

## **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

### **Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)**

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Williamson County was awarded CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,254,965 for Fiscal Year 2014 (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015). In accordance to the priorities identified and outlined in the County's Consolidated Plan, six infrastructure projects, one land acquisition project and one Emergency Shelter Rehab project were identified for FY14 allocations. The projects serve low to moderate income areas and households throughout the County. The projects meet national goals and supports ongoing efforts in the community to address the growing population. All projects are identified as a high priority in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to report on the annual performance of the Williamson County FY14 CDBG program. This report identifies the progress made regarding active projects and those projects that have been completed that received Williamson County funds, as well as other accomplishments the County has made in meeting the objectives and priorities outlined in the five year Consolidated Plan.

It is required that this report be available for review for a minimum of 15 days. The review period is December 10 – December 28, 2015. The CAPER will be submitted to HUD following this review period.

### **Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)**

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration	Admin and Planning	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
Emergency Shelter Operation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	400	0	0.00%			
Emergency Shelter Operation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		400	0	0.00%
Flood Drainage Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1299	1299	100.00%	1299	1299	100.00%
Home-ownership Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0		3	0	0.00%
Home-ownership Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	3	0	0.00%			

Sidewalks	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	3084	3084	100.00%	3084	3084	100.00%
Street Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	6329	0	0.00%			
Water/Sewer Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	23	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%
Youth Center Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	100	100	100.00%	100	84	84.00%

**Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date**

**Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.**

Please see attached document outlining projects funded in 2014.

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	62
Black or African American	20
Asian	1
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>
Hispanic	50
Not Hispanic	34

**Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds**

### Narrative

The above information reports on the Williamson Burnet County Opportunities Harris Ross Head Start Facility. The number reflects the clients served over the last school year. This number is likely to increase annually.

## CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG			25,550

Table 3 – Resources Made Available

## **Leveraging**

**Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.**

Matching funds are not required in the CDBG program. However, projects funded in FY14 utilized matching funds. This information is listed under each project funded in the Goals and Outcomes Section of this report.

## CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	400	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 4- Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	27	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 5 - Number of Households Supported

### Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

While the chart indicates zero as the actual "number of homeless to be provided affordable housing units", this number does not accurately reflect those assisted. The funding allocated to the Williamson County Crisis Center in FY13 and FY14 is for rehab of the current shelter. While no progress has been made to date on the rehab of the building, the organization still assists those in need. In total, they assist approximately 400 people annually.

The number of households supported "Rehab of Existing Units" is also zero. The two projects represented in the this number are the Jarrell Wastewater Improvements project and the Habitat for Humanity Land Acquisition Project. The Jarrell project is underway. The engineering portion of the project is complete and the project is expected to bid November 2015. This is a portion of a larger wastewater project. Habitat for Humanity is currently reviewing land acquisition options that are cost



effective for their organization and ultimately, their clients. At this time, no land has been purchased with FY14 funding.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

The County will continue to monitor projects to ensure timely expenditures of funds allocated. The nature of these projects creates the potential for delay. However, these are high priority projects needed throughout the County and once started, expend funds rapidly.

**Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.**

Number of Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 6 – Number of Persons Served**

**Narrative Information**

There are none of these types of projects to report on at this time.

## **CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)**

**Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:**

### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The County supports the efforts of the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) to simplify and broaden outreach and assessment efforts for homeless persons in Williamson County. The Continuum works to create a better communication system for service providers to stay in contact with both schools and hospitals to avoid homeless persons (or those at risk of homelessness) from falling through the cracks of the system. As part of the annual point-in-time count, the CoC conducts outreach. Not only are homeless people counted, particularly unsheltered persons, but representatives from various agencies are available to answer questions and provide information about available resources.

The County continues to support local social service agencies, such as Capital Idea, San Gabriel Crisis Service Center, Bluebonnet Trails, MHMR and the Georgetown Project that provide a wide array of support services for homeless persons.

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

The County funded the Williamson County Crisis Center in FY14 and FY15. The organization provides emergency shelter, counseling and case management at its confidential, secure shelter location. Food, clothing, safety planning, case management, counseling, legal advocacy, hospital and court accompaniment, tutoring, and assistance with crime victim compensation and protective orders are available throughout the stay. Hope Alliance also offers assistance with securing longer-term housing, beyond the 30 day shelter stay.

### **Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

While Williamson County is not a direct recipient of Emergency Solution Grant funds, the County continues to partner with the Balance of State CoC to support efforts made to implement local coordinated discharge policies for individuals or families who are being discharged from a publicly funded institution.

**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 Balance of State CoC works to ensure that homeless individuals make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, is prioritizing safe and stable housing and making affordable housing options more accessible to homeless individuals. Many homeless that struggle to transition into permanent housing and independent living suffer from mental illness and substance addiction. Recent trends through the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing program and Housing First model prioritize placing homeless individuals and families in permanent housing quickly, and then linking them to supportive services in the community. Williamson County continues to support local organizations, such as the Georgetown Community Service Center to assist homeless person with transitional and permanent housing.

