

Fort Bend County, Texas
FY 2011 Consolidated Action Plan
Executive Summary

Introduction

In 1995, Fort Bend County submitted its first Consolidated Plan as required by Title I of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. The Consolidated Plan is a single submission for the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) formula programs, and all the community planning and development programs, as well as for housing programs. Fort Bend County's Consolidated Plan covers the five-year period from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2015.

Each year the County must submit a Consolidated Action Plan to discuss the activities Fort Bend County will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives with anticipated resources it will receive during the year under the CDBG, HOME, ESG and other HUD programs, as well as, all local resources it will receive and/or allocate to these activities. It also includes the Standard Form 424 for the County's CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs.

The Service Area of the Annual Consolidated Action Plan

The service area for the Fort Bend County FY 2011 Consolidated Action Plan includes the unincorporated areas of the County and all the incorporated areas of the County that have entered into interlocal agreements with the County. The incorporated areas include Arcola, Beasley, Fairchilds, Fulshear, Kendleton, Meadows Place, Needville, Orchard, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Stafford and Thompsons. The service area does not include Katy, Houston, Missouri City or Sugar Land.

Consolidated Action Plan

Fort Bend County will receive \$1,817,597 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds, \$492,073 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and \$86,509 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for program year 2011 (September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012). Fort Bend County issued a request for proposals (RFPs) on February 11, 2011 to cities and organizations that had expressed an interest in receiving funding for a project or program during the previous program year. The Consolidated Action Plan was developed in consideration of the proposals received that addressed the needs identified in the 2010 Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Action Plan is divided into four parts. Part I of the plan is the introduction. In this part, Fort Bend County states the purpose of the plan and describes the contents. It also summarizes the development process and the citizen participation process that was used in gathering public comments and input.

Part II is the Consolidated Action Plan. In this section, Fort Bend County provides the following information:

1. A Standard Form 424 for each program for which Fort Bend County receives an allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. A summary of all resources available.
3. A description of all activities to be undertaken. Each activity is described in a project table which includes the location of the project, the national objective it addresses, the local objective it addresses, the proposed outcome and the performance measurement. This information is listed below.
4. A description of the geographic areas of Fort Bend County in which the County will direct assistance along with a map of infrastructure improvements that will be made with CDBG funds.
5. Activities identified to provide a continuum of care to potential homeless and homeless persons in Fort Bend County.
6. Other requirements for submitting the Consolidated Action Plan along with specific requirements of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

The projects to be funded in FY 2011 are listed below by funding source.

Community Development Block Grant:

Location/Area	Description	Amount Recommended
	#1 CDBG Program Administration and Planning	\$363,000
	#2 CDBG/HOME Program Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$95,000
Countywide	#3 CDBG Fort Bend CORPs Housing Repair Program	\$228,750
Arcola	#4 Community Center	\$100,000
Kendleton	#5 Lift Station Repairs	\$100,000
Needville	#6 Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Phase IV	\$176,790
Richmond	#7 North Richmond Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Phase III	\$222,000
Riverwood	#8 MUD No. 19 Riverwood Water Line Replacement	\$100,000
Rosenberg	#9 Northside Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Phase VI	\$221,430
Countywide	#10 ARC Social and Recreational Programs	\$27,667
Countywide	#11 Brazos Bend Guardianship Services	\$25,000
Countywide	#12 FBC Child Advocates, Inc. Forensic Interviewer/Children's Services Coord.	\$28,408
Countywide	#13 FBC Women's Center Shelter Services	\$29,556
Countywide	#14 FB Senior Citizens, Inc. Meals on Wheels	\$38,034
Countywide	#15 Literacy Volunteers of FBC, Inc. Literacy Tutoring	\$35,000
Countywide	#16 Unprogrammed Funds-CDBG Contingency	\$26,962
TOTAL		\$1,817,597

HOME Investment Partnerships Program:

Location/Area	Description	Amount Recommended
	#17 HOME Program Administration	\$49,207
	#18 CHDO Set Aside	\$73,811
Countywide	#19 Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$296,857
TBC	#20 Habitat for Humanity New Construction	\$72,128
HOME Program Total		\$492,857

Emergency Shelter Program:

Location/Area	Description	Amount Recommended
	#21 Fort Bend County ESG Program Administration	\$4,325
Countywide	#22 FBC Women's Center Shelter Operations	\$22,444
Countywide	#23 FBC Women's Center Essential Services	\$13,529
Countywide	#24 Parks Youth Ranch Shelter Operations	\$28,590
Countywide	#25 Parks Youth Ranch Essential Services	\$7,820
Countywide	#26 FBC Social Services Dept. Emergency Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance	\$9,801
ESG Program Total		\$86,509

Part III includes the certifications that must be included in the annual submission to HUD. These certifications are in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations governing the Consolidated Plan regulations. The appendices are the fourth part of the document.

Performance Measurement System

Beginning in FY 2006, Fort Bend County began to incorporate performance measurement objectives, indicators and outcomes in its planning process. These objectives, indicators and proposed outcomes will allow for simplified data collection and reporting. Upon determining the national objective met by each activity, Fort Bend County selected indicators that relate to the local goals established in the County's Consolidated Plan. Fort Bend County then proposed the outcome for each activity and how the outcome would be measured.

Citizen's Participation

The staff of the Fort Bend County Community Development Department managed the Consolidated Action Plan development process, conducted meetings, issued requests for proposals (RFPs), evaluated proposals, collected the required information and data, and wrote the actual Consolidated Action Plan document.

A public meeting and information session was held on Thursday, February 23, 2011 to discuss the County's FY 2011 Request for Proposals (RFPs) and to answer questions from the public, interested organizations and local governments. A second public meeting was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, to receive public comments regarding the draft FY 2011 Consolidated Action Plan. During the thirty-day comment period, no substantial comments regarding the draft Consolidated Action Plan were received by the Fort Bend County Community Development Department.

Evaluation of Past Performance

The FY 2011 Consolidated Action Plan is the second year of the 2010 Consolidated Plan. The County's FY 2010 program year ends on August 31, 2011. Thus, a review of the first year activities will not be available until November 2011, with the submission of the FY 2010 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD. Table 3A: Summary of Specific Annual Objectives lists the County's specific annual objectives, source of funds, performance indicators and the actual number of projects assisted. (See Appendix G) This table will be completed as part of the FY 2010 CAPER.