

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 \$1,596,014 for Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021). In accordance to the priorities identified and outlined in the County's Consolidated Plan, six social service projects, four public facilities projects, two home repair projects, and one housing development project were identified for FY20 allocation. 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 FY20 Action Plan was also amended to add CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$2,283,010. These funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for or responde to coronavirus.

The County's Strategic Plan outlines the following as high priority projects.

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 Tax Credit 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 news and 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.

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 FY20 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. Project progress can be found in the attachment section of this document. See FY20 Funded Project Information, Previously Funded Project Information and CDBG-CV Cares funding.

It is required that this report be available for review for a minimum of 15 days. The review period is December 6 – December 20, 2021. A public hearing will be held on December 14, 2021.

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
Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	174	41	23.56%			
Fair Housing Activities	Fair Housing Activities	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%			
Home-ownership Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	10	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%
Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing Public Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		10	41	410.00%
Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing Public Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	125	14	11.20%	25	15	60.00%
Improve public facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	40950	10391	25.37%	2895	10391	358.93%

Improve public facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
Improve public infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	800	5636	704.50%			
Planning and Administration	Administration and Planning	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
Provide housing/services to the homeless/at risk	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	100	31	31.00%	150	0	0.00%
Provide housing/services to the homeless/at risk	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0		20	31	155.00%
Provide public services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	450	336	74.67%	250	336	134.40%

Provide public services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%			
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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.

All activities funded are identified as High Priority projects. Please see attached documents outlining projects funded and progress in 2020 (FY20 Funded Project Information, Previously Funded Project Information and CDBG-CV Cares funding).

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	73
Black or African American	15
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	88
Hispanic	25
Not Hispanic	63

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

Narrative

The numbers above represent racial and ethnic data for the following programs:

Habitat Home Repair and the Georgetown Housing Authority.

The chart does not reflect individuals or families identified as multi-racial (7, 2 Hispanic).

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	public - federal	1,596,014	1,607,928
Other	public - federal	2,283,010	0

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Participating Cities + Unincorporated Areas of County			
City of Georgetown			
City of Granger			
City of Leander	0		
City of Taylor			
Countywide			

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Crisis Center Shelter Rehab 1.38%

Granger Water System Improvements 23.4%

Habitat for Humanity 21st Street Project 8.36%

City of Georgetown 21st Street Project 6.1%

Jarrell Water System Improvements 22.3%

Taylor Water System Old Coupland 10%

Granger Housing Authority 2.9%

Georgetown Home Repair 4.7%

Habitat Home Repair 4.7%

Hutto Resource Center 1.3%

Helping Hands of Georgetown 1.3%

Crisis Center Social Service 2.2%

Bluebonnet Trails 3.1%

Interagency Support Council 1.9%

Program Administration 6.4%

Williamson County does not allocate CDBG funds based on identified target areas. The County receives applications for funding from participating cities and local organizations for projects that fit within the County's priorities. Applications are reviewed by the Community Development Administrator who then makes a recommendation to Commissioners Court based on need and funding allocation. Commissioners Court reviews the recommendation and either approves or requests modifications.

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.

The following are leveraged funds per FY20 project:

Granger Water System Improvements \$10,000

Jarrell Water System Improvements \$10,000

Granger Housing Authority \$7000

Georgetown Home Repair \$55,000

Habitat Home Repair \$136,879.50

Hutto Resource Center \$12,396

Helping Hands of Georgetown \$14,900

Crisis Center Social Service \$295,000

Interagency Support Council \$665,250

Williamson County does not use publicly owned land or property to address identified needs. Williamson County does not receive HOME or ESG funds.

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	20	40
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	41	56
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	507	327
Total	568	423

Table 5 – 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	6	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	41	56
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	47	56

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

Some delays were experienced. This was because of availability of materials, costs of materials and cost of construction. Habitat assisted 15 homeowner with repairs. The Habitat and Georgetown Home Repair programs are still in progress and continue to assist low-income households.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The success of these programs has been instrumental in assisting low-mod income households to remain in their homes and thus prevent homelessness. It is expected that these programs will continue.

