date and information about participation opportunities was published in newspapers, including a Spanish language newspaper and a newspaper targeted to the African American community. For copies of the ads please refer to Appendix A (Public Participation). The invitation to comment on the draft PY22 Action Plan was released through all the same channels.	N/A	N/A	
5	Internet Outreach	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted /broad community	Information about the Community Needs public hearing and participation opportunities was posted to the Travis County and CDBG webpages in English and in Spanish.	N/A	N/A	https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate

Table 6. Citizen Participation Outreach

	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	Social Media	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community	Information about the Community Needs public hearing and participation opportunities was posted through the Travis County twitter and Facebook accounts, and through the NextDoor networking service.	N/A	N/A	
7	Public Notice	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community	Public notices (in English and Spanish) advertising the Needs Assessment public hearing and the invitation to comment on the draft PY22 Action Plan were posted at the six Travis County Community Centers. The draft PY22 Action Plan and summary document in English and Spanish were made available to the public at the community centers throughout the public comment period.	N/A	N/A	

Table 6. Citizen Participation Outreach

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
8	Mailing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/ broad community	The public notice (in English and Spanish) advertising the Needs Assessment public hearing was mailed to the general CDBG mailing list which includes residents, service providers, and other entities that have indicated an interest in receiving information on the CDBG program. The invitation to comment on the draft PY22 Action Plan was mailed to the same list.	N/A	N/A	

IV. Expected Resources

For the Consolidated Planning period, the County anticipates receiving an estimated $6,403,850. This is based upon the expected amount available for year 4 plus the expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan period (see Table 7 below for details). In PY22, Travis County expects to receive $1,296,262. For project details see Section VI and Appendix B (PY22 Projects & Alternate Projects). Prior year projects, including the Inclusive Park project and Austin's Colony Street Improvements, are being implemented with funding from the corresponding prior year resources.

Table 7 – Annual Action Plan Expected Resources – Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation	Program Income	Prior Year Resources	Total		
CDBG (ONLY)	Public-Federal	Public Improvement /Housing	$1,296,262	$0	$3,819,326	$5,111,588	$1,296,262	The annual allocation is the amount of funds stated in the annual allocation letter received from HUD. On June 2, 2022, HUD issued Travis County's formula allocation. There is no expected program income. The prior year resources are comprised of all prior year (PY15-PY21) funding balances available as of April 30, 2022, minus the remaining PY21 admin & planning budget. The annual allocation plus the prior year resources equals the total expected amount available in year four (PY22). The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan period, which is (PY23), is the annual allocation multiplied times one.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation	Program Income	Prior Year Resources	Total		
CDBG-CV (ONLY) ***included for info only***	Public-Federal	Public Services/ Community Services ***(Only for COVID-19 response***)	$0	$0	$1,588,708	$1,588,708	$0	In PY20, Travis County received CDBG-CV funding in allocations 1 and 3. In April 2020, Travis County received $700,683 in CDBG-CV funds and a subsequent $888,025 in September 2020. The programming of these funds for the preparation, prevention, or response to COVID-19 can be found in the PY19 Action Plan. This information is added to this chart for informational purposes and to accurately convey all CDBG expected resources. These funds are not programmed in this action plan. Please see the substantially amended PY19 Action Plan. CDBG has issued three grant funding applications to award funds for COVID-19 response. As of May 2022, $741,108 remains to be allocated for COVID-19 response. The third grant application was opened in May 2022. Application review and recommendations are underway as of May/June 2022.

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 match is not required, unless imposed by the grantee. The project proposed in the PY22 Action Plan does not have a private, state, or local fund match. However, previous year projects do include some local fund match dollars. Annually, due to the twenty percent maximum for administration and planning, the remainder of staff salaries and benefits not allocated to CDBG grant funds are paid with general (local) match funds.

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

The Economic Development and Strategic Investment (EDSI) Division within the Planning and Budget Office (PBO) completed an assessment of County-owned land and its appropriateness for affordable housing development. In May 2021, Travis County completed the Travis Flats development, a mixed-use development outside the CDBG service area that includes affordable housing for the community as well as office space for Travis County staff. Currently, no parcels in the CDBG service area are under consideration for development. The County is currently updating a 2023 Comprehensive Facility Plan. As a result of that process, the County may identify parcels or other real estate assets that could be suitable and appropriate for redevelopment for affordable housing. These decisions may not occur for a couple of years.

V. Annual Goals and Objectives

Table 8 - Goals Summary Information

	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing	2022	2023	Substandard Housing	Travis County CDBG Service Area	Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation & Septic Installation, Replacement or Repair	PY22: $1,004,010	Improve the quality of owner housing for eligible low- to moderate-income residents. An estimate of 40 housing units/households will benefit
2	Infrastructure	2018	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	Travis County CDBG Service Area	Infrastructure (Street Improvements & Water/Wastewater Improvements)	Ongoing infrastructure projects: PY22: $33,000 Prior funding (PY18-PY21): $3,540,521	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12,305 persons benefitting
3	Community Services – COVID-19 Response	2019	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Travis County CDBG Service Area	Services to prepare, prevent, or respond to COVID-19	CDBG CV-1: $660,546 CDBG CV-3: $710,420	Public/Community Service Activities in response to COVID-19 CV-1: 409 persons benefitting CV-3: 1,510 persons benefitting (rough estimate)

Table 9 - Goal Descriptions

Goal Name	Goal Description
Housing	Improve the quality of owner housing through home rehabilitation and/or septic system repair, replacement and/or installation.
Infrastructure	Improve neighborhood quality through infrastructure projects including. but not limited to. street improvements, water/wastewater improvements, drainage, and sidewalks.
Community Services – COVID-19 Response	Provide public services for low- to moderate-income residents for the preparation, prevention, or response to COVID-19.

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):

A Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program will be funded in PY22. Travis County also supports affordable housing through other avenues outside of HUD funding, including through the Travis County Corporations, HHS Housing Continuum Investments, and Travis County Commissioners Court-approved Resolutions of No Objection (RONO) for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Finally, an affordable housing strategy with specific goals was created based on the results of the Comprehensive Housing Market Study and the Regional AI. The policy was drafted for further review by stakeholders and adoption by the Travis County Commissioner's Court is pending.

VI. Projects

Introduction

Travis County residents, services providers and County departments had the opportunity to present potential CDBG projects through the following mechanisms:

- Completion of a Needs Assessment Survey
- Attending a virtual public hearing
- Meeting virtually with CDBG staff

Those that were not able to meet with staff or attend the public hearing were encouraged to complete the Needs Assessment survey or to email or call the CDBG office. The survey was available on the Travis County website or by request from Travis County CDBG staff. It was also available at the seven Travis County Community Centers. The following projects were approved by the Commissioners Court on May 24, 2022, to be included in the public comment draft of the Action Plan. For a full description of projects, including relevant maps as well as alternate projects, please refer to Appendix B (PY22 Projects & Alternate Projects).

Table 10 – Project Information

#	Project Name	Proposed Funding
1	PY22 Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program	$1,004,010
2	Austin's Colony Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services)	$16,500
3	Forest Bluff Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services)	$16,500
4	PY22 Administration and Planning	$259,252

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

Travis County will fund a housing rehabilitation/septic system program for the following reasons:

- The PY19-23 ConPlan identifies infrastructure and housing as high priorities.
- PY19, PY20, and PY21 CDBG funds have been allocated solely to infrastructure projects.
- Housing needs continue to rank among the highest needs each year.
- During the March 23, 2022, community needs public hearing, citizen/agency testimonies as well as feedback from Commissioners expressed the significant need for the CDBG program to resume its housing rehabilitation program, which serves low-to-moderate income clients in the unincorporated Travis County, as well as small cities participating in the County's CDBG program.

In January 2021, Travis County received one potential new infrastructure project which was considered for PY22 funding. After conducting an area of benefit analysis, it was determined that the project did not meet the national objective threshold. There is an opportunity to survey a

smaller geographical area, which the Travis County CDBG Office will pursue for PY22, if the neighborhood is still interested. Additionally, there are several other existing infrastructure projects, which are underway and have received funding in prior program years, that are proposed as a primary project in the PY22 action plan.

When considering a new project, first the CDBG Office assesses whether a potential project: 1) met one of HUD's national objectives, 2) is eligible CDBG activities, and 3) is feasible and can be completed in a timely manner. Secondly, CDBG staff further evaluates the projects according to the following criteria:

ADDRESSES A HIGH PRIORITY GOAL OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Projects addressing one of the high priority categories identified in the strategic (consolidated) plan are given a priority.

FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT

Projects that have the ability to be implemented and completed within 18 months receive a more favorable review. Phased projects for which 12-18 months of work would leave an incomplete project with little to no impact are considered with less priority.

IMPACTS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS

Project scope and the number of persons benefiting are considered to determine the level of project impact.

BENEFIT TO LOW/MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS

Projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households receive a more favorable review.

LEVERAGES/MATCHES WITH FUNDING FROM ANOTHER SOURCE

Projects that utilize other funds (federal, state, local, private) and public/private joint efforts receive a more favorable review.

ADDRESSES A GOAL IN THE FAIR HOUSING PLAN

Projects that further the County's fair housing goals receive a more favorable review. In addition, the Action Plan includes approved alternate projects. This allows for the pre-planning of unforeseen incidents and allows the CDBG program to utilize the funds in a timely manner toward pre-identified alternate projects. Resources, including time and money, that would otherwise be used to add or delete projects through the customary Substantial Amendment process described in the Citizen Participation Plan can be saved.

Project Summary

Table 11 – Project Summary

1	**Project Name**	**PY22 Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program**
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation & Septic Installation, Replacement or Repair
	Funding	CDBG: $1,004,010
	Description	This project will fund minor home repair services and/or septic system installation, replacement or repair for low- and moderate-income homeowners in the CDBG service area to move homes towards Housing Quality Standards. This project will go through a competitive procurement process per 2 CFR 200, to identify a new program administrator. Funding allocation will be distributed for project delivery costs and construction.
	Target Date	October 2022-September 2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 40 LMI households
	Location Description	Travis County CDBG Service Area
	Planned Activities	The program seeks to improve the energy efficiency, physical living conditions, and safety in owner-occupied homes. The project provides a grant of up to $24,999 to eligible homeowners for approved repairs. Examples of potential improvements include but are not limited to the following: connections of houses to long-term viable sources of water (not part of a stand-alone infrastructure project); complementing weatherization services of other funding sources; septic tank installation, replacement, or repairs; and electrical and plumbing repairs. These funds are targeted toward homeowners at or below 80% median family income (MFI) in the CDBG service area.

2	Project Name	Austin's Colony Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services) - $16,500
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Street Improvements (Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower-income persons)
	Funding	CDBG: $16,500
	Description	The sidewalks in this neighborhood were built to pre-ADA standards and have not been accepted by Travis County TNR for road maintenance. The roads in this subdivision are not adequately maintained, causing accelerated neighborhood roadway deterioration. This project includes removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps, and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair roadway to acceptable standards for maintenance.
	Target Date	October 2022-September 2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The improvements will impact 6,555 people, of which 57.13% are considered low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Travis County CDBG Service Area
	Planned Activities	The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase, funded with PY18 grant funds, includes design services and environmental assessment, and partial construction. PY19 grant funds were contributed toward the remaining construction costs. A construction notice-to-proceed (NTP) was issued on May 10, 2022. Construction is expected to be completed in PY21 or PY22. In 2022, following the solicitation of a construction contractor, it was determined that construction phase services (CPS) are needed to allow the design engineer to provide specific professional services that are more suited for the design engineer than TNR staff. The scope of work, which would be included in the PSA via a contract modification, may include, but will not be limited to, providing conformance place, conducting site meetings, and providing clarification and interpretations, as well as issuing field orders. All will be specified in the CPS contract modification scope of work.

3	Project Name	Forest Bluff Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services) - $16,500
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Street Improvements (Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower-income persons)
	Funding	CDBG: $16,500
	Description	The sidewalks in this neighborhood were built to pre-ADA standards and have not been accepted by Travis County TNR for road maintenance. The roads in this subdivision are not adequately maintained, causing accelerated neighborhood roadway deterioration. This project includes removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps, and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair roadway to acceptable standards for maintenance.
	Target Date	October 2022-September 2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The improvements will impact an estimated 2,875 individuals, of which 80.70% are considered low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Travis County CDBG Service Area
	Planned Activities	The project is being completed in multiple phases. The first phase included design services and environmental assessment. Construction will be completed with PY21 funds. In 2022, following the solicitation of a construction contractor, it was determined that construction phase services (CPS) are needed to allow the design engineer to provide specific professional services, that are more suited for the design engineer than TNR staff. The scope of work, which will be included in the PSA via a contract modification, may include, but will not be limited to, providing conformance place, conducting site meetings, and providing clarification and interpretations, as well as issuing field orders. All will be specified in the CPS contract modification scope of work.

4	Project Name	PY22 Administration and Planning
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	N/A
	Needs Addressed	N/A
	Funding	CDBG: $259,252
	Description	Administration and planning activities
	Target Date	October 1, 2022, thru September 30, 2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	The funds allocated for administration will pay for the operating expenses associated with the grant including office supplies, training, contracted services, interpreting, fair housing activities, membership, the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, annual report, reporting, and other business-related expenses. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion of the salaries for one CDBG Senior Planner, one CDBG Planner (at 60% and 75%, respectively), and an Administrative Associate position (100%), which is currently vacant. These positions are responsible for project development, action plan and annual report development, monitoring, and reporting and other tasks relating to administration and planning.

Geographic Distribution

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

The current Travis County CDBG service area includes the unincorporated areas of Travis County and all of Bee Cave, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, San Leanna, Webberville, and West Lake Hills. The City of Manor is tentatively under consideration for inclusion into the Travis County CDBG service area for PY22, pending the approval and execution of the urban county cooperation agreement.

No specific target areas are identified; however, projects funded in prior years are in eastern Travis County, a historically underinvested area of the county. All Travis County CDBG projects benefit eligible clients throughout the Travis County CDBG Service Area.

Please see Appendix C for maps showing project locations and impacted areas.

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

While the program does not specifically target geographic areas within the jurisdiction, geography is a consideration when evaluating different types of projects. In impacted areas, primarily in the Southeastern parts of the jurisdiction, projects that improve access to services and improve neighborhood quality are prioritized. New housing development projects are prioritized in non-impacted areas of high opportunity that would further fair housing goals. Infrastructure projects are considered in areas of need throughout that jurisdiction and are typically located in neighborhoods characterized by isolated pockets of poverty.

The CDBG program gives priority to projects that enhance access to services, facilities, and infrastructure in low opportunity areas. This is beneficial from a fair housing perspective, as it improves living conditions and provides improved access to an underserved area.

VII. Affordable Housing

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

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

Table 13 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through:	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	40
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

Introduction

The majority of the PY22 funding is being allocated to a Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program, with an estimated 40 low-to-moderate income households to benefit. While there are no specific goals associated with assisting disabled or elderly households, this project does target outreach to these populations.

Travis County also supports affordable housing through other avenues outside of HUD funding, including through the Travis County Corporations, HHS Housing Continuum Investments, and Travis County Commissioners Court-approved Resolutions of No Objection (RONO) for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Finally, an affordable housing strategy with specific goals was created based on the results of the Comprehensive Housing Market Study and the Regional AI. The policy was drafted for further review by stakeholders and adoption by the Travis County Commissioner's Court is pending.

Public Housing

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

The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) manages a total of 154 affordable housing units across five affordable public housing sites:

- Three of the public housing sites were converted in 2016 under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion program and receive federal subsidy via U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) Program: Eastern Oaks Apartments, Alexander Oaks Apartments, and Summit Oaks Apartments. These three properties offer a total of 105 PBRA units. Conversion to PBRA allows HATC to leverage debt in order to reinvest in the public housing facilities and to shift units to the Section 8 platform with the guarantee of long-term affordability.
- Two non-subsidized properties: Carson Creek Duplexes (16 units) and Manor Town Apartments (33 units) are owned by the HATC and are designated for low-income persons. These properties are not eligible for federal subsidies.

As of spring 2022, HATC had 14 clients on the Section 8 wait list.

HATC also manages a Housing Choice Voucher Program, Special Purpose Vouchers (HUD-VASH, Mainstream Program, Emergency Housing Vouchers, Non-Elderly Disabled Vouchers, and the Family Unification Program), and a Continuum of Care Grant. In 2021, HATC received 34 Emergency Housing Vouchers from HUD to provide assistance to families experiencing homelessness in Travis County, as well as 38 additional Family Unification Program vouchers. To further expand housing opportunities for families/ individuals, a request was submitted in 2022 for additional Mainstream vouchers to provide housing opportunities to non-elderly disabled families.

There are no public housing units in the Travis County CDBG jurisdiction. CDBG program staff are actively engaged with housing authority staff in various capacities. The CDBG office and the HATC are always looking for potential partnership opportunities to create affordable housing units in the CDBG service area. To date no projects have been undertaken, but if a viable project is identified, staff will present it to the Travis County Commissioners Court for consideration.

Finally, HATC staff continue to participate as members of the Advisory Group to the Affordable Housing Policy Committee, to provide feedback on policy decisions made by the committee. HATC staff are also organizational members of the Central Texas Fair Housing Working Group.

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

Resident Services

HATC has started a Foundation - The HATC Foundation - to raise funds specifically for programming for its residents. Since no properties are in the CDBG service area, no CDBG funds can assist HATC clients.

The HATC Foundation also serves to leverage grants and community partnerships to promote advancement in three focus areas: family enrichment, youth development, and self-sufficiency. The Foundation's current community partners include Austin Public Library, Literacy Coalition of

Central Texas, Goodwill of Central Texas, Frameworks CDC, Austin Sunshine Camps, BSA/Exploring Capitol Area Council, Coming of Age, and Skillpoint Alliance.

The Foundation also utilizes an AmeriCorps volunteer, contracted through the Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, to act as an on-site job coach and provide residents and clients with information and counseling regarding workforce development opportunities.

Furthermore, the Foundation offers a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors from HATC communities to assist them in attaining higher education. This scholarship can be utilized to either cover the full cost of an associate degree, or the partial cost of a bachelor's degree.

Moving-To-Work Demonstration Program

HATC has been selected to participate in the Moving-To-Work (MTW) Demonstration Program by HUD. The MTW demonstration program provides public housing authorities the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally designed strategies for more efficient use of federal funds, while helping residents find employment and become self-sufficient, thus increase housing choices for low-income families. HATC's MTW program is currently in the preparation stage and is expected to begin implementation in September 2022, subject to HUD approval. HATC plans to implement the following initiatives:

- Extending inspection period to 3 years, if initial inspection is passed;
- Concessions for first month's rent for new landlords;
- Increasing asset threshold for self-certification;
- Biennial reexamination schedule;
- Elimination of deductions for unreimbursed childcare cost and dependent allowances;
- Increase in initial rent burden to 60% of MI for new unit approvals;
- Adoption of flat utility allowance per bedroom size; and
- Tenant payment reduction from 30% to 28% of MFI for non-elderly/non-disabled, minimum rent change for non-elderly/non-disabled.

HATC Board

The Travis County Commissioners Court is responsible for appointing the Board for HATC. The State Legislature recently passed a bill allowing a recipient of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program to be on the Board. The CDBG Office will work with the Travis County Intergovernmental Relations Office to update the application and process to account for this change. Encouraging HCV recipients to participate on the Board means increased understanding with policies based on lived experience.

Rental Advisory Board (RAB)

The HATC RAB has been dormant for several years; however, HATC plans to re-activate the RAB in the future.

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

The Housing Authority of Travis County is not designated as troubled.

Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

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

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

Health and Human Services (HHS) provides general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments. For example, HHS has a general fund contract with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition to support outreach, Point-in-Time (PIT) count and related magnet events and Coordinated Assessment outside of the City of Austin. In addition, the Precinct 3 Constable's Office works with Integral Care to reach out to homeless encampments outside the urban core to facilitate connection to services.

The HHS Social Work Team is a part of the Homeless management information system (HMIS) overseen by ECHO, this helps us better communicate with homeless clients applying for social work services and keep in contact with other agencies working with clients experiencing homelessness. The team came in contact with a large population of clients experiencing homelessness when working in the Palmer Events Center shelter after the winter storm. The HHS Social Work Team and new FSS supportive case management team worked in cold weather shelters in February 2022 when the temperatures reached freezing for several days.

ECHO, as the lead agency for the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care, coordinates community outreach workers, facilitates the Coordinated Entry system, and ensures the connection of those experiencing homelessness to permanent housing programs.

Integral Care has three primary outreach teams: PATH, HOST and CARE. Integral Care's supportive housing teams also provide outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness who are referred through Coordinated Entry to their programs.

The PATH program within Integral Care provides outreach services to people experiencing homelessness, both directly and through partnerships, such as with The Other Ones Foundation (at Camp Esperanza) and Sunrise Community Church. PATH also responds to referrals from the community, as well as from various elements of local government (e.g., the Parks and Recreation Department, TxDOT). Integral Care is also available to assist in response to floods, hurricanes, or other events which may deprive people of housing. Likewise, PATH provides outreach alongside Travis County Constables to those facing homelessness due to eviction.

The Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) has continued to provide outreach to people experiencing homelessness is the downtown and West campus area of Austin, TX. HOST has also expanded its scope to include outreach to sites selected through the HEAL initiative, identifying eligible participants and helping them move into the Bridge shelters. The HOST team continues to serve people experiencing homelessness by proactively reaching out to connect people to housing, case management, mental health care, primary health care and substance use treatment. The goal of HOST is to identify individuals who are homeless, learn what challenges they face and connect them to services they need to rebuild their health and well-being, reach their full potential, and contribute to the community.

The CARE program (Community AIDS Resources and Education) helps adults living with or at risk of getting HIV who also live with a mental illness and/or use alcohol or drugs. Services include individual and group counseling, education and harm reduction supplies like needle cleaning kits, safer smoking kits and opioid overdose kits. A key component of the CARE program is an outreach team providing referral and linkage to community services, which regularly engages with persons experiencing homelessness. CARE collaborates with PATH, HOST, and the Bridge team, as well as with a variety of community providers within the local Continuum of Care.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

HHS provides general fund dollars to a variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments. No CDBG funds will be used in PY22 for emergency or transitional housing.

The HHS Family Supportive Services (FSS) Department meets with social work (SW) clients at least once a month (usually every two weeks or weekly) and make goals with the client towards obtaining their basic needs. HHS/FSS staff help advocate for clients and help them locate housing they qualify for and assist with completing applications for the housing. Staff works with any client that applies for social work services/case management services and helps them apply for housing and use case management funds to help them get into housing or maintain housing. HHS/FSS does not focus on only homeless clients, but they do work with homeless individuals and families.

