## **Executive Summary**

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

Williamson County is a federal entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The County is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan to implement its federal CDBG program. The program funding allocation of \$1,596,257 is to be used to successfully support community development and affordable housing efforts in low and moderate income areas throughout the County.

The Williamson County consortium consists of ten participating cities and the unincorporated areas of county. The participating cities included Cedar Park, Coupland, Georgetown, Granger, Hutto, Jarrell, Leander, Liberty Hill, Taylor and Weir.

Williamson County's current Five-Year Consolidated Plan covers 2019-2023. Williamson County CDBG 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan covers the period from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 and is the second Annual Action Plan for the five year period.

The county will allocate \$115,400 (7.2%) to program administration and oversight and \$155,000 (9.7%) to social services. The remaining funds will be allocated to infrastructure and public facilities. All projects are a high priority as identified in the current Consolidated Plan.

- Hope Alliance-Shelter Repair \$22,134
- Granger-Water System Improvements \$373,925
- Habitat for Humanity-Site Design 21st Street \$133,500
- Georgetown-21st Street Infrastructure/Habitat \$97,000
- Jarrell-Water System Improvements \$355,520
- Dickey Museum-Museum Renovations \$147,280
- Granger Housing Authority-Housing Repair/Weatherization \$46,498
- Georgetown-Home Repair Program \$75,000
- Habitat for Humanity-Home Repair Program \$75,000
- Hutto Resource Center-Social Service/Food Pantry \$20,000
- Helping Hands of Georgetown-Social Service/Food Pantry \$20,000
- Hope Alliance-Social Service/Transitional Housing \$35,000
- Bluebonnet Trails-Social Service/Housing First \$50,000
- Interagency Support Council-Social Service/Mental Health Assistance \$30,000
- Administration-Program Administration and Oversight \$115,400

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#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The funded projects were selected to address one or more of the following performance objectives:

- Provide Decent Affordable Housing
- Create Suitable Living Environments
- Create Economic Opportunities

Projects will address one or more of the following performance outcomes:

- Improve Availability/Accessibility
- Improve Affordability
- Improve Sustainability

Project selection is guided by the 2019-2023 funding priorities:

#### **Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements**

- Fund non-housing community development proposals that eliminate a threat to public health and safety to include water/sewer projects, drainage projects, sidewalks, and street improvements.
- Fund public facility improvements that benefit low income households and persons, and persons with special needs to include senior centers, neighborhood facilities, youth centers, homeless facilities, childcare centers, parks and recreational facilities.

#### **Increase Access to Affordable Housing**

- Fund activities that expand the supply and improve the condition of housing affordable to lower income households.
- Fund activities that leverage other public and private resources such as Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects.
- Extend the useful life of existing affordable housing through weatherization, repair, and rehabilitation programs.

#### **Decrease Homelessness**

- Provide funds to support shelter operations and transitional housing.
- Provide funding to increase permanent supportive housing opportunities and work to create a stronger network of providers of supportive and mainstream services to homeless clients.

#### **Public Services**

- Fund projects that provide supportive services to low- and moderate-income household as well as persons with special needs.
- Support efforts to develop a regional social service collaborative to coordinate the work of social service organizations, disseminate information, and eliminate duplication of effort.

#### **Affirmatively Further Fair Housing**

- Support improved access to community resources.
- Continue to operate in compliance with protected class definitions found in federal regulations.

## 3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The Williamson County CDBG Program identified priorities and needs during the 2019-2023 Consolidated Planning Process, which is utilized in identifying projects to be funded. The Williamson County CDBG program is currently utilizing funds allocated to projects that are in line with current priorities. These projects are monitored as they are being implemented as to ensure progress and eligible spending.

The county did not meet the required timeliness ratio in August 2019 as mandated by HUD. However, the county anticipates meeting the required ratio in 2020.

A summary of past performance is reported in the attached document "Past Performance Evaluation". Information was taken from the county's most recently completed Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for fiscal year 2018 and submitted to HUD.

## 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The CDBG citizen participation plan indicates that all federal regulations regarding public comment periods and participation will be followed by the Williamson County CDBG Office. The CDBG Office encourages the public to review documents concerning the CDBG program and provide feedback when desired and needed. Representatives of participating cities, County Commissioners, and other

stakeholders were notified of funding and information was posted on the Williamson County web site at www.wilco.org. Notification was also posted in local newspapers. Notices were published in both English and Spanish. A public hearing was held on March 17, 2020 to gather input regarding the CDBG program and potential projects.

Project funding was approved by the Williamson County Commissioners' Court on July 21, 2020. The FY20 Annual Action Plan was made available for public comment July 24, 2020-August 2, 2020 on the Williamson County website. An announcement of the comment period was published in local newspapers and on the County website. The final draft, along with any public comments was presented to the Williamson County Commissioners Court on August 4, 2020.

Williamson County amended their Citizen Participation Plan to include policies for citizen participation during emergencies and disasters.

