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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a comprehensive evaluation of the County's use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) entitlement funding. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is the funding entity of these federal programs. The CAPER contains a summary of accomplishments achieved in response to objectives set forth by the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy. For reporting purposes, the CAPER focuses on those activities outlined in the County's 2009-2010 One-Year Action Plan and expenditures realized during that time period.

The CAPER is comprised of three basic elements: 1) current activities in IDIS which include all required financial and performance data used for annual reporting, 2) required narrative discussions on certain HUD identified topics and 3) required IDIS reports. Wherever possible, tables and graphs were used to interpret performance and expenditure data in order to facilitate an ease of understanding. In summary, the County's 2009-2010 CAPER has been prepared in accordance with the performance reporting requirements set forth in 24 CFR Part 91.

## **INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE**

The Urban County Program (UCP) is a department within the Hidalgo County governance structure. Hidalgo County, as the grantee, created the UCP in 1988 to serve as the administrative entity for these HUD funds. Funded projects take place in eighteen non-entitlement cities and the four county precincts. Those cities include are: Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Elsa, Granjeno, Hidalgo, La Joya, La Villa, Mercedes, Palmhurst, Palmview, Penitas, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, San Juan, Sullivan City and Weslaco. The cities range in population size from 234 (Progreso Lakes) to 26,935 (Weslaco), with an average size of approximately 7,800.

The principal beneficiaries of programs funded by the UCP are those persons of low and moderate-income means. HUD defines this target group as those persons having an income at or below 80% of the area's median income. This reporting year, 100% of eligible fund expenditures in the CDBG and HOME programs were of direct benefit to this target group.

In terms of minority benefit, Hidalgo County is predisposed to serve minority groups inasmuch that approximately 88% of the population is Hispanic. Given the correlation between minority status and income levels, funded projects overwhelmingly serve low and moderate-income persons that are of Hispanic descent.

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The UCP further strives to make the appropriate accommodations for persons with disabilities if notified in advance. Translators and helpers can be made available on an as-needed basis. This accommodation is made known through advertisements notifying the public about upcoming public hearings or meetings. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act is mandatory in all building construction projects funded by the UCP.

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## **SOURCE OF FUNDS**

At the onset of the program year, the County utilized an operating budget of \$8,439,993 for the CDBG Program, \$2,986,003 for the HOME Program and \$371,344 for the ESG Program to implement the 2009-2010 Program Year. In addition to the entitlement funding received from HUD, the County continued to utilize grant funding from the State to address the living standards in *colonias*.

## **GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION**

Expenditures realized were directed under projects that primarily benefit the County's low and moderate-income population. Specific projects undertaken were located in and around the original townsites of participating cities or in the outlying rural areas of the County. These census tracts contain the highest concentration of low and moderate-income persons.

## **NARRATIVES**

### **A. Assessment of One-Year Goals & Objectives**

All activities undertaken this Program Year addressed certain objectives set forth by the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan & Strategy (CPS). The County is pleased to report that 100% of activities funded this year were designated as high priorities. This reporting period, the County expended \$5,662,913.85 in CDBG funds. This figure translates to an expenditure ratio of 1.13, well below the 1.5 minimum standard required by HUD.

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**CDBG EXPENDITURES BY PRIORITY DESIGNATION**

Parks, Recreational Facilities 03F	HIGH	\$ 653,344.92
Water, Sewer Improvements 03J	HIGH	604,784.51
Housing Rehabilitation 14A	HIGH	30,862.54
Street Improvements 03K	HIGH	1,902,394.35
Fire Stations/Equipment 03O	HIGH	188,145.04
Public Services 05	HIGH	155,472.63
Senior Service 05A	HIGH	135,611.43
Youth Services 05D	HIGH	272,059.29
Transportation Services 05#	HIGH	70,000.00
Battered and Abused Spouses 05G	HIGH	39,154.16
Health Services 05M	HIGH	18,631.59
Abused and Neglected Children 05N	HIGH	138,392.52
General Program Administration 21A	HIGH	1,129,339.45
Public Facilities 03 General	HIGH	145,305.22
Neighborhood Facilities 03E	HIGH	104,804.00
Planning	HIGH	44,000.00
Clearance & Demolition 04	HIGH	30,216.65
Sidewalks 03L	HIGH	395.55
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 5,662,913.85</b>

