

# Second Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Second Annual Action Plan includes the <u>SF 424</u> and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

# Narrative Responses

GENERAL

# **Executive Summary**

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Executive Summary:

The Williamson County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program currently has nine participating cities. The cities include Cedar Park, Georgetown, Granger, Jarrell, Leander, Liberty Hill, Taylor, Thrall and Weir. A five year Consolidated Plan was developed in 2009 in an effort to address needs of low to moderate income persons living within Williamson County.

The County has been awarded CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,216,512 for Fiscal Year 2010. The County will also reallocate \$318,314, previously allocated to the Georgetown Housing Authority Sierra Ridge Project. In accordance to the priorities identified and outlined in the County's Consolidated Plan, five infrastructure projects, two public facility projects and two social service project were identified for FY10 allocations. The projects will serve low to moderate income areas and households throughout the County. The Action Plan covers the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. The projects meet national goals and supports ongoing efforts in the community to address the growing population.

The Grants Coordinator will prepare and submit all required documents that are needed to support the CDBG program. The Coordinator will develop partnerships with community organizations to develop an efficient plan to address the needs of the low and moderate income persons.

# **General Questions**

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.

- 2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.
- 3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
- 4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Program Year 2 Action Plan General Questions response:

#### 1. Description of the Geographic Area

Williamson County will invest its 2010 CDBG funds in areas defined as low and moderate income (LMI) where at least 47% of the persons (for whom LMI status is determined) reside.

In 2010, the county will invest its CDBG funding in:

City of Georgetown

Social Service/Emergency Utility Bill Assistance

CDBG Amount: \$16,000

National Objective: Benefits low-mod income households/Direct Benefit Affordability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments Assistance to income qualified households in the City of Georgetown, TX The project serves City wide.

City of Georgetown

Infrastructure/Sidewalk Project CDBG Amount: \$392,370

National Objective: Benefits low-mod income persons on an area basis Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Census Data:

214.03 Block Group 1 214.02 Block Group 1 214.02 Block Group 3 214.02 Block Group 4 214.03 Block Group 2

Low-mod Percent is 68.1% Minority Percent is 46.39

City of Georgetown

Infrastructure/Sewer and Water Connections

CDBG Amount: \$50,000

National Objective: Benefits low-mod income households/Direct Benefit Affordability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments Assistance to income qualified households in the City of Georgetown, TX

The project serves City wide.

City of Jarrell

Infrastructure/Sewer Connections Amount Awarded: \$366,000

National Objective: Benefits low-mod income households/Direct Benefit Affordability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Assistance to income qualified households in Jarrell, TX Minority Percent is 25.30% (Census Tract 216.00)

City of Leander

Infrastructure/South Bagdad Road Sidewalk Project

Amount Awarded: \$100,000

National Objective: Benefits Low-mod income persons on an area basis Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Census Data:

203.03 Block Group 1 Low-mod Percent is 57.8% Minority Percent is 26.54%

City of Liberty Hill

Infrastructure/Sewer Connections Amount Awarded: \$250,000

National Objective: Benefits low-mod income households/Direct Benefit Affordability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Assistance to income qualified households in Liberty Hill, TX

Minority Percent is 15.25% (Census Tract 203.01)

City of Liberty Hill

Infrastructure/Water Well Construction

Amount Awarded: \$250,000

National Objective: Benefits low-mod households on an area basis

Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Census Data:

203.01 Block Group 1 203.01 Block Group 2 203.01 Block Group 3 Low-mod Percent is 59.7% Minority Percent is 15.25%

Mobile Outreach Team

Social Service/Emergency Mental Health Assistance

Amount Awarded: \$50,456

National Objective Benefits low-mod income persons/limited clientele

Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Assistance to income qualified persons County wide

The project serves County wide.

United Seniors of Taylor

Infrastructure/Sidewalk Project Amount Awarded: \$20,000

National Objective: Benefits low-mod persons/limited clientele

Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Assumed low-mod Minority Percent is 44.7% (Census Tracts 212.01, 212.02, 212.03, 210.00, 211.00)

Project Administration Amount Awarded: \$40,000

Approximately 97% of the County's FY 2010 entitlement grant of \$1,216,512 will be invested in LMI areas, or invested to directly benefit LMI persons or households. The remaining 3% will be dedicated to financing general program administration.

