



Housing and Community Affairs Committee

March 23, 2021



CITY OF HOUSTON * HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Agenda

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Planning and Grants Management
- III. Finance
- IV. Public Services
- V. Public Facilities
- VI. Director's Comments
- VII. Public Comments

II. PLANNING & GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Tom McCasland, Director
Derek Sellers, Deputy Director



2021 Annual Action Plan

Tom McCasland
Director



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2021 Annual Entitlement Allocations

Total:
\$48,245,978*

CDBG

Community
Development
Block Grant

\$24,822,902*

HOME

HOME Investment
Partnerships Grant

\$10,432,721*

HOPWA

Housing Opportunities
for Persons with AIDS

\$10,884,807

ESG

Emergency
Solutions Grant

\$2,105,548

*Amount includes estimated Program Income (CDBG - \$157,395 and HOME - \$126,543)

Federal Entitlement Grants

CDBG Community Development Block Grant

- Housing
- Public services
- Public facilities
- Economic Development

HOME HOME Investment Partnerships Grant

- Affordable homes for:
- Renters
 - Owners

HOPWA Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

- Housing & Social services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families

ESG Emergency Solutions Grant

- Shelter and Support services for:
- Homeless persons
 - Persons at-risk of homelessness

2021 Grant Allocation

Community Development Block Grant	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Public Services	\$3,662,801	14.7%
Emergency Solutions Grant Match	\$500,000	2.0%
Public Facilities and Improvements	\$5,527,529	22.3%
Home Repair	\$5,527,530	22.3%
Homeownership Assistance	\$ 900,000	3.6%
Lead-Based Paint	\$75,000	0.3%
Economic Development	\$100,000	0.4%
Code Enforcement	\$3,065,463	12.4%
Housing Services	\$500,000	2.0%
Program Administration	\$4,964,580	20.0%
TOTAL	\$24,822,902	100.0%



2021 Grant Allocation



HOME Investment Partnership Grant	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Multifamily Home Rehabilitation and Development	\$ 5,143,532	49.3%
Single Family Housing Development	\$ 1,745,926	16.7%
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$ 2,500,000	24.0%
Administration	\$ 1,043,272	10.0%
TOTAL	\$10,432,721	100.0%



2021 Grant Allocation



Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Operating Costs	\$2,351,795	21.6%
Supportive Services	\$2,268,670	20.8%
Project or Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$2,535,172	23.3%
Short-term Rent, Mortgage, & Utility Subsidies	\$2,535,172	23.3%
Resource Identification	\$105,518	1.0%
Grantee Administration	\$326,544	3.0%
Sponsor Administration	\$761,936	7.0%
TOTAL	\$10,315,585	100.0%



2021 Grant Allocation



Emergency Solutions Grant	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Homeless Management Information System	\$84,222	4.0%
Emergency Shelter	\$757,997	36.0%
Homeless Prevention	\$536,915	25.5%
Rapid Rehousing	\$568,498	27.0%
Administration	\$157,916	7.5%
TOTAL	\$2,105,548	100.0%



2021 Grant Allocation

Estimated City Department Allocations

Dept.	Letters of Agreement Activity	Amount	Percent
HPL	Mobile Library	\$97,103	0.4%
HHD	HIV/AIDS Education	\$193,538	0.8%
HHD	Elderly Services	\$390,364	1.6%
HHD	Community Re-Entry Network	\$98,300	0.4%
HHD	Community-based Mental Health Services	\$196,600	0.8%
HHD	Chronic Disease Prevention	\$104,198	0.4%
HHD	Lead-Based Paint	\$75,000	0.3%
HPARD	Mayor's Afterschool Achievement Program	\$285,939	1.2%
HPARD	Youth Enrichment Program	\$420,938	1.7%
HPARD	Winzer Park	\$1,900,000	7.8%
DON & Legal	Code Enforcement	\$3,065,463	10.8%
DON	Mayor's Anti-Gang Office	\$255,147	1.1%
TOTAL*		\$7,082,590	19.5%