The CDBG office meets with the homelessness coalition to discuss options to increase affordable housing to low-mod income families.

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 Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	104	0
Low-income	312	0
Moderate-income	7	0
Total	423	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The Habitat Home Repair program assisted 15 families. Five families are low income and ten families are extremely low income. The Georgetown Housing Authority is rehabbing it's facility. To date, 41 households have benefitted. All of the residents are extremely low income.

Two programs have assisted homeless individuals. Bluebonnet has assisted 31 homeless individuals, all extremely low income. Key2Free has assisted 9 low income clients.

The county continues to work with the Taylor Housing Authority in its down payment assistance program. Unfortunately, the costs associated with home ownership in Williamson County has increased, making it difficult to identify eligible clients. The Housing Authority is currently working with two households to complete the program.

Interagency Support Council assisted 37 new clients, 22 were extremely low income, eight were low income and 7 were moderate income. Helping Hands of Georgetown assisted 290 low income residents.

The local Housing Authorities provide affordable housing to low income individuals and families. Unfortunately, the number of units available is greatly out numbered by the number of those in need. Families and individuals are encouraged to contact local organizations for rental assistance and other needs.

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 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 joint effort.

The Georgetown Housing Authority rehabilitation project will repair approximately 134 units housing extremely low income households. Forty-one units have been completed.

Habitat Home Repair program assisted 15 households, allowing individuals to remain in their homes and avoid homelessness.

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. Examples of support include, but are not limited to, employees serving as board members, collaboration during special projects, and public recognition of services provided.

Another organization addressing homelessness is the Georgetown Project. The Georgetown Project opened the NEST in 2011 as an outreach to Georgetown ISD teens in 9th-12th grade that were homeless or living in transition. The NEST Program now includes The NEST Host Home, an overnight safe haven for youth living in transition, and The NEST Empowerment Center, an after school safe haven for all Georgetown ISD high school teens who are in need of free resources.

Bluebonnet Trails was funded in FY19 and in FY20. Assistance to 31 homeless individuals was provided

in FY20. The program provides 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.

Key2Free was funded in FY19. The program assisted nine low income homeless individuals in FY20. The program provides clinical, medical and dental services to victims of human trafficking.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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 County also funds Bluebonnet Trails and Key2Free. Both organizations work directly with the homeless population and assist with transitional housing.

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

The Georgetown Housing Authority is utilizing funding to rehabilitate approximately 134 existing units. To date, 41 units have been completed. The rehabilitation of these units allows the extremely low income households to remain housed, ultimately, preventing homelessness.

Habitat Home Repair program has assisted 15 low income households with repairs that allow them to remain housed.

Mobile Outreach Team works with law enforcement to assist homeless or nearly homeless individuals with temporary housing.

The Crisis Center provides housing assistance to victims of domestic violence.

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 was designed to empower residents with information about resources in the Williamson County area so that they can connect with available

services. Residents can go to www.wilco.org/communityresources and enter their zip code to search for services near their location. All searches are confidential.

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

In FY20, the CDBG Program Administrator participated 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 Opportunities (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.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

In FY20,

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.

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 Georgetown Housing Authority also provides a Family Self Sufficiency Program which is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. They work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop 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 hopefully, enable them to live without any form of public assistance.

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 Taylor Housing Authority also administers 3-year housing vouchers for those exiting the foster care system.

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

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

Williamson County works with the Georgetown Housing Authority to conduct required reviews and

approvals in order for the Housing Authority to receive federal funding. All Housing Authorities are invited to participate in the development of the annual action plan and the 5-year consolidated plan. The Williamson County CDBG office assists, as requested, the housing authorities with funding options and any other needs.

The Granger Housing Authority completed rehab of 16 units utilizing FY19 CDBG funds. The Georgetown Housing Authority is currently utilizing CDBG funds for rehab of 134 units, 41 units are complete. The renovations allow for improved housing for low income households.

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. The local Housing Authorities have Resident Commissions on their boards in an effort to encourage participation. Also, all documents requiring public review are provided to local housing authorities.