### 5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No comments were received during the process.

#### 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments received are considered and accepted.

#### 7. Summary

## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

## 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	WILLIAMSON COUNTY	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative (optional)

Williamson County is the lead agency for the CDBG program. CDBG FY20 application process was made available online.

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## AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

#### 1. Introduction

The Williamson County CDBG Office is the lead agency in implementing the Annual Plan. The CDBG Administrator works closely with local social service agencies and other county agencies and committees to meet the needs of LMI residents. County officials were also notified of the funding allocation.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

Williamson County is a member of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Regional Working Group. The group meets with other local non-profits and social service agencies to discuss the needs of homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless. The goals of this group are to form a homeless coalition and attempt to find resources to fill the gaps within the community regarding homeless and at-risk homeless. Agencies include food pantries, mental health agencies, neighboring local units of government, housing agencies, local and neighboring housing authorities, local not for profit health clinics, and Texas Homeless Network staff.

Currently, the County does not have projects that generate lead based paint concerns. If such an activity should be presented to the County, an appropriate policy would be developed. Calls from residents regarding affordable housing options are directed to the local public housing authorities in Austin, Georgetown, Taylor, Granger and Round Rock. Those looking for assistance are also encouraged to contact the Capital Area Housing Finance Corporation to discuss affordable housing options and home buyers assistance.

Williamson County has a community resources website that allows people to search online for needed resources such as health care, mental health services, housing, food, and other community resources. The Williamson County Community Resources website is designed to empower residents with information about resources in the area so that they can connect with available services. The site is www.wilco.org/communityresources.

At this time, the county does not coordinate with corrections programs and institutions.

All agency types are encouraged to participate in the Williamson County CDBG program.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The County does not receive ESG funds.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

	- The court of the participated	
1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cedar Park
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued
	coordination?	outreach/networking.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Coupland
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued
	coordination?	outreach/networking.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Georgetown
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued
	coordination?	outreach/networking.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Granger
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Hutto
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Jarrell
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Leander
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Liberty Hill
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Taylor
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Weir
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Taylor Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	РНА
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.  Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Granger Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	РНА
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

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	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.		
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued		
	coordination?	outreach/networking.		
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Georgetown Housing Authority		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.		
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued		
	coordination?	outreach/networking.		
14	Agency/Group/Organization	WILLIAMSON COUNTY CRISIS CENTER D/B/A HOPE		
	rigorios, creap, creamanten	ALLIANCE		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.		
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued		
	coordination?	outreach/networking.		
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.		
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued		
	coordination?	outreach/networking.		
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued		

16	Agency/Group/Organization	BLUEBONNET TRAILS COMM. MHMR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020. Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Interagency Support Council of Easter Williamson County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	mental health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	mental health
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020. Research via web. Continued outreach/networking.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Williamson County Commissioners Court
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	•	Public Housing Needs
		Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
		HOPWA Strategy
		Market Analysis
		Economic Development
		Anti-poverty Strategy
		Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued
	coordination?	outreach/networking.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Blackshear/O.L. Price Ex-Student Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
		Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	public facilities
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are	Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020.
	the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	Research via web. Continued
	coordination?	outreach/networking.

# Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All entities were considered for consultation.

## Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Central Texas Region units of government, including Williamson	Barriers to affordable housing
Continuum of Care	County	opportunities.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

## AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The CDBG citizen participation plan indicates that all federal regulations regarding public comment periods and participation will be followed by the Williamson County CDBG Office. The CDBG Office encourages the public to review documents concerning the CDBG program and provide feedback when desired and needed. Representatives of participating cities, County Commissioners, and other stakeholders were notified of funding and information was posted on the Williamson County web site at www.wilco.org. Notification was also posted in local newspapers. Notices were published in both English and Spanish. A public hearing was held on March 17, 2020 to gather input regarding the CDBG program and potential projects.

Participating cities and agencies are encouraged to submit applications to the Williamson County CDBG office for projects that meet the priorities and goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. Project applications are determined via the use of comprehensive plans, public input and/or city staff/management. During the planning process, cities may hold public input meetings as well post information for review by the public. County Commissioners receive input from constituents and discuss potential projects with the CDBG Administrator. The CDBG Administrator guides potential applicants in the application process and is available to meet to discuss processes, projects and funding.

The project proposal was approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court on July 21, 2020. Annual Action Plan was made available for public comment at www.wilco.org/cdbg. No comments were received.

## **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/broad community	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/broad community	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
3	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
4	Posting at Public Housing and Local Government Offices	Non- targeted/broad community	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## **Expected Resources**

## **AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)**

#### Introduction

Williamson County was awarded \$1,596,257. The level of annual funding is expected to remain similar for the remainder of the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

### **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amou	nt Available Ye	ear 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,596,257	0	0	1,596,257	4,788,771	This is an estimated allocation based on historical allocations. The expected amount for the remainder of the Con Plan assumes the same allocation in each subsequent year.

