

SUMMARY

2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Public Hearings

Please join the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) for the spring public hearings to present and receive comment on the Draft 2016 Annual Action Plan (Plan). Hearings will be held on **Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Buffalo Soldier Museum, 3816 Caroline Street, 77004** and on **Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Raindrop Turkish House, 9301 W. Belfort Avenue**. Both venues are accessible for persons with disabilities. For additional information or to request special arrangements (interpreter, sign language, CART for the hearing impaired), contact Millie Walker at millie.walker@houstontx.gov or 832.394.6266.

The public hearings will also be a forum to discuss fair housing and related issues. Residents with suggestions or concerns will be provided opportunity to voice those issues during the public hearing. For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact 832.394.6200.

Purpose and Summary

The **2016 Annual Action Plan (Plan)** is the City of Houston's application for federal funds. The application is submitted 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). Funding priorities are housing, supportive services, infrastructure/neighborhood facilities, and economic development. The goals of the **2016 Plan** are to (1) **enhance quality of life**, (2) **expand homeownership opportunities**, (3) **foster community economic development**, (4) **preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing**, (5) **promote fair housing**, (6) **provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS**, (7) **reduce homelessness**, and (8) **revitalize communities** for Houstonians, the majority of whom are low- and moderate-income. The format and information presented in the Plan are based on HUD requirements.

Throughout the **Plan** development process, HCDD collaborates with residents, community stakeholders, neighborhood-based organizations, and non- and for-profit agencies to determine strategies to benefit low- and moderate-income Houstonians. Information about the planning process is made available at public hearings. The fall public hearings were held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 and Wednesday, November 18, 2015. The spring public hearings are scheduled for Thursday, March 31, and Tuesday, April 5, as stated above.

The **Summary of the Draft 2016 Annual Action Plan** describes how the estimated \$40,612,609 in federal funds and \$276,454 in program income will be used to benefit income-eligible residents during the 42nd Program Year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017). Allocations are subject to change by HUD.

Sources of Federal Funds

Community Development Block Grant - \$22,321,748

Public Facilities and Improvements	\$3,316,212
Public Services	\$3,218,357
ESG Match	\$525,000
Multifamily Housing	\$300,000
Acquisition	\$4,900,000
Economic Development	\$3,000,000
Code Enforcement	\$2,597,830
Program Administration	\$4,464,349

HOME Investment Partnerships Grant - \$6,915,584

Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/ New Construction/Relocation/Program Delivery	\$6,224,026
Program Administration	\$691,558

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant - \$9,639,531

Operating Costs	\$1,775,579
Supportive Services	\$2,300,000
Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance	\$3,500,000
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$1,000,000
Resource Identification/Technical Assistance/ Housing Information	\$100,000
Grantee Administration	\$289,185
Sponsor Administration	\$674,767

Emergency Solutions Grant - \$2,012,200

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$90,000
Emergency Shelter	\$621,285
Homeless Prevention	\$400,000
Rapid Re-Housing	\$750,000
Administration	\$150,915

The Draft **2016 Annual Action Plan** will include a revised **Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)** in the Appendix section. The **CPP** describes the framework through which citizens can have input in the planning, implementation, coordination, and assessment of HCDD's projects and activities. The revisions include a new format and updates due to the new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule. The CPP was last revised in April 2013.

Public Review and Comment Period

View the **Draft 2016 Plan** at the following locations:

- Online at www.houstontx.gov/housing
- City Hall Annex (City Secretary's Office) – 900 Bagby Street, 77002
- Main Public Library – 500 McKinney, 77002
- HCDD Office – 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007 (copies may be obtained at this location)

The general public may comment on this **Draft Summary** and the **Draft 2016 Annual Action Plan**, including the **CPP**, during the 30-day review period extending from **Wednesday, March 9 through Friday, April 8**. Residents may also submit comments during the scheduled public hearings, as listed above. HCDD encourages public input and participation in the Plan development process. Public comments may be submitted by email to: millie.walker@houstontx.gov or by mail: HCDD, ATTN: Millie Walker, 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77007. Responses to public comments will be available upon completion of the 2016 Annual Action Plan.