#### 2. Basis for Allocating Investments

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG Program
- Meeting the needs of low and moderate income residents
- Focusing on low and moderate income areas or neighborhoods
- Coordination and leveraging of resources
- Response to expressed needs and priorities identified by the County
- Sustainability and/or long-term impact
- The ability to demonstrate measurable progress and success

# 3. Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited resources available to address all of the identified priorities across Williamson County. As a result, the County strongly encourages CDBG applicants to seek other sources of funds from public and private entities.

#### 4. Funds Expected to be Available

In fiscal year 2010, the County anticipates receiving a CDBG entitlement grant in the amount of \$1,216,512. The County will also reallocate \$318,314, funds previously allocated to the Georgetown Housing Authority Sierra Ridge Project.

Also available for investment in Williamson County will be the funds received by the public housing authorities.

# **Managing the Process**

- 1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.
- 2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.
- 3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Managing the Process response:

#### 1. Lead Agency

The lead agency for the Annual Plan is the CDBG Office in Williamson County. The major public agencies responsible for administering programs covered by this Annual Plan include the cities of Georgetown, Jarrell, Leander, Liberty Hill and Taylor. Other public agencies include Georgetown Housing Authority, Granger Housing Authority, Taylor Housing Authority, Round Rock Housing Authority, and Williamson County Mobile Outreach Team (MOT). Private agencies responsible for administering Annual Plan activities include the United Seniors of Taylor.

# 2. Significant Aspects of the Process

Participating cities and the Williamson County Commissioners were notified of the amount of CDBG funds available in an effort to generate funding requests. This information was also posted on the Williamson County CDBG website. Submitted proposals were reviewed and projects were proposed to Commissioners' Court based on priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan, budget details, timelines and specific needs of the project. Two public hearings were held during this process in an effort to gather input from citizens and organizations (January 26, 2010 and April 13, 2010).

#### 3. Actions to Enhance Coordination

Williamson County places emphasis on coordinated action within and between county departments, local units of government in the county, local and regional public agencies and local nonprofit organizations. These initiatives will continue in FY 2010.

# **Citizen Participation**

- 1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
- 2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.
- 3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
- 4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Citizen Participation response:

### 1. Summary of Citizen Participation Process

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

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. A public hearing was held on January 26, 2010 to gather input regarding the CDBG program and potential projects.

The first draft project proposal was approved by the Williamson County Commissioners' Court on March 23, 2010. It was then made available for public comment at the libraries and city halls of the cities in which projects were proposed to take place. A second public hearing was held on April 13, 2010. An announcement of the approval of the first draft proposal and the notice of a 30-day comment period were published in local newspapers.

Approval of the final CDBG Action Plan and notice of the public comment period were announced in local newspapers. The Action Plan was made available for 30 days for public comment.

#### 2. Summary of Citizen Comments

No comments were received.

#### 3. Summary of Efforts to Broaden Public Participation

Two public hearings were conducted in order to gather input from citizens. They were held on January 26, 2010 and April 13, 2010. The draft funding proposal and final Action Plan were also made available for public comment.

# **Institutional Structure**

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Institutional Structure response:

#### 1. Institutional Structure

The Williamson County CDBG Office is the lead agency in implementing the Consolidated Plan and 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. These efforts will continue in 2010.

#### **Monitoring**

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Monitoring response:

#### 1. Monitoring of Activities

The CDBG Office will be responsible for all performance measurement activities. The office will incorporate objective standards and methods into the process of awarding

funds, allocating resources to programs and agencies, and obtaining progress and completion reports from those programs and agencies. The monitoring requirements and procedures will build upon existing monitoring systems and experience in administering federal and state programs and funds.

