

# **DRAFT** FY2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (CAAP)

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# Executive Summary

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

### 1. Introduction

Annually, Fort Bend County (FBC) is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan (AAP) that outlines how it will utilize anticipated resources to meet local priorities and objectives for the program year. The 5-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are collaborative processes between local government and residents to identify housing and community development needs and establish strategic plans for meeting these needs.

The Consolidated Plan and Action Plan provide details on how the jurisdiction will utilize funds from HUD to enhance the lives of low-and moderate-income residents through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, and other HUD resources. The Consolidated Plan identifies needs and priorities, while the Annual Action Plan allocates funds to specific projects and activities that will be undertaken to address these needs according to priority.

The 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan and FY2024 Annual Action Plan serve as vital guides for HUD, local government, and citizens by detailing how funds will be used to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents. The plans have been developed with consideration of public input and participation from local service providers, non-profits, government agencies, and citizens. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan meet the regulatory requirements outlined in 24 CFR Parts 91 and 92 and will be submitted to HUD per regulations and guidance. FBC is required to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive funding for program years 2020-2025.

The Consolidated Annual Action Plan for Fort Bend County outlines the objectives and outcomes for utilizing funds from HUD in the 2024 program year (September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025). The County will receive \$3,581,470 in CDBG funds, \$976,146 in HOME funds, and \$306,100 in ESG funds.

Proposed projects funded for FY 2024 are as follows:

1. CDBG:
  - \$214,171 Unprogrammed funds.
  - \$150,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program Direct Costs.
  - \$1,963,784 for public facility and infrastructure improvements.
  - \$472,000 for public services, addressing community needs.
  - \$716,294 for program administration and management.
2. ESG:

- \$255,215 Homeless Services Assistance Program for emergency shelter operations and services, housing prevention, and stabilization services supporting homeless individuals and families.
  - \$22,957 for program administration and management.
3. HOME:
- \$877,501 FBC HOME Single Family Housing Assistance Program which aims to improve and expand affordable housing options.
  - \$97,614 for program administration and management.

By allocating these funds to various projects, Fort Bend County aims to address the community's priority needs, such as improving public facilities, expanding affordable housing, and assisting homeless individuals and families. This plan helps to ensure that resources are used effectively to create a positive impact on the lives of the County's residents.

**2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan.**

**This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.**

The Annual Action Plan for Fort Bend County outlines the objectives and outcomes for utilizing \$3,581,470 in CDBG funds, \$976,146 in HOME funds, and \$306,100 in ESG funds in the 2024 program year. The objectives are:

- Improve public facilities and infrastructure in low-income areas.
- Expand affordable housing options through acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction.
- Address community needs by funding public services for low-income individuals and families.
- Prevent and end homelessness through emergency shelter operations and rapid rehousing programs.
- Ensure effective and efficient program administration.

Fort Bend County, Texas continues to experience significant population growth, with an estimated population of 858,527 residents as of July 1, 2022, reflecting an 8.0% increase since April 1, 2020. This diverse population includes 40.6% White (Non-Hispanic), 22.1% Asian, 22.1% Black or African American, and 25.5% Hispanic or Latino residents. The median household income in Fort Bend County is \$109,987 for the period of 2018-2022, substantially higher than both the Texas and national averages, while 7.9% of the population lives below the poverty level according to the U.S. Census, QuickFacts, Fort Bend County, Texas (data retrieved as of June 2023, incorporating 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

The community needs in Fort Bend County are driven by continued difficulties in the housing market, limited employment opportunities for some segments of the population, aging infrastructure in some

neighborhoods, and shifting population trends with growth in minority and immigrant communities. Population size and location depend on the county's ability to provide quality infrastructure, public facilities, and services.

Fort Bend County has largely recovered from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with businesses reopening and residents returning to work. By June 2023, the county had high vaccination rates, and new infections were considerably lower compared to previous years. However, the economic impact, particularly on lower-income residents, is still being felt in 2024.

Many service industry jobs, such as those in restaurants and retail, have been slow to come back or have hired back with reduced hours. Numerous families have lost income and savings, while rent and home prices remain high despite stagnating wages. Food banks continue to experience elevated demand. The county and some local non-profits are working to provide extra assistance programs, but many families still struggle to regain financial stability.

The recovery has gained momentum going into 2024, with improvements in the job market, especially in healthcare, education, and professional services. However, it remains a long road to recovery for those most severely impacted by the pandemic.

Factors driving community needs include:

- **Housing affordability:** Housing costs in Fort Bend County continue to rise while many jobs do not pay a high enough wage to afford local housing. Renters and owners face high housing cost burdens.
- **Aging infrastructure:** Some lower-income neighborhoods lack quality infrastructure, flood mitigation, water and sewer, schools, emergency services, and broadband internet access. Investments are needed to support continued population growth.
- **Limited employment opportunities:** While job growth is strong overall, opportunities are not evenly distributed across occupations and income levels. Many jobs do not pay wages sufficient to afford housing and living costs in the county.
- **Population shifts:** Minority and immigrant populations are growing in Fort Bend County. Resources and services must meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse residents.
- **Lingering impacts of COVID-19:** Although the worst of the pandemic is behind the county, the health and economic impacts have made the situation more difficult for vulnerable populations in Fort Bend County facing job loss, lack of affordable housing, healthcare costs, and other issues.

In summary, community needs in Fort Bend County center around housing affordability, infrastructure and public services improvements, healthcare access, job opportunities, resources for diverse populations, and ongoing support for vulnerable groups affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Coordinated planning and investment across these areas are needed to support population growth and enhance the quality of life for residents.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

**This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.**

The FY 2024 Annual Action Plan marks the fifth year of the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan for Fort Bend County. An evaluation of fourth year activities and progress in meeting goals set in the 5-year plan will not be available until the submission of the FY 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD in November 2024.

Some goals and objectives from the 2020-2025 5-year Consolidated Plan were not fully addressed in previous Annual Action Plans due to several factors. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted Fort Bend County starting in 2020, resulting in business closures, job losses, health issues, and economic difficulties that have continued into 2024, although the situation has improved compared to the peak of the pandemic. The County has prioritized emergency response efforts and assistance for residents facing hardships due to COVID-19. Some funds and resources have been redirected from other programs to address increased needs around healthcare, housing assistance, food access, and other areas.

Additionally, some infrastructure, public facility improvements, and affordable housing projects have faced delays due to supply chain issues, labor shortages, and increased costs of materials, although these challenges have eased somewhat by 2024. While significant challenges have impacted planned activities and funding utilization in FY 2024, the County will evaluate performance outcomes thus far and determine priorities for remaining and future funds to best assist in COVID-19 recovery and meeting other critical community needs. Some projects and initiatives delayed from FY 2023 may continue into FY 2024 and future years as conditions improve. The County will also reassess goals and timelines in the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan to ensure they remain relevant and achievable given the evolving situation post-pandemic.

In summary, ongoing response to and recovery from COVID-19 as well as related issues around funding, labor, costs, and operations have presented challenges to meeting prior goals and fully utilizing FY 2023-2024 funds as intended in Fort Bend County. However, the situation is improving as the pandemic subsides. Close evaluation of current needs and performance outcomes along with reassessment of 5-year goals will enable the County to adjust plans accordingly and make the most effective use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds in FY 2024 and beyond. The FY 2023 CAPER will provide further details on the status of specific programs, projects, and funding.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

The Fort Bend County Citizen Participation Plan establishes standards for including the public in the development and review of the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and other HUD-required documents. The

goals are to provide citizens with opportunities and information to meaningfully participate, ensure plans address community needs, and meet HUD requirements.

Fort Bend County values citizen input and conducted a comprehensive outreach process to develop the FY 2024 Action Plan. The County held public hearings, announced funding and meetings, invited comments, and hosted engagement events. The County developed the Draft Plan considering analysis of needs, resources, and public input. A 30-day comment period and response to comments allowed for feedback and collaboration. The final Plan incorporates public suggestions, with funds allocated to housing, community facilities, infrastructure, and services.

The County conducted the following outreach:

- February 13, 2024: Published public notice to announce FY2024 Annual Action Plan public meeting.
- February 21, 2024: Held first public meeting to discuss FY2024 Annual Action Plan goals and objectives, 2020-2025 Community Needs Assessment, and upcoming RFPs for CDBG, ESG, HOME, and CDBG-CV (Travis Building, 6th Floor Meeting Room)
- March 1, 2024: Published notice to announce the Annual Action Plan Public Hearing, availability of RFPs, and first public meeting. Also sent mass email distribution of Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG, ESG, and HOME applications to local governments, cities, and non-profits.
- March 5, 2024: Published separate public notice to announce CDBG-CV RFP.
- March 8, 2024: Sent mass email distribution of Request for Proposal (RFP) for CDBG-CV application to local governments, cities, and non-profits.
- March 26, 2024: Held Public Hearing at Commissioners Court to announce the upcoming FY 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) and RFP applications (Commissioners Court, 2nd Floor, Fort Bend County Courthouse, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas). Also held second public meeting/proposer's conference to discuss RFP applications (Travis Building, 6th Floor Meeting Room).
- March - April –2024: Provided RFP technical assistance.
- April 12, 2024: Collected RFPs for CDBG, ESG, HOME, and CDBG-CV noon deadline.
- May 30-June 21, 2024: Conducted 30-day public comment period on draft AAP.
- June 21, 2024: Held citizen engagement meeting to discuss draft plan, goals and objectives, and project funding and selection (Travis Building, 6th Floor Meeting Room).
- June 25, 2024: Held Public Hearing at Commissioners Court for consent to submit the FY2024 AAP to HUD by July 18, 2024 (Commissioners Court, 2nd Floor, Fort Bend County Courthouse, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas).
- July 18, 2024: Submitted FY2024 AAP to HUD in IDIS.
- Accepted public comments by phone, email, letter, and in-person throughout the process.

The thirty-day public comment for the draft Consolidated Annual Action Plan began on May 30, 2024 and ended on June 21, 2024.

In summary, Fort Bend County conducted a comprehensive process to gather citizen input in developing the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan. Public participation is crucial to discern community priorities and needs, guide the allocation of funds, and enable collective problem solving around issues impacting low-income residents. The feedback received reinforced the importance of projects supporting housing affordability, needed community infrastructure and facilities, social services, and other assistance programs. The County took the opportunity to educate community members and build connections between organizations and residents around shared goals. Together, the Annual Action Plan was shaped to most effectively serve the citizens of Fort Bend County.

**5. Summary of public comments**

**This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.**

All comments/suggestions will be accepted as appropriate

**6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

All comments/suggestions will be accepted as appropriate.

## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	FORT BEND COUNTY	Fort Bend County Community Development Department
HOME Administrator	FORT BEND COUNTY	Fort Bend County Community Development Department
ESG Administrator	FORT BEND COUNTY	Fort Bend County Community Development Department

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

#### Narrative (optional)

The Fort Bend County Community Development Department (FBCCDD) was created by Fort Bend County Commissioners Court in 1992 to administer the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the County. The CDBG program was authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. For a county to receive CDBG program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the combined population in both the unincorporated and incorporated areas that entered into an interlocal agreement with the county, must be at least 200,000 persons. The 1990 Census indicated that Fort Bend County's population increased to more than 200,000 persons. As a result, Fort Bend County was designated as an urban county by HUD and was entitled to receive CDBG Program funds directly from HUD.