Table 5 - Expected Resources - Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how

## matching requirements will be satisfied

The nonprofit organizations funded have additional financial capacity through foundations and fundraising campaigns. Federal funds provide these organizations with the opportunity to expand their services to benefit more low- and moderate-income persons.

There are no federal or local matching requirements for the CDBG grant. However, the county encourages projects to provide match funds if available.

Annual Action Plan 2020 If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Williamson County does not intend to utilize publicly owned land or property to address the needs identified in this plan.

Discussion

# **Annual Goals and Objectives**

## **AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives**

## **Goals Summary Information**

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year					
1	Housing	2019	2023	Affordable	City of Georgetown	Increase Access to	CDBG:	Rental units rehabilitated:
	Rehabilitation			Housing	City of Granger	Affordable	\$196,498	10 Household Housing
				Public Housing	CDBG Participating	Housing		Unit
					Cities +			Homeowner Housing
					Unincorporated			Rehabilitated: 25
					Areas of County			Household Housing Unit
2	Provide	2019	2023	Non-Housing	Countywide	Decrease	CDBG:	Public service activities
	housing/services to			Community		Homelessness	\$85,000	other than Low/Moderate
	the homeless/at risk			Development				Income Housing Benefit:
								150 Persons Assisted
								Homelessness Prevention:
								20 Persons Assisted
3	Improve public	2019	2023	Non-Housing	City of Granger	Public Facilities	CDBG:	Public Facility or
	facilities			Community	City of Taylor	and Infrastructure	\$898,859	Infrastructure Activities
				Development	CDBG Participating	Improvements		other than Low/Moderate
					Cities +			Income Housing Benefit:
					Unincorporated			6550 Persons Assisted
					Areas of County			

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	<b>Goal Outcome Indicator</b>
Order		Year	Year					
4	Provide public	2019	2023	Non-Homeless	Countywide	Public Services	CDBG:	Public service activities
	services			Special Needs	City of Georgetown		\$70,000	other than Low/Moderate
				Non-Housing				Income Housing Benefit:
				Community				250 Persons Assisted
				Development				
5	Home-ownership	2019	2023	Affordable	City of Georgetown	Increase Access to	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	Assistance			Housing		Affordable	\$230,500	Added: 12 Household
						Housing		Housing Unit
6	Planning and	2019	2023	Administration	CDBG Participating	Planning and	CDBG:	Other: 1 Other
	Administration			and Planning	Cities +	Administration	\$115,400	
					Unincorporated	and Fair Housing		
					Areas of County			

Table 6 – Goals Summary

## **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation	
	Goal	Provide assistance to homeowners for rehabilitation of existing structures to improve and maintain the quality of the	
	Description	affordable housing stock.	
		Granger Housing Authority \$46,498	
		City of Georgetown Home Repair \$75,000	
		Habitat for Humanity Home Repair \$75,000	

2	Goal Name	Provide housing/services to the homeless/at risk		
		Provide support for facilities and services that are targeted at those experiencing homelessness and/or are unstably		
		Williamson County Crisis Center \$35,000		
		Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR \$50,000		
3	Goal Name	Improve public facilities		
	Goal Description	Improvements to public facilities and infrastructure and facilities that deliver public services. Public facilities include those that serve youth/children, abused and neglected children, seniors, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.		
		Williamson County Crisis Center \$22,134		
		Granger Water System Improvments \$373,925		
		Jarrell Water System Improvements \$355,520		
		Taylor Dickey Museum and Multipurpose Center \$147,280		
4	Goal Name	Provide public services		
	Goal Description	Delivery of public services for seniors, persons with disabilities, youth, victims of domestic violence, abused and neglected children as well as childcare services, health and mental health services, transportation, non-homeless special needs and employment training.		
		Hutto Resource Center \$20,000		
		Helping Hands of Georgetown \$20,000		
		Interagency Support Council \$30,000		

5	Goal Name	Home-ownership Assistance	
	Goal	Increase access to affordable housing.	
	Description	Habitat for Humanity 21st Street \$133,500	
		Georgetown 21st Street \$97,000	
6	Goal Name	Planning and Administration	
	Goal	Administrative and planning costs to operate the CDBG program successfully.	
	Description		

## **Projects**

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The following table provides the names of the projects funded for FY 2020 utilizing CDBG funds. If a funded project has cost savings, slows down or discovers a barrier to being completed, an alternate project from the current Annual Action Plan may be selected to continue the timely spending of grant funds. Please refer to the Appendix for a list and description of alternate projects.

Williamson County was awarded \$1,596,257 in FY20.

#### **Projects**

#	Project Name	
2	Granger Wastewater/Colorado Street 2018	
5	Taylor Dickey Museum and Multipurpose Center	
6	Granger Housing Authority Rehab	
7	City of Georgetown Home Repair Program	
8	Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County/Homeowner Rehab	
12	Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center/Social Service	

**Table 7 - Project Information** 

# Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities were based upon the Needs Assessment undertaken as part of the planning process and demand for projects and services in the past. The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the limited resources available to address such needs throughout the County. The County encourages CDBG applicants to seek other resources from other public and private entities in an effort to leverage the limited amount of CDBG funds available.