2021 Annual Action Plan

30-day public comment period for the Draft 2021 Annual Action 2021

- **Comment Period:** March 17 – April 16, 2021

- **Ways to Comment:**

Email: HCDDPlanning@Houstontx.gov

Voicemail: 832-394-5400

Mail: HCDD

Attn: Planning & Grants Management

2100 Travis St., 9th Floor

Houston, TX 77002



HCDD VIRTUAL SPRING COMMUNITY MEETING

- **HTV**
- **Facebook Live @HoustonHCDD**
- **Microsoft Teams** - Link: **bit.ly/2021SPH**
- **Call In - US (Toll): 936-755-1521**
English Participant Code: **388 122 65#**
Spanish Participant Code: **493 972 509#**

For more information, visit
www.houstontx.gov/housing/public-hearing



III. FINANCE

Tom McCasland, Director
Temika Jones, Assistant Director & CFO

III. FINANCE – Creation of New TIRZ Fund in SAP (All Districts)

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance creating a new Fund in SAP named “TIRZ Bond Affordable Homes,” to be used to administer the fiscal matters related to HCDD’s single-family affordable housing activities.

On January 6, 2021, Council adopted Ordinance 2021-0017, which approved the issuance of bonds by the Uptown Development Authority.

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tom McCasland, Director
Paula Pineda, Division Manager

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HEDP SGP (All Districts)

An Ordinance adopting a Grant Agreement for the provision of business grants via the Harvey Economic Development Program (HEDP) Small Business Grant Program (SGP) to invest \$24,823,944.00 in CDBG-DR17 funds to eligible microenterprises impacted by Hurricane Harvey, through grants for working capital, job creation, and unresolved Hurricane Harvey damage.

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HEDP SGP (All Districts)

By providing SPG grants, HCDD aims to:

1. Support the recovery and development of Houston’s microenterprises, which were disproportionately impacted by Hurricane Harvey;
2. Address disparities in access to capital;
3. Support job creation; and
4. Bolster Houston’s economy

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HEDP SGP (All Districts)

SGP grant awards have a maximum of \$100,000.00 per small business applicant. The SGP grant amount is a function of:

1. Business' commitment to job creation;
2. Business' outstanding damage from Hurricane Harvey;
3. Business' eligible working capital needs

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HEDP SGP (All Districts)

HCDD will fully administer the HEDP Small Business Grants Program, including outreach, application review, eligibility review, technical assistance to program applicants, underwriting and grant processing.

To ensure transparency and accountability, HCDD will provide Council with regular program reports on HEDP SGP performance indicators and spending.

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HEDP SGP (All Districts)

The program must be completed by August 2024, pursuant to the contract between the City of Houston and the Texas General Land Office (GLO), HUD’s direct recipient of Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR17 funds.

The HEDP SGP launches the first quarter of 2021.

V. PUBLIC SERVICES

Tom McCasland, Director
Melody Barr, Deputy Assistant Director

V.a. PUBLIC SERVICES – SEARCH House of Tiny Treasures (District I)

An Ordinance authorizing a Second Amendment to a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and SEARCH Homeless Services (SEARCH), providing up to \$132,579.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for SEARCH's Foshee Family House of Tiny Treasures, an early childhood development childcare facility for families living with HIV/AIDS.

V.a. PUBLIC SERVICES – SEARCH House of Tiny Treasures (District I)

The City will grant SEARCH up to \$132,579.00 in HOPWA funds for the administration and operations of a childcare services program with supportive services.

This program will provide developmentally appropriate childcare services to a minimum of ten (10) HOPWA-eligible households; including a minimum of sixteen (16) unduplicated children and thirty-five (35) family members.

V.a. PUBLIC SERVICES – SEARCH House of Tiny Treasures (District I)

Supportive services include case management, transportation, counseling for the caregiver, various therapy for the children, as needed, and referral services to support basic and emotional needs.

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals for HOPWA services for fiscal year 2019 with a one-year renewal option for fiscal year 2020. SEARCH was one of the providers selected.



V.a. PUBLIC SERVICES – SEARCH House of Tiny Treasures (District I)

The initial contract period was December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2019, and the First Amendment provided funding through November 30, 2020.