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.

In FY20, the County continued 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. 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).

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 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

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 Central Texas Fair Housing Assessment was completed in 2019.

A Central Texas Regional Fair Housing Working Group (WorkingGroup) will be established and made up of staff from each of the 10 entities to collaborate and coordinate on implementation of regional fair housing goals and affordable housing interests. The group will also consult with area experts on housing equity and economic opportunity, K-12 educational leaders, local and regional transit providers, and public works staff. This Group will be facilitated by a Travis County Health and Human Services employee team. The group will meet quarterly, and be governed by a group charter and 5 year work plan that will be established to guide the work of the Group.

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. Monitorings are ongoing as Williamson County requires all documents to support progress, payment, and reports to be submitted. If file documentation is not submitted, the County will not process payment to a project.

Meeting with representatives from the projects ensures that regulations are being followed. The Community Development Administrator provides HUD guidance, County forms, labor forms and Davis Bacon information, and information on how to access funds.

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 in English and Spanish to inform citizens of public comment periods and public meetings. A 15 day comment period, December 6 – December 20, 2021, was provided during the CAPER process. No comments were received. A public hearing was held on December 14, 2021. 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.

Williamson County does not have an existing Section 108 guaranteed loan program.

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

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

Attachment

FY20 Funded Projects

FY20 CDBG Funded Projects

Williamson County Crisis Center dba Hope Alliance Shelter Rehab

Accomplishments: Funds were to be utilized for shelter repair. Funding for this project has been reallocated to the Crisis Center Social Service project. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

FY20 \$22,134

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Granger Water System Improvements

Activity 109

Accomplishments: Project to include 35 isolation water valves to reduce the need to shut down the city's water supply due to maintenance/repair efforts. Engineering is underway. Project completion is expected May 2022.

FY20 \$373,925

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$45,050

Census Tract 213 (Block Group 2)

Percent Low-Mod: 61.7%

Percent Minority: 39.51%

Habitat for Humanity 21st Street Project

Activity 112

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

FY20 \$133,500

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Income Qualified Households

City of Georgetown 21st Street Project

Activity 113

Accomplishments: Infrastructure for the development of 6-12 for sale workforce units developed at 502 W. 21st Street, Georgetown TX. Engineering and planning are underway.

FY20 \$97,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Income Qualified Households

Jarrell Water System Improvements

Activity 114

Accomplishments: 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. Agreement in place. Engineering and planning are underway.

FY20 \$355,520

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Census Tract 216.03 (Block Group 2)

Percent Low-Mod: 50.74%

Percent Minority: 25.3%

City of Taylor Water System Improvements Old Coupland Road

Activity 115

Accomplishments: Construction of approximately 1183 linear feet of 8" waterlines along Old Coupland Road in Taylor TX. Engineering and planning for project are underway.

FY20 \$160,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Census Tract 210 (Block Group 2)

Percent Low-Mod: 70%

Percent Minority: 81.34%

Granger Housing Authority Rehab

Activity 116

Accomplishments: Weatherization through window replacement in approximately 10 units that are 2-3 bedrooms. (funded in FY19 \$49,898)

FY20 \$46,498

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Housing Authority Rehab 100% low-mod

City of Georgetown Home Repair Program

Activity 117

Accomplishments: 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. City utilizing previous funding for project. Program is in progress.

FY20 \$75,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Income Qualified Households

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County Home Repair Program

Activity 107

Accomplishments: 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. Utilizing FY20 funding, 14 low income households received home repair, benefiting 20 individuals. This project is complete. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

FY20 \$75,000

Annual Goals: Increase Access to Affordable Housing

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$75,000

Income Qualified Households

Percent Minority: 50%

Hutto Resource Center/Social Service Food Pantry

Activity 118

Accomplishments: Food pantry services to qualified clients. Program is in progress.

FY20 \$20,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Limited Clientele, Location and Nature

Helping Hands of Georgetown/Social Service Food Pantry

Activity 110

Accomplishments: Food pantry services to qualified clients. Assisted 290 new clients with services from food pantry.