In 1994, Fort Bend County became a participating jurisdiction for the HOME Program and was entitled to receive HOME Program funds directly from HUD. In 1995, Fort Bend County became an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Entitlement Area and received ESG Program funds directly from HUD. In 2004, Fort Bend County became a PJ for the American Dream Downpayment Initiative Program and received allocations of FY 2003 and FY 2004 ADDI Program funds. The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, including major revisions to the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program, now the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. During FY 2011, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) implemented the transition to the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for FY 2012.

The Fort Bend County Community Development Department is the lead agency in the Consolidated Planning Process required by HUD. The service area for the Fort Bend County FY 2024 Annual Action Plan includes the unincorporated areas of the County and the incorporated areas of Arcola, Beasley, Fairchilds, Fulshear, Kendleton, Meadows Place, Needville, Orchard, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Stafford, Sugar Land and Thompsons. The County's service area does not include the cities of Houston, Katy, Missouri City, or Weston Lakes.

### **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

Fort Bend County Community Development Department, 301 Jackson Street, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469, (281) 341-4410.

The Fort Bend County Community Development Department website can be found at:

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/community-development>

## AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

### 1. Introduction

Fort Bend County is committed to providing affordable housing and community development for all. The 5-year Consolidated Plan identifies needs and strategies to assist low-income residents through consultation with stakeholders.

In developing the Plan, the county consulted:

- Nonprofits: Including the Coalition for the Homeless, Fort Bend Connect, and Fort Bend Recovers. Consultation ensured the Plan addresses top priorities and leverages resources.
- Local governments: Especially unincorporated areas and 14 cities in the county to coordinate assistance on infrastructure needs.
- Other departments and groups: To gather input and enhance collaboration between housing, healthcare, education, transportation, public safety and other areas.

Consultation was timely, meaningful and responsive. The resulting Plan:

- Coordinates federal, state and local programs to provide decent affordable housing and a suitable living environment. This avoids duplication and maximizes impact.
- Enhances coordination between housing providers, healthcare agencies, and service organizations. This helps residents access supportive services to succeed.
- Serves the county, excluding Houston, Katy, Missouri City, and Weston Lakes. Although the county coordinates with most cities including Missouri City and Houston.
- Makes FY 2024 funding available to qualifying areas including unincorporated county and 14 cities after assessing community needs.

In summary, consultation for the 5-year Consolidated Plan and CAAP included local governments nonprofits, county departments, and community groups. Their input shaped priorities and strategies to meet housing and development needs, especially for vulnerable groups. Coordination across programs and between providers improves the delivery of affordable housing, healthcare, education, infrastructure and other necessities. The resulting Plan guides funding to support low-income communities across most of Fort Bend County.

### **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 (91.215(l))**

The Fort Bend County Community Development Department works with county departments, local governments, nonprofits, community groups, and interested individuals to improve communication,

consultation, and coordination. The department maintains a mailing list of those interested in housing and community development issues.

The department provides information to interested groups and works with similar organizations in developing projects. Public and assisted housing providers include Attack Poverty, the Women's Center, Rosenberg Housing Authority, and Habitat for Humanity. Private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies include Texana Center, the mental health services provider.

Fort Bend County is addressing broadband access and initiatives and Emergency Management Planning and Hazard Mitigation Planning in alignment with HUD guidelines.

### Broadband Access

The Fort Bend County Broadband Feasibility Study involved extensive stakeholder engagement and community feedback to identify the broadband needs and gaps within the county. The Fort Bend County Broadband Feasibility Study concluded with several key outcomes and recommendations to address the identified broadband needs and gaps within the county:

1. **Network Design Recommendations:** The study proposed a high-level design for a Middle-Mile broadband network using fiber-optic transport and distribution. This design aims to provide the necessary infrastructure to support high-speed broadband connectivity across the county, particularly in unserved and underserved areas.
2. **Preliminary Engineering:** It was recommended that the county conduct detailed engineering studies to refine the high-level design. This includes route analysis, material specifications, and cost estimates. These studies will provide the necessary detail for grant applications and implementation.
3. **Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs):** The study suggested issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to identify potential partners and explore various business models for implementing the network. This approach aims to leverage private sector investment and expertise in building and operating the broadband network.
4. **Funding Applications:** The study identified several federal and state funding opportunities, including the Middle-Mile Grant Program, the Capital Projects Fund, and the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program. It recommended that the county apply for these funds to finance the proposed infrastructure improvements.
5. **Community Impact:** Investing in broadband infrastructure is expected to have immediate and long-term benefits for Fort Bend County. In the short term, it will create job opportunities for construction, operations, and maintenance. In the long term, it will support economic development, enhance digital equity, and improve the overall quality of life for residents.
6. **Public Support and Feedback:** The comprehensive stakeholder and community engagement process revealed widespread support for improving broadband access. The public surveys and speed tests highlighted dissatisfaction with current services, reinforcing the need for the proposed improvements.

Overall, the study provided a clear roadmap for enhancing broadband infrastructure in Fort Bend County, with a focus on closing the digital divide, promoting digital equity, and supporting future economic growth and development (<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/your-county/broadband-feasibility-study>)

#### Emergency Management Planning and Hazard Mitigation Plan

Fort Bend County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to identify projects that reduce damage from natural and non-natural hazards. The plan will assess risks, evaluate existing buildings, future development, infrastructure, and critical facilities like transportation systems and utilities. It involves community partners following a "Whole Community Approach" and includes public input opportunities, risk assessments, mitigation strategy formulation, and regular plan updates. The goal is to secure FEMA funding for future mitigation projects. For more details, visit [Fort Bend County Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).

Fort Bend County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to detail potential hazards affecting the county and its residents. The updated plan aims to make the county eligible for future mitigation funding from FEMA. The primary goal is to identify projects that can reduce damage from natural and non-natural hazards by including a risk assessment and a hazard mitigation strategy. The focus will be on existing buildings, future development, infrastructure, and critical facilities crucial for health and welfare, such as transportation systems and utility services.

The planning process involves private sector, non-profit, and community partners, following a "Whole Community Approach" to disaster and hazard planning.

#### Objectives

1. Provide public input opportunities during plan development.
2. Conduct a thorough risk assessment with recent disaster data.
3. Formulate hazard mitigation goals and actions to reduce loss of life and property.
4. Obtain state and federal approval of the HMP.

#### Planning Process

1. Organize Resources: Collect relevant studies and reports, form a planning team with municipal and regional stakeholders.
2. Update Risk Assessment: Identify potential hazards, their impacts, and future probabilities using past events' data.
3. Public Involvement: Develop a public engagement strategy including social media, brochures, and public meetings.
5. Mitigation Strategy: Assess local capabilities and update goals, objectives, and actions. Prioritize mitigation techniques and projects.
6. Plan Maintenance Process: Schedule regular reviews and updates. Integrate the Mitigation Strategy into existing plans and ensure continued public outreach.

7. Plan Update and Deliverables: Develop the draft plan to meet federal and state regulations.
8. Obtain Plan Approval and Adoption: Make the draft plan available for public comment, submit for state and federal review, and adopt upon approval by all participating jurisdictions.

In summary, Fort Bend County has robust emergency planning capacities focused on hazard mitigation analysis, disaster preparedness/response, flood resilience, public education, and ensuring continuity of government operations when catastrophic events occur. The County continues to prioritize emergency management and mitigation.

**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.**

During FY 2024, the County will continue to work with the service providers implementing the ESG Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention assistance to increase their capacity to provide services to program participants. In addition, the County will work with the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County to implement the centralized and/or coordinated assessment system required by the ESG Program regulation and improve participation in the HMIS by County service providers. Fort Bend County CDD staff participated in monthly meetings regarding CoC projects. This group has merged with the Funders Workgroup that established the Continuum-wide ESG program guidelines and standards. In addition, the FBC Community Development Department Director serves on the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County/Fort Bend County's Steering Committee.

The County will continue to work with the Coalition for the Homeless to provide training to increase the capacity of local homeless organizations regarding non-profit financial management, permanent supportive housing (PSH) and HMIS participation.

Fort Bend County coordinates with The Way Home Continuum of Care (CoC), formed in 2014 to prevent and end homelessness through a collaborative system. Goals include ensuring no one experiences homelessness for over 30 days. The CoC expanded the Rapid Re-Housing system through aligning funds and standardizing services.

During FY 2024, the County will:

- Work with providers to increase Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention capacity, especially for chronically homeless individuals and families, those with children, veterans, youth, and at-risk groups.
- Collaborate with the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County to Implement a centralized or coordinated assessment system per Emergency Solutions Grant regulations. Improve Homeless Management Information System participation by county service providers.

Train local homeless organizations in nonprofit financial management and permanent supportive housing.

The County participates in monthly CoC meetings on projects and the Funders Workgroup establishing Continuum-wide Emergency Solutions Grant guidelines. The Community Development Department Director serves on the Coalition for the Homeless Steering Committee.

The County is dedicated to collaborative and coordinated efforts to prevent and end homelessness through the CoC. Addressing the needs of vulnerable groups is a priority including expanded access to affordable housing, case management, and supportive services. The County aims to build organization and system capacity to provide stable and permanent housing solutions for residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

**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.**

Fort Bend County consults with The Way Home CoC in determining how to allocate Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, developing performance standards to evaluate outcomes, and establishing policies and procedures for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The County signed an agreement with the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris/Fort Bend/Montgomery Counties outlining responsibilities as part of the CoC including:

- Consulting the CoC in allocating ESG funds to address priorities needs and goals, especially assisting chronically homeless individuals and families, youth, veterans, and those at risk of homelessness. The County aligns its ESG request for proposals with CoC business rules.
- Working with the CoC to develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of ESG-funded projects and activities. Outcomes measured include numbers served, rates of positive housing destinations (e.g. permanent supportive housing), rates of recidivism to homelessness, and cost-effectiveness of programs.
- Collaborating with the CoC to develop funding levels, policies, and procedures for operating and managing HMIS. HMIS is a database used to collect and analyze data on homelessness including individual numbers and needs. HMIS data is used for planning, resource allocation, reporting, and identifying service gaps.
- Participating in the CoC Steering Committee which oversees implementation of the CoC strategic plan including strengthening the system of care for those experiencing homelessness. The County provides input on priorities and initiatives.

Overall, Fort Bend County actively consults and participates with The Way Home CoC to strategize, plan, develop, and implement solutions to homelessness from emergency shelter to long-term housing opportunities paired with supportive services based on individual needs. The County remains dedicated to a coordinated, comprehensive system of care for all residents.