The contract was administratively extended through April 30, 2021. This Second Amendment provides funding through April 30, 2022.

SEARCH has received funding through the City for various contracts since 1996.

V.a. PUBLIC SERVICES – SEARCH House of Tiny Treasures (District I)

The City provides 42% of the budget for this program.

Category	Total Contract Services	Percent
Administrative	\$9,274.00	7.00%
Services	\$123,305.00	93.00%
Total	\$132,579.00	100%

As of December 2020, SEARCH has served 19 children and 22 family members, utilizing approximately 59% of funding with no findings on the annual compliance monitoring.

V.b. PUBLIC SERVICES – AIDS Foundation of Houston (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Second Amendment to a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and AIDS Foundation Houston Inc., providing up to \$1,080,238.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds to operate and maintain three separate multi-unit residential facilities with supportive services for low-income persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.

V.b. PUBLIC SERVICES – AIDS Foundation of Houston (All Districts)

The project's scope of work provides permanent housing and supportive services to a minimum of 149 unduplicated low-income households living with HIV/AIDS.

Supportive services include, but are not limited to, case management, life skills training, nutritional services, substance abuse and mental health counseling.

V.b. PUBLIC SERVICES – AIDS Foundation of Houston (All Districts)

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals for HOPWA services for fiscal year 2019 (with a one-year renewal option) for fiscal year 2020. AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. was one of the agencies selected.

The initial contract period was April 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020, and the First Amendment provided funding through March 31, 2021. This Second Amendment provides funding through April 30, 2022.



V.b. PUBLIC SERVICES – AIDS Foundation of Houston (All Districts)

AIDS Foundation Houston has received HOPWA contracts through the City since 1994.

As of December 2020, AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. utilized approximately 85% of their funding and had no findings on the annual compliance monitoring.

V.b. PUBLIC SERVICES – AIDS Foundation of Houston (All Districts)

The City provides approximately 59% of the funding for this program.

Category	Contract Amount	Percentage
Administrative	\$ 75,616.66	7.00%
Supportive Services	\$277,728.00	25.71%
Operations:	\$726,893.34	67.29%
Total	\$1,080,238.00	100.00%

Operating costs include property management, utilities, property insurance, etc.

V.b. PUBLIC SERVICES – AIDS Foundation of Houston (All Districts)

- Through February 2021, AIDS Foundation of Houston served 141 unduplicated persons living with HIV.
- AIDS Foundation of Houston surpassed their goal of housing 134 people.

VI. PUBLIC FACILITIES

Tom McCasland, Director
Ana Martinez, Deputy Assistant Director

VI. PUBLIC FACILITIES – Mercato, Inc. (Districts: A, B, C, D, F, H, I, J and K)

An Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston (City) and Mercato, Inc. to provide \$72,000.00 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, for a one-year pilot program that will subsidize subscription fees for an online grocery delivery service serving up to 1,000 residents in low- income areas and in the Complete Communities.

VI. PUBLIC FACILITIES – Mercato, Inc. (Districts: A, B, C, D, F, H, I, J and K)

Mercato, Inc. will provide an online platform to provide individuals with access to fresh produce and groceries by connecting independently owned and specialty grocery stores to individuals in food desert areas.

Mercato will work with leading courier networks to provide grocery delivery to residents within a 5-mile radius of local and independently-owned grocery stores.