## **CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)**

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

Williamson County's public housing authorities continue to seek additional funding to address public housing needs and apply for additional housing choice vouchers when available. Lack of funding is a barrier in addressing public housing needs and has created lengthy waiting lists and long waiting periods to be housed. Housing authorities continue to provide housing assistance and social service needs to residents and maintain efforts to implement more programs if funding allows.

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

Williamson County does not use CDBG funding directly to encourage public housing residents to become involved in management and to participate in homeownership activities. However, the County encourages the local public housing authorities to continue its current programs and collaborate with other agencies that assist with homeownership. Also, Georgetown and Round Rock Housing Authorities have Resident Commissions on their boards in an effort to encourage participation.

### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

Georgetown Housing Authority, Round Rock Housing Authority, Taylor Housing Authority, and Granger Housing Authority are all standard performers and not considered troubled.

## **CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)**

**Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

Barriers to affordable housing can encompass a wide array of aspects, to include but not limited to banking, finance, and insurance industry regulations, socio-economic situations, neighborhood conditions, and public policy legislation and fair housing enforcement. The County will continue to work with nonprofit agencies in the community to remove or ameliorate the negative effects (if any) of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing.

Additionally, the County will continue to increase partnerships with local units of government to ensure equitable zoning practices as they relate to fair housing and the development of affordable housing.

### **Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The major obstacle to meeting all of the identified needs is the lack of funding resources. Funding cuts in previous years and minimal funding increases does not account for the overall budgetary restrictions the County has seen in its CDBG program. Typically, applicant request amounts are much higher than the entitlement amount which further escalates the budgetary constraints in meeting the undeserved needs. However, the County continues to partner, when feasible, with other nonprofit organizations to leverage the County's CDBG allocation.

### **Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

To the greatest extent practicable, Williamson County works with local agencies to help eliminate the hazard of lead poisoning due to the presence of lead based paint. The County also disseminates information on lead based paint hazards to CDBG subrecipients who receive entitlement funds for housing activities where lead based paint may be an issue.

### **Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The County will continue to combat the number of poverty-level families by supporting incentives to attract, retain, and expand businesses, advocate for improved employment-affordable housing options and support organizations and programs that provide job training, education, and placement services.

### **Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

Williamson County continues to work with various local agencies to ensure that services offered through entitlement grant programs receive maximum amounts of exposure and benefit. These programs are carried out through oversight by the Williamson County Community Development Administrator in which work will be conducted through the issuance of sub-recipient agreements.

**Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

While Williamson County has limited resources to address the priorities identified, the County continues to seek partnerships and establish cooperative working relationships to leverage its annual CDBG allocations. This typically comes in the form of matching city funds (which are not required).

**Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)**

The current Analysis of Impediments identifies possible impediments to fair housing choice as:

- A lack of coordination of housing services in the County.
- Possible discrimination towards minority homebuyers and renters.
- Developers having little motivation to build affordable housing due to cost prohibitive barriers for construction.
- Preconceptions of minority borrowers regarding borrowing money.

The Community Development Administrator works with local agencies in an effort to better coordinate services available to County citizens. The County supports programs that have anti-discrimination policies in place. These organizations provide services such as affordable housing, assistance with transitional housing, provide financial assistance for utilities and rents, temporary housing, and down payment assistance.

## **CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

The Community Development Administrator uses monthly progress reports submitted by each project to identify any problems or potential problems. Contact with each project manager assists in ensuring that projects are progressing, following appropriate regulations and utilizing CDBG funds efficiently and effectively. The Community Development Administrator also conducts meetings and/or communicates via email and phone with project managers regarding specifics of projects.

The Community Development Administrator conducts desk monitorings of each project to ensure compliance and progression.

Meeting with representatives from the projects ensures that regulations are being followed. All projects receive a subrecipient binder that entails HUD guidance, County forms, labor forms and Davis Bacon information, and information on how to access funds. The binder has proven to provide valuable guidance to subrecipients and is a good reference tool for both the subrecipients and the Community Development Administrator.

The Community Development Administrator works closely with the Williamson County Auditors office in an effort to ensure appropriate and accurate financial documents are submitted for payment and that funds are spent in a timely manner. The Community Development Administrator and Grants Accountant work closely to improve procedures and to make certain that current procedures are efficient and adequate. All documents submitted with draw requests are thoroughly examined by the Community Development Administrator to ensure funding is being expended on eligible expenses and that funds are being utilized efficiently. Signatures by the CDBG office, County Judge and the Auditor's office are required and identified on all payment requests.

## **Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**

**Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.**

All notices are published in local newspapers to inform citizens of public comment periods and public meetings. Public meetings are held in conjunction with each phase of the CDBG program to allow for citizen input.

**CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

**Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.**

No changes have been made to the Williamson County CDBG program.

**Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?**

No