**2. 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**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS HOUSTON / HARRIS COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Coalition for the Homeless for Houston, Harris County and Fort Bend County administers the Continuum of Care (CoC) for the area. The FBCCDD Director serves on the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County/Fort Bend County's Steering Committee. Fort Bend County used the CoC written standards and business rules for the ESG Program and is working with the CoC to provide training to increase the capacity of local homeless organizations regarding non-profit financial management, permanent supportive housing (PSH) and HMIS participation.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	FORT BEND COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The FBC Women's Center provides shelter and services to victims of domestic violence. The COVID pandemic has increased demand for the FBCWC's services and required increased coordination of funding including CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, and ESG-CV programs.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Parks Youth Ranch, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-homeless Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	PYR provides shelter and services to unaccompanied youth. The COVID pandemic has increased demand for PYR's services and required increased coordination of funding for the ESG and ESG-CV programs
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Rosenberg Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Non-Profit Housing Authority
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RHA discussed possible funding using ESG-CV, CDBG-CV, CDBG, and HOME programs. The gaps in housing assistance in Fort Bend County.

5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Texana Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Texana discussed the use of ESG-CV Program funds for persons with mental health issues especially hotel and motel vouchers and Rapid Re-Housing

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

In developing the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, the Community Development Department communicated regularly with existing subrecipients including housing, service agencies, and local governments. The Department receives inquiries on CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds from individuals, organizations, and governments annually FY 2024.

However, some groups are not consulted or do not apply for funding due to:

1. Lack of capacity: Some organizations, especially small nonprofits, lack capacity to meet federal grant requirements around eligibility, reporting, and record-keeping in addition to program delivery. The additional administrative burden can be challenging, so groups avoid applying.
2. Service area mismatch: Organizations whose service area does not align with the County's jurisdiction may choose not to apply, as funds must be used to benefit county residents. Groups focusing efforts on other areas would have to adjust programs to qualify for and utilize funds.
3. Perception of lack of need: Groups that do not directly serve low-income communities or deal with affordable housing may perceive less need or benefit from applying for CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. However, investment in community programs and facilities can indirectly support vulnerable groups. Increased outreach around broad uses of funds could help address misperceptions.
4. Lack of interest in federal funds: Some organizations prefer private or state donations, grants, and fundraising over federal funding sources due to perceptions of excessive rules, regulations, and compliance issues required to utilize and report on the use of funds. However,

federal grants often provide significant resources for programs. Education on the benefits and effective management of federal funds may increase interest for some groups.

In summary, the main agency types generally not consulted or applying for funds include small grassroots nonprofits with limited capacity, groups focused primarily on other jurisdictions, organizations that do not directly serve disadvantaged communities, and those preferring non-federal funding sources. Increased outreach, education, training, and capacity-building for organizations around federal grants and uses of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds may help address these gaps and enable collaboration with a wider range of partners.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Coalition For the Homeless Houston, Harris County, Fort Bend County	The Way Home is the guiding planning document for homeless services in the Houston Metropolitan Area. FBC uses the ESG Written Guidelines, Performance Standards, and Business Rules for its programs
Regional Plan for Sustainable Development	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Regional Plan for Sustainable Development and Fort Bend County Consolidated Plan align around the shared goals of improving quality of life, increasing affordable housing, promoting social equity, supporting economic opportunity, and balancing development with environmental considerations.
Social Equity Profile	Houston-Galveston Area Council	The SEP provides an in-depth analysis of social equity issues and challenges in the 13-county Houston-Galveston region which includes Harris County and Fort Bend County. The purpose of the Profile is to enable data-driven decision making, policy development, and investment that advances equity and equal access to opportunity regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, or disability.
2016-2017 CDBG-DR Method of Distribution	GLO	The State of Texas Annual Action Plan, Fort Bend County's Supplemental Action Plan and the Method of Distribution both work to identify needs in the county through consultation and feedback to provide benefits to low-to-moderate income residents impacted by the providentially declared disaster (2016 Floods and 2017 Hurricane Harvey).
Annual Qualified Allocation Plan	TDHCA	The multi-family affordable housing goals overlap with the QAP as it guides the annual allocation Low-Income Housing Tax Credits which are a major source of funding for affordable multi-family housing projects in the county.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Fort Bend County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan	Fort Bend County	The Fort Bend County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan aims to reduce loss of life and property damage from natural disasters through risk assessment, partnership building, project implementation, and other strategies. The plan fulfills requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 for Fort Bend County to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding and disaster assistance.
Fort Bend County Broadband Plan	Fort Bend County	The Fort Bend County Broadband Plan establishes a vision and strategy for expanding highspeed internet access across the county, especially for low-income and disadvantaged communities.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

Regional collaboration and coordination with other planning efforts is vital in preparing the Consolidated Annual Action Plan. Coordination helps leverage resources, gain useful insights, achieve shared goals, strengthen the impact, develop a cohesive planning framework, and meet HUD requirements.

Consultation improves decision-making and outcomes by:

- Identifying additional funding, programs, and initiatives to address local priorities. Coordination maximizes available resources to benefit the community.
- Providing data and perspectives on issues crossing boundaries and best practices that inform local planning. Input ensures the most relevant, data-driven decisions.
- Progressing on shared goals around affordable housing, infrastructure, health, transportation, economic mobility, and more. Collaboration avoids duplication of effort and builds on strengths.
- Developing comprehensive solutions through understanding connections between systems. Coordination with regional and state partners shapes a holistic view of needs and responses.
- Guiding a strategic, coordinated implementation of programs, policies, and investment. Collaboration results in equitable decision-making, long-term benefit, and overcoming challenges beyond any single jurisdiction.
- Enabling compliance with HUD regulations encourages consultation and participation. Engagement, especially with vulnerable groups, helps ensure equitable planning and use of funds.

In summary, regional collaboration allows leveraging resources and impacts, achieving shared goals, and strategic planning for equity and maximum benefit. Consultation provides useful data and perspectives to address issues influenced by factors at multiple scales. Coordinated efforts promote a comprehensive understanding of challenges and solutions. Overall, the regional partnership is key for overcoming systemic issues through collective problem-solving and progress.

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

#### **Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting.**

The development of the FY 2024 Fort Bend County Annual Action Plan began in February of 2024. The County published a public notice February 13, 2024, to announce the FY2024 Annual Action Plan and the date of public meetings. The FY 2024 CDBG, HOME and ESG Request for Proposals (RFPs) were emailed on March 1, 2024. The County maintains a mailing list of individuals, non-profit organizations, and local governments interested in various housing and community development issues.

These individuals, organizations, and local governments are emailed or mailed the requests for proposals (RFPs) they requested. In addition, the department also emails and mails out notices of meetings, workshops, and conferences that provide information and training on various issues. The County provided in-person access to the FY 2024 Public Meetings. These citizen participation outreach efforts and meetings were held on:

- February 13, 2024: Published public notice to announce FY2024 Annual Action Plan public meeting.
- February 21, 2024: Held first public meeting to discuss FY2024 Annual Action Plan goals and objectives, 2020-2025 Community Needs Assessment, and upcoming RFPs for CDBG, ESG, HOME, and CDBG-CV (Travis Building, 6th Floor Meeting Room)
- March 1, 2024: Published notice to announce the Annual Action Plan Public Hearing, availability of RFPs, and first public meeting. Also sent mass email distribution of Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG, ESG, and HOME applications to local governments, cities, and non-profits.
- March 5, 2024: Published separate public notice to announce CDBG-CV RFP.
- March 8, 2024: Sent mass email distribution of Request for Proposal (RFP) for CDBG-CV application to local governments, cities, and non-profits.
- March 26, 2024: Held Public Hearing at Commissioners Court to announce the upcoming FY 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) and RFP applications (Commissioners Court, 2nd Floor, Fort Bend County Courthouse, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas). Also held second public meeting/proposer's conference to discuss RFP applications (Travis Building, 6th Floor Meeting Room).
- March - April –2024: Provided RFP technical assistance.
- April 12, 2024: Collected RFPs for CDBG, ESG, HOME, and CDBG-CV noon deadline.
- May 30-June 21, 2024: Conducted 30-day public comment period on draft AAP.

- June 21, 2024: Held citizen engagement meeting to discuss draft plan, goals and objectives, and project funding and selection (Travis Building, 6th Floor Meeting Room).
- June 25, 2024: Held Public Hearing at Commissioners Court for consent to submit the FY2024 AAP to HUD by July 18, 2024 (Commissioners Court, 2nd Floor, Fort Bend County Courthouse, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas).
- July 18, 2024: Submitted FY2024 AAP to HUD in IDIS.
- Accepted public comments by phone, email, letter, and in-person throughout the process.

The County received thirty-three (33) proposals from non-profit organizations and local governments. These applications totaled \$4,227,573 in CDBG Program funding requests, \$333,046 in ESG Program funding requests, \$440,000 was submitted for HOME Program funds and \$2,490,458 in CDBG-CV Program funding requests. Public meetings were held February 21, 2024, March 26, 2024, June 21, 2024 at the William B. Travis Building 301 Jackson Street, 6th Floor Meeting Room, Richmond, Texas to receive public comments regarding the Request for Proposals 9RFP) process and draft FY 2024 Annual Action Plan. In addition, a public hearing was held on March 26, 2024 at the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court to obtain public comments regarding community needs.

During the thirty-day public review period from May 20, 2024, to June 21, 2024, draft copies of Fort Bend County's Annual Action Plan were available for review at the office of Fort Bend County Community Development Department or could be requested by email. The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court is scheduled to approve the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and SF424's to submit to HUD by July 18, 2024. Any written comments received during the development of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan process are included in Appendix A: Summary of Citizen Comments.

In summary, public participation revealed citizen support for more funding around affordable housing, homeless services, public facilities, infrastructure in disadvantaged neighborhoods, and healthcare/food access. However, resolving systemic poverty and inequality requires long-term collaborative solutions leveraging local resources. Policy changes, and improved/increased linguistically appropriate resources and public awareness programs were also suggested. Broad, open consultation enables understanding lived experiences in the community and guides planning/funding to comprehensively serve citizens, especially vulnerable groups.

### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities; Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Nontargeted/broad community PY2024 applicants	Public Notice: Announced Public Meetings and availability of Request for Proposals. Also posted on FBC Community Development Department website on February 13, 2024	Fort Bend County sent emails using the Interested Parties contact list of several hundred individuals and organizations to notify them of the upcoming RFP for PY2024.	Newspaper notice published	
2	Public Meeting	Minorities; Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Nontargeted/broad community PY2024 applicants	First Citizen Participation Outreach Meeting/Needs Assessment at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson St., 6th Floor Meeting Room held on February 21, 2024	None	Public Meeting	

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3	Newspaper Ad	Minorities; Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Nontargeted/broad community PY2024 applicants	Public Notice: Announced Public Meetings and availability of Request for Proposals. Also posted on FBC Community Development Department website on March 1, 2024 & March 5, 2024 to announce the CDBG-CV RFP	n/a	RFPs for the FY 2024 CDBG, HOME, & ESG, CDBG-CV Programs were issued	

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5	Public Meeting	Minorities; Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Nontargeted/broad community PY2024 applicants	Second Citizen Participation Outreach Meeting/Proposers Conference at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson St., 6th Floor Meeting Room	Comments related to Request for Proposals (RFP), electronic submissions, and deadline for submissions.	Public Meeting,	

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6	Newspaper Ad	Minorities; Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Nontargeted/broad community PY2024 applicants	Public Notice: Announcing proposed project funding, draft of Annual Action Plan, public meeting and thirty day comment period. Also posted on FBC Community Development Department website. Notice of Public Meeting on		Newspaper notice published	

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7	Public Meeting	Minorities; Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Nontargeted/broad community PY2023 applicants	Citizen Participation Outreach Meeting for the draft FY 2023 Annual Action Plan, at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson St., 6th Floor Meeting Room		Meeting held on June 21, 2023.	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## **Expected Resources**

### **AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)**

#### **Introduction**

Fort Bend County, Texas, received \$4,863,716 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the program year 2024 (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025). This amount included \$3,581,470 in CDBG, \$976,146 in HOME, and \$306,100 in ESG program funds. Fort Bend County administered the funds through its annual Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP was released in early 2024, and organizations and cities interested in receiving funding submitted proposals. The funds will be used to support a

variety of projects that will benefit low- and moderate-income residents in Fort Bend County.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	3,581,470	0	0	3,581,470	3,581,470	CDBG: \$1,963,784 in public facility/ improvements; \$472,000 in public services; \$716,294 in program administration; \$214,171 Unprogrammed funds; \$150,000 Housing Rehab Project Direct Costs.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	976,146	0	0	976,146	976,146	HOME: \$877,501.96 Single Family Housing Assistance Program; \$97,614.64 in program administration.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	306,100	0	0	306,100	306,100	ESG: \$255,215 for emergency shelter operations and services, rehousing, housing prevention and stabilization services; \$22,957 for program administration.
Other	Public-federal	Admin and Planning Public Services	0	0	0	0	2,900,000	CDBG-CV to be used to prevent, prepare and/or respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
Other	Public-state	Acquisition Admin and Planning Homeowner Rehab/buyout Housing	0	0	0	0	16,816,470	Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding from HUD to the State of Texas and allocated to Fort Bend County for the recovery of housing projects affected 2016- 2017 Hurricane Harvey Flood Event.

**Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

**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: Fort Bend County encourages the leveraging/matching of funds for CDBG Program funds. In the proposal review process, Fort Bend County gives proposals with leveraged/matching funds points based on the percentage of matching or leveraged funds to total project costs. Each applicant must describe how matching funds for their proposed project will be provided and provide proof of match funds through letters of commitment. During FY 2024, an estimated \$1,086,852 in leveraged/match funds will be provided by CDBG subrecipients through their projects.

HOME: The use of HOME Program funds requires a match of local or private funds of twenty-five percent. The FY 2024 HOME Program funds will be committed to two activities the County's Housing Rehabilitation Program and HAUCDC Single Family Program. Match for County's Housing Rehabilitation Program is provided through Fort Bend County General Revenue Funds. HAUCD is providing \$425,000 in match, \$25,000 from the George Foundation and \$400,000 through Mortgage Revenue Bonds.

ESG: The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds require a one-hundred percent match. During the RFP process, each applicant for ESG Program funds must describe how matching funds for their proposed project will be provided. The projects awarded FY 2024 ESG Program funds have all committed to providing match. During FY 2024, \$255,215 in match funds will be provided by ESG Subrecipient projects.

**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 CDBG Program is administered from the FBC Travis Building, 301 Jackson Street, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas. Publicly owned property will be used for the public infrastructure projects in Arcola, Beasley, Kendleton, Orchard, Pleak, Rosenberg, and Riverwood in MUD 19. The Literacy Council uses FBC libraries for some of its tutoring sessions. The FBC Social Services Department is located in the Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex.

**Discussion**

During FY 2024, Fort Bend County will receive \$4,863,716 directly from HUD. During the development of the FY 2017 Fort Bend County Annual Action Plan, the County was informed that it was eligible for \$17,022,677 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program funds from the State of Texas. The CDBG-DR Program funds are for damage from two disasters in 2016. The first disaster from April 18-22, 2016 is referred to as the Tax Day Floods. This disaster caused flash, street, and river flooding along the Brazos and San Bernard Rivers. The County was included in Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4269. The second disaster, the Memorial Day Flood occurred from May 27 to June 10, 2016. The County experienced record-breaking flooding along the Brazos River. The County was included in Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4272. The County submitted a CDBG-DR application to the State of Texas General Land Office (GLO) in July of 2017. Fort Bend County also submitted an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster assistance. Unfortunately, in September of 2017, Fort Bend County suffered another disaster, Hurricane Harvey, caused more severe flooding and widespread damage throughout Texas. At the time of this report, Fort Bend County is processing the buyout properties and the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) homeowners.

During FY 2020, Fort Bend County was allocated \$2,321,233 in ESG-CV and \$4,584,858 in CDBG-CV Program funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Fort Bend County will continue to administer the CDBG-CV these funds during FY 2024-2025.

# Annual Goals and Objectives

## AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Decent Housing (DH) 2.1	2020	2025	Affordable Housing	Fort Bend County Service Area	Housing: Homeowners	HOME: \$743,825	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	Decent Housing (DH) 3.2	2020	2025	Affordable Housing Homeless	Fort Bend County Service Area	Homeless Persons and Households	ESG: \$96,063	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 2 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 2 Persons Assisted
3	Decent Housing (DH) 3.3	2020	2025	Homeless	Fort Bend County Service Area	Homeless Persons and Households	ESG: \$89,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 20 Persons Assisted
4	Decent Housing (DH) 3.4	2020	2025	Homeless	Fort Bend County Service Area	Homeless Persons and Households	ESG: \$80,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 20 Persons Assisted
5	Decent Housing (DH) 3.6	2020	2025	Homeless	Fort Bend County Service Area	Homeless Persons and Households	ESG: \$7,000	Homelessness Prevention: 5 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 1.3	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Fort Bend County Service Area	Public Facilities/Improvements	CDBG: \$1,971,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
7	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.3	2020	2025	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Fort Bend County Service Area	Public Services: Special Needs Illiterate Persons	CDBG: \$60,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Persons Assisted
8	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.4	2020	2025	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Fort Bend County Service Area	Public Services: Special Needs Disabled	CDBG: \$90,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted
9	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.5	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Fort Bend County Service Area	Public Services: Special Needs Abused Children	CDBG: \$49,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
10	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.6	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Fort Bend County Service Area	Public Services: Special Needs Elderly	CDBG: \$45,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Persons Assisted
11	Economic Opportunity (EO) 1.1	2020	2025	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Fort Bend County Service Area	Public Services: Special Needs Illiterate Persons	CDBG: \$60,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
12	Economic Opportunity (EO) 2.3	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Fort Bend County Service Area	Public Facilities/Improvements	CDBG: \$300,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted
13	Decent Housing (DH) 4.1	2020	2025	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Fort Bend County Service Area	Housing: Homebuyers	HOME: \$198,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Decent Housing (DH) 2.1
	Goal Description	DH 2.1: Provide owner-occupied rehabilitation assistance to fifty (50) extremely-low-income, very-low-income, and low-income households. (10 housing units per year.)
2	Goal Name	Decent Housing (DH) 3.2
	Goal Description	DH 3.2 : Provide rental assistance for five (5) homeless persons. (1 person/housing unit per year.)
3	Goal Name	Decent Housing (DH) 3.3
	Goal Description	DH 3.3 : Provide operating funds to two (2) homeless shelters.(100 persons/20 persons per year)
4	Goal Name	Decent Housing (DH) 3.4
	Goal Description	DH 3.4 :Provide essential or supportive services to at least fifty (50) homeless persons. (10 persons per year.)

5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Decent Housing (DH) 3.6
	<b>Goal Description</b>	DH 3.6 :Prevent homelessness by providing emergency rent, and utility assistance to at least five <b>(5)</b> persons. (1 person or housing unit per year.)
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 1.3
	<b>Goal Description</b>	SLE 1.3: Water and/or sewer improvements in at least five <b>(5)</b> communities. (500 persons/100 persons per year)
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.3
	<b>Goal Description</b>	SLE 2.3: Provide assistance to <b>500</b> illiterate persons. (100 persons per year.)
8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.4
	<b>Goal Description</b>	SLE 2.4: Provide support or recreational services to fifty <b>(50)</b> handicapped or disabled persons. (10 persons per year.)
9	<b>Goal Name</b>	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.5
	<b>Goal Description</b>	SLE 2.5: Provide services to one-hundred <b>(100)</b> abused and/or neglected children. (20 children per year.)
10	<b>Goal Name</b>	Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 2.6
	<b>Goal Description</b>	SLE 2.6: Provide case management and other related services to twenty-five <b>(25)</b> disabled, incapacitated and/or elderly persons (5 persons per year)
11	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Opportunity (EO) 1.1
	<b>Goal Description</b>	ED 1: Objective 1: Providing assistance to extremely-low-, very-low- and low-income individuals.
12	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Opportunity (EO) 2.3
	<b>Goal Description</b>	ED 2.3: Construction of new water and/or sewer improvements in at least one <b>(1)</b> community. (25 persons/5 persons per year)
13	<b>Goal Name</b>	Decent Housing (DH) 4.1
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Produce twenty <b>(20)</b> new units, especially for the special needs populations - elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol and drug addictions, and persons with AIDS. (4 housing units per year.)

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

Fort Bend County will receive \$3,581,470 in CDBG funds, \$976,146 in HOME funds and \$306,100 in ESG funds for the 2024 program year (September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025). The funds will be utilized for projects assisting low-income individuals and communities as follows:

#### CDBG Projects:

- Section 108 Loan Repayment to the City of Arcola. Section 108 is a loan guarantee provision of the CDBG program enabling local governments to borrow funds for large economic development projects (loan was paid off in FY2024).
- \$150,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program Direct Costs. The program provides grants and loans to income-eligible homeowners to make necessary repairs and improvements.
- \$1,963,784 for Public Facilities/Improvements including water/sewer systems, community/senior centers, homeless facilities, youth centers, and infrastructure in low-income areas.
- \$472,000 for Public Services including food programs, healthcare, childcare, and other services for 200+ low-income residents.
- \$716,294 for planning/administration to operate the CDBG program effectively and in compliance with regulations.

#### HOM Projects:

- \$877,501 FBC HOME Single Family Housing Assistance Program which aims to improve and expand affordable housing options.
- \$97,614 for program administration and management.

#### ESG Projects:

- \$255,215.00 Homeless Services Assistance Program for emergency shelter operations and services, housing prevention, and stabilization services supporting homeless individuals and families for approximately 150 individuals and families.
- \$22,957 for program administration and management.

In summary, Fort Bend County will utilize CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds to serve vulnerable populations through housing, community facilities, infrastructure and public service projects as well as program administration and planning. The funds aim to provide decent affordable housing, improve living environments, and expand opportunities for economic advancement—especially for lower-income

communities facing homelessness, health issues, lack of accessibility, poverty, and other barriers.

**Projects**

#	Project Name
1	Fort Bend County CDD-CDBG Program Administration
2	Fort Bend County CDBG Home Rehabilitation & Repair Program Direct Costs
3	Fort Bend County Public Facilities & Infrastructure Program
4	Fort Bend County Public Services Program
5	Fort Bend County ESG Homeless Assistance Program
6	Fort Bend County CDD-HOME Program Administration
7	Fort Bend County HOME Single-Family Housing Program

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

Here are the revised reasons for allocation priorities and obstacles to addressing underserved needs in Fort Bend County:

**Allocation Priorities:**

- Water and sewer improvements are a top priority based on needs in unincorporated county areas and small cities. However, infrastructure costs far exceed CDBG funds, requiring multi-year, phased projects.
- Homeless/at-risk individuals are a priority due to lack of local services and transportation access in unincorporated/small city areas. Special needs groups have unmet housing, healthcare, food and other resource needs.
- Community facilities are a priority to enable delivery of resources for lower-income residents, especially in underserved neighborhoods. However, facility costs require more funds than are available.