VI. PUBLIC FACILITIES – Mercato, Inc. (Districts: A, B, C, D, F, H, I, J and K)

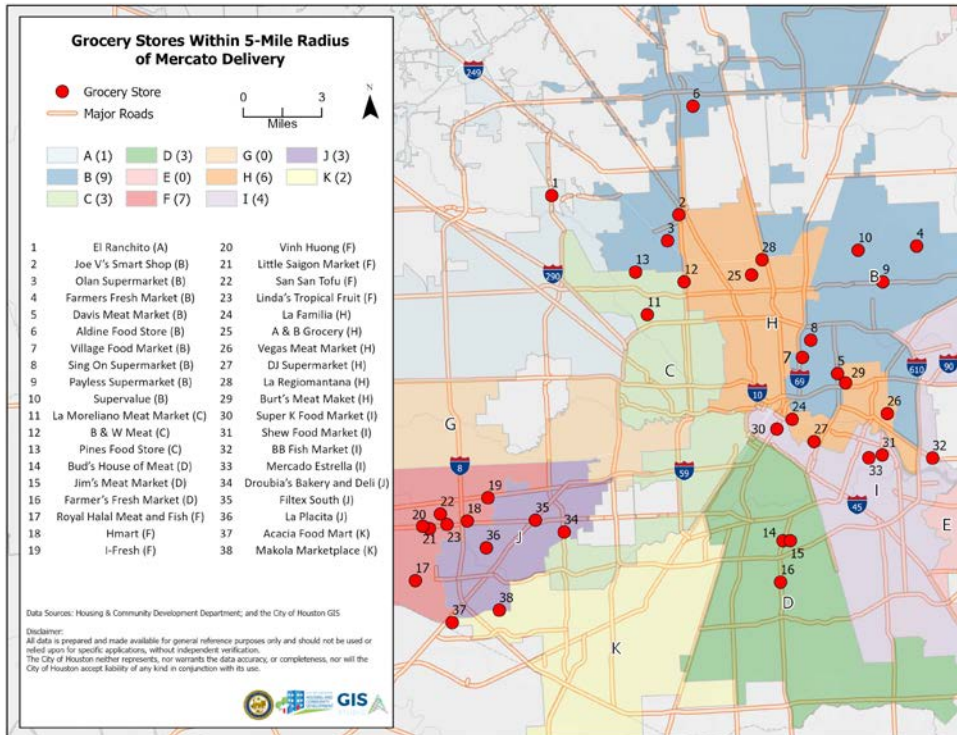
Mercato and the City have identified multiple independently-owned and specialty food stores for marketing and outreach through targeted social media advertising, mailers, and online launches.

Mercato, Inc. will provide the City with a revenue share for each participating merchant to be reinvested by paying for the City's subsidy of subscription fees in the second year of the pilot program.

VI. PUBLIC FACILITIES – Mercato, Inc. (Districts: A, B, C, D, F, H, I, J and K)

Sources:	Amount:	Uses:	Amount:
CBDG Funds	\$72,000.00	Subscription Fees	\$72,000.00
Total	\$72,000.00	Total	\$72,000.00

VI. PUBLIC FACILITIES – Mercato, Inc. (Districts: A, B, C, D, F, H, I, J and K)



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Tom McCasland, Director

Virtual Community Office Hours



Virtual COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Every Wednesday

from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Representatives from each division will be readily available to assist with your call

Call in on the following numbers:

832-394-6912 • 832-394-6227 • 832-394-6126



Campanile on Commerce



Active Senior Living - 2929 Commerce, Houston, Texas
Second Ward, District H

Campanile on Commerce



The Community will offer a total of 120 one- & two-bedroom units with modern appliances.