**HOME**

Under the HOME Program, the County realized expenditures of \$3,635,418.46. This figure can be broken down as follows:

<b>HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Expenditure \$</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
Community Housing Development Organizations	1,738,774.44	50 new housing units created
Down Payment Assistance	150,015.00	23 families assisted with homeownership
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	1,450,116.84	42 families assisted
General Administration	296,512.18	
<b>TOTAL HOME INVESTMENT</b>	<b>\$ 3,635,418.46</b>	

The County designated affordable housing and the related housing services as high priorities. Therefore, expenditures here coincide with the strategy outlined in the CPS.

**Emergency Shelter Grant**

Expenditures under the ESG Program totaled \$745,315.93. A total of \$18,567.00 was expended for administration, while service providers implementing the program utilized \$726,748.93. The Homeless Prevention, Maintenance & Operations and Essential Service activities were matched with private funds in the amount of \$728,865.00. In addition, the administration expenditures were matched with CDBG funds. Below is a breakdown by entity and activity of ESG expenditures during the reporting period:

<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Salvation Army</b>		
<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Expenditure\$</b>	<b>Benefit (2 years)</b>
Homeless Prevention	82,935.09	1673
Maintenance & Operations	171,953.52	
Essential Services	50,847.47	
<b>American Red Cross</b>		
<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Expenditure\$</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
Maintenance & Operations	44,082.36	410

<b>Mujeres Unidas</b>		
<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Expenditure\$</b>	<b>Benefit (2 years)</b>
Maintenance & Operations	198,525.16	474
Essential Services	34,665.89	474 Overlap Count From M&O
<b>ARCH</b>		
Essential Services	26,363.96	85 Overlap Count From HP
Homeless Prevention	13,616.38	85
<b>Consumer Credit Counseling</b>		
Essential Services	13,445.30	Not yet complete
Homeless Prevention	90,313.80	Not yet complete
<b>General Administration</b>		
<b>General Administration</b>	<b>Expenditure\$</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
	18,567.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$745,315.93</b>	

The table below reflects the performance management system developed by ICF Consulting for use by the Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities. Its primary purpose is to assess progress towards stated goals.

<i>Hidalgo County Urban County Program</i>	<b>PY 5 Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	
<b>I. Housing</b>						
<i>Please enter actual numbers for Program Year 5 in green cells. Also, please complete Table 1 in Worksheet B for Housing Activities. If applicable, please complete Table 4 in Worksheet B for Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing Activities.</i>						
<b>A. Affordable Housing Programs</b>						
12	HOME Community Housing Development Organizations (C.H.D.O.) Program	30 housing units	50 housing units	Total number of units constructed	Decent Housing	Availability/Accessibility
				<i>Of the total number of units constructed:</i>		
				Number of affordable units		
				Number of years affordability guaranteed		
				Number meeting International Building Code Energy standards		
				Of those, the number using Energy Star standards		
				Of those using Energy Star standards, the number made Section 504 accessible		
				<i>Of the affordable units:</i>		

## **Public Notice**

### **County of Hidalgo Urban County Program**

Date of Publication: Friday, September 24, 2010

Notice is hereby given that the County of Hidalgo Urban County Program has completed its consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2010.

This report is a comprehensive review of the activities undertaken by the Urban County Program in carrying out the activities identified in the County's Consolidated Plan Strategy (CPS). The program operates in 18 non-entitlement communities and the rural areas of Hidalgo County.

A 30 day comment period was established to run from August 17, 2010 to September 17, 2010. The CAPER Report will be available for public viewing and comment at the Urban County Program.

Following the comment period a Public Hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. at the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Meeting Room on the first floor of the Hidalgo County Administrative Building, located at 100 East Cano, Edinburg, Texas 78539

Accommodations will be made for individuals with handicaps upon request.

Las presentaciones se haran en español para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.

For more information please come by our office or call (956) 787-8127.

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