The office's standards and procedures for monitoring are designed to ensure that:

- 1) The objectives of the National Affordable Housing Act are met
- 2) The program activities are progressing in compliance with the specifications and schedule for each program
- The recipients are in compliance with other applicable laws, regulations, and the requirements to affirmatively further fair housing and minimize displacement of low income households

The CDBG Office reviews all proposed activities for eligibility under statutory and regulatory requirements, and for meeting identified needs in this plan. Activities will be monitored through the use of checklists and forms to facilitate uniform monitoring of program activities. The office has identified performance measures in advance of allocating funds. Each description of projects and activities contains the specific measures by which the project will be evaluated.

Subrecipient agreements established during the initial contracting period provide the following oversight controls: a clear scope of services, a project schedule, a project budget, an objective and outcome statement, project indicators, an outline of compensation and method of payment, terms and conditions, performance and reporting, an outline of other reports, audits and inspections, and financial and administrative requirements.

Fiscal monitoring will include review and approval of budgets, compliance with executed grant agreements, review and approval of vouchers, review of fiscal reports on a monthly basis, and a review of municipal and nonprofit audits on an annual basis.

Monitoring will occur through on-site monitoring visits. These visits will occur as necessary, but will be conducted at least once a year. There are monitoring responsibilities that go beyond the time of completion of various activities. For community development, public facilities and housing projects, site visits will be conducted at least every other year to assure benefit to low-income residents.

All subrecipients must identify the personnel working on the project, keep accurate records and filing systems to document program benefits and compliance, maintain an appropriate financial management system, submit to an audit, and submit a final report as a closeout procedure.

Annually, in the preparation of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), the County will review whether the specific objectives outlined in this strategic plan are being met. Further, this review will be an opportunity to assess if the strategic plan goals continue to address community priorities and if adequate resources are available to meet the objectives. Community input will be sought in this analysis.

#### **Lead-based Paint**

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Lead-based Paint response:

#### 1. Actions to Evaluate and Reduce Lead-Based Paint Hazards

To the greatest extent practicable, Williamson County will work with the Williamson County and Cities Health District to help eliminate the hazard of lead poisoning due to the presence of lead based paint. The County will also disseminate information on lead based paint hazards to CDBG subrecipients who receive entitlement funds for housing activities where lead based paint may be an issue.

# HOUSING

# **Specific Housing Objectives**

\*Please also refer to the Housing Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

- 1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.
- 2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

#### 1. Specific Priorities and Objectives

Williamson County expects to focus its CDBG entitlement funds toward improving the quality of life in local municipalities for extremely low, very low and low income households, and to retain and increase the stock of affordable owner and renter housing units. With this in mind, the following housing priorities and objectives have been established:

- Development/provision of affordable housing: Utilize local CHDOs and nonprofit organizations to provide financial and technical assistance in developing housing for extremely low, very low and low income renters and homebuyers.
  - **Objective:** Continuation of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program at participating public housing authorities.
  - **Objective:** Continuation of the provision of public housing by participating public housing authorities to income-eligible households.

# 2. Resources Expected to be Available

Williamson County will continue to work with the Housing Authorities and other non-profits to facilitate the development of affordable housing in the County.

# **Needs of Public Housing**

- 1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.
- 2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

# 1. Public Housing Activities

Williamson County Housing Authorities indicated that it is necessary for a review of the public housing situation be conducted and areas of concerns be addressed. Specifically, inconsistencies regarding available programs within the County, limited information regarding the current status of available subsidized housing, and lengthy waiting lists are concerns.

The County will collaborate with the public housing authorities and other social organizations to compile accurate information regarding public housing and distribute the information to current residents and others who are eligible for assistance. The County will also continue to support organizations that promote affordable and descent housing. Public Housing Authorities will be encouraged to request citizen participation in the management of the Housing Authorities.

#### 2. Troubled Public Housing Agency

None of the public housing authorities with jurisdiction Williamson County have been designated as a troubled agency by HUD.

# **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

#### 1. Proposed Actions to Remove Barriers to Affordable Housing

According to Habitat for Humanity, which builds affordable housing in most of Williamson County, land acquisition for new home construction is a major need for additional affordable housing. In addition, about a third of their clients have poor credit, as well as spotty work histories. Still, demand for their services is on the rise in the County.

The County will continue to work with Habitat for Humanity, Public Housing Authorities and other agencies in an effort to improve availability of affordable housing and remove barriers.