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

Supportive Housing Resolution[5]

In September 2021, the court allocated $100 million of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) from the American Rescue Plan Act to multiple nonprofit organizations to build supporting housing for people experiencing homelessness.[6] On September 24, 2021, the Travis County Commissioners Court (TCCC) approved the Supportive Housing Resolution. In January 2022, the Treasury Department released the final LFRF rule. This year, Travis County is working to identify any requirements related to the final rule and work through programmatic questions or special requests for each supportive housing project. The TCCC met on May 12, 2022 to review the status of the projects during which the following updates were provided:[7]

Project	Description	Estimated construction date	Estimated completion date
The Other Ones' Foundation – Esperanza Community	200 non-congregate shelter units per year for up to 300 adults without children with incomes below 80% AMI who are experiencing homelessness	Under construction,	Summer 2023 (additional phases)
Mobile Loaves & Fishes – Community First! Village	650 homes, with 85% dedicated to those experiencing chronic homelessness (15% MFI) who have lived in Travis County for at least one year and have the ability to pay rent	Late September 2022	September 2029
The following updates pertain to projects under the Travis County Supportive Housing Collaborative:[8,9]			
Foundation Communities – Burleson Village Apartments	100 studio apartments for single adults; with half targeted for those experiencing chronic homelessness (30% AMI) and the other half at 50% AMI	Early 2024	Late 2025

[5] Per information provided during the May 12, 2022, Travis County Commissioners Court Work Session, including the following two documents: *Supportive Housing Resolution Update* (slides used during presentation) and *Travis County Supportive Housing Collaborative* (slides used during presentation).

[6] February 22, 2022, Community Impact article: https://communityimpact.com/austin/central-austin/government/2022/02/22/travis-county-supportive-housing-projects-in-various-stages-of-development/#:~:text=The%20Travis%20County%20Commissioners%20Court,22%20meeting.

[7] Some of these projects include site partners that will offer additional housing for homelessness response and/or affordable housing, along with market rate housing.

[8] The Travis County Supportive Housing Collaborative is comprised of A New Entry, Austin Area Urban League, Caritas of Austin, Family Eldercare, Integral Care, Lifeworks, and Safe Alliance.

[9] Part of the philosophy of the members of the Travis County Supportive Housing Collaborative is to *"develop deeply affordable supportive housing and services for individuals who face systemic barriers to housing that is safe, sustainable, and dignified. To that end we embrace a diversity of partnerships, including innovative public/private collaborations and close coordination with our community's Homelessness Response System."* Per the briefing document provided at the May 12, 2022, Travis County Commissioners Court work session.

Project	Description	Estimated construction date	Estimated completion date
Foundation Communities – Juniper Creek Apartments	110 apartments; at least 20% targeted for families with children experiencing homelessness (30% AMI) and remaining units split between 40% AMI and 50% AMI	Summer of 2023	Late 2025
A New Entry – Urban Enpowerment Zone I	40 apartments dedicated to single adults experiencing homelessness; 30-40% MFI	March 2023	March 2025
Austin Area Urban League – Urban Empowerment Zone I	80 units dedicated to homelessness response from AAUL; 30-40% MFI	March 2023	March 2025
Caritas of Austin – site to be determined	60-100 units for homelessness response, 30-40% MFI	January 2024	January 2026
Family Eldercare Rosewood II	60 apartments dedicated to homelessness response; 30- 40% MFI	March 2023	March 2025
Integral Care – Seabrook Square	60 units dedicated to homelessness response from Integral Care; 30- 40% MFI	September 2023	September 2025
Lifeworks – The Works III at Springdale	120 units dedicated to homelessness response; 30- 40% MFI; youth and young adults (ages 18-24)	March 2023	March 2025
The Safe Alliance – The Lancaster	60 units dedicated to homelessness response; 30- 40% MFI	March 2023	Marc 2025

Per the Travis County Housing Collaborative court briefing document presented at the May 12, 2022, TCCC meeting:

- County funds will help fund 480 units of homelessness response (an increase from 350).
- Tax partnerships will unlock an additional 68 units of homelessness response and 641 affordable housing units in site partner buildings without County funds.
- For a total of 548 units of homelessness response and a total of 1,189 affordable units.[10]

The first two projects included in the table above, Other Ones' Foundation – Esperanza Community and Mobile Loaves & Fishes – Community First! Village, are in addition to the units that will be provided through the Travis County Housing Collaborative. These projects will provide units in addition to those included in this summary.

Ending Community Homeless Coalition (ECHO)

The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) is a collaborative funding and planning nonprofit that is the lead agency for the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care (CoC). The organization is charged with bringing together other nonprofit resources and making them accessible to the homeless population. ECHO utilizes a system of outreach to assess and

[10] The first two projects included in the table above (Other Ones' Foundation – Esperanza Community and Mobile Loaves & Fishes – Community First! Village) will provide additional supportive housing units that are not included in these totals.

determine the needs of men, women, children, veterans, and families who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Working with a group of nonprofits, individuals experiencing homelessness are connected to resources including prevention strategies, emergency shelters, rapid re-housing, and permanent housing.

As the Collaborative Applicant for CoC Program funds, ECHO facilitates the annual CoC NOFA Funding Competition and oversees the performance and implementation of federal funds which includes nine Permanent Housing projects. ECHO facilitates the CoC governance structure, develops the community Written Standards for Service Delivery, provides trainings on best practices, and tracks the community's performance and progress on ending homelessness.

ECHO's Housing Department provides Landlord Outreach services to support homeless service providers and partners with various housing programs/agencies. Providing the community with coordinated Landlord Outreach Services (LOS) ensures that persons experiencing homelessness can quickly access available and diverse housing units and ensures families quickly exit homelessness into stable and safe permanent housing. LOS services include two parts: 1) Housing Navigation where staff work directly with participants to locate and secure available housing and 2) Community Property Engagement staff would assist with recruiting landlords, identifying units, and negotiating lower barrier screening.

ECHO partners with local PHAs; including Housing Authority Travis County on establishing Administrative Plans that are low barrier and prioritize households experiencing homelessness for subsidized and affordable housing opportunities.

Per ECHO's "HMIS Snapshot: 2021 Homelessness Prevalence Estimate in Austin/Travis County" May 21, 2021, report,[11] community partners, city leaders, and ECHO continue to work on efforts to end homelessness in Austin/Travis County. Below are some of the most recent (mostly 2021) efforts highlighted in the report:

- The City of Austin purchased two hotels to convert into bridge and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness in 2020, adding two more thus far in 2021. Each of these properties adds dozens of new units to the Homelessness Response System.
- The Salvation Army began using a 5-year grant from the Bezos Day One Fund to provide Housing Assistance, Child-Centric Services, COVID 19, and emergency shelter operations needs for families experiencing homelessness at the Salvation Army Rathgeber Center and the Austin Shelter for Women and Children. During the last calendar year, over 560 children

[11] HMIS Snapshot: 2021 Homelessness Prevalence Estimate in Austin/Travis County by Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) May 21, 2021: https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HMIS_Snapshot_2021_Prevalence_05.21.2021.html#Community_and_Homelessness_Response_System_Efforts_to_End_Homelessness

were sheltered. The official slogan of the $2.5 million effort to enhance our community response to family homelessness is “No Child Sleeps Outside!”

- Integral Care analyzed data from Terrace at Oak Springs, a Permanent Supportive Housing development that uses a Housing First model, comparing the six months after move-in to the six months before move-in for 50 people and found over a 70% reduction in arrests, over a 60% reduction in medical inpatient admissions, and an almost 90% reduction in medical inpatient days. This led to public costs savings of more than $336,000 over the course of six months.
- Front Steps reduced the number of people staying nightly in shelter to proactively combat the transmission of COVID-19 and connected additional clients to one of the five ProLodges, where, with Front Steps’ support, the daily average of people served reached 305. These COVID-19 precautions kept people sheltered and safe and reduced the number of positive cases among people experiencing homelessness to below national averages.
- The Eating Apart Together (EAT) Initiative, a City of Austin-led partnership to deliver shelf-stable and prepared meals directly to encampments across Travis County during the pandemic, delivered more than 500,000 meals in 2020 and will reach 1 million meals delivered in May of 2021.
- COVID-19 Protective Lodges (ProLodges) connected 164 people to permanent housing and 13 to temporary housing as of January 28, 2021. That number has since increased to more than 200.
- ECHO is helping coordinate $15.5M of COVID-19 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds to serve at least 488 households between 2020 and 2022.
- ECHO and the Austin Justice Coalition launched the *How-to House* campaign in December 2020 to form new partnerships with property owners and managers and advance anti-racist housing policies and practices. ECHO has facilitated 88 initial move-ins since the start of the campaign.
- The Summit to address unsheltered homelessness was launched in March of 2021. Partners from the Summit have committed to housing an additional 3,000 people in the next 3 years.
- New federal housing vouchers are slated to support people experiencing homelessness, including 242 Emergency Housing Vouchers from the American Rescue Plan Act, 750 Housing Choice Vouchers over the next 5 years, and 50 Mainstream Vouchers for non-elderly disabled households.
- Caritas will launch the Espero Austin at Rutland, adding 172 units by December 2022.
- The At Home Initiative, a multi-partner effort, is a collaborative project being funded by the St. David’s Foundation, Seton, Ascension, Travis County, the City of Austin, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Justice and will provide housing and supportive services for 250 individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing.

- Mobile Loaves and Fishes will add 1,400 units in the next 10 years.[12]

Per ECHO's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) report: "while shelter bed capacity has seen a consistent decline since 2014, the number of permanent housing beds has gone up considerably in the last ten years. In the last year alone, the number of permanent housing beds in the system increased from 2,066 in 2020 to 2,571 in 2021, a 24% increase."[13]

Ending Youth Homelessness (EYH) Initiative

The Ending Youth Homelessness (EYH) initiative is a collaborative effort involving LifeWorks, SAFE, Caritas of Austin, ECHO, and numerous other organizations to end homelessness among youth populations in Austin/Travis County. Youth experiencing homelessness are a particularly vulnerable population, but when engaged with the right combination of support, counseling, economic opportunity, and affordable housing, youth experiencing homelessness can stabilize and thrive. With support, many youths can self-resolve their homelessness. According to the Point in Count information captured in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database, homelessness among youth in Austin/Travis County increased slightly by 1.3 percent from 2019 to 2020. The increase in the youth category was not statistically significant at the 95% confidence interval ($t < 2.00$, $p > 0.05$).[14]

According to the 2021 Needs and Gaps Report for the TX-503 Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care (CoC) report, which provides an overview of who the Homelessness Response System (HRS) serves, "emergency and day shelters reduced capacity in 2020 in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, there was an expansion in Rapid Re-Housing projects through CARES Act funding and LifeWorks' Ending Youth Homelessness initiative."[15]

ECHO continues to support and monitor the communities' progress on EYH. According to the HMIS Snapshot report:[16]

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[12] This organization does not participate fully in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and therefore the unit numbers would not be reflected in the count of "people housed" in the Homelessness Response System.

[13] HMIS Snapshot: 2021 Homelessness Prevalence Estimate in Austin/Travis County by Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) May 21, 2021: https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HMIS_Snapshot_2021_Prevalence_05.21.2021.html#Community_and_Homelessness_Response_System_Efforts_to_End_Homelessness

[14] Austin/Travis County 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count/Source Document/Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)/July 9, 2020: https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/PIT-2020-Source-Document.-Revised-7.9.2020.pdf

[15] TX-503 Austin/Travis County 2021 Needs and Gaps/Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)/August 18, 2021: https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/20210818_Needs_And_Gaps-1.html

[16] HMIS Snapshot: 2021 Homelessness Prevalence Estimate in Austin/Travis County by Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) May 21, 2021: https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HMIS_Snapshot_2021_Prevalence_05.21.2021.html#Community_and_Homelessness_Response_System_Efforts_to_End_Homelessness

- In 2020, SAFE provided Rapid Re-Housing services to 170 youth and adult survivors of violence and abuse, a 48% increase over 2019.
- In 2020, LifeWorks assisted more than 283 youth exit homelessness. Since the 2018 concerted effort to end youth homelessness, LifeWorks and partners have housed more than 800 youth.

The EYH initiative meetings were put on pause during 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The quarterly meetings have recently restarted. Integral Care plans to participate in these quarterly meetings. Integral Care typically does not house youth through this program due to other agencies typically taking the lead with youth homelessness. Lifeworks Caritas and SAFE are the primary entities for youth homelessness. In 2020, LifeWorks assisted more than 283 youth exit homelessness. Since the 2018 concerted effort to end youth homelessness, LifeWorks and partners have housed more than 800 youth. In 2020, SAFE provided Rapid Re-Housing services to 170 youth and adult survivors of violence and abuse, a 48% increase over 2019.[17]

Integral Care

Integral Care has specialty teams that engage individuals while they are experiencing homelessness, assist them during the housing navigation process, and then provide ongoing community-based support once they are in housing. Teams complete a housing assessment to gain a strong understanding of a person's housing history, including any barriers they had previously in maintaining housing. Once housed, the teams meet weekly, or more frequently if needed, in the person's home to provide support and skills training related to the transition.

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.

The Family Support Services Division within HHS provides rent and utility assistance to aid in preventing loss of housing through general fund and other grants. The social work team holistically assists individuals and families in gaining or maintaining housing stability. Additionally, HHS provides general fund dollars to variety of agencies that work on homelessness issues through its social service contract investments.

[17] HMIS Snapshot: 2021 Homelessness Prevalence Estimate in Austin/Travis County by Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) May 21, 2021: https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HMIS_Snapshot_2021_Prevalence_05.21.2021.html#Community_and_Homelessness_Response_System_Efforts_to_End_Homelessness

HHS/FSS accepts applications for rent and mortgage but due to the need in the community, they will close the applications when they reach over 4,500 applications since they are unable to assist more than an estimated 3,500 applicants.

PY22 funds will be used toward housing stability through the home rehabilitation/septic system program which helps low- and moderate-income residents avoid becoming homeless by addressing housing needs through home rehabilitation.

Families with Voices works with families who are experiencing homelessness, are at risk of homelessness or are experiencing housing instability. Families work with a housing stability specialist to determine rental and utility assistance to help stabilize the family.

Integral Care provides Homeless Prevention Funds to individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless. Assistance may include financial assistance in the form of rental payments, rent debt payments, security and utility deposits or utility payments. Integral Care recently received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to support families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness due to the pandemic. Eligibility for these funds includes families with at least one child under the age of 18 in the home and in which any member of the household also has a diagnosed mental health, substance use or Intellectual and Development disorder.

According to a report by ECHO, in 2020, Integral Care completed 163 intakes or assessments for mental health services through the 3,000 Oak Springs Clinic for individuals at the ProLodges and housed a total of 142 people.[18]

[18] HMIS Snapshot: 2021 Homelessness Prevalence Estimate in Austin/Travis County by Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) May 21, 2021: https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HMIS_Snapshot_2021_Prevalence_05.21.2021.html#Community_and_Homelessness_Response_System_Efforts_to_End_Homelessness

Table 14 - One Year Goals for Housing through HOPWA

One-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA[1] for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	N/A
Tenant-based rental assistance	N/A
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated	N/A
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	N/A
Total	N/A

[1]The County does not receive HOPWA funding.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

Introduction

The Austin Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which encompasses Travis County as well as Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson counties, is one of the fastest growing regions in the country. This population growth has resulted in increased demand for housing, and steep and rapid increases in local housing prices and rents throughout the region—and started shifting in 2018 to surrounding suburban areas including Georgetown, Cedar Park, Round Rock and Pflugerville. Available housing inventory has continued to drop throughout the years and is the most recent data from the Austin Board of Realtors indicates only 0.5 months of inventory available in the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Arear (MSA) as of March 2022.

The shifting population patterns are likely due to the extremely tight housing market within Austin, new housing development trends outside the urban core, and housing affordability. As demand for housing shifts to areas outside the urban core, it will be important for local governments and agencies to look for ways to create or preserve affordable and moderately priced housing throughout the regional market.

Based on information in the Travis County Snapshot from the American Community Survey 2019 report[19] (the most recently available Travis County Snapshot report), which is primarily based on 2019 1-year American Community Survey (ACS) data:

- From 2015 to 2019, the total number of owner-occupied homes increased by 16% (37,587 units). Homes valued below $300,000 decreased by 20% (24,878 units), while homes valued at or above $300,000 increased by 61% (62,465 units).

[19] Published by the Research & Planning division of Travis County Health and Human Services: https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/health_human_services/Docs/2019-acs-snapshot.pdf

- In 2019, only 14% of Travis County owner-occupied homes were valued under $200,000 (approximately 37,348 units), nearly one-quarter (24%) were valued between $200,000 and $299,999, and 62% were valued at or over $300,000.
- In 2019, Travis County's reported median home value for owner-occupied housing units was $362,300, an increase of $85,200 since 2015 when adjusted for inflation. That median home value was higher than Texas ($200,400) and the U.S. ($240,500). The median home values also rose at a faster pace in Travis County (21%) when compared to the U.S. (15%), but at a slightly slower pace when compared to Texas (22%).
- The 2019 contract rent distribution in Travis County is heavily skewed towards the highest dollar amounts. In 2019, 89% of Travis County's occupied rental units had rents at or above $750, an 11-percentage point increase since 2015. The median contract rent in Travis County increased 14% from 2015 ($1,053) to 2019 ($1,199).
- There are 506,751 occupied housing units in Travis County of which 48% is renter-occupied and 52% is owner-occupied. Many renters and owners experience a housing cost burden, which is defined as spending 30% or more of household income on housing costs. However, the percent of households that are cost burdened is higher among renters at 44% compared to 23% of owners. Twenty-one percent (51,731 units) of renters spend 50% or more of their income on housing costs compared to 8% (22,055 units) of owners.

Travis County's power to affect land use and residential development is limited by state law, although the County can achieve this through property deed restrictions and subdivision regulations allowing density and intensity of use, which are jointly coordinated with the City of Austin within the ETJ. Austin/Travis Subdivision Regulations include standards for small lot, townhouse, and attached single-family development.

According to a January 2022 article, Austin, TX ranks number 12 in cost-of-living increase between 2010 and 2020.[20] According to a salary study published online, the cost of living in Austin, Texas is 2.3% higher than the national average and 1.2% higher than a year ago. The largest increases were in transportation, food, and housing.[21]

The effort to rehabilitation existing owner-occupied homes for income eligible residents, as well as continuing to support fair housing compliant low-income housing tax credit projects will continue to be critical efforts to combat the persistent increase in rising housing costs in Travis County.

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[20] https://www.kvue.com/article/money/economy/boomtown-2040/austin-cost-of-living-increase-filterbuy/269-de1d7216-fdcb-4c12-b858-081be5869712, January 10, 2022, accessed on 5/5/22.

[21] https://www.salary.com/research/cost-of-living/austin-tx, accessed on 5/5/22. The Salary.com cost of living (COL) calculator estimate is based on data related to five general categories: housing, food, healthcare, transportation, and energy.

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

- Collaborate with the City of Austin to create policy alignment and efficiencies for development and permitting in its ETJ.
- Review and evaluate policies related to septic systems to determine what, if any, actions can be taken to reduce the issues preventing repair or installation of systems.
- Review and clarify the County's policy, authority and actions taken to ensure that accessibility standards and requirements of the ADA and FHAA are achieved.
- The CDBG Program reviews tax credit projects and other affordable housing opportunities for compliance with its Fair Housing requirements.
- The Department funds CARTS to provide van service that expands rural transportation access.
- The CDBG website has a Housing Resource page that includes link to financial counseling and homebuyer education.
- In PY17, the CDBG program funded a land acquisition in support of the development of 312 units of affordable multifamily housing at the McKinney Falls complex. The property is fully occupied as of 2021, as reported in the PY20 CAPER.
- The Travis County Housing Finance Corporation provides homebuyer down payment assistance and issues tax exempt bonds to finance Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties.
- The abovementioned barriers to affordable housing are important and remain a priority. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County's efforts have been primarily focused upon COVID-19 response. Nonetheless, the CDBG Office is working to reallocate prior year cost savings, along with PY22 funding, for the purposes of rehabilitating owner-occupied housing, which is the CDBG Office's effort to address barriers to affordable housing through home stabilization.

Discussion

In addition to the actions described above, the County has created an Affordable Housing Policy Committee to align affordable housing policies across all Travis County departments, in accord with the recommendations outlined in the Analysis of Impediments. To date the committee has accomplished the following:

- The TCCC approved a set of values which guide the committee work.
- Drafted Opportunity and Fair Housing Assessment Standards.
- Drafted policy language and program tools (i.e., applications, internal review forms) related to the Decision-Making Standards & Criteria for Affordable Housing and Opportunity as well as Fair Housing Standards.

- Created Chapter 277 Affordable and Fair Housing Policies and Procedures which includes the Court approved values, housing policy statements and the Fair Housing Screen for Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects.
- Assisted in the drafting of the Affordable Housing section of the Public Improvement District (PID) policy, which is outside of the Committee's work plan.
- Provided research support to Travis County Planning and Budget Office on In Lieu Fees.
- Identified and researched a set of potential Implementation Tools for Affordable Housing Expansion and provided a briefing and recommendations to TCCC on the tools.
- Created Implementation Tools for County use. Tools were prioritized if they generate revenue and/or affordable housing units or if they are new tools that best leverage existing resources.
- Created a draft Affordable Housing Policy.

The Committee was placed on hold towards the end of 2019 and remained on hold throughout 2020, 2021 and into 2022 due to the demands of the coronavirus pandemic and multiple COVID-19 response efforts. There have been discussions on affordable housing and the policy committee; however, the preparation, prevention, and response to COVID-19 took precedence over staff's effort to reinvigorate the Affordable Housing Policy Committee.

VIII. Other Actions

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The CDBG program continually advocates on behalf of the low-income residents of the unincorporated areas. CDBG staff work to raise awareness, both within County departments and with subrecipients and other partner organizations, of the need to improve access to services for residents of the unincorporated areas who are geographically isolated from the urban core and with limited transit options.

The County has adopted a Transit Development Plan, Transportation Blueprint, and Economic Development Strategic Plan. The CDBG Office was involved as a reviewer, committee member, or engagement participant on all three of these plans.