Campanile on Commerce



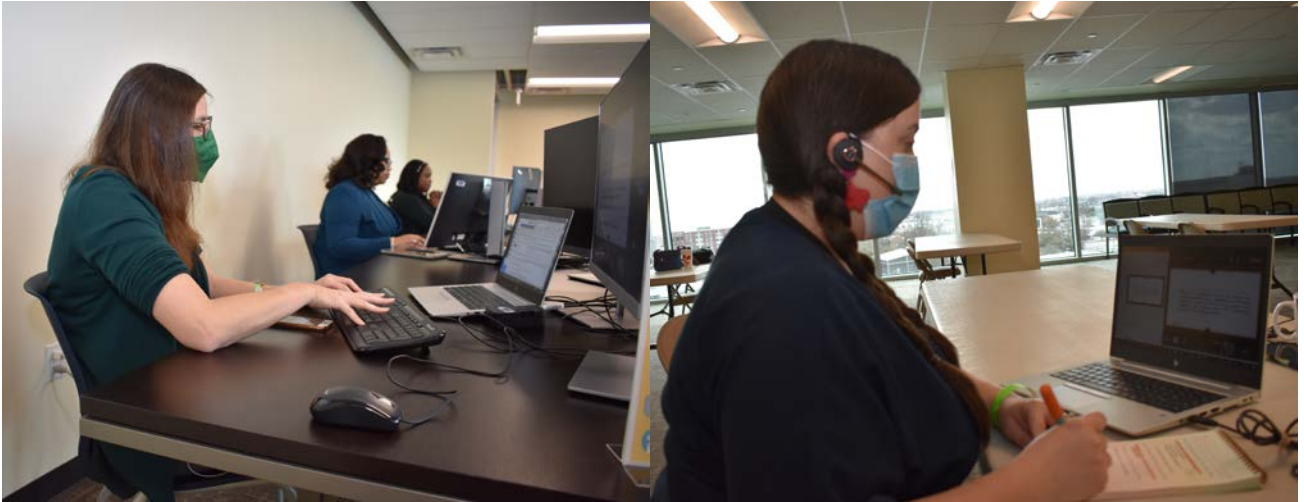
On-site services will include: social activities, nutrition classes, credit counseling and shuttle transportation.

Campanile on Commerce



Residents will enjoy other amenities including a fitness center and outdoor swimming pool to promote an active, healthy lifestyle.

Virtual Fair Housing Workshop for Landlords & Property Managers



PGM Staff in action! HCDD facilitated the workshop, designed to promote fair housing practices.

Virtual Fair Housing Workshop for Landlords & Property Managers



Ashley Lawson interacts virtually with workshop participants.

HoAP Reconstruction: Melba Reynolds



1609 Pine Crest 77020 - Fifth Ward, District B

HoAP Reconstruction: Melba Reynolds



The kitchen features new cabinets, floors, modern energy efficient appliances, surfaces and fixtures.

HoAP Reconstruction: Melba Reynolds



Mr. Reynolds happily signing for his family's new home and keys courtesy of HCDD and DSW Homes.

HRP Demolition: Fred Hamilton residence



HCDD Inspector Marion Scott photographs the demolition for compliance, documentation and reimbursement purposes.

HRP Key Exchange: Maxine Palmer



Maxine Palmer residence, Independence Heights, District H

HRP Key Exchange: Maxine Palmer



This new home features three-bedrooms, two baths, energy efficient HVAC and appliances.

HRP Key Exchange: Maxine Palmer



The home includes a no step ramp in compliance with ADA Standards.

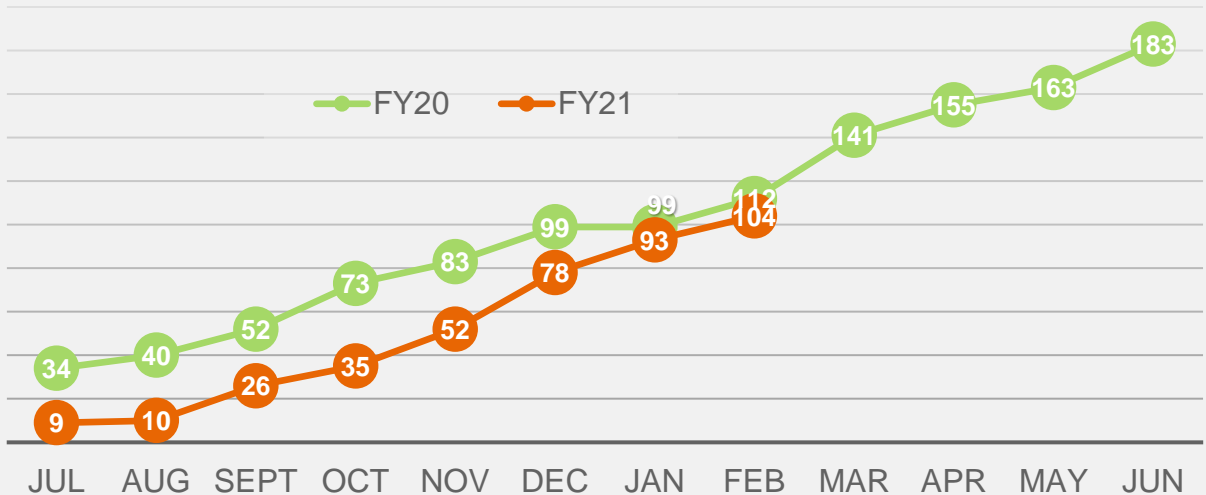
HRP Key Exchange: Maxine Palmer



Mrs. Palmer proudly accepts her house keys from HCDD Inspector Marion Scott.