**Obstacles to Addressing Underserved Needs:**

1. Lack of funding: The costs of infrastructure, facilities, and services required to meet all local needs surpass available CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. This necessitates phasing and limits some projects/programs.
2. Gaps in local resources: There are few services for homeless/at-risk and other special needs groups in some county areas making access difficult without transportation. More local resources are needed.

3. Increased demand due to growth: The county population continues growing rapidly, increasing demand for infrastructure, facilities, and services. Small cities/towns struggle to maintain/expand resources and aid vulnerable groups with limited budgets.
4. Lack of mass transportation: Unincorporated communities and small cities lack public transit, limiting access to healthcare, jobs, education, food sources and more—especially for disadvantaged groups unable to drive or own reliable vehicles. Improved transit connections are needed across the county.

In summary, the main obstacles preventing Fort Bend County from fully addressing underserved needs at this time are limitations in available funds, gaps in local resources to assist vulnerable groups, increased demands on resources due to continuous growth, and lack of mass transportation infrastructure. While the county is able to undertake strategic investments and phased approaches to make progress, overcoming obstacles and meeting all needs may require policy changes, partnerships, improved transit, leveraged resources, and additional funding over the long-term. The county remains dedicated to progressively improving living conditions and access to opportunity for all communities.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fort Bend County CCD - CDBG Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Other
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$716,294
	<b>Description</b>	Funding to be used for CDBG program administration and management.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Program administered by the Fort Bend County Community Development Department, 301 Jackson Street, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	21A: General Program Administration: Overall program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or other engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. These activities, along with planning activities, are subject to the 20 percent limitation under 24 CFR 570.(g) and 570.489(a)(3).
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fort Bend County CDBG Home Rehabilitation & Repair Program Direct Costs
	<b>Target Area</b>	FBC Service Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Decent Housing Suitable Living Environment Economic Opportunity
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	FBC Home Repair Program provides assistance with costs of minor home repair for low-and moderate income households in the form of grants or deferred payment loans. Eligible repairs include, but are not limited to, roof repair/replacement, handicap accessibility improvements, mechanical, electrical, water wells and septic systems and plumbing improvements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2025

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities will benefit approximately 49 low-income and elderly (62 years or older) households in need of minor home repair.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	14A: Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential Rehabilitation of single-family homes for low- and moderate income household and/or low-to moderate seniors, disabled Fort Bend county residents.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fort Bend County Public Facilities/Infrastructure Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	FBC Services Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Economic Opportunity (EO) 2.3 Suitable Living Environment (SLE) 1.3
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,963,784.00
	<b>Description</b>	Public Facilities and Improvements Program will include construction, rehabilitation or improvements for Flood Drainage, Water and Sewer, Sidewalks, Streets, and Neighborhood Facilities in low- and moderate-income communities or facilities serving populations primarily consisting of low- and moderate-income individuals or populations with special needs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	08/31/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities will benefit up to 5,000 low- and moderate-income Fort Bend County residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	03J Water and Sewer Improvements Activities include rehabilitation and construction of various infrastructure projects within FBC service area and cities.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fort Bend County Public Services Projects
	<b>Target Area</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$410,000

	<b>Description</b>	Fort Bend County Public Services Program will provide funding for public services for homeless services, youth services, abused and neglected children, senior services, transportation, HIV/AIDS related services, services for those with disabilities and all other general public services for low- and moderate-income Fort Bend County residents.
	<b>Target Date</b>	08/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities will benefit up to 1,200 low- and moderate persons with public services for homeless services, youth services, abused and neglected children, senior services, transportation, HIV/AIDS related services, services for those with disabilities and all other general public services for low- and moderate-income Fort Bend County residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities will benefit up to 11,258 persons assisted with public services that includes; but not limited to, transportation, youth services, abused and neglected children services, senior services, services to those living with HIV/AIDS, disabled and low- moderate income. 215 persons assisted with public services that involve housing stability for the benefit of reducing homelessness.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fort Bend County ESG Homeless Assistance Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Decent Housing (DH) 3.2 Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeless Persons and Households
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$306,100.00
	<b>Description</b>	ESG Administration: \$22,957; Rapid Re-housing/Homeless Prevention activities: \$80,000; Shelter Operations activities: \$175,215.
	<b>Target Date</b>	08/31/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Projects will benefit approximately 250 homeless or formerly persons through proposed direct ESG shelter/service/prevention/outreach/RRH activities. All project activities will require participation in the HMIS system and will benefit from the HMIS services and system management provided.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Scattered Sites; Fort Bend Service Area
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities include homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, shelter services and operations, HMIS services and other ESG eligible activities.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fort Bend County CCD-HOME Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Other
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$113,477.00
	<b>Description</b>	Funding to be used for HOME program administration by Fort Bend County Community Development Department
	<b>Target Date</b>	08/31/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOME Program Administration: Overall Program Administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fort Bend County Single-Family Housing Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeownership for Owners New Construction for Owners Single-family Home Rehabilitation Owners
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Decent Housing (DH) 2.1 Single-family Home Rehabilitation Owners Senior Services (Special Needs Population)
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$731,081
	<b>Description</b>	Fort Bend County Single-family Housing Program will provide homeownership to low to moderate households by various means of assistance including but not limited to down payment assistance, closing cost and principal reduction (if needed by homebuyer), development of new single family home construction and single-family home rehabilitation. CHDO Operating Costs is included at \$146,421.96.
	<b>Target Date</b>	08/24/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activity expected to benefit 35 low-to-moderate income families
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Financial assistance to eligible households to assist with the purchase of single-family homes.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fort Bend County Service Area

## AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The geographic distribution of the entitlement for the CDBG Program infrastructure projects focuses on areas with low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents. The LMI population varies across different areas, as summarized below according to the 2018-2022 ACS, 5-year estimates:

▣ Beasley: Among the 570 residents, 57.89% are classified as LMI. The racial and ethnic composition of the LMI population in Beasley includes 330 (57.89%) White residents, 200 (35.09%) Black or African American residents, 10 (1.75%) American Indian and Alaska Native residents, 30 (5.26%) Asian residents, and 130 (22.81%) Hispanic or Latino residents.

- Kendleton: Out of 295 residents, 72.88% are LMI. The racial and ethnic breakdown of the LMI population in Kendleton consists of 215 (72.88%) White residents, 40 (13.56%) Black or African American residents, 1 (0.34%) American Indian and Alaska Native resident, 38 (12.88%) Asian residents, and 60 (20.34%) Hispanic or Latino residents.
- Orchard: 78.13% of the 320 residents are categorized as LMI. The racial and ethnic composition of the LMI population in Orchard includes 250 (78.13%) White residents, 40 (12.50%) Black or African American residents, 30 (9.38%) Asian residents, 10 (3.13%) Two or More Races residents, and 70 (21.88%) Hispanic or Latino residents.
- Pleak: Within a population of 1,500, 64.33% are LMI. The racial and ethnic breakdown of the LMI population in Pleak consists of 965 (64.33%) White residents, 300 (20.00%) Black or African American residents, 230 (15.33%) Asian residents, 10 (0.67%) Two or More Races residents, and 500 (33.33%) Hispanic or Latino residents.
- Rosenberg: 56.66% of the 33,455 residents fall into the LMI category. The racial and ethnic composition of the LMI population in Rosenberg includes 23,373 (69.89%) White residents, 4,720 (14.12%) Black or African American residents, 10 (0.03%) American Indian and Alaska Native residents, 3,922 (11.73%) Asian residents, 1,640 (4.90%) Two or More Races residents, and 12,420 (37.14%) Hispanic or Latino residents.
- Riverwood: 46.8% of the 2,105 residents fall into the LMI category. The racial and ethnic composition of the LMI population in Riverwood includes 755 (76.77%) White residents, 115 (11.69%) Black or African American residents, no (0%) American Indian and Alaska Native residents, 60 (6.10%) Asian residents, 55 (5.59%) Two or More Races residents, and 260 (26.42%) Hispanic or Latino residents.

These percentages illustrate the variation in LMI residents across different areas, which is essential when prioritizing infrastructure projects for the CDBG Program. This federal grant program aims to address community development needs and enhance the quality of life, particularly for LMI individuals. The funded projects encompass infrastructure improvements like roads, bridges, water and sewer systems, and parks.

Fort Bend County carefully considers several factors when selecting projects for funding. In addition to the percentage of LMI residents, they also take into account community needs, project costs, funding availability, environmental impact, and the project's influence on the local economy.

By thoroughly considering these factors, Fort Bend County ensures that CDBG Program funds are allocated to projects that will have a significant positive impact on the lives of LMI residents.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Fort Bend County Service Area	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Fort Bend County does not allocate investments geographically. The CDBG Program requires that infrastructure improvement activities have a service area that is at least 51% low- and moderate-income, according to HUD data. All the FY 2024 CDBG public improvement projects: Arcola, Kendleton, Orchard, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg and Riverwood are located in low- and moderate-income areas according to HUD.

All the County's public service and housing activities are Countywide and provide assistance to low-income clients within the County's service area.

### Discussion

During FY 2024, Fort Bend County will provide CDBG assistance to six cities and one MUD for water/sewer projects. The County also will provide CDBG assistance to eight public service programs. The County's public service and housing programs target low- and moderate-income persons throughout the county.

# Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

Fort Bend County addresses the need for affordable housing in Decent Housing Objective 1: Provide assistance to increase the availability of standard quality housing to extremely low income, low income and moderate income households; Decent Housing Objective 2: Provide housing rehabilitation to owner-occupied and renter-occupied households; Decent Housing Objective 3: Provide a Continuum of Care to potential homeless and homeless persons; and Decent Housing Objective 4: Provide housing assistance to special needs persons and families.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	10
Non-Homeless	8
Special-Needs	0
Total	18

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	10
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	18

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

### Discussion

Table 9: The total in Table 9 includes the 10 households provided Rapid Rehousing rental assistance during FY 2024 and the eight (8) non-homeless households that are expected to be provided assistance through the County's Housing Rehabilitation Program or through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) FY 2016 Housing Assistance Program (HAP). The number of special needs persons is zero since any special needs persons provided assistance would be rental assistance or housing rehabilitation clients. Table 10: The total in table 10 includes the eight (8) homeowners provided assistance through the County Housing Rehabilitation Program or the GLO and the ten (10) households provided ESG Rapid ReHousing and/or Homelessness Prevention assistance.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Fort Bend County does not have a public housing authority. The City of Rosenberg has a small housing authority that does not own any public housing units.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing.**

Fort Bend County does not have a public housing authority. The City of Rosenberg has a small housing authority that does not own any public housing units.

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

Fort Bend County does not have a public housing authority. The City of Rosenberg has a small housing authority that does not own any public housing units.

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

Not applicable.