Planned or ongoing actions include:

- Execute the Fair Housing Implementation Plan
- Collaborate with Emergency Services and TNR to address gaps/needs for Disaster Recovery & Resilience
- Collaborate and coordinate with internal and external partners around investments that improve opportunity across the CDBG service area
- Work with internal and external partners to coordinate engagement opportunities and set up times to meet with different HOAs, community and faith-based groups

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

- The Home Rehabilitation/Septic System program is included as a PY22 project. When implemented, it will assist in maintaining and improving owner occupied homes for low- and moderate-income households.
- Ongoing street improvement projects will help maintain neighborhood quality, thereby helping to preserve home values of low- and moderate-income households.
- An affordable housing strategy based on the Fair Housing Plan and Comprehensive Housing Market Study was drafted. The policy is under further review by stakeholders. Adoption by the Travis County Commissioner's Court is pending.
- Complete fair housing reviews (for Resolutions of No Objection) and related fair housing screening for a variety of potential or proposed projects.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In order to increase awareness about lead-based paint hazards and housing, Travis County will annually recognize National Lead Poisoning Prevention (NLPP) Week, which is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Environmental Health Agency, and the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development. The observation of National Lead Poisoning Prevention (NLPP) Week for PY22 will take place sometime in October 2022. In PY21 and into PY22, the Travis County CDBG Office has been attending frequent Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meetings with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to remain informed and involved in state-wide lead-poisoning prevention and education efforts. In addition, information and resources related to lead poisoning hazards and poisoning prevention along with lead-based paint abatement and remediation is available on the Travis County CDBG website.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Travis County's lead agency for administering CDBG funds is the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department. The goal of the department is to address community needs through internal and external investments and services. The department strives to accomplish the following: maximize quality of life for all people in Travis County; protect vulnerable populations; Invest in social and economic well-being; promote healthy living: physical, behavioral, and environmental; and build a shared understanding of our community. Travis County operates several anti-poverty programs that assist individuals and families on multiple fronts in transitioning from crisis to self-sufficiency. The County carries out its anti-poverty programs both through the direct delivery of services managed by HHS and by purchasing services from private and not-for-profit agencies in the community. In addition to the provision of direct services, Travis County continually assesses the poverty and basic needs of county residents, works with stakeholders in facilitating anti-poverty efforts, and supports public policy initiatives that prevent and ameliorate conditions of poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

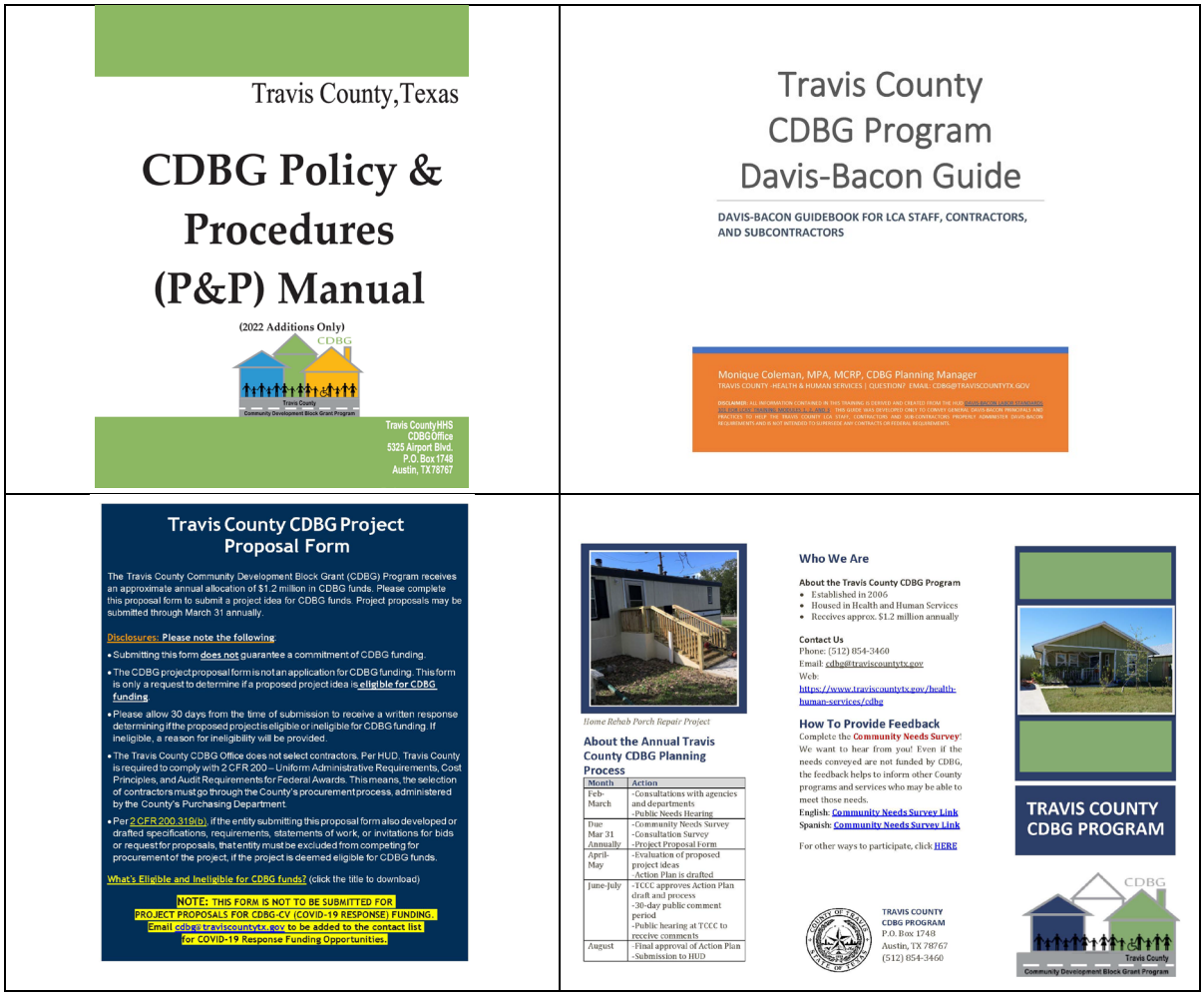
As stated in previous plans, the following efforts remain underway or pending:

- Review and evaluate policies related to septic systems to determine what, if any, actions can be taken to reduce the issues preventing repair or installation of systems.
- Review and clarify the County's policy, authority, and actions taken to ensure that accessibility standards and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA) are achieved.
- Review and further clarify the County's policies and procedures as it relates to 2 CFR Part 200 Procurement Procedures.
- Review and further clarify the County's policies and procedures as it relates to Conflict-of-Interest best practices and training.
- Collaborate with Emergency Services and TNR to address gaps/needs for disaster recovery and resilience.

- Work with internal and external partners to coordinate engagement opportunities and set up times to meet with different Homeowners Associations (HOAs), community, and faith-based groups.
- Update County Code, Chapter 277, Affordable and Fair Housing policies in alignment with the affordable housing strategy based on the Fair Housing Plan and Comprehensive Housing Market Study.

As of 2021 and into 2022, the following actions, including but not limited to the ongoing development of general policies and procedures, are planned to further develop institutional structure:

- Develop and implement Davis-Bacon policies and procedures.
- Relaunch a home rehabilitation program that is comprehensive and will facilitate opportunities for public-private partnerships.
- Begin using the new Travis County **CDBG Program Brochure** (Eng.) (Spn.) to create program and services awareness in the Travis County CDBG service area
- Work to promote the use of the Travis County **CDBG Program Project Proposal Form** (Eng.) (Spn.) to encourage more project ideas from the community, small cities, and staff



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

- Collaborate with the City of Austin to create policy alignment and efficiencies for development and permitting in its Extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- Execute the Central Texas Regional Fair Housing Implementation Plan.
- Collaborate and coordinate with internal and external partners around investments which improve opportunity across the CDBG service area.
- An affordable housing strategy based on the Fair Housing Plan and Comprehensive Housing Market Study was developed. The policy is under further review by stakeholders. Adoption by the Travis County Commissioner's Court is pending.
- Complete fair housing reviews or screens for a (Resolution of No Objection) and opportunity analyses for a variety of projects. See Table 15 below for details and progress from the 2017 inception to-date.

Table 15 – LIHTC Projects that Received a RONO

	PY17	PY18	PY19	PY20	PY21	PY22	Total-to-date (as of 6/2022)
Number of LIHTC Projects Approved	2	5	9	5	1	0	22
Number of Affordable Units Approved	347	1,060	2,654	1,377	216	0	5,654

IX. Program Specific Requirements

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

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	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100%

Discussion

The benefit was determined based on one year of funding, PY22.

APPENDICES A-C

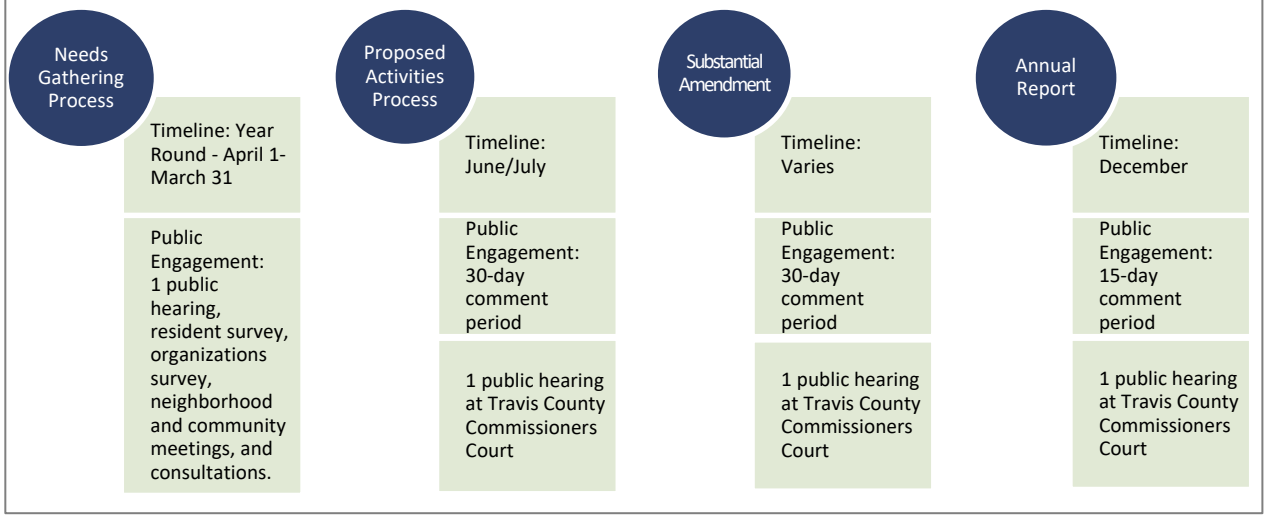
Appendix A

Public Participation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public engagement occurs throughout Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities for four main purposes: needs gathering, approval of proposed actions, the substantial amendment process (if applicable), and the annual report (see chart below).

Figure 1: Public Engagement Process



The Travis County Consolidated Plan is a Strategic Plan that identifies needs and sets priorities, outcomes, and objectives for the CDBG program for a five-year period. The Consolidated Plan is developed through a collaborative process and Public Engagement is a critical component. The Annual Action Plan is a document that outlines needs and projects that will guide how the upcoming year's funding will be allocated. In the year that the Consolidated Plan is developed, the public hearings for input on the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan are held at the same time.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. Residents and organizations had the opportunity to provide input by (1) attending a public hearing in March 2022 and/or (2) completing a Needs Assessment survey. In addition, residents were invited to request and/or attend neighborhood or community meetings, and organizations were invited to participate in consultation meetings with CDBG staff. No neighborhood or community meetings were requested, but one consultation meeting with organizations took place in February 2022.

As a result of the public participation process:

- One virtual meeting was held via Microsoft Teams:
    - February 2, 2022 – Virtual Consultation Meeting with Service Providers (see Attachment 1, the Virtual Consultation flyer)
- Four consultations surveys with agencies or organizations were received
- 88 residents and 13 organizations participated in a Needs Assessment survey

Information collected in the public participation process helped CDBG staff determine priorities projects for PY22.

The draft of the PY22 Action Plan was posted for a 30-day public comment period (June 22-July 22, 2022). A public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. One written comment was emailed to cdbg@traviscountytx.gov on July 10, 2022. One public comment was received during the July 12 public hearing.

Information Gathering Public Hearing

One public hearing was held during the normally scheduled Commissioner's Court voting session on March 22, 2022. The public was able to appear in person or call into the meeting to ask questions or make comments. Four public comments were offered at this hearing and addressed by staff. See section titled **Testimonies Received During Public Hearings at Commissioners Court** at the end of this document.

Public Comment Period

The draft of the PY22 Action Plan typically has a 30-day public comment period and the action plan was made available for public comment June 22, 2022, through July 22, 2022. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. See sections titled **Comments Received During Public Hearings at Commissioners Court** and **Written Comments Received** at the end of this document.

Advertising and Outreach

The opportunity to participate was advertised on the Travis County website (www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG), the six community centers, and via social media. The notice advertising the public hearing and needs survey (in English and Spanish) was mailed and emailed to the general CDBG mailing list which includes residents, service providers, and other entities that have indicated an interest in receiving information on the CDBG program. The invitation to comment on the Draft Action Plan will be distributed to the same list. In addition, CDBG staff sent individual emails to people identified in positions of community and/or neighborhood leadership in CDBG service areas to invite participation in the resident needs survey, and to offer the opportunity to request a neighborhood meeting.

Information about the Needs Assessment public hearing and the Needs Assessment survey were posted to CDBG-area neighborhood groups via NextDoor.

An advertisement for the March 22, 2022, public hearing and needs survey appeared in the following newspapers of general circulation: *The Austin-American Statesman* and *The Villager*.

To reach the Spanish speaking population, the advertisement appeared in the Spanish language newspaper, *El Mundo*. The invitation to comment on Draft of the PY22 Action Plan will be released through all the same channels.

Surveys

Resident surveys were available online or by postal mail in English and Spanish and upon request for those without access to a computer or the internet. A total of 88 residents completed surveys to provide input on the PY22 Action Plan.

An organizations survey was also available to gather input. This survey was available in English only. Several list-serves, including the County's contracted social service providers, were used to send out the link to the online survey through email. A total of 16 surveys were completed by agency personnel.

Provider Consultations

To inform the PY22 Action Plan, CDBG staff worked to engage service providers via a virtual meeting and an online survey. The virtual meeting in Microsoft Teams was implemented to compensate for the lack of in-person engagement due to social distancing requirements due to the coronavirus pandemic. With permission from all attendees, the virtual consultation meeting was recorded to allow for future reference.

Consultation Virtual Meeting

Consultations Virtual Meeting	Date
Multiple Agencies/Service Providers met via Microsoft TEAMS	February 2, 2022

Travis County CDBG staff engaged leaders of various County departments, local service providers, and coalition groups in a virtual consultation meeting in order to determine the status—and identify needs and gaps—for current programs and projects in the CDBG service area. County departmental leadership that participated in the consultation process include the following: Transportation and Natural Resources, Planning and Budget, Justice and Public Safety, and the HHS CDBG Office. Four (4) Travis County Departments (HHS/CDBG, TNR, Justice & Public Safety, and PBO/EDSI) and the following three (3) organizations participated in the virtual consultation meeting: City of Lago Vista, TAMACC, and Dress for Success. A total of eleven (11) individuals attended the virtual consultation meeting.

TNR staff discussed the Transit Development Plan in partnership with CapMetro and CARTS during the virtual consultation. TNR noted Travis County funds five (5) services via CARTS, in partnership with CapMetro, to provide services in urbanized/unincorporated areas. With the new census, the areas will change. TNR is working with partners to provide transit services to the Hornsby-Bend/Austin's Colony area, but that has not been solidified at this time. TNR noted they are seeing a bigger need. TNR also noted engagement has been most effective by reaching a key neighborhood contact who is interested in collaborating with CDBG. PBO/EDSI noted they are working on a plan to start county-wide community engagement. Although it was not mentioned verbally, the City of Lago Vista noted code enforcement/property maintenance is a significant

need. Dress for Success commented on the workforce development inquiry. This inquiry was re-directed to another division/department (for ARPA funds). Although home rehab was not discussed during the virtual meeting because the agency who proposed the agenda item discussion was not present, home rehab was expressed as a need in high demand on the consultations survey; as a result, the discussion topic was added to the agenda.

Consultation Survey

The following three agencies/service providers responded to the CDBG consultation survey:

- Meals on Wheels and More, Inc.
- Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources (TNR) Department
- City of Lago Vista

The PY22 consultation survey was distributed via Survey Monkey offering a more user-friendly experience. As shown from the respondent list above, CDBG staff consulted with service providers focusing in the areas of transportation, emergency management, health, broadband, affordable housing, and property maintenance.

When asked, *"is there a possibility for collaboration or coordination with internal and external partners around investments that could improve opportunities?"* 100% of providers consulted responded yes. We learned of the three agencies consulted, only 50% regularly engage residents who live in the Travis County CDBG service area.

Additionally, when asked, "*do you feel broadband access and/or infrastructure is a major concern for serving the citizens of Travis County?",* a compelling 100% of providers consulted responded yes. Most specifically, the responses from the City of Lago Vista noted the following:

- "Access to broadband with adequate band width and speeds continues to be a major concern in the County, especially outside the City of Austin."
- "Due to Lago Vista's topography, there are many areas of the city that do not have fundamental infrastructure in the area or to their home that provides."

Through the consultation survey responses, the Travis County CDBG team also learned 25% of responding providers have switched to engaging the public virtually two years into the COVID-19 pandemic and 75% of responding service providers indicated they are still interacting with the public in-person, although it should be noted some comments stated engagement is in small groups, at-stop outreach, and some meet with community groups or in-person when necessary with masking and social distancing. Fifty percent (50%) of responding service providers have noticed a decrease in services provided by their organizations and 25% have noticed an increase in the services being provided by their organizations.

In addition to an annual virtual consultation since 2020 and the establishment of the consultation survey, which took the place of the in-person one-on-one consultations that were conducted prior to the onset of the pandemic, the CDBG Office has also proactively pursued a partnership with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for lead poisoning education and prevention efforts. Since 2020, the Travis County CDBG Office has been actively involved with

activities and efforts of DSHS. Due to overall impacts and staff capacity demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Travis County CDBG Office's participation was limited. However, in August 2021, the Travis County CDBG Office reached out to DSHS to resume a more interactive participation in state-wide lead poisoning education and prevention efforts. Travis County staff members have been involved in the Strategic Planning Committee, which was formed by the Texas Blood Lead Surveillance Branch (BLSB) within DSHS. BLSB continues to develop the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (TXCLPPP) strategic Plan. The purpose of the Strategic Planning Committee is to advise and support the BLSB on blood lead testing and reporting, strengthening surveillance of blood lead levels, strengthening linkages to ensure lead exposed children receive recommended services, and develop targeted population-based interventions. The SPC provides technical support and subject-matter expertise to systems that identify, refer, serve and follow lead-exposed children. The SPC working group has established sub-committees and within these sub-committees Travis County participates as frequently as possible with the policy and prevention subcommittee in ongoing conversations, contributes information, and shares resources or ideas to convey how CDBG grant activities, particularly housing-related activities, create opportunities for education, prevention, data-sharing, and reporting in the event of known cases of lead-based paint exposure. Additionally, being involved in the development of the SPC working group and subcommittees, the Travis County CDBG Office is informed of prevention and educational events, conferences and other activities and information such as the Lead-Safe Texas Newsletters (state.tx.us). The Travis County CDBG Office placed a proclamation on the Travis County Commissioner Courts agenda in October 2021 for proclaim the National Lead Poisoning Prevention (NLPP) Week to raise awareness. Travis County will do the same for the upcoming 2022 NLPP Week (October 23-29, 2022).

DETAILED RESULTS OF PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Action Plan Needs Assessment Survey Summary of Results

To assist in determining the priorities for PY22, residents and organizations were asked to identify greatest needs in their communities in two different ways: first, by selecting all needs that apply (from a list of 58 needs); and second, to list the top three needs in order of importance. The needs were grouped into the following service categories: Populations with Specialized Needs, Public Buildings & Facilities, Community Services, Infrastructure, Business & Jobs, and Housing.

Residents

In total, 88 completed responses were gathered from the resident surveys. The table below ranks needs by service category. Infrastructure was ranked by far as the highest category of need, followed by Community Services and then Housing.

Ranking of Service Categories by Residents	
Service Category	**Ranking**
Infrastructure	**1**
Community Services	**2**
Housing	**3**
Public Buildings & Facilities	4
Populations with Specialized Needs	5

Ranking of Service Categories by Residents	
Service Category	**Ranking**
Business & Jobs	6

Organizations (Agencies & Social Service Providers)

In total, 16 completed responses were gathered from local organizations. Respondents were asked to identify needs in the same way that residents were. Organizations ranked Housing as the most important need.

Ranking of Service Categories by Social Service Providers	
Service Category	**Ranking**
Housing	**1**
Infrastructure	**2**
Populations with Specialized Needs/Services	**3 (tied)**
Community Services/Public Services	**3 (tied)**

Comparison of Resident and Organizations Priority Rankings of Needs by Category

Both residents and organizations reported that Infrastructure is a high priority. However, while residents ranked Infrastructure as by far the most important need, organizations ranked it second. This difference is likely due to residents having more direct experience of the infrastructure, or lack thereof, in the unincorporated areas, while service providers may not be aware of the degree of need in this area.

Prioritized Needs, Detail

Residents and providers were asked to list the top three needs in their neighborhoods or communities in order of importance: 1, 2, 3, with 1 being the most important. The results are detailed in the tables that follow, using weighted totals where the top need was given 3 points, the second need given 2 points, and the third need given 1 point. The greater the sum of the points, the greater the indicated need.

Business & Jobs	Resident Total	Provider Total
Commercial development/restaurants	5	1
Job training services/job opportunities	2	0
Commercial Exterior Repair	2	0
Small business loans	2	0
Microenterprise Loans	0	0

Community Services	Resident Total	Provider Total
Public transit	23	2
Animal Services/Control	17	1
Crime Prevention	12	3
Childcare for children under age 5	11	3

Waste/Recycling/Litter services	9	0
Youth services for older children & teens	7	0
Job training services/job opportunities	6	0
Affordable afterschool care or summer care for children ages 5 and above	5	0
Homeless Outreach and Supportive Services	3	3
Banking services	2	0
Eviction Prevention Counseling or Foreclosure Prevention Counseling	1	0
Literacy/Adult Basic Education	1	0
Food pantries	1	0
Case Management & Outreach for Adults and Youth	0	0
Early Childhood Intervention services	0	2
English Language Proficiency Services	0	0
Housing Discrimination Outreach, Education & Legal Services	0	0
Interim Housing Assistance - crisis related	0	0
Legal Aid	0	0
Utility assistance	0	0

Housing	Resident Total	Provider Total
Affordable housing (to rent)	34	12
Affordable housing (to buy)	20	1
Home energy efficiency improvements	12	0
Septic Tank Repair/Installation/Replacement	8	2
Mobile home replacement	7	5
Home repair	3	6
Homeownership Assistance	1	0
Lead-based paint hazards	0	0
Transitional housing	0	0

Street improvements	70	0
Sidewalks, curbs, or gutters	30	3
Broadband/Internet Access	26	5
Street lighting	15	2
Electricity and Utility Improvements	14	0
Water and sewer improvements	14	0
Street Drainage Improvements	13	3
Disaster Resiliency/Flood Mitigation	12	0

Public Buildings & Facilities	Resident Total	Provider Total
Public parks	11	0
Neighborhood or community centers	11	5

Recreation centers	6	0
Health care clinics/services	6	0
Library	5	0
Homeless shelters / facilities	3	0
Child Care Centers/Day Care Centers	2	0
Building Accessibility/ Architectural Barrier Removal	0	0

Populations With Specialized Needs	Resident Total	Provider Total
Services for seniors or disabled persons	8	6
Mental Health Supportive Services	5	3
Housing for residents with special needs	3	3
Domestic Violence Supportive Services	1	0
Special Needs Housing	1	0
Alcohol or substance use Supportive Services	0	2
HIV/AIDS supportive services	0	0

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS AT COMMISSIONERS COURT

Transcript of comments received during PY22 (3/22/22) Spring Needs Assessment Public Hearing

Judge Brown: Thank you. And I think we've got a couple callers on item 4. Let's first go to the folks on the phone and then we'll go to people here in person, Shelby.