Homebuyer Assistance Program

(Fiscal Year to Date)



Provides up to \$30,000 to help Houstonians purchase a home.

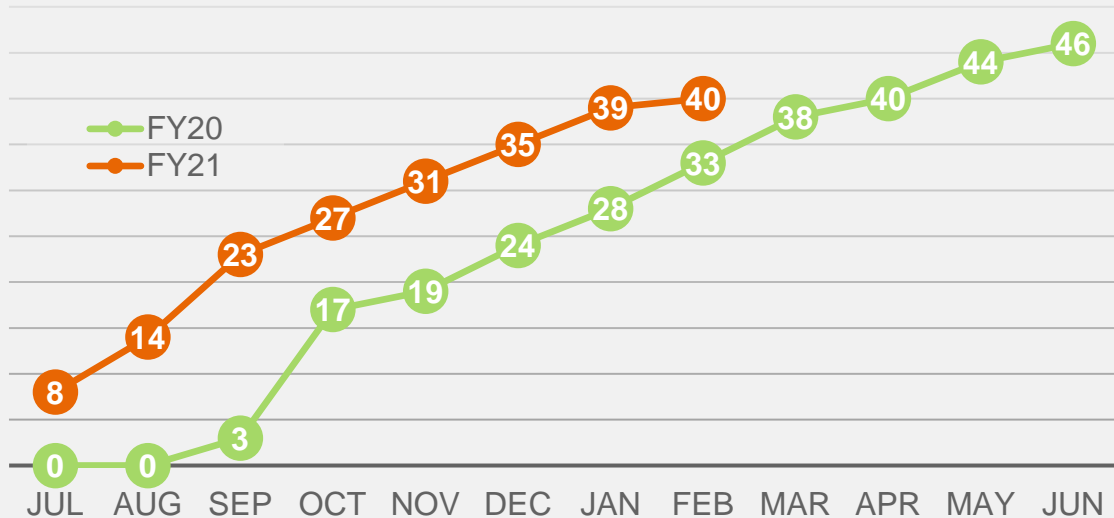


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Single Family Home Repair Program

(Fiscal Year to Date)

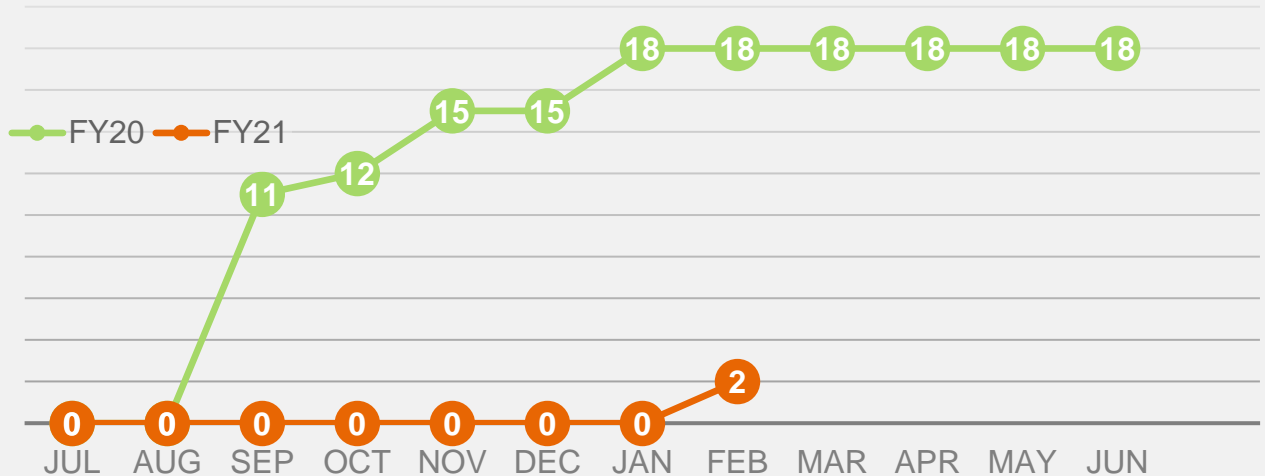


The HRP repairs and reconstructs existing homes for homeowners.