Projects descriptions and specific allocations are found in the appendices of this document.

# **AP-38 Project Summary**

**Project Summary Information** 

1	Project Name	Granger Wastewater/Colorado Street 2018
	Target Area	City of Granger
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$373,925
	Description	Replacement of existing 8 inch clay wastewater line with new PVC wastewater line and associated manholes. Project to include the repair of asphalt streets and concrete sidewalks and will take place on Colorado Street south of FM917 to East Mesquite, Colorado Street north of FM971 to East Ash, east on East Ash Street to North Alligator Road, north on Mustang Street from East Ash Street to before East Walnut. Project is in Granger, TX.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project is area based and expected to assist 878 people.
	Location Description	Granger TX
	Planned Activities	Project to include 35 isolation water valves to reduce the need to shut down the city's water supply due to maintenance/repair efforts. (funded in FY18 \$55,400)
2	Project Name	Taylor Dickey Museum and Multipurpose Center
	Target Area	City of Taylor
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
<b>Funding</b> CDBG: \$147,280		CDBG: \$147,280
	Description	Rehabilitation of the Dr. James Lee Dickey House located at 500 Burkett Street in Taylor, TX. Project includes building and foundation repairs, asbestos and lead paint testing and abatement, air testing, concrete walks and ramps (Funded in FY17 in the amount of \$109,160). FY19 funding will be used to complete the exterior restoration of the building.
	Target Date	9/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project is an areas based project. Assist approximately 4755 people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Project is located in at 500 Burkett Street Taylor Tx.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of the Dr. James Lee Dickey House located at 500 Burkett Street in Taylor, TX. Working with Dickey House Architect Raymond Powell and Phoenix 1 Restoration/ Construction Co. to rehabilitate existing building to its original condition in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards SOI) and guidelines for historic buildings as required by Federal Law. Project includes building and foundation repairs, asbestos and lead paint testing and abatement, air testing, concrete walks and ramps.
3	Project Name	Granger Housing Authority Rehab
	Target Area	City of Granger
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$46,498
	Description	Weatherization through window replacement in approximately 16 units.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will assist approximately 20 low income individuals/10 households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Granger Housing Authority
	Planned Activities	Weatherization through window replacement in approximately 10 units.
4	Project Name	City of Georgetown Home Repair Program
	Target Area	City of Georgetown
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000

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	Description	Project will assist approximately fifteen eligible homeowners who are in need of home repairs within Georgetown city limits. Homeowners will meet CDBG defined income qualifications. The program will be administered by Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. Home repairs can include, but are not limited to, roofing, siding, weatherization (windows), energy efficiency/conservation (plumbing, electrical), accessibility and/or safety.	
	Target Date	9/30/2021	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Projec to assist approximately 15-20 low income households.	
	<b>Location Description</b>	Project will be in Georgetown TX.	
	Planned Activities	Project will assist approximately fifteen eligible homeowners who are in need of home repairs within Georgetown city limits. Homeowners will meet CDBG defined income qualifications. The program will be administered by Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. Home repairs can include, but are not limited to, roofing, siding, weatherization (windows), energy efficiency/conservation (plumbing, electrical), accessibility and/or safety.	
5	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County/Homeowner Rehab	
	Target Area	CDBG Participating Cities + Unincorporated Areas of County	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation	
	Needs Addressed	Increase Access to Affordable Housing	
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000	
	Description	Project will assist approximately ten eligible homeowners who are in need of home repairs within CDBG participating cities or the unincorporated areas of the County. Homeowners will meet CDBG defined income qualifications. Home repairs can include, but are not limited to, roofing, siding, weatherization (windows), energy efficiency/conservation (plumbing, electrical), accessibility and/or safety.	
	Target Date	9/30/2021	

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	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG participating cities or unincorporated areas of the county.
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6	Project Name	Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center/Social Service
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide housing/services to the homeless/at risk
	Needs Addressed	Decrease Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Provide Housing First services that assist people in securing permanent housing and achieve housing stability, without preconditions or barriers as a prerequisite for housing. Focus will be on the housing needs of people that are homeless by connecting with local housing authorities, applying for Section 8 or Section 811, finding available rental units and negotiating with property managers. Housing First will also help individuals access employment, psychiatric and primary healthcare, veteran and peer support services, access community resources and apply for Social Security benefits and other benefits such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as needed.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will assist approximately 20 low income individuals. Clients are homeless or near homeless.
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG participating cities and unincorporated areas of the county.

#### **Planned Activities**

Provide Housing First services that assist people in securing permanent housing and achieve housing stability, without preconditions or barriers as a prerequisite for housing. Focus will be on the housing needs of people that are homeless by connecting with local housing authorities, applying for Section 8 or Section 811, finding available rental units and negotiating with property managers. Housing First will also help individuals access employment, psychiatric and primary healthcare, veteran and peer support services, access community resources and apply for Social Security benefits and other benefits such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as needed.

## AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Projects are determined by the area low mod percent or by individual assistance. Projects will be located in Granger, Georgetown, Jarrell, Taylor, Hutto, and in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Distribution is as follows:

Granger 26.3%

Georgetown 20.3%

Jarrell 22.2%

Taylor 9.2%

**Hutto 1.2%** 

Countywide 13.2%

Administration 7.2%

#### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Countywide	13
City of Leander	0
City of Georgetown	20
City of Granger	26
City of Taylor	9
CDBG Participating Cities + Unincorporated Areas of County	31

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution** 

#### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Williamson County will use CDBG funds throughout the jurisdiction to serve low and moderate-income persons and households. The county does not prioritize allocations geographically, but rather based on need. All projects either serve low-mod income individuals, households or areas based on census tract

data or survey.	
Discussion	
Williamson County does not have identified designated target areas for the FY20 Action Plan.	

## **Affordable Housing**

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The county will use FY20 CDBG funds to assist with the Georgetown Home Repair Program and the Habitat for Humanity Home Repair program. Funds will also be used to improve the Granger Housing Authority the Hope Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter. In addition, Habitat for Humanity and Georgetown will partner to create 6-12 affordable homes in the 21st Street area of Georgetown.

Bluebonnet Trails and Hope Alliance will manage two housing assistance programs.

Projects to be funded as follows:

Georgetow Home Repair \$75,000

Habitat Home Repair \$75,000

Granger Housing Authority \$46,498

Hope Alliance \$22,134

Georgetown/Habitat \$230,500

Bluebonnet Trails/Social Service \$50,000

Hope Alliance/Social Service \$35,000

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	20
Non-Homeless	41
Special-Needs	507
Total	568

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	6
Rehab of Existing Units	41
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	47

#### Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

Project outcomes are as follows:

Georgetow Home Repair 15 households

Habitat Home Repair 10 households

Granger Housing Authority 10 households/units

Hope Alliance 357 individuals served at shelter

Georgetown/Habitat 6-12 new homes

Bluebonnet Trails/Social Service 20 homeless indivuals

Hope Alliance/Social Service 150 victims of domestic violence

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

#### Introduction

Low-income residents largely depend on local housing authorities for access to affordable housing and related services. The purpose of public housing authorities (PHA) is to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing and to create opportunities for resident's self-sufficiency and economic independence.

The Georgetown Public Housing Authority manages Shady Oaks Apartments and Stonehaven Apartments. The Shady Oaks Apartments are Section 8 and offer 60 duplex apartments to qualified residents. The Stonehaven Apartments are public housing and offer 158 housing units to qualified residents. The Georgetown Housing Authority also manages a Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) program.

The Taylor Housing Authority owns and manages the Mary Olson property and the Avery property. These properties are public housing facilities and offer 46 units and 70 units respectively. The Taylor Housing Authority also administers a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program that assists approximately 142 families. The Voucher program is a rental subsidy program where families choose where they want to live (based on certain stipulations) and the rental subsidy is paid to the landlord.

The Granger Housing Authority operates and manages 26 units available to qualified residents.

As public housing facilities age, investment are needed to maintain and improve the buildings and units to preserve and maintain safe, decent, affordable housing for the County's most vulnerable residents. This section discusses actions taken to address the needs of public housing residents and the units in which they reside.

#### Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

During FY 2020, Williamson County will fund the following:

• Funding to Granger Housing Authority (\$46,498) to weatherize 10 units through window replacement. Units are 2-3 bedroom units and will serve low-mod income families.

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

Georgetown Housing Authority (GHA) offers various services to residents in an effort to improve their living environment. Services include classes and activities for families such as nutrition and health classes; exercise groups; medical, hearing and prescription medicine screenings; defensive driving; financial literacy as well as classes about protection from identity fraud/theft. Computer labs and tutors

are available to residents for job search activities, resume building, and personal use.

GHA offers the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. In partnership with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners, GHA has developed a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to assist them in obtaining employment that pays a living wage and focus on self-sufficiency.

The Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program is another essential service provided through GHA. This program allows residents to receive one-on-one assistance and support from a ROSS Coordinator to identify goals and current needs and to find free or low-cost resources to assist residents in achieving their goals.

The Taylor Housing Autorhity was awarded \$100,000 in FY16 CDBG funds for their Home Ownership Program to assist income eligible families with purchasing a home. The down payment assistance available to families was increased in an effort to make home purchases affordable to income qualified households.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

None of the PHAs in Williamson County are designated as troubled.