Shelby Slutzker: Thank you, Judge. We do have one caller on this item, Zenobia Joseph. Ms. Joseph, please go ahead. You have three minutes.

Zenobia Joseph: Thank you, Judge, Commissioners, I'm Zenobia Joseph. My first comment is technical. As it relates to the dial-in number on page two of the backup materials, I actually called that number, and it was busy. 888-966-1236, therefore, I would recommend you repost this item before taking any action, because the public was not able to participate. As it relates specifically to the community services, I just want to call to your attention the May 26th, 2020, Program Year 2020 information from Ms. Coleman where it says the potential issues "public transit appears to be a high-priority public service need on the feedback survey, but there are no CDBG Community development Block Grant public transit projects slated. The CDBG office welcomes feedback and guidance from the Commissioners' Court on this matter. "I bring that to your attention because it is disingenuous for you to continue to ask the community to give you input and then never address the concerns that they bring before the court. I didn't complete the survey, but 42 residents did, and 7 providers rated public transit high. Commissioner Travillion just mentioned once again the learning opportunities and economic opportunity, which is also mentioned in the background and summary of this item. You cannot move out of -- move to self-sufficiency if you don't have transportation to get to the job. And so, to Commissioner Howard, because she often talks about the return on investment, and I'm paraphrasing, I would just ask you on Thursday when you're talking about affordable housing to also recognize the need to discuss public transportation in these areas and how that would move people from depending on the government and the public funds to self-sufficiency. And then I would just call to your attention specifically as it relates to the continuation of projects, while that might be a use of the funds from CDBG, it is again disingenuous just to continue projects that are already in the pipeline. It gives the appearance that it's a unilateral decision. And just so that you're clear, I did send Ms. Coleman a memorandum on July 27, 2020. Without the court's intervention and guidance

to her there is nothing that the staff can do. So, I would just ask you to recognize the need for public transportation and to also consider the number of people who actually took the survey and include that information. If you have any questions, I'll gladly answer them at this time. Thank you.

Judge Brown: Thank you. Let's go to the folks in person. Shelby, do we have another caller, or is that it?

Commissioner Shea: Judge, can I ask –

Judge Brown: sure.

Commissioner Shea: I don't know if Ms. Coleman wants a chance to respond to the public comment, but it sounded like there were issues raised about either a failure to respond to public comment -- I don't know what the mechanism is. I want to make sure Ms. Coleman has a chance to responds if she wants.

Monique Coleman: Oh, thank you, Commissioner Shea. Yes, ma'am. I believe the reference that Ms. Joseph made may have been pertaining to maybe the CDBG-CV public input. I don't recall. I know that she said it was 2020, but with regards to the phone number, I'm not sure, you know, how we can revisit or repost the public hearing. I would need to consult with my team and with legal to try to ascertain what the approach would be. With regards to the public transit inquiry, I think that we have followed up on that a few times in the past. I do know that one of the decisions or one of the efforts that staff made was we drafted a memo in 2020 or perhaps 2021 to address that concern. Public transit really kind of falls within the scope of community service, which is currently not being funded by CDBG or CDBG-CV because it's not, it's not -- well, for CDBG-CV we would have to have a proposed project that would be eligible. But specifically, for CDBG it's not consistent with the Con Plan. We also worked with TNR and have identified with the Transportation Development Plan, sorry, ladies, if I misstated the name of the plan, but that the County has allocated funding specifically to address the concerns in unincorporated parts of Travis County to address the transit deficiency that we're experiencing and that is needed. So whenever the needs survey is completed, it is really a holistic effort and a holistic view of what the community needs. That doesn't mean that every need will be addressed specifically by CDBG-CV funds, but it does create an opportunity for the community to express what their needs are. That information is shared. And such, and such as with the issue with the transit, that has been expressed, that is being addressed with local dollars through the TNR department. So, it's not being disregarded. We are definitely taking that very seriously. We are in partnership with the TNR team that works specifically on transit-related issues to make sure that that's being addressed even if it's not being addressed with CDBG funding. So, I do appreciate the feedback and the comments and would like for the public to know that we are working on those matters even if it's not specifically with federal dollars.

Commissioner Shea: Thanks Monique.

Lawrence Lyman: I can add one other quick thing. A couple comments about the technological challenge we've had. The CDBG team will follow up with our partners on I.T.S. and make sure our links and phone numbers are all in good order so feedback will get through to us in a timely and smooth manner.

Judge Brown: Thanks. I think our P.I.O. just tested the number and it worked, so I'm not sure what -- why it wouldn't have before, but it got him through to the public comment lines where Shelby actually thought that Hector was calling to comment today for a moment. [laughing]

Judge Brown: So, I think that number works.

Lawrence Lyman: We will welcome Hector's comments just like anyone else in the County. [laughing]

Judge Brown: All right. So, I think we've got some folks here in person. It looks like Stuart Hersh. All right, Stuart, you've got –

Stuart Harry Hersh: Members of the Commissioners' Court, my name is Stuart Harry Hersh and this week the Travis County Commissioners Court and the Austin City Council are both holding public hearings on the needs assessment that's required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Because these public hearings will impact investment decisions on housing for the poorest among us. Some of the poorest among us are homeowners who are 80%, 50%, and 30% of the median family income within either unincorporated Travis County or the Austin city limits. These are the same types of individuals and families who I helped with weatherization home repairs when I became Weatherization Coordinator for the City of Austin in 1977. At that time, I earned $5.93 an hour and at the end of my six month probation I earned $6.38 an hour, so it was really easy to understand the housing needs of families in both Austin and Travis County. I'm asking you as part of this public hearing process to establish as highest priority for the 2022 and 2023 budget year the following repairs for low-income homeowners. Number one, roof repairs. Number 2, repairs to leaking water pipes. Number 3, replacement of failing septic systems. Number 4, repairs to electric wiring systems. Number 5, replacement of unvented space heaters with vented heating systems. Number 6, repairs to heating, ventilation, and air condition systems, and Number 7, repairs to homes damaged by flooding, high winds, and/or fire. City and county budgets should reflect the number of low-income households to be served by home repair programs in the next fiscal year, with a reminder of the strategic Austin – Austin, City of Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint goal of 600 homes repaired per year for ten years. Please help some of the poorest homeowners among us. I know you have choices about how to spend the Community Development Block Grant money and I ask you not to forget the people who are really under gentrification pressures and desperately need the funds because they cannot afford to fix their roof and other systems. So, thank you for your consideration on all of that.

Commissioner Shea: Judge, may I ask a question?

Judge Brown: Thank you.

Commissioner Shea: Quick question. I had understood through the program through our Health and Human Services Department where we work with Meals on Wheels and other community organizations that we legally can't spend the home repair money on rental homes. And I don't know if that's the same case here. I'd be interested to hear that. But I know it's been an impediment because a lot of people who are very, very poor don't own their homes but they still live-in homes that need repair.

Stuart Harry Hersh: That's, that's…I think you're absolutely correct, but I do know that there are a lot of very, very low-income homeowners who are on waiting lists to try and get fixed. And to the extent that you are able to help out in unincorporated Travis County and the other jurisdictions yall've been talking about this morning, and the City of Austin is able to do the same thing in the city limits, it makes it possible for those people to age in place when otherwise that opportunity wouldn't be available to them.

Commissioner Shea: Absolutely.

Stuart Harry Hersh: You're absolutely right. It's another need but focusing on the relatively smaller population that is still trying to be homeowners in this kind of economic environment is something worth your attention, I think.

Commissioner Shea: And do we have waiting lists for homeowners who are wanting this assistance through CDBG, or even through HHS? I had understood that at least one community organization wasn't able to spend all the money because they couldn't qualify enough people who were actual homeowners who needed the home repair assistance.

Stuart Harry Hersh: Yeah, I'm not aware of that but I think there are some other people here who might be able to speak to that issue.

Commissioner Shea: I'm also wondering from our staff on the CDBG or HHS side if we have waiting lists for people who want that assistance and can't get it.

Pilar Sanchez: Um, Commissioner Shea?

Commissioner Shea: Yeah, thank you.

Pilar Sanchez: We, we do have a waiting list. And we were thrilled a few weeks ago when we were able to reach stage 4 um, and 3. We resumed our repair program, our home repair program at that time. So we do have a wait list and unfortunately due to the pandemic, we suspended any indoor repairs. And now we've restarted those.

Commissioner Shea: Do we think we'll have enough funding to get through them, the waiting list?

Pilar Sanchez: I know that, I know that one of the items that the speaker spoke about was septic systems. And that's one area that we need more funding for. Um, I don't know that we'll have enough funds to get through the entire wait list, um, but, um we are going to be requesting additional funds for install and repair of septic systems.

Commissioner Shea: Great. Thank you.

Judge Brown: Thanks, thank you, Stuart.

Commissioner Shea: Thank you, Stuart.

Judge Brown: All right. I think we have one other person in person. Charles Cloutman, come on up.

Commissioner Shea: Does he have audio–

Judge Brown: Who's Charles Cloutman?

Charles Cloutman: Yes, sir.

Judge Brown: You are, okay.

Charles Cloutman: Yes, sir, I'm sorry.

Judge Brown: You have three minutes. Go ahead, thank you.

Charles Cloutman: Thank you Judge, I'm Charles Cloutman, I'm the Vice President for Home Repair with Meals on Wheels Central Texas. With me is my successor, Brian Sykes, he's the Assistant Vice President for Home Repair. I will be riding my horse off in the future pretty soon, and Brian has been with us for years and can easily take on the tasks that we've started. We manage the CDBG homeowner modification program for five-six years. We did complete the funds. We never ran out of houses. We went through about a 75% follow-through rate, and so many people, because of the CDBG rules, did not qualify. So, I'm here to express the ongoing need that's out in the county. We get phone calls regularly from citizens in Travis County that we cannot serve because there's no dedicated funding for them if they're not a veteran, if they're not a person with a disability, any number of funds that we do manage from the state and federal level and private funding. So, we look forward to this now that the pandemic seems to be lifting. We can start working back in homes again. We can start replacing septic systems that are draining into our creeks without treatment. We can fix houses where people won't be afraid of storms like last night. Every time the storm clap, the thunder claps they creak in fear because their roof leaks or windows are leaking, holes in their floors. It's atrocious the things we see. Thank God we're able to fix most of them. And I ask you to consider this being a high priority already, to make it a very high priority for this Court to enact this program again. It will be offered to all the different nonprofits in the area. There is no guarantee that Meals on Wheels will be the next administrator. The need is what I'm talking about. And I appreciate it.

Judge Brown: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Shea: Judge?

Judge Brown: Yeah.

Commissioner Shea: Would the other person like to speak?

Judge Brown: I've got it. Go ahead, commissioner.

Commissioner Howard: Tremendously sad not to be in the courtroom today with Charles and Stuart, and I thank them for their decades of advocacy and leadership in these areas. And, you know, I think from, you know, the last ten years that I've worked on housing issues, we've always used the money on home repair. I have a question. The line between homeownership and rental, couldn't you get to the owner of the home even if they're renting it out to help repair the house, assuming they're not far away and don't respond. But isn't there a way to get the house repaired using whoever is the owner as the applicant?

Charles Cloutman: Was that for me or Monique?

Commissioner Howard: Whoever can answer it.

Charles Cloutman: Its normally homeowner occupied. It's in the title of the program. And generally, in the specifications for CDBG. The City of Austin does carve out some sort of funding for rental. They get more money than the County, obviously. But I'm not sure what the restrictions are and how -- Monique would be able to answer that question, I'm sure.

Commissioner Howard: Okay.

Judge Brown: Monique, any thoughts there?

Monique Coleman: With regards to the eligibility for owner-occupied versus tenant-occupied?

Commissioner Howard: Yeah.

Monique Coleman: I don't have any additional information, um, other than understanding that the utilization for the program is for owner occupancy. I can follow up with you if you're, you know, wanting staff to try to identify if there are other options to have a tenant-occupied individual be eligible with the authorization of an owner, but typically and in the past our program has been administrator for owner-occupied properties only.

Lawrence Lyman: Commissioners

Commissioner Howard: I'd like to know if it's allowable by the federal statute.

Monique Coleman: Okay.

Lawrence Lyman: Sorry, this is Lawrence. I'll have Monique will coordinate with our general fund program, community service division, and get a breakdown of who we're reaching and how that's taking place.

Commissioner Howard: Thank you.

Judge Brown: Thank you.

Commissioner Shea: But just to put a fine point on that so we're all perfectly clear, it's my understanding that these CDBG funds cannot be spent on rental-occupied property. It's got to be owner-occupied. Is that correct?

Monique Coleman: Correct.

Commissioner Shea: Okay.

Monique Coleman: That is correct to my understanding, but I think Charles had mentioned that maybe the city has a different structure. And I don't know if they're utilizing other leveraged funds. I would have to look into it. But the administration of our program has always been for owner-occupied only.

Commissioner Shea: Okay. Thank you.

Judge Brown: Thank you.

Monique Coleman: We are, Commissioner Shea and Commissioner Howard, we are working to revamp the home rehab program. We are, we have been working on our guidelines and specifications, and are hoping to roll that out very soon, it is a high priority as a part of the Con Plan. This is all public information, but the last three years we focused on infrastructure and haven't had an opportunity to re-compete our home rehab program at this time. So, it is something that we are considering internally. Of course, we have to go through the process of ascertaining if there are any existing projects that require additional funding, looking at the needs, looking at the Con Plan, as I have stated before, I just wanted to kind of culminate my comment with circling back to we are considering home rehab, but we have to also have to look at other criteria as well.

Judge Brown: Thank you very much. Did you want to give us your testimony for three minutes?

Brian Sykes: Sure.

Judge Brown: Okay. Just say your name, and yeah.

Brian Sykes: My name is Brian Sykes, I'm the Assistant VP for Home Repair at Meals on Wheels. Basically, I'm just here to attest to what Charles was stating, that we get calls on a daily basis for people out in the county that need help and unless they're disabled or military, we don't have the funds to help them. And so, we sure would like to have the funds to help them.

Commissioner Shea: You know we um –

Judge Brown: Thank you. Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea: Both Commissioner Howard and I sit on the Capital Area Council of Governments Board, and they have gotten additional grant funds from St. David's for a program to assist seniors to help them age in place and to provide wraparound services. I think that their territory may be restricted for the time being, but it would be worth reaching out to Patty Bordie, I'm assuming that you know her, she's in charge of the Aging Services at Meals on Wheels for The Ten-County CAPCOG. If you don't have a connection with her, you should, because they do provide extensive funding and they're the pass-through for a lot of the federal aging funding. So, they're definitely a connection y'all should make to see what other resources are available to assist people with repairs so that they can remain in their homes.

Brian Sykes: Thank you.

Judge Brown: Thanks. Somehow, we are 30 minutes behind, which I'm realizing may pinch us on the social work proclamation before lunch. So, I think we're going to move on, unless anybody has any other comments on this? And I think -- so that was a public hearing. So, we're going to need to close –

Commissioner Shea: I move we close the public hearing.

Commissioner Travillion: Second.

Judge Brown: Motion from Commissioner Shea, second from Commissioner Travillion to close the public hearing. All those in favor, please raise your hand. That passes unanimously.

Transcript of comments received during the July 12, 2022 Public Hearing:

Commissioner Gómez: This being a public hearing, are there any calls from the public? Thank you, commissioner.

Court Announcer: yes, we do have one caller on the line for this item. Zenobia joseph. You may go ahead.

Zenobia Joseph: Thank you, Judge and Commissioners. I'm Zenobia Joseph. I have a few comments with the program year 2020 action plan. Specifically on slide 11, it mentions the projects that are proposed for program year 2022 action plan. However, it appears that these projects are in different phases, like [indiscernible] improvement. And I would just ask to include the phase that these projects are in the future before submitting this to HUD. It appears that asking for public comment is really just a mere exercise in futility. What I mean by that is that the public just comments, but if the money is just going to be used for existing projects, then the question becomes why are you asking for input if you're not going to use it? And I'm specifically referring back to on or about May 26th, 2020, when the public gave comment as related to public transportation. And then here we are starting a new cycle of public comment, just to be in compliance with HUD. But that information that was given from the public before was never utilized. So it's likely that individuals who have given input in the past are not likely to continue to give input, simply because it doesn't seem to be utilized by the staff. And I would just ask respectfully, I know that the public comment period closes July 22nd, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., but where exactly is the public to submit public comment? I can communicate with her directly, but is that the appropriate address to send comments to?

And, so, those are the comments that I really have is just -- it feels like you're wasting the public's time. I get that housing and urban development requires the input as far as this action plan, but if you're not going to use the input, so why are you asking us?

If you have any questions I can answer them at this time. Thank you.

Commissioner Gómez: Thank you. And, there was no action required on this item today, correct?

Monique Coleman: No, ma'am.

Commissioner Gomez: Great. So we'll move to the third public hearing, receive comments regarding --

Commissioner Travillion: Should we close it?

Commissioner Gómez: Pardon me?

Commissioner Travillion: Should we close --

Commissioner Shea: Do we need to close the public hearing? And I did want to just ask because I don't think that we ignore public comment. So, I don't know if you'd like a chance to respond to the last caller, but what I have seen you take the public comment very seriously.

Monique Coleman: Yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Shea: And you include it in the briefings to us with whatever information that we need.

Monique Coleman: Yes, ma'am, that's correct, commissioner shea. Thank you for asking the question. We -- I think the caller's comments are very insightful. I will say that the -- we actually do create a procurement schedule for the projects and we provide that information and I'm happy to share that if needed. I think that one of the comments was regarding the phases of the projects. So I think that would be helpful for the public, and then just to the second part of the question, um, we -- um, we definitely include all comments in the action plan and take those into consideration. But we have to factor in the priorities that have been established in the comp plan.

Commissioner Shea: Great, thank you

Commissioner Travillion: Judge, if I may. Oftentimes when we work in the public space, we have to have very thick skin.

Monique Coleman: Yes, sir.

Travillion: Because oftentimes people will call and they don't understand that you have attended hundreds of meetings, that you've worked with staff at the -- at the city level, and at the state level, at the federal level, and you are giving us your professional opinion. Advocates advocate -- that's what they do. That's what they should do.

Monique Coleman: Right.

Travillion: When it gets -- sometimes when it gets mean-spirited, you know, we're still required to -- to listen kindly and to -- but we're never asked to move away from what we -- what the best professional advice is.

So, as I listen to -- to items that -- items that come up, people who come out, i just want you to know that all -- all I ever expect of you is for you to give us your best professional opinion. And there are going to be some people that love it, love it, love it, and there are going to be some people who hate it, hate it, hate it. But that's work in the public space.

So thank you for the professionalism that you bring.

Monique Coleman: My pleasure.

Travillion: And thank you for the competence that you bring. And for the hard work that you bring. And I want you to know that it is not unnoticed.

Monique Coleman: Thank you.

Commissioner Travillion: Judge and commissioners, I want to add that comment doesn't stop with Monique's shop, and the CDBG shop, we get comments and we try to make sure that is shared across the county, because we have the CDBG scope that is both limited in what it can do by rule, and also there's a relatively small amount of money.

And the comment covers the whole gamut of activities when you get down to it, so we try to make sure that if we hear comments regarding transit, we make sure that goes to the TNR staff that are more deeply involved in transit and have more resources to apply that.

If we have issues that we can address, to make sure that is in the EDSI or other shops.

So it's not just limited only to comment regarding CDBG, it doesn't only go to CDBG, we try to make sure that is properly shared.

Monique Coleman: Right.

Commissioner Shea: Thank you.

Commissioner Gómez: A motion to close the public hearing?

Commissioner Travillion: So moved.

Commissioner Shea: Second.

Commissioner Gómez: All those in favor? Unanimously supported.

WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comment received via email during the 30-Day Public Comment Period (June 22-July 22, 2022)

Received on July 10, 2022:

Comment: "I support the adoption of the recommended PY22 Action Plan that includes funding for home repairs for low-income owner-occupied households."

CDBG Response: "Thank you for your comment. Your comment will be included in the Public Comment section of the PY22 Action Plan."

The following three pages is the full emailed comment exchange:

From: cdbg
To: [redacted]
Cc: cdbg
Subject: RE: [CAUTION EXTERNAL] RE: TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT Invitation to Comment on the PY22 Action Plan - Invitación Para Comentar Sobre el Plan de Acción AP22
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 8:24:00 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for your comment. Your comment will be included in the Public Comment section of the PY22 Action Plan.

Thank you,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 2:47 PM
To: cdbg <cdbg@traviscountytx.gov>
Subject: [CAUTION EXTERNAL] RE: TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT Invitation to Comment on the PY22 Action Plan - Invitación Para Comentar Sobre el Plan de Acción AP22

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I support the adoption of the recommended PY22 Action Plan that includes funding for home repairs for low-income owner-occupied households

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From: "cdbg"
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Sent: Wednesday June 8 2022 12:09:01PM
Subject: TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT Invitation to Comment on the PY22 Action Plan - Invitación Para Comentar Sobre el Plan de Acción AP22

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
Invitation to Comment on the PY22 Action Plan

Travis County is eligible to receive an estimated $1,264,331 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the county or anywhere in San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills and Bee Cave. The funds are for Program Year 2022 (PY22), October 1, 2022

to September 30, 2023. An Annual Action Plan has been drafted detailing how the funds will be spent in PY22. You can comment on the proposed PY22 Action Plan by attending the public hearing or by sending your comments in writing via postal mail or e-mail.

