

Public Notice

SUMMARY 2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The **2012 Annual Action Plan (the Plan)** is the City of Houston's application for federal funds, as well as a blueprint for increasing and conserving affordable housing through rehabilitation and homeownership assistance, assisting those with special needs, and providing infrastructure upgrades to low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The Plan outlines the priorities of these activities for the upcoming year. The Plan covers the City of Houston's Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). The City will submit its Plan which is its consolidated application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Throughout the 2012 Plan development process, Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) collaborates with various community stakeholders to determine which improvement strategies would benefit low- and moderate-income Houstonians. Information about the planning process was made available at the first two (2) of four (4) public hearings on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 and Thursday, November 3, 2011. HCDD also solicited public comment from residents, neighborhood-based organizations, and non- and for-profit agencies.

Funding priorities are housing, supportive services, infrastructure/neighborhood facilities, and economic development. The goal of the **2012 Plan** is to promote strategies that will result in the (1) **creation of suitable living environments**, (2) **improvement of the housing stock**, and (3) **expansion of economic development opportunities** for Houstonians, the majority of whom are low- and moderate-income. The format and information presented in the Plan are based on HUD requirements.

The **Draft Summary of the 2012 Annual Action Plan** describes how the estimated \$42,024,119 in federal funds and \$630,256 in program income will be used to benefit income-eligible residents during the 38th Program Year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). The allocations that follow reflect HUD's anticipated reduction of federal funds for the 2012 Annual Action Plan:

Sources of Federal Funds

Community Development Block Grant - \$24,694,371

Neighborhood Facilities Improvements	\$2,758,415
Retrofitting for Accessibility	\$1,000,000
Lead-Based Paint Matching Grant	\$975,000
Housing	\$5,621,353
Public Services	\$4,141,246
Economic Development Assistance Program	\$2,000,000
Dangerous Buildings Administration/ Legal Department/ Code Enforcement	\$3,009,483
Program Delivery Costs	\$250,000
Program Administration	\$4,938,874

HOME Investment Partnerships Grant - \$8,019,259

Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation	\$6,014,445
Community Housing Development Organizations (Single Family and Multifamily Activities)	\$1,202,889
Program Administration	\$801,925

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant - \$7,572,952

Operating Costs	\$1,008,707
Supportive Services	\$1,454,143
Project or Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$2,427,395
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$1,879,207
Resource Identification/Technical Assistance	\$46,206
Grantee Administration	\$227,188
Sponsor Administration	\$530,106

Emergency Solutions Grant - \$2,367,794

HMIS	\$130,229
Emergency Shelter	\$1,183,897
Homeless Prevention	\$438,042
Rapid Rehousing	\$438,042
Administration	\$177,584

The general public may comment on this Draft Summary and on the entire 2012 Annual Action Plan during the 30-day review period extending from Monday, March 12 through Wednesday, April 11. HCDD encourages public input and participation in the Plan development process. Public comments may also be submitted by email to: andrea.jones@houstontx.gov or by mail: HCDD, ATTN: Andrea Jones, 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77007.

The public may also submit comments at the scheduled public hearings on **Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 West Fuqua** and on **Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby Street (former City Council Chambers)**.

Responses to public comments will be available upon completion of the entire 2012 Annual Action Plan. A draft copy of the complete Plan will be available, free of charge, from the Housing and Community Development Department, on March 12. The 2012 Plan draft will be placed on HCDD's website at www.houstonhousing.org, at the City of Houston's main public library, at the City of Houston Secretary's Office (900 Bagby), at HCDD's Office (601 Sawyer), and will also be submitted to City Council for approval. Please contact HCDD if special arrangements are needed for the public hearings. For more information, contact Andrea Jones at 713.868.8439. City TDD: 713.837.0215.