### **Discussion**

Fort Bend County does not have a public housing authority. The City of Rosenberg has a small housing authority that does not own any public housing units.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

During FY 2024, Fort Bend County will use both CDBG, ESG, CDBG-CV, and ESG-CV Program funds to address homeless and other special needs activities. The County's homeless goals and objectives are listed under Decent Housing Objective 3: Provide a Continuum of Care (CoC) to potential homeless and homeless persons and the Special Needs Housing goals and objectives are listed under Decent Housing Objective 4: Provide housing assistance to special needs persons and families. There are six (6) goals under Objective 3 and three (3) goals under Objective 4.

### **One-Year Goals for Reducing and Ending Homelessness:**

- The County will fund emergency shelters the FBC Women's Center and Parks Youth Ranch to provide shelter, services, and case management to homeless individuals and families.
- Rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention activities will be supported using ESG funds to quickly re-house those experiencing homelessness.
- ESG-CV funds will continue to support expanded shelter resources, rental assistance, and homeless services to respond to needs related to the pandemic.
- The County will participate in the CoC Coordinated Access system to connect homeless persons to resources.
- CDBG-CV funds will provide rental assistance to households behind on rent and facing eviction.

### **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.**

During FY 2024, Fort Bend County will address several homeless and other special needs goals. The County will address emergency shelter housing needs by providing CDBG and ESG assistance. The County will continue to provide homeless prevention and rapid rehousing with previous year's ESG Program funds through Fort Bend County Social Services. In addition, the County will continue to administer the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Programs. The CDBG-CV Program is providing six months of rental assistance to persons and households behind in their rent and facing eviction. The ESG-CV Program funds are being used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus. The ESG-CV funds were awarded to the FBCWC, the Parks Youth Ranch and Texas Mental Health shelters for provide increased services to homeless persons and households and persons at risk of becoming homeless during the pandemic. The FBC Social Services Department will administer some of the ESG-CV Program funds. During FY 2024, Fort Bend County will continue to participate in CoC Coordinated Access Process during FY 2024.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.**

The County will address emergency shelter housing needs by providing FY 2024 CDBG and ESG assistance for operating and services. These projects address goals DH 3.3 and DH 3.4. The ESG-CV Program funds were awarded to the FBCWC, the Parks Youth Ranch and Texana Mental Health shelters for provide

increased services to homeless persons and households and persons at risk of becoming homeless during the pandemic. The administration of ESG-CV Program funds will continue during FY 2024.

**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.**

The County will fund homeless prevention and rapid rehousing with ESG Program funds. These project activities address goals DH 3.2, DH 3.6 and DH 4.2. The County will continue to work with the Continuum of Care (CoC) to develop a coordinated access system to provide assistance in the Fort Bend County service area. The CDBG-CV Program funds are being used to provide up to six months of rental assistance to persons and households behind in their rent and facing eviction.

**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.**

During FY 2024, the County will fund homeless prevention and rapid rehousing with ESG Program funds. These funds are for shelters for provide increased services to homeless persons and households and persons at risk of becoming homeless. The County is working with the Continuum of Care to implement the coordinated access system in the Fort Bend County Service area. Part of this system is an updated and Continuum-wide discharge policy that addresses the needs of persons discharged from publicly funded institutions and providing training to local non-profits.

### **Discussion**

During FY 2024, Fort Bend County will fund several public service programs that address limited clientele, presumed benefit activities for persons with special needs. All these public service projects provide assistance to vulnerable special needs populations to prevent these low-income persons and their families from becoming homeless.

## AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

### Introduction

In its FY 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, the County identified the major barrier to the development of affordable housing as the high cost of developable land with adequate water and sanitary sewer services. The County encourages local communities with existing water and sanitary sewer services to participate in affordable housing programs. There are several areas in the County without public water and sewer systems or with no or inadequate private water and sewer service. In addition, the County has encountered difficulty in finding safe and affordable rental housing units for the Rapid ReHousing, Homelessness Prevention and CoC project clients. Many landlords do not want clients with government rent assistance. Landlords and property managers have implemented application fees and minimum income requirements that many low-income clients cannot meet. As a result, low-income clients can be denied housing. Application and/or other fees are not eligible federal program costs.

The County is working to address these barriers to affordable housing by:

- Working with local communities to develop affordable housing plans
- Providing financial assistance to developers of affordable housing
- Working with landlords and property managers to remove barriers to renting to low-income clients

The County is committed to ensuring that all residents have access to safe and affordable housing.

### **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.**

Infrastructure projects the County will assist during FY 2024 are water and sewer projects. The flooding disasters of 2015, 2016 and 2017 have severely impacted the supply of affordable housing in the Houston Metropolitan Area. There is a critical shortage of affordable rental and homeowner properties in Fort Bend County. As stated in the introduction, the County has encountered difficulty in finding safe and affordable rental housing units for the Rapid ReHousing, Homelessness Prevention and CoC project clients. Many landlords do not want clients with government rent assistance. This has led to application fees and minimum income requirements that many low-income clients cannot meet. These fees are not eligible federal program costs. This problem and/or barrier has now expanded to include persons and families displaced by the flooding disaster of 2015, 2016, and 2017. Unfortunately, the State of Texas allows landlords to deny housing to persons and families with government assistance. As a result, the providers of government housing assistance have to expend a great deal of staff time in cultivating relationships with landlords in the hopes of accessing rental housing in good condition for recipients of government housing assistance of any kind. Currently, it takes more than 60 days to find rental housing

for clients with government assistance.

Fort Bend County is using American Rescue Act program funds to fund the construction of new water treatment plants for the City of Beasley, the City of Kendleton and the Village of Pleak. The County will use CDBG Program funds to improve existing water lines in Beasley and to construct new water lines in the Village of Pleak.

### **Discussion**

Texas county government structure is expressly listed in the Texas Constitution, which makes counties functional agents of the state. Counties are limited in their actions to areas of responsibility specifically spelled out in laws passed by the Legislature. Texas counties have no land use controls, zoning, or building codes in the unincorporated areas. The County has some subdivision control. Unfortunately, tax policies affecting land are limited, also. There are independent taxing districts that administer services in the unincorporated area of the County including MUDs, levee districts, and emergency services districts. These districts have their own board of directors and are not part of County government. One of the other major barriers to affordable housing especially in the unincorporated areas of the County are contracts for deed used for the purchase of land and housing. These contracts are legal with conditions within the State of Texas; however, they do not convey ownership until the last payment is made. As a result, the residents of these properties are not eligible for HUD Program housing assistance. Unfortunately, many low- and moderate-income persons are paying on property, homes and/or mobile homes that they do not legally own through contracts for deed.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

During FY 2024, Fort Bend County will undertake several actions to implement goals and objectives of the five year Consolidated Plan. These actions are discussed below.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.**

The CDBG regulation requires that program funds spent on public services be restricted to new services or quantifiable increases in services above the levels previously funded. During the County's evaluation process, funds are not awarded to public service activities if they do not increase the level of service or maintain the level of service previously funded with federal funds for County residents. The implementation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs requires consultation with the Continuum of Care (CoC) in the determination of how to allocate ESG funds for eligible activities, updating written guidelines and performance standards for activities funded under ESG, and updating funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of the HMIS. Discussions with representatives of the Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris/Fort Bend/Montgomery Counties resulted in the targeting of specific groups for Rapid Re-housing assistance. These groups include victims of domestic violence, persons who may be eligible for SSI/SSDI and families with children. In the past, the Harris County representative stated that the Harris County Judge wanted persons being released from jail and/or prison to be targeted for the Rapid Re-Housing assistance program as well. Fort Bend County's underserved persons include youth aging out of foster care, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and families with children.

For FY 2024 the CoC is emphasizing families with children, homeless youth and the chronically homeless including ex-offenders. Fort Bend County is emphasizing families with children involved in the criminal justice and/or foster care system, families with a member with a mental illness or other disabilities. The County has only two emergency shelters the Fort Bend County Women's Center and the Parks Youth Ranch. The FBC Women's Center provides assistance to victims of domestic abuse and the Parks Youth Ranch provides assistance to unaccompanied youth. These two shelter populations represent the majority of underserved populations that the County will serve with ESG assistance during FY 2024. During FY 2024, Fort Bend County is allocating a large portion of the CDBG Program allocation to water and sewer improvements in five communities. Most of these projects are multi-year projects to provide water and sewer service improvements to older underserved communities.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.**

Texas counties do not have any land-use powers, as a result, Fort Bend County is limited to educating the public about the need to foster and maintain affordable housing and directing fair housing complaints to HUD field offices. The County will encourage local governments, social service providers, neighborhood groups, and developers interested in affordable housing to continue to work together. The County will continue to provide these groups with technical assistance in the preparation of proposals and

applications for HOME Program funds and other sources of housing funds. One of the overall goals of the community planning and development programs covered by the consolidated plan are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing. The County's priority under this goal is increasing the supply of affordable housing to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households. The first objective under this priority is to provide assistance to increase the availability of standard quality housing to extremely low-income, very low-income, and low-income families.

Accordingly, the County's five-year objectives include providing down payment and closing costs assistance, rental assistance, and assisting neighborhood groups to become CHDOs. The second objective under this priority is to provide housing rehabilitation to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income owner-occupied households. The County's five-year objectives include providing owner-occupied rehabilitation assistance, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation housing repairs, water and sewer connections, and demolition and reconstruction assistance. The County will use HOME Program funds for the County's Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program will address goals DH 2.1 and DH 4.3. The County has established an interagency committee to address homeless and affordable housing issues. This committee is in the process of developing priorities.

#### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.**

In this section, the jurisdiction must describe the actions it plans to take during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families. During FY 2024, the County will continue to comply with HUD's lead-based paint regulation and keep abreast of any changes proposed regarding lead-based paint. The County will continue to contract with a certified contractor to perform lead assessments on properties built before 1978 that may contain lead-based paint for the County's Housing Rehabilitation Program. The County also will conduct lead based paint inspections of properties provided assistance through the CoC and ESG Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention program activities. In addition, the County will continue to provide educational material regarding lead-based paint hazards and to use CDBG, HOME and ESG Program funds to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in homes and facilities.

#### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.**

In this section the jurisdiction must describe the actions it plans to take during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually), taking into consideration factors over which the jurisdiction has control. Fort Bend County has very little control over the factors that affect the number of poverty level families within its jurisdiction. The County is a rapidly growing community and, as a result, the number of poverty-level families is increasing as the overall population of the County continues to grow. The COVID pandemic has created serious economic problems for many low-income persons in the County. During FY 2024, the County may use the ESG Homeless Prevention to provide assistance to households with income below 30% of MFI. In addition, the County will encourage existing networks of social service providers to expand their efforts

to coordinate referrals and services to address the needs of poverty-level families.

The County also will encourage local social service providers, like Catholic Charities, to establish and expand case management systems for poverty-level families.