FY20 \$20,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$12,216.40

Limited Clientele, Location and Nature

Percent Minority: 61%

Williamson County Crisis Center dba Hope Alliance/Social Service Transitional Housing

Activity 111

Accomplishments: CDBG funds will be utilized to 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.

Program delayed in getting started. Agreement is in place.

FY20 \$35,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Limited Clientele

Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center/Social Service

Activity 108

Accomplishments: 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. Assisted 11 new homeless clients with housing and rental assistance. Total occurrences of assistance was 34 for homeless clients.

FY20 \$50,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$14,021.52

Limited Clientele Homeless

Percent Minority: 27%

Interagency Support Council of Eastern Williamson County, Inc/Social Service

Activity 106

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 37 new clients and provided 395 sessions.

FY20 \$30,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$30,000

Limited Clientele

Percent Minority: 40.5%

Program Administration

Activity 105

FY20 \$102,437

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$85,080.83

FY20 Previously Funded Projects

Previously Funded Projects

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" HMA, 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. Project is complete. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

Funded \$592,700

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$592,700

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 funded in 2018 is complete. Construction portion of the project was funded in 2021. Construction to begin in early 2022.

FY18 \$55,400

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$55,400

Census Tract 213 (Block Groups 2 and 3)

Percent Low-Mod: 50.50%

Percent Minority: 39.51%

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. This project has not been funded in IDIS. Project is cancelled, funds will be reallocated.

FY18 \$56,095

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Survey required to verify area low-mod eligibility

Taylor Dickey Givens Community Center

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 complete. Project is complete. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

FY16 \$150,000

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

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$300,000

Census Tract 210 and 211

Percent Low-Mod: 67.35%

Percent Minority: 210-81.34% 211-57.49%

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. 2019: \$20,000 has been committed to a homebuyer who is purchasing a Habitat home. The home is expected to be completed in December 2021 or early 2022. The remaining funds have not been committed to date.

FY16 \$100,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$50,000

Percent Low-Mod: 100%

Percent Minority: White/Hispanic (both families)

City of Granger Sewer Project

Activity 80

Accomplishments: Replacement of existing lift station located on Roswell Avenue with a prepackaged lift station. Project will include replacement of forcemain and gravity line relocation, and associated project incidentals. Engineering for the project is complete. Completion of easement documentation and engineering is underway. Due to unexpected costs incurred by the City of Granger caused by a

major water leak, the original design of the project had to be redesigned and rebid. Bidding process expected early 2022 with 6-9 months for completion.

FY17 \$294,350

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$44,501.31

Census Tract 213 (Block Groups 2 and 3)

Percent Low-Mod: 49.83%

Percent Minority: 39.51%

Williamson County Habitat for Humanity

Activity 74

Accomplishments: Income qualified family has moved into one property at this location (reported in 2018 CAPER). Home complete and very-low income family of four moved in on January 2020. A third home is being built on the property, family has been selected, build expected to begin spring/summer 2021. Due to delays caused by covid-19, the move in date is now November-December 2021.

CDBG Funds Utilized: \$39,380.56

Income qualified households

Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center/Social Service

Activity 99

Accomplishments: 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. Assisted 20 new homeless clients with housing and rental assistance. Total occurrences of assistance was 49 for homeless clients. Project is complete. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

FY19 \$50,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$50,000

Percent Low-Mod: Limited Clientele Homeless

Percent Minority: 40% 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. Project progress includes asbestos and lead paint abatement, foundation has been restored, roof restoration, exterior structure has been restored, doors restored and installed. Project is complete. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

FY17 \$109,160

FY19 \$98,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$207,160

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%

City of Georgetown Home Repair Program

Activity 100

Accomplishments: 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. No additional homes were repaired with funding. Program was stalled due to covid and material shortage. Project to resume in FY21.