Discussion

# AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i) Introduction

The following section outlines Williamson County's goals and actions for the year in ending homelessness.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

Williamson County will fund FY20 CDBG funds to Bluebonnet Trails (\$50,000). The project will provide Housing First services that assist people in securing permanent housing and achieve housing stability, without preconditions or barriers as a prerequisite for housing. Focus will be on the housing needs of people that are homeless by connecting with local housing authorities, applying for Section 8 or Section 811, finding available rental units and negotiating with property managers. Housing First will also help individuals access employment, psychiatric and primary healthcare, veteran and peer support services, access community resources and apply for Social Security benefits and other benefits such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as needed. Project anticipates assisting 20 homeless individuals.

The County will also fund Hope Alliance (\$35,000). The project will offer financial assistance to survivors of domestic violence participating in other life-saving services offered by Hope Alliance. Assistance would be provided in the form of monies paid directly to landlords and utility companies. Financial assistance would be provided for items such as deposits, rent, and utilities.

This assistance will allow survivors to remain in their current safe housing or obtain new housing after fleeing from unsafe, abusive, and violent environments. Project anticipated to assist 150 victims of domestic violence.

The County participated in the Central Texas Fair Housing consortium. The full report can be found at https://www.wilco.org/cdbg.

The Central Texas Fair Housing consortium developed a regional Analysis of impediments to Fair Housing. The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, or AI, is a planning process for local governments and public housing agencies (PHAs) to take meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination. This study was conducted for the Central Texas Region in

2018 and 2019 as a joint effort among the following entities:

- The City of Austin
- The Housing Authority of the City of Austin
- The Georgetown Housing Authority
- The City of Pflugerville
- The City of Round Rock
- The Round Rock Housing Authority
- The Taylor Housing Authority
- Travis County
- The Housing Authority of Travis County
- Williamson County

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

Because Williamson County will be funding wraparound social services offered by service providers working with persons experiencing homelessness, the service providers are able to leverage their resources to provide emergency shelter to help meet the housing needs of homeless persons. Williamson County has allocated to the following social services; \$20,000 Hutto Resource Center Food Pantry, \$20,000 Helping Hands of Georgetown Food Pantry, \$30,000 to Interagency Support Council of Eastern Williamson County, \$35,000 to Williamson County Crisis Center dba Hope Alliance, and \$50,000 to Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center. Williamson County is not directly increasing the number of emergency shelter beds but rather is funding the supportive services utilized by persons accessing emergency and transitional housing.

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

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

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#### Discussion

The CDBG Program Administrator participates in the Williamson County Homeless Coalition. The coalition is made up of local organizations who assist the homeless. The group is meeting to discuss how better to address the homeless population in Williamson County.

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 Project to assist homeless youth with transitional and permanent housing. This is done through Williamson County Juvenile Services.

Williamson Burnet County Oppotunities (WBCO) provides services such emergency assistance, headstart, case management to transition out of poverty, adult education program for job skills, and rapid re-housing program.

Wiliamson County Mobile Outreach Team assists local law enforcement with individuals who are in a crisis. They work with health-care facilities, mental health facilities, corrections programs and institutions to ensure that individuals obtain the care they need. They also provide medications and temporary housing as needed and as funds allow.

# AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.220(j)

#### Introduction:

This section describes some of the primary challenges to development of affordable housing.

Actions it planned 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

Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) is the only nonprofit housing developer in Williamson County. Habitat must look for low-cost land as high taxes and insurance make much of the land cost prohibitive. Even with Homestead caps, valuations are increasing and hurting mortgage affordability while low-cost land is increasingly difficult to find. It is a priority of Williamson County to acquire land for affordable housing. Stakeholders discussed that development and zoning ordinances make it difficult to develop affordable housing units.

The City of Georgetown and Habitat for Humanity are partnering together to develop 6-12 workforce units located on West 21st Street in Georgetown TX.

#### **Discussion:**

# **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

#### Introduction:

# Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary impediment to Williamson County's ability to meet underserved needs is limited availability of funding to address identified priorities; the need exceeds the availability of resources. The County will continue to seek public and private resources to leverage its entitlement funds in assisting with implementation of policies and programs.

# Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Williamson County is committed to fostering and maintaining affordable housing. FY20 CDBG funds have been awarded to following projects to improve or create additional affordable housing:

# **Granger Water System Improvements \$373,925**

Project to include 35 isolation water valves to reduce the need to shut down the city's water supply due to maintenance/repair efforts.

#### Habitat for Humanity/Georgetown 21st Street Project \$230,500

Site development engineering, infrastructure and architectural design and construction documents for the development of 6-12 for sale workforce units developed at 502 W. 21st Street, Georgetown TX.

#### Jarrell Water System Improvements \$355,520

Installation of approximately 2400 feet of 12" water line including valves, fittings and fire hydrants. Work to be completed on East Avenue A, between North 2nd Street and North 10th Street in Jarrell TX.

#### **Granger Housing Authority Rehab \$46,498**

Weatherization through window replacement in approximately 10 units that are 2-3 bedrooms.

# City of Georgetown Home Repair Program \$75,000

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# Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Williamson County will continue to support the efforts of the Williamson County and Cities Health Districts to address lead based paint (LBP) hazards. The County will also continue to notify CDBG subrecipients of LBP requirements and ensure compliance with CDBG requirements.