**Actions planned to develop institutional structure.**

During FY 2024, the County will continue to work with the service providers implementing the ESG Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention assistance to increase their capacity to provide services to program participants. In addition, the County also will work with Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County to continue to implement the centralized and/or coordinated assessment system required by the ESG Program regulation and improve participation in the HMIS by County service providers. During FY 2024, Fort Bend County also will continue to administer CDBG-DR program funds related to the flooding disasters of 2016 and 2017. Many of the local non-profits are providing services to victims of flooding and are realizing the need for providing housing assistance to the households that sustained damage to their housing. The County is and will continue to provide information to these groups regarding the availability of CDBG-DR assistance for their clients. The County will work with the Coalition for the Homeless and the CoC to build the capacity of local non-profits that provide services to the homeless and low-income persons at risk of becoming homeless. Specifically, the County will continue to work with Carrie Rai, the Director of Strategic Planning for the Coalition for the Homeless to provide training to increase the capacity of local homeless organizations regarding non-profit financial management, permanent supportive housing (PSH) and HMIS participation.

The County has established an interagency committee to address homeless and affordable housing issues. This committee is in the process of developing priorities.

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

The staff of the Fort Bend County Community Development Department will continue to work with other County departments, local governments, non-profits, neighborhood groups, and interested individuals to improve communication and coordination among groups. The department also maintains a mailing list of individuals and organizations interested in various housing and community development issues. The department will continue to provide information to interested individuals and organizations, and to work with groups with similar interests in the development of projects.

The Community Development Department staff participates in the Fort Bend Connect, a network of service organizations that meet to share information and resources that benefit the citizens of Fort Bend County. The alliance is a United Way network of educational, religious, governmental law enforcement, and human service organizations throughout the County. The Community Development Department Director continues to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Bend County Housing Finance Corporation. The Fort Bend County Social Services Director serves on the Houston Area

Emergency Shelter and Food Program ESFP) Coordinating Board and the Coalition for the Homeless Coordinating Council. During FY 2024, the County will continue to work with Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County to implement the centralized and/or coordinated assessment system required by the ESG Program regulation and improve participation in the HMIS by County service providers. The implementation of the coordinated system will require increased coordination between local governments, the Coalition and eventually all homeless service providers.

### **Discussion**

Fort Bend County continues to take several actions to implement the goals and objectives listed in the five year Consolidated Action Plan. The population of the County continues to increase rapidly. This makes progress difficult to measure since the needs and the demand for services continues to increase. The flooding disasters of 2016 and 2017 caused many of the local non-profits that are providing social services to the victims of flooding to realize the need for providing housing assistance to the households that sustained damage to their housing. The County will continue to provide information to these groups regarding training and funding opportunities. During FY 2020, the COVID pandemic made the delivery of services difficult especially to vulnerable populations. Local service providers changed and adapted the delivery of services to provide some assistance to their clients during the increased isolation caused by the pandemic. During FY 2024, service providers will increase services to their clients as the pandemic continues.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

During FY 2024, Fort Bend County received \$4,863,716 from HUD. CDBG Program funds are the largest part of this funding \$3,581,470.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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.	100.00%

## **HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**

### **Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:  
The County will not use any other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.
2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:  
The County will fund down payment assistance or homebuyer activities with HOME Program funds for FY 2024.
3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:  
The County will fund the new construction of housing. This activity will include homebuyer activities with HOME Program funds for FY 2024. The resale/recapture guidelines are included the attachments.
4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:  
The County will not fund any multifamily housing with HOME Program funds during FY 2024.

## **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

### **Reference 91.220(I)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)  
The ESG written standards are included as Appendix D. The written guidelines, standards and outcomes were developed in cooperation with the Coalition for the Homeless, Harris County, the City of Houston, and the City of Pasadena.
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.  
The Continuum of Care is in the process of expanding the coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements. The current coordinated access system includes a standardized intake/application form on the HMIS system. The Continuum is in the process of reviewing the HMIS data entered by subrecipients and increasing the accuracy of this data. The Continuum also is continuing the process of expanding this system from CoC and ESG subrecipients to all subrecipients of federal, state, and local assistance. In the future, every homeless service and shelter provider will have access to this system.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The development of the FY 2024 Fort Bend County Annual Action Plan began in February of 2024. On March 1, 2024, a public notice regarding the availability of the FY 2024 RFPs and the dates of the public meetings were published in a local newspaper. The FY 2024 CDBG, ESG and HOME Request for Proposals (RFPs) were emailed and mailed out on March 1, 2024.

The County maintains a mailing list of individuals and organizations interested in various housing and community development issues. These individuals, organizations, and local governments are emailed or mailed the requests for proposals (RFPs) they requested. In addition, the department emails and mails out notices of meetings, workshops, and conferences that provide information and training on various issues.

Public meetings were held on February 21, March 26, and June 21, 2024 for the public, local governments, and non-profits interested. A public hearing was held on March 2024 at Fort Bend County Commissioners Court.

The deadline for the submission of RFPs was 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024. The County received twenty-four (24) proposals from organizations totaling \$10,955,627.68.

The ESG Program proposals were evaluated by Fort Bend County Community Development Department staff using a standardized evaluation sheet. The evaluation sheets were totaled and all the sheet totals were averaged. The proposals were ranked in descending order, from the highest average score to the lowest. The highest ranked proposals were fully funded if possible given ESG Statutory maximums and the provision of the required match.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The funding decision regarding ESG projects is made by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court, the elected governing body of the County. Fort Bend County requires that every applicant for ESG complete a Homeless Participation Plan Form. This form certifies that at least one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual serves on the subrecipient's board of directors, and/or that at least one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual participates in the subrecipient's formal review process and/or grievance process in terminating assistance for a program participant. (See 24 CFR 576.402(2)).

Fort Bend County has a Homeless Participation Form that must be submitted by ESG Subrecipients as part of their application packet. The County also has an appeal process for the funding of ESG projects.

This includes the review of any disputed ESG Program allocation by a reviewer who is homeless or was previously homeless and does not have a conflict of interest with the activity or project under review.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The ESG written performance standards are included as Appendix D. The written guidelines, standards and outcomes were developed and are updated in cooperation with the Coalition for the Homeless, Harris County, the City of Houston, the City of Pasadena and Fort Bend County. During FY 2024, the County will continue to fund Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention, and Housing Stabilization Services with previous year's ESG Program funds.

The need for assistance by homeless persons and persons at risk of homeless is increasing. The pandemic increased the demand for homelessness prevention due to the loss of income and COVID illnesses and death. In addition, the cost of both rental and owner housing has increased. Fort Bend non-profits and local governments are struggling to provide assistance.

## Appendices:

- A: SF424s and Certifications
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**APPENDIX A: SF424s**

### Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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5b. Federal Award Identifier:

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

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Carol

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

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Title:

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**\* 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

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grant

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

\* Title:

**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:**

Fort Bend County PY2024 Community Development Block Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant **TX-22**

\* b. Program/Project **[Redacted]**

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

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date: **09/01/2024**

\* b. End Date: **08/31/2025**

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<b>3,581,470.00</b>
* b. Applicant	<b>[Redacted]</b>
* c. State	<b>[Redacted]</b>
* d. Local	<b>[Redacted]</b>
* e. Other	<b>[Redacted]</b>
* f. Program Income	<b>[Redacted]</b>
* g. TOTAL	<b>3,581,470.00</b>

**\* 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:  \* First Name:   
Middle Name:   
\* Last Name:   
Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:

\* Date Signed:

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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).
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**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

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TX489157

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

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\* a. Legal Name:

Fort Bend County

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

\* c. UEI:

MJG8N8EPN2L3

**d. Address:**

\* Street1:

301 Jackson Street, Suite 602

Street2:

\* City:

Richmond

County/Parish:

Fort Bend County

\* State:

Texas

Province:

\* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code:

77469-3108

**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name:

Community Development

Division Name:

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

Prefix:

Ms.

\* First Name:

Carol

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Borrego

Suffix:

Title:

Community Development Department Director

Organizational Affiliation:

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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.

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## ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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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 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 cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. 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.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for 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).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. 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 statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. 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 or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with 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.

9. 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.
10. Will comply, if applicable, 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.
11. 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).
12. 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.
13. 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.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. 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.
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## 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.

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## 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 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) 2024 [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.

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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.

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**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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## **Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications**

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

**Essential Services and Operating Costs** – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

**Renovation** – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

**Supportive Services** – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

**Matching Funds** – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

**Confidentiality** – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

**Homeless Persons Involvement** – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

**Consolidated Plan** – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Discharge Policy** – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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## Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

**Activities** -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

**Building** -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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## **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.

## **APPENDIX B: Public Notices**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**FY 2024 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DRAFT**

To build and strengthen new partnerships with State and local governments and the private sector, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a single consolidated submission for the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

The overall goals of the community development and planning programs covered by the Consolidated Plan are to strengthen partnerships with jurisdictions and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, to enable them:

- to provide decent housing;
- to establish and maintain a suitable living environment; and
- to expand economic opportunities for every American, particularly for very low-income and low-income persons.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to require the County to state in one document its plan to pursue these goals for all the community planning and development programs, as well as for housing programs. The FY 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan serves the following functions:

1. A planning document for the jurisdiction, which builds on a participatory process at the lowest levels;
2. An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs;
3. A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and,
4. An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance.

The Consolidated Plan Final Rule requires that local government jurisdictions submit to HUD the five-year Consolidated Plans containing a housing and homeless needs assessment, a housing market analysis, a strategic plan, an action plan, and the required HUD certifications. The FY 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan includes Fort Bend County's revised housing and homeless needs assessment and housing market analysis. The strategic plan sets forth program goals and specific objectives in a manner that helps local governments and citizens keep track of programmatic results.

The FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan includes the proposed projects to be funded from FY2024, September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. These projects are listed below by program funding source. The amount of funds expected to be available in FY2024 is based upon funds allocated to Fort Bend County by HUD in FY2023. Actual funding amounts for FY2024 have not been released therefore, Fort Bend County may be required to reduce, increase or de-obligate funding to the recommended project allocations should the actual allocation change from the FY2023 amounts.

**AMOUNT OF FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE DURING FY2024**

CDBG	\$3,482,784
CDBG Public Infrastructure	\$1,963,784
CDBG Public Service	\$410,000
CDBG Administration (Fort Bend County)	\$650,000
HOME	\$1,134,775
HOME CHDO Set-Aside	\$170,217
HOME Administration (Fort Bend County)	\$113,477
ESG (Shelter Operations)	\$175,215
ESG (HP/RR)	\$80,000
ESG Administration (Fort Bend County)	\$21,903
<b>Total funds (estimates from FY2023)</b>	<b>\$4,792,774</b>

**2024 PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</b>
<b>CDBG</b>		
Countywide	CDBG Program Administration and Planning (20% max)	\$650,000.00
Countywide	Section 108 Repayment: City of Arcola	\$309,000.00
Countywide	Housing Rehabilitation Program Direct Costs	\$150,000.00
Countywide	Fort Bend County Public Facilities/Infrastructure Projects	\$1,963,784.00
Countywide	Fort Bend County Public Service Projects	\$410,000.00
Countywide	Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$150,000.00
<b>ESG</b>		
Countywide	ESG Program Administration (7.5% max)	\$21,903.00
Countywide	Fort Bend County Homeless Services Assistance Program	\$255,215.00
<b>HOME</b>		
Countywide	HOME Program Administration (10% max)	\$113,477.00
Countywide	Fort Bend County Single Family Acquisition and New Construction Program	\$240,000.00
Countywide	Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$611,081.00

The Fort Bend County FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Draft will be available for a 30-day public review and comment from **Monday, May 20, 2024, to Friday, June 21, 2024**. The public is encouraged to review this document and submit comments. Copies of the Consolidated Annual Action Plan are available from the Fort Bend Community Development Department, 301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469. Please call the department at (281) 341-4410 or email comments to [communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytexas.gov).