FY19 \$75,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$72,892.05

Georgetown Housing Authority FY18

Activity 92

Accomplishments: Modernization of 134 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. 2019: Stonehaven Apartments experiences critical levels of persistent sewage back-up within its dwelling units. Old, corroding and disintegrating sanitary sewer lines are continually failing, creating sewage blockage and subsequent back-ups into the residential units. It has also been discovered through testing by Terracon Consultants, Inc. that asbestos exists within the VCT flooring and adhesive, the undercoating of the kitchen sinks and the drywall. The asbestos materials will be significantly disturbed while remediating the sewage issues,

therefore will need to be abated in accordance with the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M, Asbestos, Demolitions and Renovations. Project is approximately 69% complete with 41 household returning to renovated units.

FY18 \$282,603

FY19 \$300,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$582,603

Housing Authority Rehab 100% low-mod

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County

Accomplishments: Land acquisition for the purpose of building affordable homes for income qualified individuals or families. This project has not been funded in IDIS. Land costs are unaffordable. Project cancelled. These funds were reallocated to the Habitat Home Repair program.

FY19 \$100,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Income qualified households

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County Home Repair

Activity 98

Accomplishments: 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. 15 low income households received home repair, benefiting 28 individuals were assisted in 2019. One low income households received home repair, benefiting 1 individual in 2020. Project is complete. This is the final time this project will be reported in a CAPER.

FY19 \$75,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$75,000

Income qualified households

City of Leander Senior Activity Center

Accomplishments: Funds will be utilized for a portion of the construction and/or equipment costs associated with the Senior Activity Center. The center will be an 11,000-13,000 Senior Activity Center that will house Meals on Wheels and have an area for the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. This project has been cancelled. Funds will be reallocated.

FY19 \$150,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$0

Lone Star Circle of Care Project Headwaters

Activity 102

Accomplishments: Funds will be utilized to rehab Taylor's West End School to include a kitchen, food pantry, meal packing and serving area, dining area, multipurpose room, offices and restrooms to accommodate Taylor's Meals on Wheels Program and Senior Center activities. Second floor rehab to include waiting room, program registration area, lab, provider and business office space, a nurse station, procedure room, exam rooms, break room, vitals area and storage for Lone Star Circle of Care. The abatement and selective demolition of the West End School site supported by CDBG funding is complete. Building and landscape design completed in August 2020. Project is expected to be completed early 2022.

The construction phase began September-October 2020.

FY19 \$300,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$300,000

Percent Low-Mod: Limited Clientele

The Key2Free/Social Service

Activity 95

Accomplishments: Provide clinical, medical and dental services to victims of human trafficking. Program assisted seven new clients and had 160 encounters in FY19. Program assisted 9 new clients and had 197 encounters in FY20.

FY19 \$59,000

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$32,583.88

Percent Low-Mod: Limited Clientele

Percent Minority: 44% minority

Program Administration

Activity 94

FY19 \$119,938

CDBG Funds Utilized to Date: \$119,938

Activity Closed

FY20 CV Projects

Williamson County CDBG-CV CARES funding

\$939,026 and \$1,343,984

Taylor Water Project/Repair Water lines: \$800,000

Tieback: Acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation of public works, facilities and site or other improvements. Construct a public improvement, such as extending broadband infrastructure in an underserved area or reconstructing degraded water lines, to support tele-school and telemedicine and to ensure potable water to homes, schools, and health providers.

Granger Housing Authority/Install Central Air: \$157,000

Tieback: Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements (including interim assistance). Rehabilitate a commercial building or public facility such as a school building to improve indoor air quality and ventilation to improve public health and prevent spread of coronavirus by replacing the HVAC and other building systems or to add operable windows and other improvements that could ensure the building's continued usefulness during an outbreak.

Habitat for Humanity/Land Acquisition to build affordable housing: \$636,000

Tieback: Acquisition of property for housing. Respond to residential over-crowding associated with coronavirus spread and with more severe coronavirus disease and poorer post-COVID health outcomes by acquiring property for new construction of affordable housing funded from another source.

Sacred Heart/Medical care for low income: \$640,000

Tieback: Provide testing, diagnosis, vaccination, or other health services to low/mod person at a mobile location.

Program Administration: \$50,010