New Home Development Program

(Fiscal Year to Date)



NHDP builds new homes for sale at affordable prices



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Other Programs

(Fiscal Year to Date)



17

Projects under construction
Multifamily (FY21)

1

Projects completed
Multifamily (FY21)

9

Projects under construction
Public Facilities (FY21)

2

Projects completed
Public Facilities (FY21)



Other Programs

(Fiscal Year to Date)



28,791

Persons Served

Public Services

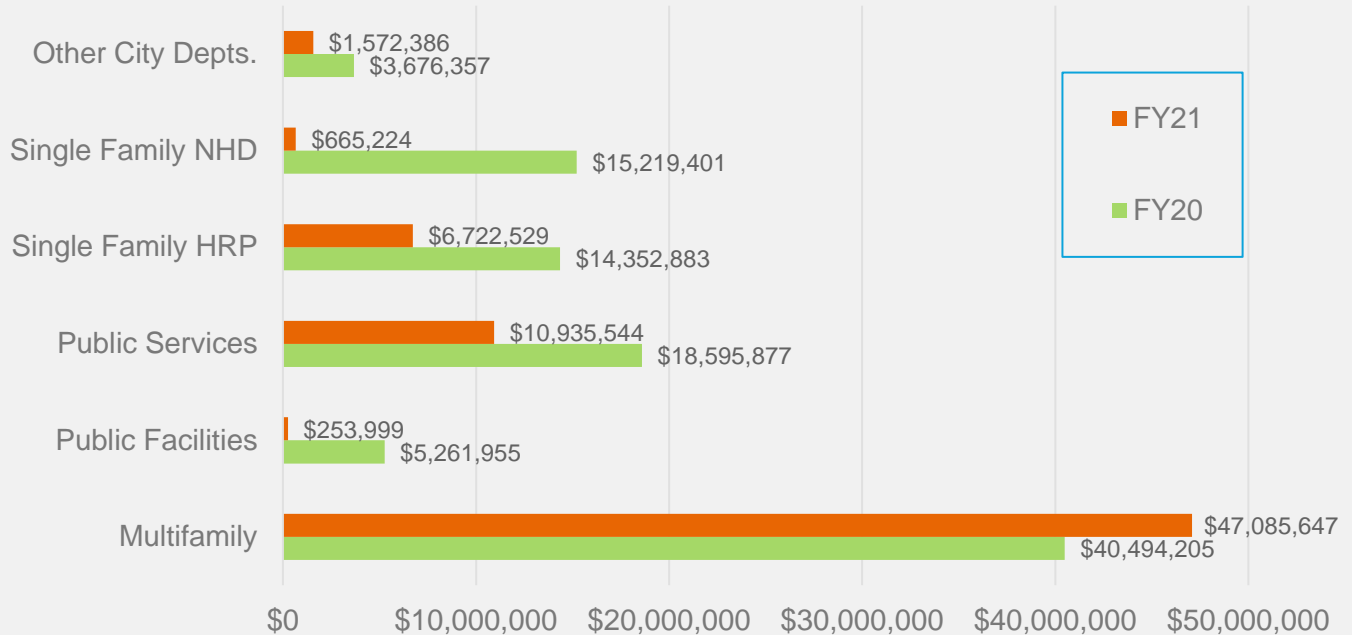
As of Jan 2021

Note: Public Services numbers have a one-month lag in reporting due to the nature of these programs.



Spending by Program Area

FY21 (to date) vs. FY20



Comments & Questions





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