Comment Period and Draft Document

Comments will be accepted for 30 days **beginning June 22, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** Beginning June 22, 2022, a draft of the proposed Action Plan and a related summary will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG webpage at https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg or available for review at any of the six Travis County Community Centers listed below:

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518-D FM South 973, Del Valle, TX 78617
Travis County Community Center at Pflugerville	15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill	8656-A Hwy 71 W., Suite A, Austin, TX 78735
Travis County Community Center at Jonestown	18649 FM 1431, Jonestown, TX 78645
Travis County Community Center at Manor	600 W. Carrie Manor, Manor, TX 78653
Travis County Community Center at Central Austin	5325 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751

Public Hearing

Public comments will be accepted during a Public Hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** at Travis County Commissioners Courtroom. Members of the public who wish to participate may appear in person or by calling the following toll-free number at the time of the public hearing: (800) 304-1055. The public can view the public hearing session online via a link that will be active by 9am on the date of the public hearing, by clicking on the Commissioners Court Voting Session link for the public hearing date at: [traviscotx.civicclerk.com]https://traviscotx.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx [traviscotx.civicclerk.com].

Mailing Your Comments

The public can also mail their comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to the CDBG program at: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov

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EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

Invitación Para Comentar Sobre el Plan de Acción AP22

El Condado de Travis está calificado para recibir una suma estimada de $1,264,331 en fondos del Programa de Subsidio Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) destinados a beneficiar residentes de ingresos bajos o medianos que residen en las áreas no incorporadas del condado o en cualquier parte de San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, y Bee Cave. Los fondos son para el año programático de 2022 (AP22), el cual cubre desde el 1 de octubre de 2022 al 30 de septiembre de 2023. Un plan de acción anual ha sido redactado detallando cómo se usarán los fondos durante el AP22.

Usted puede comentar sobre el Plan de Acción propuesto para AP22 atendiendo la audiencia pública o sometiendo sus comentarios por escrito por correo postal o através de correo electrónico (e-mail).

Período de Comentario y Documento Preliminar

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comentarios públicos se aceptarán por un período de 30 días **a partir del 22 de junio de 2022 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 22 de julio de 2022 a las 5:00 p.m.** A partir del 22 de junio de 2022, borradores del plan de acción y un resúmen serán disponibles para descargar en la página de internet de CDBG del Condado de Travis en https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/espanol, o en uno de los siguientes seis centros comunitarios del Condado de Travis:

Audiencia Pública

Comentarios públicos se aceptarán durante una audiencia pública planificada para el **martes, 12 de julio de 2022 a las 9:00 AM** en Travis County Commissioners Court. Miembros del público que deseen participar pueden aparecer en persona o pueden llamar gratuitamente al siguiente número de teléfono a la hora de la audiencia pública: (800) 304-1055. El público puede ver la audiencia publica en línea através de un enlace que estará activo a las 9AM en la fecha de la audiencia pública, haciendo click en el enlace que corresponde a la sesión de votación de los comisionados de la corte ("Commissioners Court Voting Session") para la fecha de la audiencia pública en: [traviscotx.civicclerk.com]https://traviscotx.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx [traviscotx.civicclerk.com].

Envío de Comentarios

El público puede enviar sus comentarios por correo postal a la siguiente dirección: CDBG Program, Travis County HHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 o por e-mail a: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov

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Attachment 1

Virtual Consultation Flyer



FEBRUARY 2, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.
PY22 ACTION PLAN VIRTUAL CONSULTATION MEETING

PY22 Virtual Consultation Discussion Agenda:

1. Meet-n-Greet (Introductions)
2. Discuss Topics Proposed by Registrants
3. Travis County CDBG Office Updates

The Travis County CDBG Office is excited to discuss the following topics proposed by registrants with all whom can attend our second virtual consultation meeting via Microsoft Office TEAMS:

- Transit Services (outside of CAPMetro/CARTS area)
- Stakeholder engagement on the topic of Transportation
- Community Engagement
- Property Maintenance Solutions
- Funding Opportunities
- Workforce Development

The virtual collaborative consultation will create an opportunity for various agencies to share information as well as provide insight to Travis County as we work to better-serve residents in the hardest-to-reach parts of Travis County.

After we discuss the topics proposed by registrants, the CDBG Office will provide updates on the following:

- CDBG-CV Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO)-May 2022
- PY22 Action Plan Process
- Ongoing Public Particpation
- CDBG Project Proposal Form
- Virtual Consultation Feedback Form – How can we improve?

Questions? Email cdbg@traviscountytx.gov or call (512) 854-3460

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Elena Rivera, Senior Planner
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Virtual Consultation Meeting Agenda Discussion Topics:

Transit Services
Transportation
Community Engagement
Property Maintenance
Funding Opportunities
Workforce Development

CDBG Office Updates:

CDBG-CV NOFO – May '22
Community/Public Services

PY22 Action Plan Funding
Housing Rehab
Infrastructure

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Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Spring Public Hearing Ads/Notices

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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Public Hearing
To Help Identify Community Needs in Travis County

Travis County invites the public to participate in a public hearing where residents will have an opportunity to present community needs and recommend projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, Bee Cave, and the unincorporated areas of Travis County. The information collected will help guide the selection of CDBG projects for the Program Year 2022 (October 2022-September 2023).

The CDBG program is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live in the unincorporated areas of Travis County or anywhere in San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, or Bee Cave. The program supports community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services. For program year 2022, Travis County anticipates receiving an estimated $1,264,331.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM** at Travis County, Commissioners Courtroom. Members of the public who wish to participate may appear in person or by calling the following toll-free number at the time of the public hearing: (800) 304-1055. The public can view the public hearing session online via a link that will be active by 9am on the date of the public hearing, by clicking on the Commissioners Court Voting Session link for the public hearing date at: https://traviscotx.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx.

Those who cannot participate in the public hearing, and want to provide information about their community needs, may provide their input in writing by filling out a Participation Form (Needs Survey). This form is available electronically at the Travis County CDBG website (https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate), or a paper copy can be mailed by calling 512-854-3460. Alternately, neighborhood groups located in the CDBG service area that would like to discuss their needs in more detail, may contact the CDBG Office to request a meeting.

For more information about how to access the survey or request a meeting, go the CDBG Participate page at: https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate or call 512-854-3460.

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EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

Audiencia Pública Para Solicitar Su Ayuda Identificando Necesidades Comunitarias en el Condado de Travis

El Condado de Travis invita al público a participar en una audiencia pública donde residentes tendrán la oportunidad de identificar necesidades comunitarias y recomendar proyectos para el uso de los fondos del Programa de Subsidios Globales de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) en San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake, Bee Cave, y las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Travis. La información recaudada durante la audiencia ayudará guiar la selección de proyectos CDBG para el Año Programático 2022 (desde octubre de 2022 a septiembre de 2023).

El Programa de CDBG recibe fondos del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE.UU. para beneficiar a residentes de bajo y medianos ingresos que viven en las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Travis, o en cualquier parte de San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake, y Bee Cave. El programa apoya actividades de desarrollo comunitarias que tienen como propósito revitalizar comunidades, mejorar opciones de viviendas, y proporcionar servicios e instalaciones comunitarias mejoradas. Para el Año Programático 2022, el Condado de Travis anticipa recibir un estimado de $1,264,331 en fondos CDBG.

La Audiencia Pública se llevará acabo el **martes, 22 de marzo de 2022 a las 9:00 AM** en Travis County, Commissioners Courtroom. Miembros del público que deseen participar pueden aparecer en persona o pueden llamar gratuitamente al siguiente número de teléfono a la hora de la audiencia pública: (800) 304-1055. El público puede ver la audiencia pública en línea através de un enlace que estará activo a las 9AM en la fecha de la audiencia pública, haciendo click en el enlace que corresponde a la sesión de votación de los comisionados de la corte ("Commissioners Court Voting Session") para la fecha de la audiencia pública en: https://traviscotx.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx.

Aquellos que no pueden participar en la audiencia pública, y que quieren proveer información acerca de necesidades comunitarias, pueden participar llenando una encuesta de Necesidades Comunitarias. La encuesta estará disponible en español y en inglés en la página web de CDBG (https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/espanol/participe), o puede solicitar que se le envíe una encuesta por correo llamando al 512-854-3460. Alternativamente, grupos de vecindarios localizados dentro del área de servicio del programa CDBG que desean presentar sus necesidades comunitarias en más detalle, pueden comunicarse con la oficina CDBG y solicitar una reunión.

Para más información acerca de cómo obtener la encuesta o para pedir una reunión, por favor ir a la página web "CDBG Participe" (https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/espanol/participe) o llame al 512-854-3460.

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Needs Assessment Surveys

Needs Assessment Survey
for residents in English

Travis County CDBG Community Needs Survey for PY2022 - Residents

Thank you for telling us about community needs for low- and moderate-income families, persons with disabilities, seniors, and youth who live in San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, Bee Cave or in unincorporated Travis County. Your input will be used to help develop Travis County's annual action plans for the approximately $1.2 million in annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It will also help inform other Travis County departments about needs in these areas of the county. A summary of all input received for each planning year will be included in each CDBG Action Plan, posted online at http://www.traviscountytx.gov/cdbg.

* 1. Please select which area you reside in.

If you are not sure, please use the interactive CDBG Service Area Interactive Map

This survey is intended to assess the needs of residents living in the Travis County CDBG service areas as indicated below.

- ◯ Unincorporated Travis County
- ◯ The Village of San Leanna
- ◯ The Village of Webberville
- ◯ Creedmoor
- ◯ Lago Vista
- ◯ West Lake Hills
- ◯ Bee Cave
- ◯ None of the above

Travis County CDBG Community Needs Survey for PY2022 - Residents

* 2. Do you live in the neighborhood or area you are informing us about?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 3. Do you represent this neighborhood or community group?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

4. Name of HOA, community group or other type of association group, if applicable.

* 5. Using the detailed list below, what are the greatest needs in your neighborhood or community for the following six categories: Infrastructure (A), Housing (B), Community Services/Public Services (C), Populations with Specialized Needs (D), Public Buildings & Facilities (E), Business & Jobs(F)? (Check all that apply.)

- [ ] Grocery stores/healthy food options (A)
- [ ] Disaster Resiliency/Flood Mitigation (A)
- [ ] Street improvements (A)
- [ ] Sidewalks, curbs, or gutters (A)
- [ ] Street lighting (A)
- [ ] Street Drainage Improvements (A)
- [ ] Water and sewer improvements (A)
- [ ] Broadband/Internet Access (A)
- [ ] Electricity and Utility Improvements (A)
- [ ] Affordable housing (to buy) (B)
- [ ] Affordable housing (to rent) (B)
- [ ] Transitional housing (B)
- [ ] Home repair (B)
- [ ] Septic Tank Repair/Installation/Replacement (B)
- [ ] Home energy efficiency improvements (B)
- [ ] Mobile home replacement (B)
- [ ] Lead-based paint hazards (B)
- [ ] Homeownership Assistance (B)
- [ ] Banking services (C)
- [ ] Childcare for children under age 5 (C)
- [ ] Affordable afterschool care or summer care for children ages 5 and above (C)
- [ ] Youth services for older children & teens (C)
- [ ] Job training services/job opportunities (C)
- [ ] Eviction Prevention Counseling or Foreclosure Prevention Counseling (C)
- [ ] Housing Discrimination Outreach, Education & Legal Services (C)
- [ ] English Language Proficiency Services (C)
- [ ] Literacy/Adult Basic Education (C)
- [ ] Food pantries (C)
- [ ] Public transit (C)
- [ ] Utility assistance (C)
- [ ] Legal Aid (C)
- [ ] Animal Services/Control (C)
- [ ] Waste/Recycling/Litter services (C)
- [ ] Early Childhood Intervention services (C)
- [ ] Homeless Outreach and Supportive Services (C)
- [ ] Case Management & Outreach for Adults and Youth (C)
- [ ] Interim Housing Assistance - crisis related (C)
- [ ] Crime Prevention (C)
- [ ] Services for seniors or disabled persons (D)
- [ ] Mental Health Supportive Services (D)
- [ ] Alcohol or substance use Supportive Services (D)
- [ ] Housing for residents with special needs (D)
- [ ] Domestic Violence Supportive Services (D)
- [ ] HIV/AIDS supportive services (D)
- [ ] Special Needs Housing (D)
- [ ] Public parks (E)
- [ ] Neighborhood or community centers (E)
- [ ] Health care clinics/services (E)
- [ ] Recreation centers (E)
- [ ] Homeless shelters / facilities (E)
- [ ] Library (E)
- [ ] Child Care Centers/Day Care Centers (E)
- [ ] Building Accessibility/ Architectural Barrier Removal (E)
- [ ] Small business loans (F)
- [ ] Commercial development/restaurants (F)
- [ ] Commercial Exterior Repair (F)
- [ ] Job training services/job opportunities (F)
- [ ] Microenterprise Loans (F)

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* 6. Of the needs you checked above, please list the top three. (1 = most important.)

	Most Important	Important	Least Important
Grocery stores/healthy food options (A)	○	○	○
Disaster Resiliency/Flood Mitigation (A)	○	○	○
Street improvements (A)	○	○	○
Sidewalks, curbs, or gutters (A)	○	○	○
Street lighting (A)	○	○	○
Street Drainage Improvements (A)	○	○	○
Water and sewer improvements (A)	○	○	○
Broadband/Internet Access (A)	○	○	○
Electricity and Utility Improvements (A)	○	○	○
Affordable housing (to buy) (B)	○	○	○
Affordable housing (to rent) (B)	○	○	○
Transitional housing (B)	○	○	○
Home repair (B)	○	○	○
Septic Tank Repair/Installation/Replacement (B)	○	○	○
Home energy efficiency improvements (B)	○	○	○
Mobile home replacement (B)	○	○	○
Lead-based paint hazards (B)	○	○	○
Homeownership Assistance (B)	○	○	○
Banking services (C)	○	○	○
Childcare for children under age 5 (C)	○	○	○
Affordable afterschool care or summer care for children ages 5 and above (C)	○	○	○
Youth services for older children & teens (C)	○	○	○

Job training services/job opportunities (C)	○	○	○
Eviction Prevention Counseling or Foreclosure Prevention Counseling (C)	○	○	○
Housing Discrimination Outreach, Education & Legal Services (C)	○	○	○
English Language Proficiency Services (C)	○	○	○
Literacy/Adult Basic Education (C)	○	○	○
Food pantries (C)	○	○	○
Public transit (C)	○	○	○
Utility assistance (C)	○	○	○
Legal Aid (C)	○	○	○
Animal Services/Control (C)	○	○	○
Waste/Recycling/Litter services (C)	○	○	○
Early Childhood Intervention services (C)	○	○	○
Homeless Outreach and Supportive Services (C)	○	○	○
Case Management & Outreach for Adults and Youth (C)	○	○	○
Interim Housing Assistance - crisis related (C)	○	○	○
Crime Prevention (C)	○	○	○
Services for seniors or disabled persons (D)	○	○	○
Mental Health Supportive Services (D)	○	○	○
Alcohol or substance use Supportive Services (D)	○	○	○
Housing for residents with special needs (D)	○	○	○
Domestic Violence Supportive Services (D)	○	○	○
HIV/AIDS supportive services (D)	○	○	○
Special Needs Housing (D)	○	○	○
Public parks (E)	○	○	○
Neighborhood or community centers (E)	○	○	○
Health care clinics/services (E)	○	○	○
Recreation centers (E)	○	○	○

Homeless shelters / facilities (E)	◯	◯	◯
Library (E)	◯	◯	◯
Child Care Centers/Day Care Centers (E)	◯	◯	◯
Building Accessibility/ Architectural Barrier Removal (E)	◯	◯	◯
Small business loans (F)	◯	◯	◯
Commercial development/restaurants (F)	◯	◯	◯
Commercial Exterior Repair (F)	◯	◯	◯
Job training services/job opportunities (F)	◯	◯	◯
Microenterprise Loans (F)	◯	◯	◯

7. Do you have ideas for projects or programs that would help your community? Please be specific.

8. If you would you like to receive updates about CDBG events, please provide your contact information:
*Please note: you may provide a mailing address or email or both. Incomplete addresses will not receive updates.

First and Last Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Email address:

For more information, please visit www.traviscountytx.gov/cdbg or contact us at (512) 854-3460 or cdbg@traviscountytx.gov. ***Thank you!***

Needs Assessment Survey
for residents in Spanish

Encuesta de Necesidades Comunitarias del Programa CDBG del Condado de Trav para el AP2022 - Residentes

Gracias por comunicar con nosotros acerca de las necesidades comunitarias de familias con ingresos bajos a mediados, personas descapacitadas, personas mayores, y juventud quienes viven en San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, Bee Cave, o en las áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Travis. Tu aportación se usará para ayudar desarrollar los planes anuales del Condado de Travis para el uso de aproximadamente $1.2 millones en fondos anuales de Subsidio Global para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, cifras en inglés) del Departmento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los E.U. (HUD, cifras en inglés). También ayudará informar a otros departamentos del Condado de Travis acerca de las necesidades en éstas áreas del condado. Un resumen de toda la aportación recibida durante cada año de planificación será incluído en al Plan de Acción anual de CDBG, el cual será publicado en http://www.traviscountytx.gov/cdbg.

* 1. Favor seleccionar el área donde usted vive.

Si no está seguro, favor usar el Mapa interactivo del Area de Servicio de CDBG

Esta encuesta es para evaluar las necesidades de residentes que viven dentro de las áreas de servicio del programa de CDBG del Condado de Travis, según indicado abajo.

- ◯ Áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Travis
- ◯ El Pueblo de San Leanna
- ◯ El Pueblo de Webberville
- ◯ Creedmoor
- ◯ Lago Vista
- ◯ West Lake Hills
- ◯ Bee Cave
- ◯ Ningunas de las anteriores

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* 2. ¿Usted vive en el vecindario o área sobre la cual nos está informando?

- ◯ Si
- ◯ No

* 3. ¿Usted representa este vecindario o grupo comunitario?

- ◯ Si
- ◯ No

4. Si aplica: Nombre del HOA, grupo comunitario u otro tipo de grupo de asociación.

* 5. ¿Utilizando la lista detallada a seguir, cuáles son las necesidades mayores en su vecindario o comunidad en las siguientes seis categorías: Infraestructura (A), Vivienda (B), Servicios Comunitarios/Públicos (C), Poblaciones con Necesidades Especializadas (D), Instalaciones y Edificios Públicos (E), Negocios y Trabajos (F)? (Marque todos los que aplican.)

- ☐ Supermercados/opciones para comida saludable (A)
- ☐ Resiliencia a desastres/mitigación para inundaciones (A)
- ☐ Mejoramientos a carreteras (A)
- ☐ Aceras, bordillos, y canales (A)
- ☐ Iluminación de calles (A)
- ☐ Mejoramientos de drenaje en las carreteras (A)
- ☐ Mejoramientos de agua y alcantarilla (A)
- ☐ Acceso a servicios de internet (A)
- ☐ Mejoras de electricidad y servicios públicos (A)
- ☐ Vivienda asequible (para comprar) (B)
- ☐ Vivienda asequible (para alquilar) (B)
- ☐ Vivienda transitoria (B)
- ☐ Reparación de casas (B)
- ☐ Asistencia con servicios públicos (C)
- ☐ Ayuda legal (C)
- ☐ Servicios/control de animales (C)
- ☐ Servicios de basura/reciclaje (C)
- ☐ Servicios de intervención temprana en la infancia (C)
- ☐ Servicios de alcanze y apoyo a personas desamparadas (C)
- ☐ Manejo de casos y alcanze a adultos y juventud (C)
- ☐ Asistencia de vivienda provisional - relacionada a crisis (C)
- ☐ Prevención del crimen (C)
- ☐ Servicios para personas mayores o personas descapacitadas (D)
- ☐ Servicios de apoyo a la salud mental (D)
- ☐ Servicios de apoyo acerca de abuso de alcohol y otras substancias (D)

- [ ] Reparación/instalación/reemplazamiento de sistemas sépticos (B)
- [ ] Mejoramientos a casas acerca de eficiencia de energía (B)
- [ ] Reemplazo de casas manufacturadas (B)
- [ ] Peligros de pintura a base de plomo (B)
- [ ] Asistencia para comprar casa (B)
- [ ] Servicios de banco (C)
- [ ] Cuidado para niños menores de 5 años de edad (C)
- [ ] Cuidado asequible después de la escuela o durante el verano para niños de 5 años o más (C)
- [ ] Servicios para niños mayores o adolescentes (C)
- [ ] Entrenamiento/oportunidades de trabajo (C)
- [ ] Ayuda para prevenir el desalojo o juicio hipotecario (C)
- [ ] Ayuda, educación y servicios legales acerca de discriminación de vivienda (C)
- [ ] Servicios de lenguaje para ser proficientes en inglés (C)
- [ ] Alfabetismo/educación básica para adultos (C)
- [ ] Despensas de comida (C)
- [ ] Transportación pública (C)
- [ ] Vivienda para residentes con necesidades especiales (D)
- [ ] Servicios de apoyo acerca de la violencia doméstica (D)
- [ ] Servicios de apoyo acerca de HIV/AIDS (D)
- [ ] Necesidades especiales de vivienda (D)
- [ ] Parques públicos (E)
- [ ] Centros comunitarios o de vecindarios (E)
- [ ] Servicios/clínicas de salud (E)
- [ ] Centros de recreación (E)
- [ ] Instalaciones/refugios para personas desamparadas (E)
- [ ] Bibliotecas (E)
- [ ] Centros para cuidado de niños (E)
- [ ] Accesibilidad de edificios/eliminación de barreras arquitectónicas (E)
- [ ] Préstamos para negocios pequeños (F)
- [ ] Desarrollo comercial/restaurantes (F)
- [ ] Reparaciones comerciales exteriores (F)
- [ ] Entrenamiento/oportunidades de trabajo (F)
- [ ] Préstamos microempresariales (F)

Encuesta de Necesidades Comunitarias del Programa CDBG del Condado de Trav para el AP2022 - Residentes

* 6. De las necesidades que marco arriba, favor de marcar las tres mas importantes. (1 = más importante)

	Más importante	Importante	Menos importante
Supermercados/opciones para comida saludable (A)	○	○	○
Resiliencia a desastres/mitigación para inundaciones (A)	○	○	○
Mejoramientos a carreteras (A)	○	○	○
Aceras, bordillos, y canales (A)	○	○	○
Iluminación de calles (A)	○	○	○
Mejoramientos de drenaje en las carreteras (A)	○	○	○
Mejoramientos de agua y alcantarilla (A)	○	○	○
Acceso a servicios de internet (A)	○	○	○
Mejoras de electricidad y servicios públicos (A)	○	○	○
Vivienda asequible (para comprar) (B)	○	○	○
Vivienda asequible (para alquilar) (B)	○	○	○
Vivienda transitoria (B)	○	○	○
Reparación de casas (B)	○	○	○
Reparación/instalación/reemplazamiento de sistemas sépticos (B)	○	○	○
Mejoramientos a casas acerca de eficiencia de energía (B)	○	○	○
Reemplazo de casas manufacturadas (B)	○	○	○
Peligros de pintura a base de plomo (B)	○	○	○
Asistencia para comprar casa (B)	○	○	○
Servicios de banco (C)	○	○	○
Cuidado para niños menores de 5 años de edad (C)	○	○	○
Cuidado asequible después de la escuela o durante el verano para niños de 5 años o más (C)	○	○	○
Servicios para niños mayores o	○	○	○

adolescentes (C)			
Entrenamiento/oportunidades de trabajo (C)			
Ayuda para prevenir el desalojo o juicio hipotecario (C)			
Ayuda, educación y servicios legales acerca de discriminación de vivienda (C)			
Servicios de lenguaje para ser proficientes en inglés (C)			
Alfabetismo/educación básica para adultos (C)			
Despensas de comida (C)			
Transportación pública (C)			
Asistencia con servicios públicos (C)			
Ayuda legal (C)			
Servicios/control de animales (C)			
Servicios de basura/reciclaje (C)			
Servicios de intervención temprana en la infancia (C)			
Servicios de alcanze y apoyo a personas desamparadas (C)			
Manejo de casos y alcanze a adultos y juventud (C)			
Asistencia de vivienda provisional - relacionada a crisis (C)			
Prevención del crimen (C)			
Servicios para personas mayores o personas descapacitadas (D)			
Servicios de apoyo a la salud mental (D)			
Servicios de apoyo acerca de abuso de alcohol y otras substancias (D)			
Vivienda para residentes con necesidades especiales (D)			
Servicios de apoyo acerca de la violencia doméstica (D)			
Servicios de apoyo acerca de HIV/AIDS (D)			
Necesidades especiales de vivienda (D)			
Parques públicos (E)			
Centros comunitarios o de vecindarios (E)			
Servicios/clínicas de salud (E)			
Centros de recreación (E)			
Instalaciones/refugios para personas			

desamparadas (E)			
Bibliotecas (E)	◯	◯	◯
Centros para cuidado de niños (E)	◯	◯	◯
Accesibilidad de edificios/eliminación de barreras arquitectónicas (E)	◯	◯	◯
Préstamos para negocios pequeños (F)	◯	◯	◯
Desarrollo comercial/restaurantes (F)	◯	◯	◯
Reparaciones comerciales exteriores (F)	◯	◯	◯
Entrenamiento/oportunidades de trabajo (F)	◯	◯	◯
Préstamos microempresariales (F)	◯	◯	◯

7. ¿Tiene ideas para proyectos o programas que pueden ayudar a su comunidad? Favor especificar.