Williamson County's CDBG policies and procedures comply with the federal lead-based paint regulations at 24 CFR Part 35.

In accordance with lead-based paint requirements, the County will incorporate the following factors to refine and narrow the communities that are at highest risk with lead-based paint hazards as related to housing rehabilitation activities:

- Age of housing (pre-1978 housing units)
- Condition of housing
- Tenure and poverty levels
- Presence of young children
- Presence of lead poisoning cases

All contractors, sub-recipients, and other community partners are advised of the lead-based paint regulations. Additionally, the County's CDBG Office will continue to distribute information and literature

Annual Action Plan 2020 on lead hazards to households who may be at risk of exposure.

## Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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## Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Because Williamson County has relationships with public housing authorities and agencies such as Habitat for Humanity and Hope Alliance, there are opportunities for continued dialogue and support for advancement of institutional structure. Additionally, as a sub-recipient of CDBG funds, the receiving entities must maintain a high level of reporting which requires a strong institutional structure. Williamson County will provide technical assistance as needed to ensure that sub-recipients are in compliance with CDBG regulations.

# Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Williamson County will continue to support and encourage efforts of the four public housing authorities and agencies such as Habitat for Humanity to collaborate to increase and preserve the number of affordable housing units. Williamson County will also encourage public housing authorities to offer services to residents in financial literacy and planning and to encourage residents to participate in

programs designed to increase self-sufficiency.

**Discussion:** 

# **Program Specific Requirements**

# AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

## Introduction:

# Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the nex	t
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	C
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year t	:0
address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has ne	ot
been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0
Other CDBG Requirements	
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that	
benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period	
of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall	
benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate	
income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	00.00%

#### Past Performance and Evaluation as Reported in the FY18 CAPER

City of Weir Community Center

Activity 86

Accomplishments: Engineering for this project is complete. Original bids came in over budget. Project will rebid December 19, 2019. Once a contract is awarded, the project will take approximately 5-6 months for completion.

FY17 \$315,000 FY18 \$292,700

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$62,748 Census Tract 216.02 (Block Group 1)

Percent Low-Mod: 46.34% Percent Minority: 25.3%

City of Taylor Water/Wastewater and Street Reconstruction

**Activity 88** 

Accomplishments: Construction on West 3rd Street from Vance to Howard in Taylor, TX. 6732 square yards of recycled pavement (12" deep with cement), 6120 square yards of 2.5" HMAC, 1355 linear feet of curb and gutter replacement, 340 linear feet of 8" wastewater main, 1750 linear feet of wastewater service lines with clean-outs at right of way, 2500 linear feet of 8" C900 water main, 1050 linear feet of water service lines 6 water valves and fittings, 3 wastewater manholes, 2840 linear feet of trench protection, 7 fire hydrants and associated appurtenances. Engineering is underway.

FY17 \$82,203 FY18 \$290,000

FY18 reallocated \$117,000 CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Census Tract 211 (Block Groups 1 and 2) Census Tract 210 (Block Groups 1, 2 and 3)

Percent Low-Mod: 67.35%

Percent Minority: 211-57.49% 210-81.34%

Granger Wastewater/Colorado Street 2018

Activity 89

Accomplishments: Replacement of existing 8 inch clay wastewater line with new PVC wastewater line and associated manholes. Project to include the repair of asphalt streets and concrete sidewalks and will take place on Colorado Street south of FM917 to East Mesquite, Colorado Street north of FM971 to East Ash, east on East Ash Street to North Alligator Road, north on Mustang Street from East Ash Street to before East Walnut. Engineering for this project is complete. Construction funding will be requested in next grant cycle.

FY18 \$55,400

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0 (funding requests are being processed)

Census Tract 213 (Block Groups 2 and 3)

Percent Low-Mod: 50.50% Percent Minority: 39.51%

City of Liberty Hill Sidewalk Project

#### Activity 90

Accomplishments: Construction of 2,600 linear feet of 4-foot sidewalk, 100 linear feet of 5-foot sidewalk, nine ramps, 16 driveway aprons, and 1,170 linear feet of drainage improvements. The streets to be addressed include Hickman Street, Church Street, Barton Drive, Grange Street, and Munro Street. Survey of service area has been completed and indicates the area is qualified to use CDBG funding. Engineering is complete. Easement acquisition is underway. Project is expected to bid in December 2019, contract awarded in January 2020, construction expected to take approximately four months.

FY16 \$26,000 (engineering only)

FY18 \$224,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0 Survey indicates area is 60% low-mod

#### Hutto/Huttoparke Sidewalk

Activity 91

Accomplishments: Installing approximately 512 linear feet of 5 foot sidewalks and .25 mile of 10 foot sidewalk along FM1660 from Sylvan Street to between Almquist Street and Brown Street and just south of Limmer Loop. Survey must be completed to verify percent low mod.