A public meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson St., 6th Floor Meeting Room, Richmond, Texas to receive comments from the public regarding the draft FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan. The public is encouraged to attend and to submit comments to Janeen Spates, Community Development Assistant Director, at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department,

301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469 in person or by email at [communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytexas.gov). Comments will be incorporated into the Consolidated Annual Action Plan draft document, as appropriate.

Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services may contact the department at (281) 341-4410 regarding reasonable accommodations for the meeting. This venue is accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Spanish language translators are available at the meeting for persons with Limited English Proficiency. Persons requiring other language translators must contact the department at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (281) 341-4410, to request translation services for the meeting.

**CONDADO DE FORT BEND  
DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO DE LA COMUNIDAD  
PLAN DE ACCION ANUAL DE 2024  
AVISO PÚBLICO**

En conformidad con el Departamento de Desarrollo Urbano de Viviendas (HUD), el Condado de Fort Bend esta preparando un Plan de Acción Anual para el año fiscal 2024, 1 de Septiembre hasta el 31 de Agosto 2024. Este plan requiere una sumisión singular consolidado para planear y aplicar a los fondos federales Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs y Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

El Plan de Acción para el año fiscal 2024 incluye los proyectos recomendados para financiación entre FY 2024, 1 de Septiembre 2024 hasta 31 de Agosto 2025. Los proyectos están listados por programa y cantidad de fondos federales recomendados. El Condado no ha recibido la cantidad de fondos para 2024. El Condado puede reducir, aumentar o omitir fondos a proyectos si la ración de fondos cambia de FY 2023.

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El plan está disponible para enviar comentarios el Lunes, 20 de Mayo hasta el Viernes, 21 de Junio 2024. Copias están disponible en el Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Condado de Fort Bend, 301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469.

Habrà una audiencia pública para recibir comentarios del público sobre las necesidades de la comunidad, las prioridades, y los proyectos recomendados en el Plan de Acción Anual de 2024, el Jueves, 20 Junio 2024, a las 2 de la tarde, en el edificio William B. Travis, 301 Jackson St., 6th Floor Meeting Room, Richmond, Texas. Pueden poner en contacto con la oficina al número 281-341-4410 o email comentarios a [communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

Se invita al público asistir y enviar comentarios a Janeen Spates, Directora Ayudanta del Desarrollo de la Comunidad, 301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469. Todos los comentarios apropiados que son recibidos pueden ser incorporados en el plan final.

Si usted tiene una incapacidad o es una persona que no habla inglés y necesita acomodaciones (incluyendo un traductor de idiomas) para participar en estas audiencias públicas, por favor pónganse en contacto con la oficina al número 281-341-4410 por lo mínimo 48 horas antes de la audiencia. Las audiencias estarán en edificios accesibles para personas con incapacidades físicas.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**FYs 2019, 2020, and 2023 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS**

Fort Bend County proposes to amend its approved FYs 2019, 2020, and 2023 Consolidated Action Plans. The Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR 91.505 state that a jurisdiction shall amend its approved plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions:

- (1) To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- (2) To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan; or
- (3) To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

In addition, Fort Bend County has identified in its citizen participation plan the criteria it uses for determining what constitutes substantial amendments that are subject to a citizen participation process, in accordance with the County's citizen participation plan. The definitions and/or criteria for what constitutes a substantial change for amending the consolidated plan are as follows:

- (1) Purpose: The purpose is substantially changed if the overall purpose for which a project is funded changes. Changing a specific objective without changing the overall purpose of the project will not be considered a substantial change.
- (2) Scope: The scope is substantially changed if the original estimated cost of the project is increased by twenty percent or more.
- (3) Location: The location is substantially changed if the service area of a project changes from the original service area.
- (4) Beneficiaries: The beneficiaries are substantially changed if there is a change in type or the number is increased by twenty percent or more.

The Fort Bend County FYs 2019, 2020, and 2023 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Amendments are available for public review and comment. The public is encouraged to submit written comments by Thursday, June 13, 2024 to Carol Borrego, Community Development Director, 301 Jackson, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469. Comments will be incorporated into the Consolidated Action Plan Amendments, as appropriate.

**FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**FYs 2019, 2020, and 2023 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

Funds are available to be reprogrammed from:

FY 2019	2/826: Arcola WTP Phase 2	\$351,340.91
FY 2019	3/827: Beasley Sewer Improvements, Phase 2	\$240,582.00
FY 2019	4/828: Kendleton Sewer Improvements	\$46,607.00
FY 2019	5/829: Orchard Storage Tank	\$33,532.00
FY 2019	8/830: Richmond Drainage/Sidewalk Improvements	\$108,994.50
FY 2019	9/832: Arc Adult Social And Recreation Program	\$20,283.45
FY 2019	10/83: Catholic Charities Integrated Case Management	\$684.48
FY 2019	14/838: Literacy Council Literacy Tutoring	\$8,061.54
	<b>Subtotal To Be Reprogrammed:</b>	<b>\$810,085.88</b>
FY 2020	2/863: CDBG Administration	\$505.00
FY 2020	4/865: Beasley Sewer Improvements	\$370,400.00
FY 2020	9/870: Precinct 2 Bowen Street Water/Sewer Improvements	\$153,045.00
FY 2020	10/871: Arc Adult Social And Recreation Program	\$20,366.24
FY 2020	12/874: Catholic Charities Integrated Case Management	\$5,477.95
FY 2020	16/877: Literacy Council Literacy Tutoring	\$26,372.69
FY 2020	Unprogrammed	\$1,000.00
	<b>Subtotal To Be Reprogrammed:</b>	<b>\$577,166.88</b>
FY 2023	4/947: Rosenberg: Blume Road Water Improvements	\$700,000.00
FY 2023	5/946: Richmond Water Improvements	\$300,000.00
FY 2023	6/943: FBC MUD No. 19 Sewer Improvements	\$300,000.00
FY 2023	7/945: Pleak Water Improvements	\$267,284.00
FY 2023	8/941: Beasley Sewer Improvements, Phase 2	\$96,500.00
FY 2023	9/944: Orchard Water Improvements	\$200,000.00
FY 2023	10/942: Kendleton Storage Tanks Rehabilitation	\$100,000.00
	<b>Subtotal To Be Reprogrammed:</b>	<b>\$1,963,784.00</b>
<b>Total Available To Be Reprogrammed</b>		<b>\$3,351,036.76</b>
Projects to be funded are:		
FY 2019	Section 108 Loan Guarantee: Planned and Unplanned Repayments, Payments of Costs and Interest	\$810,085.88
FY 2020	Section 108 Loan Guarantee: Planned and Unplanned Repayments, Payments of Costs and Interest	\$577,166.88
FY 2023	Section 108 Loan Guarantee: Planned and Unplanned Repayments, Payments of Costs and Interest	\$1,963,784.00
<b>Total Reprogrammed Amount</b>		<b>\$3,351,036.76</b>

## **APPENDIX C: Public Comments**

**APPENDIX D: IDIS Reports**

**APPENDIX E: Funding Allocation Manager**

FBC Program Year 2024 Allocation Manager		CDBG					HOME					ESG				Total	
		3,581,470.00					976,146.37					306,100.00				4,863,716.37	
<i>Revised 06.17.2024</i>		CDBG					HOME					ESG					
#	Project Name	General	Public Services (15% max)	Admin (20% max)	Program Income	Prior Year Funds	General	CHDO (15% min)	Admin (10% max)	Program Income	Prior Year Funds	Shelter (60% max) (\$183,660)	HP/RR (40% min)(\$122,440)	Admin (7.5% max)	Prior Year Funds	Total Allocated	
		Pct.	2,327,955.90	537,220.10	716,294.00	-	731,080.00	146,421.96	97,614.64		-	175,215.00	80,000.00	22,957.50		4,834,759.09	
1.00	<b>Fort Bend County Public Facilities and Infrastructure Program</b>	CW	1,963,784.00													1,963,784.00	
1a	City of Richmond: Phase XIV - North Richmond Waterline Replacement		300,000.00													300,000.00	
1b	City of Rosenberg: Blume Road Service Area - Waterline Improvements Phase 1		700,000.00													700,000.00	
1c	FBC MUD NO.19: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation-Riverwood Village Sections 1 & 3		300,000.00													300,000.00	
1d	City of Orchard: Extension of 8-inch Waterline		200,000.00													200,000.00	
1e	City of Beasley: Locate, replace and add new cut-off valves		96,500.00													96,500.00	
1f	Village of Pleak: Water Line Improvements		267,284.00													267,284.00	
1g	City of Kendleton: Elevated Storage Tank Facility Rehab		100,000.00													100,000.00	
2.00	<b>Fort Bend County CDBG Housing Rehab Direct Costs</b>	CW	150,000.00													150,000.00	
3.00	<b>CDBG Administration</b>				716,294.00												
4.00	<b>Fort Bend County Public Service Program</b>	CW		472,000.00												472,000.00	
4a	Brazos Bend Guardianship: Corporate Guardianship			66,000.00												66,000.00	
4b	Catholic Charities: MGCC: Integrated Case Mgmt-Senior Services(\$62,000)/Wraparound Svc (\$24,000)			86,000.00												86,000.00	
4c	FBC Child Advocates: FBC Children's Advocacy Center			83,000.00												83,000.00	
4d	FBCWC: Shelter Services Project			67,000.00												67,000.00	
4e	Literacy Volunteers: Adult Literacy Education			60,000.00												60,000.00	
4f	Senior Citizens: More Than a Meal			70,000.00												70,000.00	
4g	The Arc Adult Social Program			40,000.00												40,000.00	
5.00	<b>Unprogrammed Funds</b>		214,171.00													214,171.00	
7.00	<b>Fort Bend County ESG Homeless Programs</b>	CW										175,215.00	80,000.00	22,957.50		278,172.50	
7a	FBCWC: Shelter Services Project (SO)	CW										107,700.00				107,700.00	
7b	Parks Youth Ranch, Inc.: Emergency Shelter Operations (SO)	CW										67,515.00				67,515.00	
7c	The Salvation Army-Houston: Fort Bend Homelessness Prevention (HP)	CW											80,000.00			80,000.00	
7d	<b>ESG Administration</b>	CW												22,957.50		22,957.50	
8.00	<b>Fort Bend County HOME Single-Family Housing Assistance Program</b>	CW					731,080.00	146,421.96								877,501.96	
8a	Fort Bend County Housing Rehab Program	CW					491,080.00									491,080.00	
8b	HAUCDC:New Construction Clay Development Part 2	CW					240,000.00									240,000.00	
8c	CHDO Set-aside	CW						146,421.96								146,421.96	
8d	<b>HOME Administration</b>	CW							97,614.64							97,614.64	
	<b>Total 2024 Funding Allocation</b>		2,327,955.00	472,000.00	716,294.00	-	-	731,080.00	146,421.96	97,614.64	-	-	175,215.00	80,000.00	22,957.50	-	4,769,538.10
		CDBG					HOME					ESG					