8. Si desea recibir las últimas noticias acerca de eventos de CDBG, favor de proveer su información de contacto:

*Favor notar: Puede proveer su dirección postal, su dirección de correo electrónico (email), o los dos. No se podrá enviar información a direcciones incompletas.

Nombre y apellido:	
Dirección postal:	
Ciudad:	
Código postal:	
Dirección de correo electrónico:	

Para más información, favor de visitar: www.traviscountytx.gov/cdbg ó comuníquese al (512) 854-3460 ó cdbg@traviscountytx.gov.
¡Gracias!

Needs Assessment Survey

for Organizations

Travis County CDBG Community Needs Survey for PY2022 - Organizations

Each year, Travis County receives approximately $1.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds support housing, community development, and/or public service projects to benefit low- and moderate-income families, persons with disabilities, seniors, and youth who live in San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, or Bee Cave, or in unincorporated Travis County. The work your organization does in our community gives you a perspective and expertise that can help inform Travis County's use of these funds. Your input will be used to help develop Travis County's annual action plans for the CDBG program and to help inform other Travis County departments about needs in these areas of the county. A summary of all input received for each planning year will be included in each CDBG Action Plan, posted online at http://www.traviscountytx.gov/cdbg.

* 1. What kind of organization do you represent?

- ◯ Non-profit organization
- ◯ Government
- ◯ For-profit business
- ◯ Faith-based organization

* 2. Name of the organization:

* 3. Which of the following applies to the services the organization provides? (Check all that apply.)

- [ ] Housing
- [ ] Services - children
- [ ] Services - digital literacy/broadband access
- [ ] Services - food access or hunger
- [ ] Services - elderly persons
- [ ] Services - persons with disabilities
- [ ] Services - persons with HIV/AIDS
- [ ] Services - alcohol or substance use
- [ ] Services - victims of domestic violence
- [ ] Services - homeless
- [ ] Services - health
- [ ] Services - education
- [ ] Services - employment
- [ ] Services - fair housing
- [ ] Health agency
- [ ] Mental health agency
- [ ] Child welfare agency
- [ ] Disaster preparedness/response
- [ ] Regional organization
- [ ] Planning organization
- [ ] Business leaders
- [ ] Civic leaders
- [ ] Other (please describe)

* 4. For this question, using the detailed list below, please think about communities in San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, or Bee Cave or in unincorporated Travis County. What are the greatest needs in those areas for the following six categories: Infrastructure (A), Housing (B), Community Services/Public Services (C), Populations with Specialized Needs (D), Public Buildings & Facilities (E), Business & Jobs(F)? (Check all that apply.)

- [ ] Grocery stores/healthy food options (A)
- [ ] Disaster Resiliency/Flood Mitigation (A)
- [ ] Street improvements (A)
- [ ] Sidewalks, curbs, or gutters (A)
- [ ] Street lighting (A)
- [ ] Street Drainage Improvements (A)
- [ ] Water and sewer improvements (A)
- [ ] Broadband/Internet Access (A)
- [ ] Electricity and Utility Improvements (A)
- [ ] Affordable housing (to buy) (B)
- [ ] Affordable housing (to rent) (B)
- [ ] Transitional housing (B)
- [ ] Home repair (B)
- [ ] Septic Tank Repair/Installation/Replacement (B)
- [ ] Home energy efficiency improvements (B)
- [ ] Mobile home replacement (B)
- [ ] Lead-based paint hazards (B)
- [ ] Homeownership Assistance (B)
- [ ] Banking services (C)
- [ ] Childcare for children under age 5 (C)
- [ ] Affordable afterschool care or summer care for children ages 5 and above (C)
- [ ] Youth services for older children & teens (C)
- [ ] Job training services/job opportunities (C)
- [ ] Eviction Prevention Counseling or Foreclosure Prevention Counseling (C)
- [ ] Housing Discrimination Outreach, Education & Legal Services (C)
- [ ] English Language Proficiency Services (C)
- [ ] Literacy/Adult Basic Education (C)
- [ ] Food pantries (C)
- [ ] Public transit (C)
- [ ] Utility assistance (C)
- [ ] Legal Aid (C)
- [ ] Animal Services/Control (C)
- [ ] Waste/Recycling/Litter services (C)
- [ ] Early Childhood Intervention services (C)
- [ ] Homeless Outreach and Supportive Services (C)
- [ ] Case Management & Outreach for Adults and Youth (C)
- [ ] Interim Housing Assistance - crisis related (C)
- [ ] Crime Prevention (C)
- [ ] Services for seniors or disabled persons (D)
- [ ] Mental Health Supportive Services (D)
- [ ] Alcohol or substance use Supportive Services (D)
- [ ] Housing for residents with special needs (D)
- [ ] Domestic Violence Supportive Services (D)
- [ ] HIV/AIDS supportive services (D)
- [ ] Special Needs Housing (D)
- [ ] Public parks (E)
- [ ] Neighborhood or community centers (E)
- [ ] Health care clinics/services (E)
- [ ] Recreation centers (E)
- [ ] Homeless shelters / facilities (E)
- [ ] Library (E)
- [ ] Child Care Centers/Day Care Centers (E)
- [ ] Building Accessibility/ Architectural Barrier Removal (E)
- [ ] Small business loans (F)
- [ ] Commercial development/restaurants (F)
- [ ] Commercial Exterior Repair (F)
- [ ] Job training services/job opportunities (F)
- [ ] Microenterprise Loans (F)

Travis County CDBG Community Needs Survey for PY2022 - Organizations

* 5. Of the needs you checked above, please list the top three.

	Most Important	Important	Least Important
Grocery stores/healthy food options (A)	○	○	○
Disaster Resiliency/Flood Mitigation (A)	○	○	○
Street improvements (A)	○	○	○
Sidewalks, curbs, or gutters (A)	○	○	○
Street lighting (A)	○	○	○
Street Drainage Improvements (A)	○	○	○
Water and sewer improvements (A)	○	○	○
Broadband/Internet Access (A)	○	○	○
Electricity and Utility Improvements (A)	○	○	○
Affordable housing (to buy) (B)	○	○	○
Affordable housing (to rent) (B)	○	○	○
Transitional housing (B)	○	○	○
Home repair (B)	○	○	○
Septic Tank Repair/Installation/Replacement (B)	○	○	○
Home energy efficiency improvements (B)	○	○	○
Mobile home replacement (B)	○	○	○
Lead-based paint hazards (B)	○	○	○
Homeownership Assistance (B)	○	○	○
Banking services (C)	○	○	○
Childcare for children under age 5 (C)	○	○	○
Affordable afterschool care or summer care for children ages 5 and above (C)	○	○	○
Youth services for older children & teens (C)	○	○	○

Job training services/job opportunities (C)	○	○	○
Eviction Prevention Counseling or Foreclosure Prevention Counseling (C)	○	○	○
Housing Discrimination Outreach, Education & Legal Services (C)	○	○	○
English Language Proficiency Services (C)	○	○	○
Literacy/Adult Basic Education (C)	○	○	○
Food pantries (C)	○	○	○
Public transit (C)	○	○	○
Utility assistance (C)	○	○	○
Legal Aid (C)	○	○	○
Animal Services/Control (C)	○	○	○
Waste/Recycling/Litter services (C)	○	○	○
Early Childhood Intervention services (C)	○	○	○
Homeless Outreach and Supportive Services (C)	○	○	○
Case Management & Outreach for Adults and Youth (C)	○	○	○
Interim Housing Assistance - crisis related (C)	○	○	○
Crime Prevention (C)	○	○	○
Services for seniors or disabled persons (D)	○	○	○
Mental Health Supportive Services (D)	○	○	○
Alcohol or substance use Supportive Services (D)	○	○	○
Housing for residents with special needs (D)	○	○	○
Domestic Violence Supportive Services (D)	○	○	○
HIV/AIDS supportive services (D)	○	○	○
Special Needs Housing (D)	○	○	○
Public parks (E)	○	○	○
Neighborhood or community centers (E)	○	○	○
Health care clinics/services (E)	○	○	○
Recreation centers (E)	○	○	○

Homeless shelters / facilities (E)	◯	◯	◯
Library (E)	◯	◯	◯
Child Care Centers/Day Care Centers (E)	◯	◯	◯
Building Accessibility/ Architectural Barrier Removal (E)	◯	◯	◯
Small business loans (F)	◯	◯	◯
Commercial development/restaurants (F)	◯	◯	◯
Commercial Exterior Repair (F)	◯	◯	◯
Job training services/job opportunities (F)	◯	◯	◯
Microenterprise Loans (F)	◯	◯	◯

6. Does the organization provide services:

	YES	NO
San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, or Bee Cave or in unincorporated Travis County?	◯	◯
To residents who live in those areas?	◯	◯

If the answer to either question was "no," why? What challenges does the organization face in serving those areas and/or residents?

7. Do you have ideas for projects or programs that would help residents in these areas? Please be specific.

8. What opportunities for increased communication, collaboration, or coordination with the Travis County CDBG program would you like to see? (Please keep in mind that the program must benefit low- to moderate-income residents of San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, or Bee Cave, or in unincorporated Travis County. Please consider all types of collaboration [information sharing, specific projects, policy development, participation in working groups, etc.].)

9. What other comments, questions, or concerns would you like to share?

10. Please provide your contact information:

Name:	
Address:	
Zip Code:	
Email address:	
Phone:	

For more information, please visit www.traviscountytx.gov/cdbg or contact us at (512) 854-3460 or cdbg@traviscountytx.gov. ***Thank you!***

Consultation Survey

Travis County CDBG Consultation Survey for PY2022 Action Plan

In thinking about low- to moderate-income residents of the CDBG service area (that is, San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, Bee Cave and unincorporated Travis County), please tell us:

* 1. Contact Information. Please fill in all sections. Use N/A if something does not apply.

Department/Organization

Division (if applicable)

Title

Name

Email

Phone Number

* 2.

What is the current focus of your work in these areas?

- [ ] Transportation/Transit
- [ ] Emergency Management
- [ ] Health
- [ ] Broadband
- [ ] Homelessness
- [ ] Lead Paint Poisoning
- [ ] Public Housing
- [ ] Family/Community Services
- [ ] Youth Services
- [ ] Counseling Services
- [ ] Financial Literacy
- [ ] Affordable Housing

Other (please specify)

* 3. As related to your work, what trends are you seeing for these communities in these areas?

* 4. Are there any pressing issues? (This can be specific—perhaps there is one particular problem in one particular area.)

* 5.

Are there any current or upcoming initiatives in these areas that are hopeful, exciting, and/or that will be potentially impactful?

* 6. What resources (including partnerships/collaboration) would you need in order to be more effective in your work for these communities in these areas?

* 7. Do you know of other work being planned or done for these communities in these areas by other agencies or entities?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 8. What should we read—and/or who should we reach out to—to learn more?

* 9. Are there possibilities for collaboration or coordination with internal and/or external partners around investments that could improve opportunity for these communities in these areas?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

10. If yes, please elaborate.

* 11.

Does your team regularly engage with residents who live in the CDBG service area?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 12. If yes, which part(s) of the service area?

- [ ] Unincorporated Travis County
- [ ] The Village of San Leanna
- [ ] The Village of Webberville
- [ ] Creedmoor
- [ ] Lago Vista
- [ ] West Lake Hills
- [ ] Bee Cave
- [ ] All Parts
- [ ] Unincorporated Travis County ONLY

Please elaborate or provide additional detail, as needed

* 13. Select the following ways we can share information and better coordinate engagement opportunities to improve County communication with and outcomes for these communities?

- [ ] Create a quarterly Community Development Newsletter
- [ ] Email quarterly updates on Community Development Projects
- [ ] Participate in department, organization or community meetings or events

Other (please specify)

* 14. How do you document and report on clients served?

- [ ] Intake Form
- [ ] Online Portal/Tracking System

Other (please specify)

* 15. Do you track whether they live outside city limits?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 16. Are there ways we can work together to get data on the numbers of clients served who live in CDBG service areas (that is, San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, Bee Cave, and unincorporated Travis County)?

- [ ] Committee Meetings
- [ ] Neighborhood Meetings
- [ ] Advisory Groups

Other (please specify)

17. Please elaborate on the question above:

* 18.

Do your programs utilize prescreening methodologies to identify client eligibility?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

If yes, please elaborate

* 19. Are you a FSS (Family Self Sufficiency) Program Respondent?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 20.

If yes to the question above, would you be willing and able to keep flyers/marketing materials about CDBG in Community Centers year-round?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ N/A

* 21. Do you feel Broadband access and/or infrastructure remains a major concern, amplified by the pandemic, for serving the citizens of Travis County?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

If yes, please elaborate

* 22. Two years into the pandemic, how has your interaction with the public been impacted?

- ◯ Significant Impact
- ◯ Moderate Impact
- ◯ Minimal to Low Impact

* 23. Two years into the pandemic, has your organization reverted only to engaging the public virtually?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 24. Have you noticed decrease in the services your organization provides since the beginning of the pandemic?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 25. Have you noticed an increase in the services your organization provides since the beginning of the pandemic?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 26. Has your organization resumed in-person interactions with the public?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

If yes, please elaborate

* 27. How has the pandemic impacted your ability to serve citizens in unincorporated parts of Travis County?

Action Plan Public Comment Period Ads/Notices

Travis County Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767
(512) 854-3460 Fax (512) 854-7140

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Invitation to Comment on the PY22 Action Plan

Travis County is eligible to receive an estimated $1,264,331 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the county or anywhere in San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills and Bee Cave. The funds are for Program Year 2022 (PY22), October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. An Annual Action Plan has been drafted detailing how the funds will be spent in PY22.

You can comment on the proposed PY22 Action Plan by attending the public hearing or by sending your comments in writing via postal mail or e-mail.

Comment Period and Draft Document

Comments will be accepted for 30 days **beginning June 22, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** Beginning June 22, 2022, a draft of the proposed Action Plan and a related summary will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG webpage at https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg or available for review at any of the six Travis County Community Centers listed below:

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518-D FM South 973, Del Valle, TX 78617
Travis County Community Center at Pflugerville	15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill	8656-A Hwy 71 W., Suite A, Austin, TX 78735
Travis County Community Center at Jonestown	18649 FM 1431, Jonestown, TX 78645
Travis County Community Center at Manor	600 W. Carrie Manor, Manor, TX 78653
Travis County Community Center at Central Austin	5325 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751

Public Hearing

Public comments will be accepted during a Public Hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** at Travis County Commissioners Courtroom. Members of the public who wish to participate may appear in person or by calling the following toll-free number at the time of the public hearing: (800) 304-1055. The public can view the public hearing session online via a link that will be active by 9am on the date of the public hearing, by clicking on the Commissioners Court Voting Session link for the public hearing date at: https://traviscotx.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx.

Mailing Your Comments

The public can also mail their comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to the CDBG program at: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov

Travis County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 512-854-3460 for assistance. To request that an American Sign Language or Spanish interpreter be present at the public hearing, please contact CDBG staff at least five business days in advance.

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EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

Invitación Para Comentar Sobre el Plan de Acción AP22

El Condado de Travis está calificado para recibir una suma estimada de $1,264,331 en fondos del Programa de Subsidio Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) destinados a beneficiar residentes de ingresos bajos o medianos que residen en las áreas no incorporadas del condado o en cualquier parte de San Leanna, Webberville, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, West Lake Hills, y Bee Cave. Los fondos son para el año programático de 2022 (AP22), el cual cubre desde el 1 de octubre de 2022 al 30 de septiembre de 2023. Un plan de acción anual ha sido redactado detallando cómo se usarán los fondos durante el AP22.

Usted puede comentar sobre el Plan de Acción propuesto para AP22 atendiendo la audiencia pública o sometiendo sus comentarios por escrito por correo postal o através de correo electrónico (e-mail).

PERÍODO DE COMENTARIO Y DOCUMENTO PRELIMINAR

Los comentarios públicos se aceptarán por un período de 30 días**a partir del 22 de junio de 2022 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 22 de julio de 2022 a las 5:00 p.m.** A partir del 22 de junio de 2022, borradores del plan de acción y un resúmen serán disponibles para descargar en la página de internet de CDBG del Condado de Travis en https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/espanol, o en uno de los siguientes seis centros comunitarios del Condado de Travis:

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518-D FM South 973, Del Valle, TX 78617
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AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Comentarios públicos se aceptarán durante una audiencia pública planificada para el **martes, 12 de julio de 2022 a las 9:00 AM** en Travis County Commissioners Court. Miembros del público que deseen participar pueden aparecer en persona o pueden llamar gratuitamente al siguiente número de teléfono a la hora de la audiencia pública: (800) 304-1055. El público puede ver la audiencia publica en línea atrav¿s de un enlace que estar¡ activo a las 9AM en la fecha de la audiencia pública, haciendo click en el enlace que corresponde a la sesión de votación de los comisionados de la corte ("Commissioners Court Voting Session") para la fecha de la audiencia pública en: https://traviscotx.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx.

ENVÍO DE COMENTARIOS

El público puede enviar sus comentarios por correo postal a la siguiente dirección: CDBG Program, Travis County HHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 o por e-mail a: cdbg@traviscountytx.gov

El Condado de Travis está comprometido a cumplir con la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) y con la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según su enmienda. Al solicitarlo, se proporcionarán modificaciones razonables e igual acceso a comunicaciones. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al 512-854-3460. Para solicitar que un intérprete de Lenguaje Americano por Signos (American Sign Language) o en español esté presente durante la audiencia pública, por favor comunicares con personal de CDBG al menos cinco (5) días de negocio antes de la fecha de la audiencia.

Appendix B

PY22 Projects & Alternate Projects

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Project Submission Process

For the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Action Plan, information on community needs was gathered through a variety of mechanisms. Residents and organizations had the opportunity to provide input by: (1) attending a public hearing in March 2022, and/or (2) completing a Needs Assessment survey. In addition, residents were invited to request and/or attend neighborhood or community meetings, and organizations were invited to participate in consultation meetings with CDBG staff. No neighborhood or community meetings were requested, but one consultation meeting with organizations took place in February 2022. Information collected helped determine needs for the PY22 Action Plan and helped in the selection of projects for PY22.

Project Evaluation Criteria

Travis County CDBG staff considered and weighed potential projects identified by the public. First, the CDBG Office staff assessed whether potential projects met one of HUD's national objectives (e.g., benefits low-to-moderate income residents, etc.), were eligible CDBG activities, and were feasible to complete in a timely manner.

Second, CDBG staff further evaluated the projects according to the following criteria:

- **Addresses a high priority goal of the Strategic Plan**: Projects addressing one of the high priority categories identified in the strategic (consolidated) plan are given priority (see Figure 1 below.)[1]

Figure 1. Priorities per the PY19-23 Consolidated Plan

Category	Priority
Infrastructure	High
Housing	High
Community Services	Low
Populations with Specialized Needs	Low
Public Buildings and Facilities	Low
Business and Jobs	Low

- **Feasibility of project:** Projects that have the potential to be implemented and completed within 18 months receive a more favorable review. Phased projects for which 12-18 months

[1] Note that the PY19-23 ConPlan was substantially amended in June 2020 to add the CDBG-CV projects. That amendment included a second version of Figure 1 specific to the CDBG-CV projects in which Community Services was ranked high. However, that ranking only impacts the CDBG-CV funding and does not impact the CDBG funding.

of work would leave an incomplete project with little to no impact are considered with less priority.

- **Impacts a significant number of households**: Project scope and the number of persons benefiting are considered to determine the level of project impact.
- **Leverages/matches with funding from another source:** Projects that utilize other funds (federal, state, local, private) and public/private joint efforts receive a more favorable review.

After using the project evaluation criteria to identify recommended projects, projects were evaluated from the perspective of the Central Texas Assessment of Fair Housing to determine if the project will address at least one of the fair housing action items identified for Travis County. If so, it may be prioritized over a project that does not.