FY18 \$56,095

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Survey required to verify area low-mod eligibility

### Georgetown 17th Street Sidewalk

Activity 84

Accomplishments: Approximately 1100 feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk, approximately 175 square yards od driveway approach, 8 curb ramps, 150 feet of crosswalk and two GoGeo (fixed route) bus shelters. Project is located on W. 17th Street from Railroad Ave to Forest Street in Georgetown, TX. Project was bid on September 10, 2019 and contract awarded on October 22, 2019. Construction expected to begin January 2020.

FY18 \$206,824

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$8950 Census Tract 214.02 (Block Groups 3 and 4)

Percent Low-Mod: 93.59% Percent Minority: 51.54%

#### Georgetown Housing Authority FY18

Activity 92

Accomplishments: Modernization of 158 dwelling buildings, office/community building, management/maintenance buildings, gazebos and fences. Rehab of entries by removing deteriorated wood on fascia boards, trim, soffits, wood siding, wood fencing and paint exterior surfaces. Project to take place at the Georgetown Housing Authority Stonehaven location. Project is being planned with a 2019 funded sewer project for the property. Project is expected to begin early 2020.

FY18 \$282,603

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Housing Authority Rehab 100% low-mod

Taylor Dickey Givens Community Center

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#### Activity 93

Accomplishments: Construction of a 2175 square foot community center to include a kitchen, two ADA compliant restrooms, large meeting room with a stage and all project incidentals. The center will be located in Fannie Robinson Park at the corner of South Dolan Street and MLK Jr. Blvd in Taylor TX.

Environmental review is underway. Project expected to begin in January 2020.

FY16 \$150,000

FY18 \$150,000 (reallocated from Bluebonnet Trails Project)

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Census Tract 210 and 211 Percent Low-Mod: 67.35%

Percent Minority: 210-81.34% 211-57.49%

**Program Administration** 

Activity 87 FY18 \$91,912

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$51,106.18

Taylor Housing Authority Home Ownership Program

Activity 79

Accomplishments: Down payment assistance was provided to one low income family in 2017 and one low income family in 2018. Homes are located in Taylor TX. Additional income qualified families and individuals are being identified.

FY16 \$100,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$30,000

Percent Low-Mod: 100%

Percent Minority: White/Hispanic (both families)

City of Jarrell Water Improvements

Activity 81

Accomplishments: Project was amended on June 5, 2018 from a wastewater project to a water project. Updated project description is the extension of the 12" waterline that was installed in the 2012 CDBG funding cycle. Construction on North 5th Street (north of Avenue East), on East Avenue C from North 5th Street to North 10th Street, on North 10th Street from East Avenue C to West Avenue A, and on West Avenue A from North 10th Street to North 8th Street. This portion of the line is approximately 2000 feet. Project is complete. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

FY17 \$215,850

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$215,850 Census Tract 216.03 (Block Group 2)

Percent Low-Mod: 56% Percent Minority: 25.3%

City of Granger Sewer Project Activity 80 Accomplishments: Bid will open on December 19, 2019. Design and location decisions delayed the project. Engineering for the project is complete. Construction anticipated to begin in early 2019 and take approximately four months to complete.

FY17 \$294,350

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$3150 Census Tract 213 (Block Groups 2 and 3)

Percent Low-Mod: 49.83% Percent Minority: 39.51%

Interagency Support Council of Eastern Williamson County

Activity 83

Accomplishments: Provide individual and group therapy, small and large group presentations, crises intervention, psychiatric care, medication monitoring and family therapy to participating schools in Eastern Williamson County. Funding will allow the program to maintain the number of clients served. Program has assisted 20 new clients and provided 53 sessions.

FY17 \$25,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$13,262.42 Percent Low-Mod: Limited Clientele Percent Minority: 65% minority

Taylor Dickey Museum and Multipurpose Center

Activity 82

Accomplishments: Phase 1 of this project was completed on 5-9-2019 and included raising the existing house as required, construction of new concrete piers/foundation, repair of existing floor beams, setting house down on new foundation, replacing roof decking with plywood sheathing, replacing the edge metal, installing new felt, installing new 30 year composition shingles over the entire roof area. The project was funded an additional \$98,000 in 2019 to complete the project.

FY17 \$109,160

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$105,259

Census Tract 212.03 (Block Group 1) Census Tract 210 (Block Groups 1 and 2) Census Tract 211 (Block

Group 1)

Percent Low-Mod: 70.76%

Percent Minority: 212.03-37.08% 210-81.34% 211-57.49%

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Accomplishments: Family was selected on April 2, 2019. Panel build was in November 2019. On-site

construction kick-off is scheduled for January 4, 2020.

Anticipated closing date in May 2020. CDBG Funds Utilized: \$59,938.04 Income qualified household

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Accomplishments: Income qualified family has moved into one property at this location. The second property is scheduled to be completed December 2019. The third property is scheduled for construction Fall 2020.

CDBG Funds Utilized: \$48,137.32 Income qualified households