In March 2021, one project proposal was received for a water system improvement project. CDBG staff conducted an area of benefit analysis for the proposed project idea. Although the proposed project is within our service area, it was deemed ineligible since it did not meet a national objective because the percentage of low-to-moderate income (LMI) residents in the area was below the exception criteria for Travis County.

The Action Plan also includes approved or pre-identified alternate projects. This allows for the pre-planning of unforeseen incidents and allows the CDBG program to utilize the funds in a timely manner toward pre-identified alternate projects. This saves resources, including time and money, that would otherwise be used to add or delete projects through the customary Substantial Amendment process described in the Citizen Participation Plan.

Following are the projects and alternate projects approved for the PY22 Action Plan.

PROJECTS

Project #1: Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program - $1,004,010

Project Description: This project will fund minor home repair services and/or septic system installation, replacement or repair for low- and moderate-income homeowners in the CDBG service area to move homes towards Housing Quality Standards. The program seeks to improve the energy efficiency, physical living conditions, and safety in owner-occupied homes. The project provides a grant of up to $24,999 to eligible homeowners for approved repairs. Examples of potential improvements will be outlined in the Travis County CDBG Program Home Rehabilitation Program Guidelines.

These funds are targeted toward homeowners at or below 80% median family income (MFI) in the CDBG service area. The home rehab program will go through a competitive procurement process per 2 CFR 200, to identify a Program Operator. Funding allocation will be distributed for project delivery and construction costs as specified in the project scope of work.

Figure 2. Project #1 - General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	$1,004,010 (from PY22 entitlement allocation)
Leverage Funding	To-Be-Determined (TBD)
Program Delivery	TBD (Program Operator)
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/ Completion Date	October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023
Location	Eligible homes for eligible homeowners in the Travis County CDBG service area

Figure 3. Project #2 - Priority & Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)			
Priority Need Category	Owner Occupied Housing	**Project**	Rehabilitation of existing units
Eligible Activity	Rehabilitation	**Outcome Category**	Availability/ Accessibility
Objective Category	Decent Housing	**Specific Objective**	Improve the quality of owner housing
Citation	§570.202	**Accomplishment**	An estimated 40 houses/households will benefit
Eligibility	LMH	**Matrix Code**	14A, Rehabilitation, Single Unit Residential and 14H Rehabilitation Project Delivery
Priority in the PY19-23 Strategic Plan	High	**Travis County SAP #**	TBD

Project #2: Administrative & Planning Expenses – $259,252

Project Description: The funds allocated for administration will pay for the operating expenses associated with the grant including office supplies, training, contracted services, interpreting, fair housing activities, membership, the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, annual report, reporting and other business-related expenses. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion of the salaries for one CDBG Senior Planner, one CDBG Planner (at 60% and 75% respectively), and an Administrative Associate position, which is currently vacant. These positions are responsible for project development, action plan and annual report development, monitoring, and reporting and other tasks relating to administration and planning.

Figure 4. Project #2 - General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	$259,252
Leverage Funding	Travis County General Fund estimated $TBD
Program Delivery	Travis County Health and Human Services
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Expected Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023
Location	Not Applicable

Figure 5. Project #2 - Priority & Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)			
Priority Need Category	Not Applicable	**Project**	Program Administration
Eligible Activity	Administration and Planning	**Outcome Category**	Not Applicable
Objective Category	Not Applicable	**Specific Objective**	Not Applicable
Citation	§570.206	**Accomplishment**	Other, Effective administration of the grant
Eligibility	Not Applicable	**Matrix Code**	21A, General Program Administration
Priority in the PY19-23 Strategic Plan	Not Applicable	**Travis County SAP #**	TBD

Project # 2: Austin's Colony Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services) - $16,500

Project Description: The sidewalks in this neighborhood were built to pre-ADA standards and have not been accepted by Travis County TNR for road maintenance. The roads in this subdivision are not adequately maintained, causing accelerated neighborhood roadway deterioration. This project would include removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps, and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair roadway to acceptable standards for maintenance. The improvements will impact 6,555 people, of which 57.13% are considered low- to moderate-income. The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase, funded with PY18 grant funds, includes design services and environmental assessment, and partial construction. PY19 grant funds were contributed toward the remaining construction costs. A construction notice-to-proceed (NTP) was issued on May 10, 2022. Construction is expected to be completed in PY21 or PY22. In 2022, following the solicitation of a construction contractor, it was determined that construction phase services (CPS) are needed to allow the design engineer to provide specific professional services that are more suited for the design engineer than TNR staff. The scope of work, which would be included in the PSA via a contract modification, may include, but will not be limited to, providing conformance place, conducting site meetings, and providing clarification and interpretations, as well as issuing field orders. All will be specified in the CPS contract modification scope of work.

Figure 6: Project 2 - General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	$16,500
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/ Completion Date	October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023
Location	Austin's Colony, see Map 1.

Figure 7: Project 2 - Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)			
Priority Need Category	Infrastructure	**Project**	Street Improvements
Eligible Activity	Street Improvements	**Outcome Category**	Sustainability
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	**Specific Objective**	Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower income persons
Citation	§570.201 (c)	**Accomplishment**	6,555 individuals
Eligibility	LMA	**Matrix Code**	03 K Street Improvements
Priority in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan	High	**Travis County SAP #**	TBD

Project # 3: Forest Bluff Street Improvements (Construction Phase Services) - $16,500

Project Description: The sidewalks in this neighborhood were built to pre-ADA standards and have not been accepted by Travis County TNR for road maintenance. The roads in this subdivision are not adequately maintained, causing accelerated neighborhood roadway deterioration. This project includes removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps, and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair right-of-way to acceptable standards for maintenance. The improvements will impact an estimated 2,875 individuals, of which 80.70% are considered low- to moderate-income. The project is being completed in multiple phases. The first phase included design services and environmental assessment. Construction will be completed with PY21 funds. In 2022, following the solicitation of a construction contractor, it was determined that construction phase services (CPS) are needed to allow the design engineer to provide specific professional services, that are more suited for the design engineer than TNR staff. The scope of work, which will be included in the PSA via a contract modification, may include, but will not be limited to, providing conformance place, conducting site meetings, and providing clarification and interpretations, as well as issuing field orders. All will be specified in the CPS contract modification scope of work.

Figure 8: Project #3—General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	$16,500
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/ Completion Date	October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023
Location	Forest Bluff, see Map 2.

Figure 9: Project #3—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)			
Priority Need Category	Infrastructure	**Project**	Street Improvements
Eligible Activity	Street Improvements	**Outcome Category**	Sustainability
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	**Specific Objective**	Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower-income persons
Citation	§570.201(c)	**Accomplishment**	2,875 individuals
Eligibility	LMA	**Matrix Code**	03 K Street Improvements
Priority in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan	High	**Travis County SAP #**	TBD

Alternate Project #1: "General Infrastructure" - up to $500,000

Project Description: "General infrastructure" may include eligible public facilities improvements per 24 CFR 570.201(c) once the determination of a national objective has been met. Any projects under this category will be targeted toward benefitting mostly low-to-moderate income residents.

Figure 10. Alternate Project #1—General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	Up to $500,000
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023
Location	To be determined

Figure 11. Alternate Project #1—Priority & Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)			
Priority Need Category	Infrastructure	**Project**	To be determined
Eligible Activity	Right-of-Way Improvements, per 24 CFR 570.201(c)	**Outcome Category**	Sustainability
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	**Specific Objective**	Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower-income persons
Citation	§570.201(c)	**Accomplishment**	TBD if/when a project is identified
Eligibility	LMA	**Matrix Code**	03I Flood Drainage Improvements 03J Water/Sewer Improvements 03K Street Improvements, or 03L Sidewalk Improvements
Priority in the PY19-23 Strategic Plan	High	**Travis County SAP #**	TBD

Alternate Project # 2: Disaster Response Interim Assistance – up to $100,000

Project Description: Since 2011, Travis County has increasingly experienced disasters either from flooding or wildfires. In an effort to facilitate a quick response, this alternate project is available to enact, should it be needed. HUD has provided specific guidance about interim assistance and disaster response activities. Below is a summary that explains when and under what conditions these types of activities qualify for CDBG funds.

Activities: The types of activities that may be considered are street repairs, sidewalks, publicly owned utilities, and public buildings (excluding parks or playgrounds); special garbage, trash or debris removal; and clearing of streets (e.g., of snow, debris, etc.). If funded, this project will use one of two National Objectives for this project. If the area qualifies as low-to-moderate income, it will use the Low to Moderate Income Area (LMA) Benefit as the national objective. If not, the project will use the urgent need national objective. The work will be completed by County employees and/or contractors and will be overseen by one of the following County Departments: Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department, Health and Human Services, or Emergency Services.

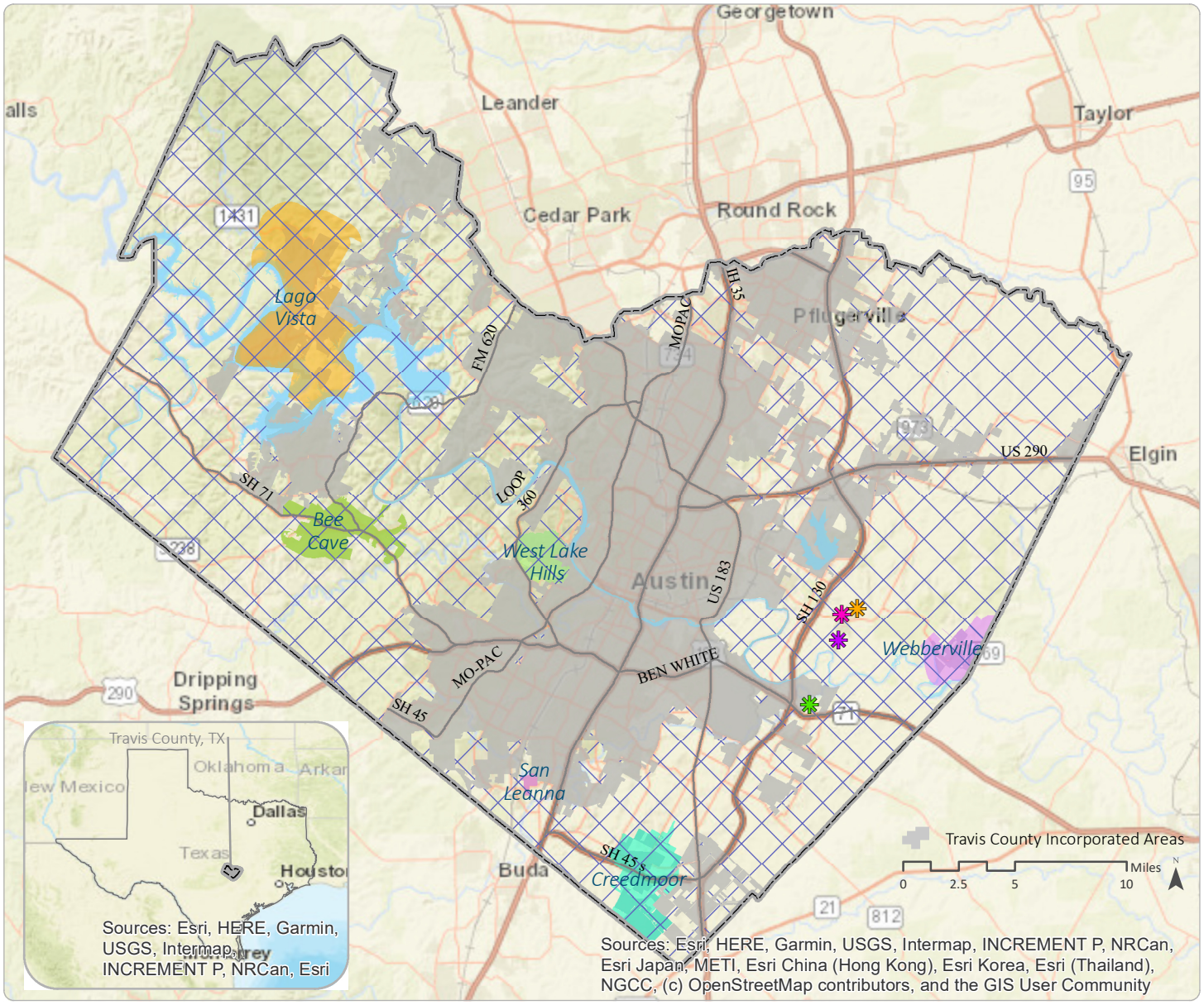
Figure 12. Alternate Project #2—General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	Up to $100,000
Leverage Funding	TBD – FEMA likely
Program Delivery	Contractor and/or Travis County Staff
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services, Transportation and Natural Resources, and/or Emergency Services
Estimated Start/ Completion Date	October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023
Location	CDBG Service Area (wherever a disaster may occur). More detailed information will be provided, if the project is needed.

Figure 13. Alternate Project #2—Priority & Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)			
Priority Need Category	Infrastructure or Public Facility	**Project**	Disaster Response
Eligible Activity	Interim Activity	**Outcome Category**	Availability/Accessibility
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	**Specific Objective**	Address health and safety conditions to create a suitable living environment after a state or federally declared disaster.
Citation	§570.201(f)	**Accomplishment**	TBD if/when a project is identified
Eligibility	LMA or URG	**Matrix Code**	06
Priority in the PY19-23 Strategic Plan	High/Infrastructure Low/Public Facility	**Travis County SAP #**	TBD

Appendix C

Maps

Map 1 Travis County CDBG Proposed PY22 Project Locations



Project placement on the map is approximate. Only projects with site specific locations are shown. Projects that provide service anywhere in the Travis County CDBG service area are not mapped.

PY22 Proposed Projects

Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program*

**The home rehabilitation/septic system program will serve eligible clients anywhere within the current Travis County CDBG service area. Therefore, locations cannot be specified on this map.*

- Austin's Colony Street Improvements (additional funding for existing project)
- Forest Bluff Street Improvements (additional funding for existing project)

Alternate PY22 Projects

General Infrastructure Projects

Disaster Response Interim Assistance

The alternate projects are not mapped since not yet defined and, therefore, not yet tied to any specific location(s).

Existing/Ongoing Projects

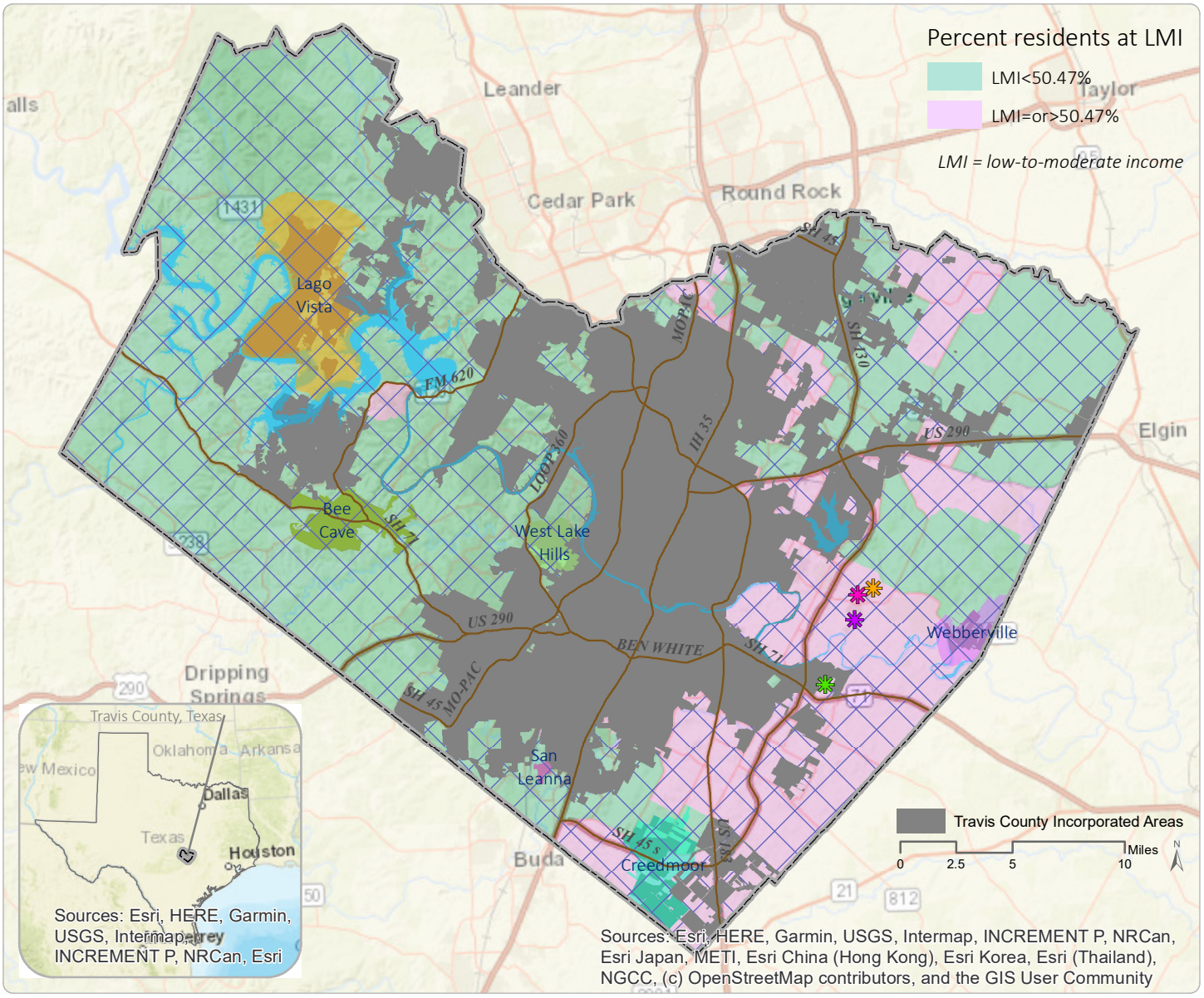
- Austin's Colony Street Improvements
- Forest Bluff Street Improvements
- Kennedy Ridge Wastewater Improvements
- SE Metro Park Inclusive Playground

PY22 Travis County CDBG Service Area

In addition to the unincorporated areas, the Travis County PY22 CDBG Service Area includes all of: Bee Cave, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, San Leanna, Webberville, and West Lake Hills. All other incorporated areas are excluded from this service area.

Map created By: E. Rivera, Travis County HHS, CDBG Office, May 2022.

Map 2. CDBG PY22 Project Locations with respect to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Concentrations



Project placement on the map is approximate. Only projects with site specific locations are shown. Projects that provide service anywhere in the Travis County CDBG service area are not mapped.

PY22 Proposed Projects

Home Rehabilitation/Septic System Program*

**The home rehabilitation/septic system program will serve eligible clients anywhere within the current Travis County CDBG service area. Therefore, locations cannot be specified on this map.*

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Existing/Ongoing Projects

- Austin's Colony Street Improvements
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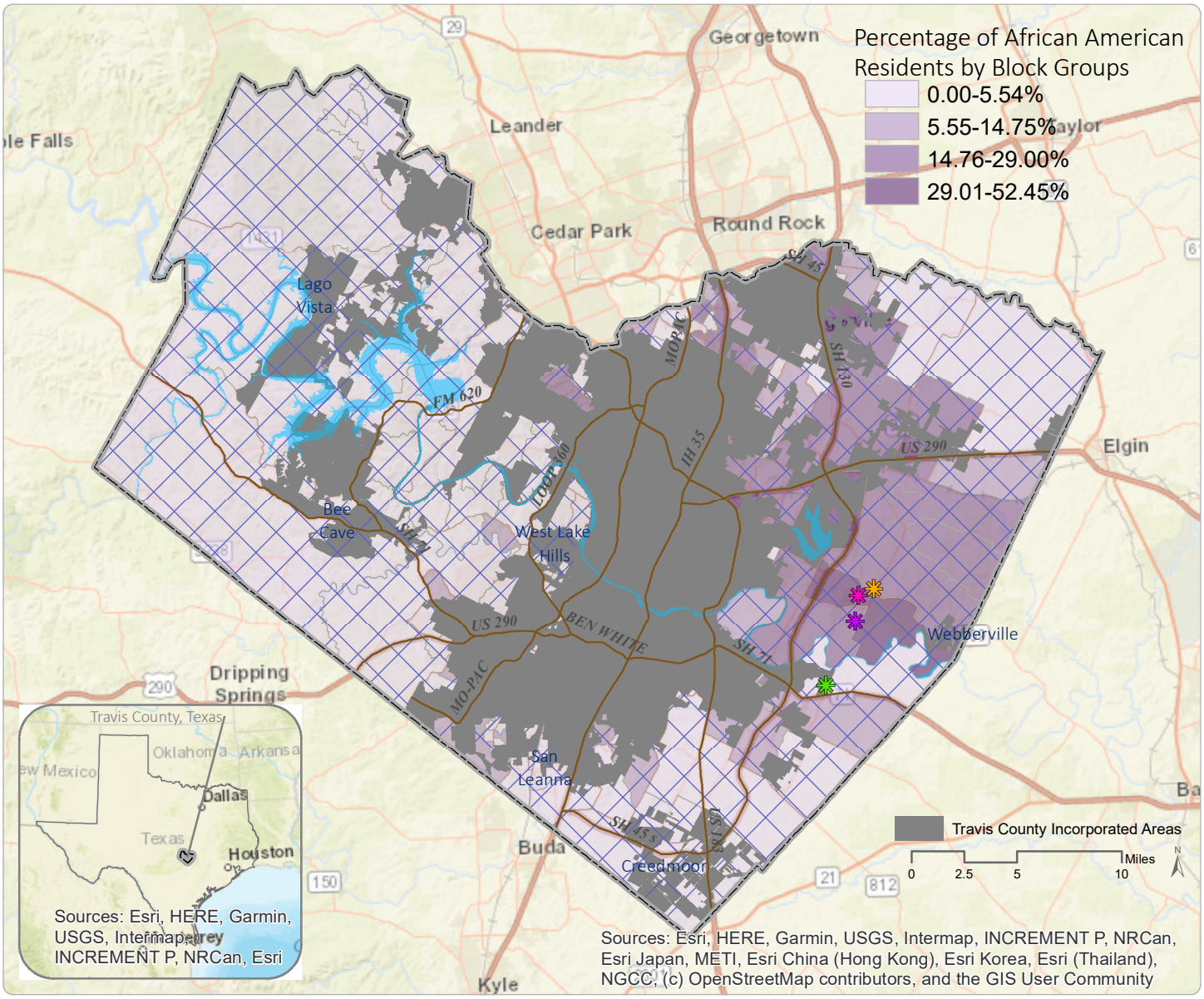
PY22 Travis County CDBG Service Area

In addition to the unincorporated areas, the Travis County PY22 CDBG Service Area includes all of: Bee Cave, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, San Leanna, Webberville, and West Lake Hills. All other incorporated areas are excluded from this service area.

Map by: Travis County HHS, CDBG Office, E.Rivera, May 2022.
Data source: FY21 Low/Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD) provided by U.S. HUD as of March 2022 (based on the 2011-2015 American Community Survey data).

Map 3

CDBG PY22 Project Locations with Respect to African American Residents by Census Block Group



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PY22 Proposed Projects

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Alternate PY22 Projects

General Infrastructure Projects

Disaster Response Interim Assistance

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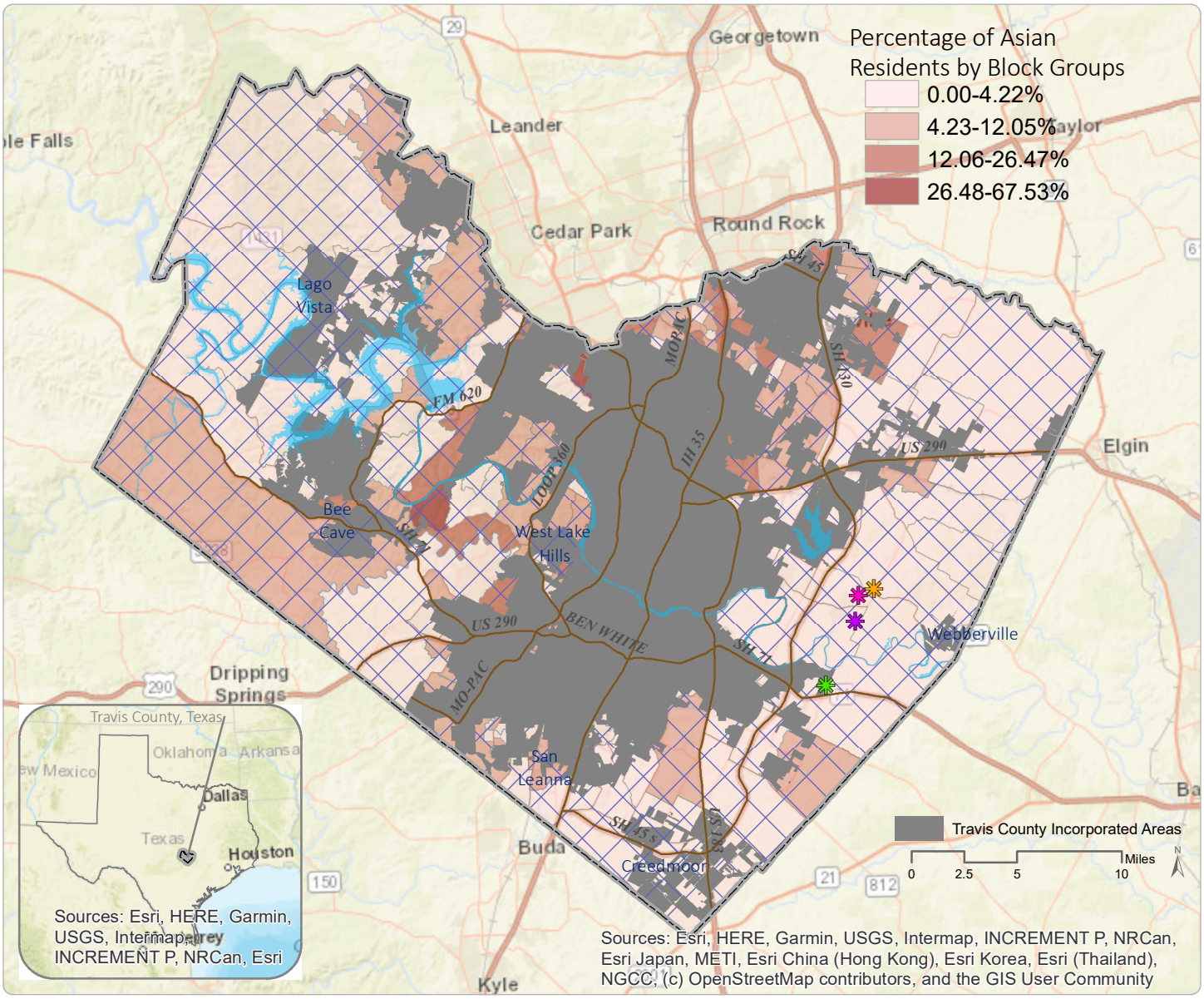
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Map 4

CDBG PY22 Project Locations with Respect to Asian Residents by Census Block Group



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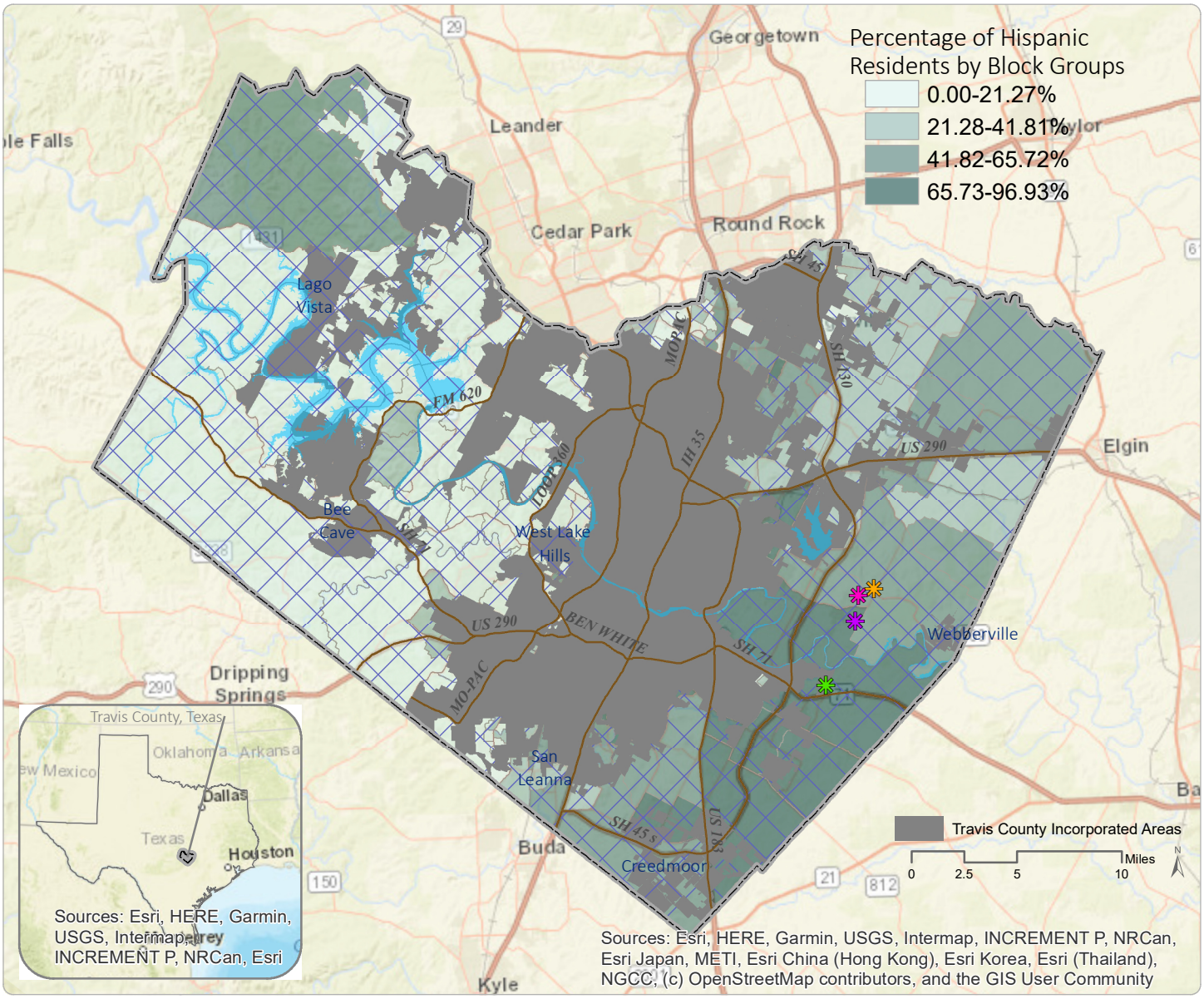
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Map 5

CDBG PY22 Project Locations with Respect to Hispanic Residents by Census Block Group



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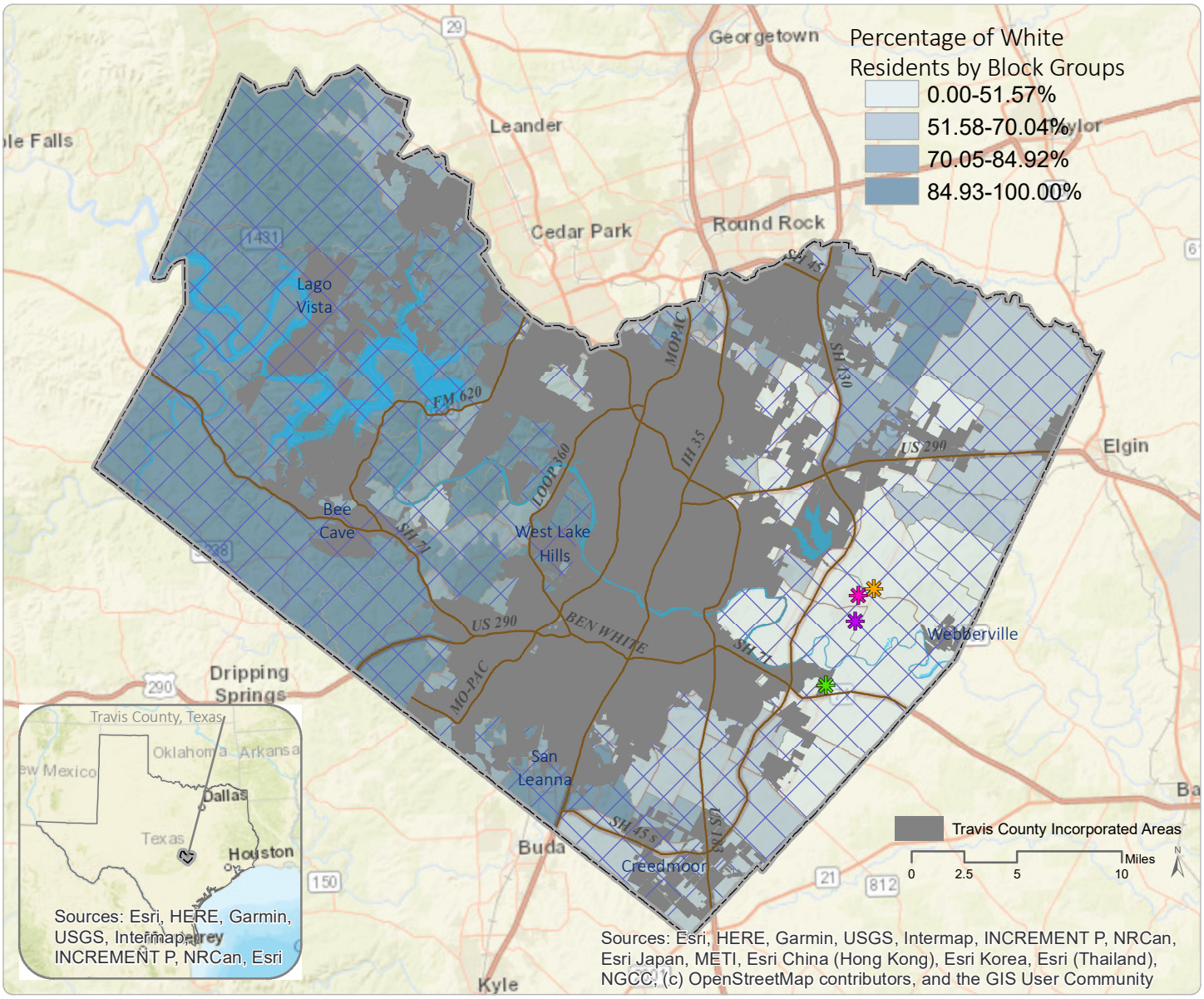
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Map 6

CDBG PY22 Project Locations with Respect to White Residents by Census Block Group



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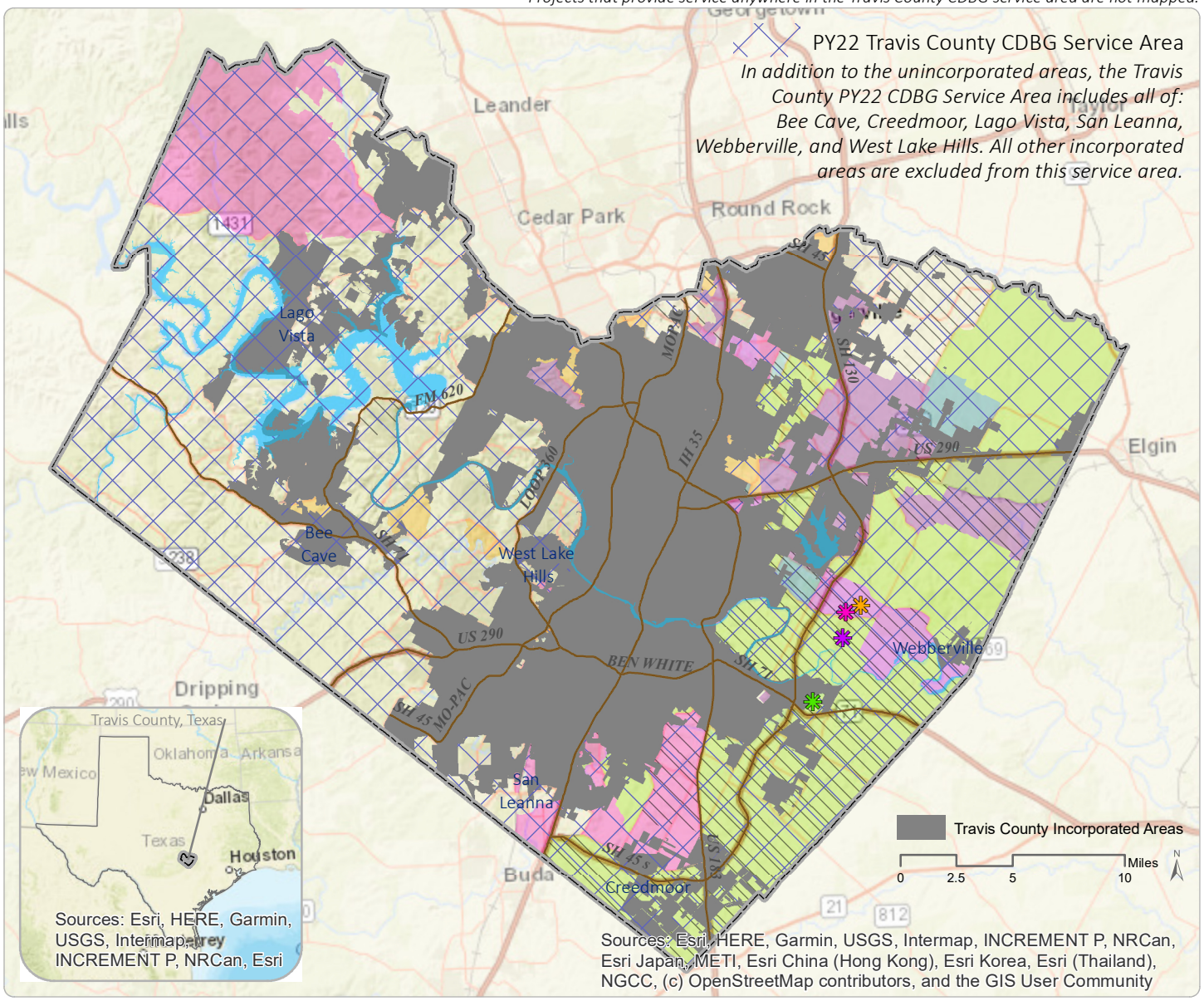
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Map 7

CDBG PY22 Project Locations in the Travis County CDBG Service Area with respect to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Census Tracts and with respect to Racial/Ethnic Concentrations (10% or greater above County averages)

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Block groups with Race/Ethnic Concentrations 10% or above County average

- African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races
- African American & American Indian
- African American & Asian
- African American & Hispanic
- African American & Some Other Race
- American Indian & Hispanic
- Some Other Race & Hispanic
- Two or More Races & Hispanic
- African American, Some Other Race and Hispanic

Percent residents at LMI

LMI=or>50.47%

LMI = low-to-moderate income

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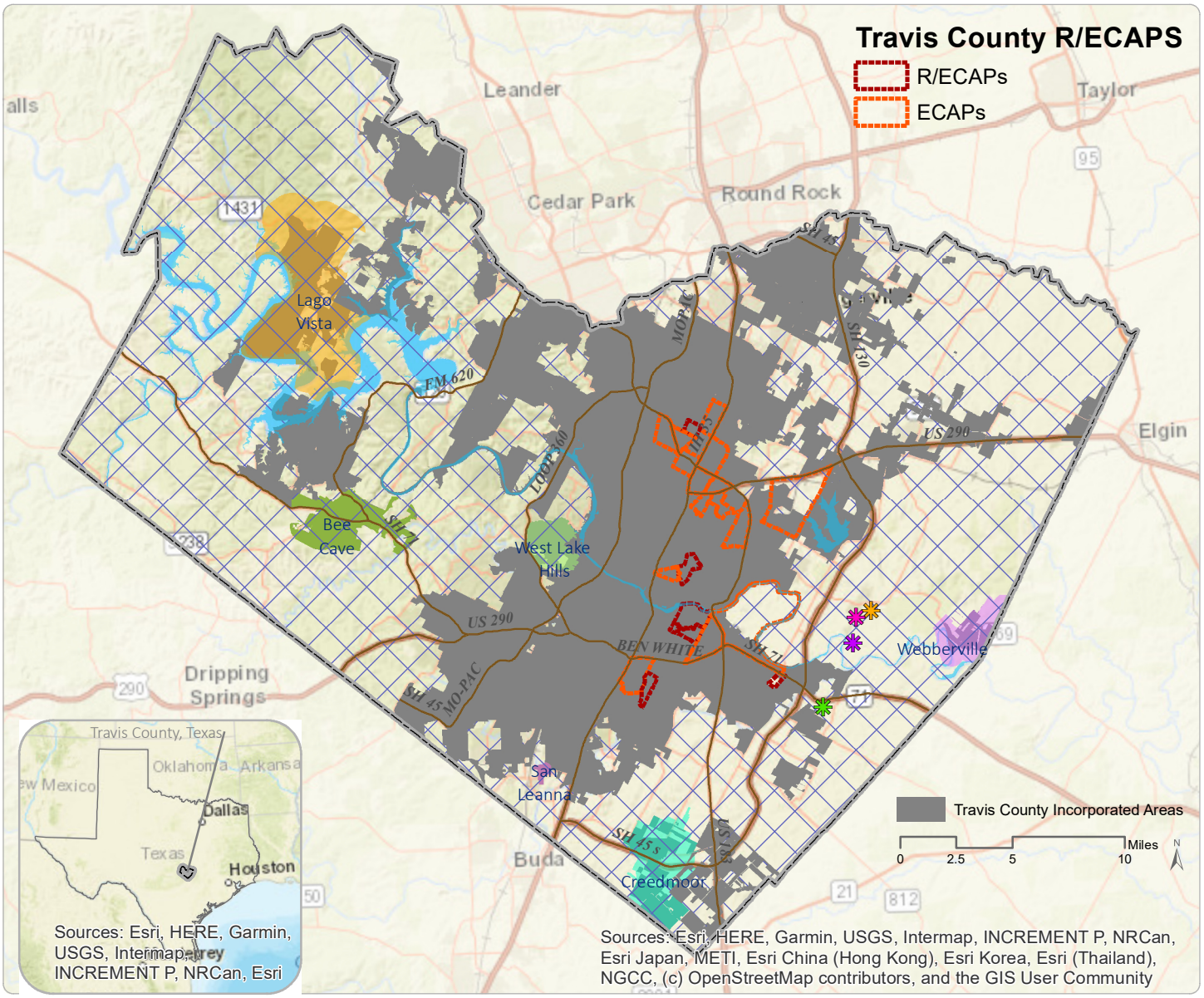
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Map 8 CDBG PY22 Proposed Project Locations with respect to Travis County R/ECAPs

R/ECAPs = racially/ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty

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Per HUD's definition, R/ECAPs are census tracts with a non-white population of 50% or more and with extreme poverty, meaning 40% or more of individuals are living at or below poverty. Because overall poverty levels are substantially lower in many parts of the country, HUD supplements this with an alternate criterion. Thus, a neighborhood can be a R/ECAP if it has a poverty rate that exceeds 40% or is three or more times the average tract poverty rate for the metropolitan/micropolitan area, whichever threshold is lower. On this map, the ECAPs, or 'edge' R/ECAPs, are census tracts which are just under the qualifying 40% poverty threshold.

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Appendix D

Certifications

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.

Uniform Relocation Act and 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, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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

1. 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;

2. 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

3. 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 Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

Signature of Authorized Official

8-16-2022
Date

County Judge
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant 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 plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

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

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, 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 CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having 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 (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) _____ [a period specified by the grantee 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.

3. 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.

In addition, 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:

1. 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

2. 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 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

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

Signature of Authorized Official

8-16-2022
Date

County Judge
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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 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 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.

Signature of Authorized Official

8-10-2027
Date

County Judge
Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

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.

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:
- [ ] Preapplication
- [x] Application
- [ ] Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:
- [x] New
- [ ] Continuation
- [ ] Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received: 08/12/2022

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier: TX489453

5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-22-UC-48-0503

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Travis County

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 746000192

* c. UEI: GXKLEZK8C7U8

d. Address:

* Street1: P.O. Box 1748

Street2:

* City: Austin

County/Parish: Travis County

* State: TX: Texas

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 78767-1748

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Division Name: Research and Planning/CDBG

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.

* First Name: Monique

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Coleman

Suffix:

Title: CDBG Planning Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 512-854-3460

Fax Number:

* Email: monique.coleman@traviscountytx.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Entitlement Grant

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

Not Applicable

* Title:

Not Applicable

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

PY22 Action Plan - various projects

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments | Delete Attachments | View Attachments

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 102125 * b. Program/Project: 102125

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

congressional-map-Travis County-10-17-21-2 | Add Attachment | Delete Attachment | View Attachment

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 10/01/2022 * b. End Date: 09/30/2023

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	1,296,262.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	1,296,262.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Andy

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Brown

Suffix:

* Title: County Judge

* Telephone Number: 512-854-9555 Fax Number:

* Email: andy.brown@traviscountytx.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative: [signature] * Date Signed: 8-10-2022

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant:, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29) U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statue(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statue(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).

18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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