# **HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)**

- 1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).
- 2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.
- 3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:
  - a. Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.
  - b. Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
  - c. State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
  - d. Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.
  - e. Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.
  - f. State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
- 4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:
  - a. Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.
  - b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.
  - c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.

Program Year 2 Action Plan HOME/ADDI response:

**NOT APPLICABLE.** Williamson County does not receive ADDI funds.

# **HOMELESS**

# **Specific Homeless Prevention Elements**

\*Please also refer to the Homeless Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

- Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.
- 2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.
- 3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.
- 4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
- 5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Special Needs response:

#### 1. Source of Funds

In 2010, Williamson County will provide CDBG funding to the County Mobile Outreach Team to assist emergency first responders who work to identify persons with mental illness in situations where incarceration and/or hospital emergency room visits would typically be required. By assisting these individuals, the trained first responders can intervene to prevent incarceration, hospitalization and potentially, homelessness.

Williamson County does not receive Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds to assist with homeless needs. Furthermore, the County will not receive any Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) funds from HUD.

#### 2. Homeless Needs

The County will continue to support efforts to end chronic homelessness by supporting social service organizations such as Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. The development of a Continuum of Care Plan will take place as time permits.

#### 3. Chronic Homelessness

Williamson County is not a Continuum of Care funding recipient, and therefore, was not required to participate in the Point-in-Time survey count of homeless persons and families.

#### 4. Homelessness Prevention and Outreach

Williamson County will provide funding to the County Mobile Outreach Team as described in #1 above.

#### 5. Discharge Coordination Policy

Williamson County is not a Continuum of Care funding recipient, and therefore, is not required to develop discharge coordination policies.

# **Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)**

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Program Year 2 Action Plan ESG response:

Williamson County does not receive ESG funds.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# **Community Development**

\*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

- 1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.
- 2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

\*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Community Development response:

# 1. Priority Non-Housing Community Development Needs

The following non-housing community development priorities and objectives have been established by Williamson County:

- > **Infrastructure improvements**: Work with local communities to provide financial assistance in the construction and replacement of infrastructure elements necessary to preserve existing affordable residential areas.
  - > **Objective**: Sidewalk improvements (City of Leander, City of Georgetown)
  - Objective: Sewer and/or Water connections (City of Georgetown, City of Liberty Hill, City of Jarrell)
  - > **Objective**: Construction of water well (City of Liberty Hill)
- Public facility improvements: Work with local communities and nonprofit organizations to provide financial assistance in the construction, expansion and repair of valuable community facilities necessary to preserve and enhance the quality of life for LMI households.
  - > **Objective**: Sidewalk improvements (United Seniors of Taylor)

# **Antipoverty Strategy**

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy response:

#### 1. Actions to Reduce the Number of Poverty Level Families

In Williamson County, organizations such as Round Rock Area Serving Center provide assistance to low-income County residents by offering food vouchers, Fresh Food for Families program, coordinate the Coats for Kids program and provide financial assistance for utilities, rents, prescriptions, temporary lodging and gasoline. Capital Idea provides services to ensure that county residents succeed in training so that they may move out of poverty and enter the high-skill workforce. The Literacy Council of Williamson County provides services such as turtoring in English as a second language, basic literacy and GED preparation to adults throughout the County. These projects have received financial allocations (non-CDBG) from Williamson County in recent years.

Williamson County also will continue to support the economic development initiatives of entities such as the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, the cities of Georgetown and Taylor and other organizations which promote job creation and job training for County residents.

Williamson County will collaborate with its cities to reduce the number of poverty level families. The County is dedicated to locating financial assistance for affordable housing. This will be accomplished by working with area lending institutions and public service organizations to monitor the development of financial assistance options and possible funding sources. Additional financial assistance provided by social service organizations can be utilized to aid with utilities, rent, food, and/or shelter.

# NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

# Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

\*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

- 1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.
- 2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

#### 1. Priorities and Objectives

The following non-homeless special needs priorities and objectives have been established by Williamson County:

- Public service activities: Collaborate with local nonprofit organizations and social service agencies to provide for the supportive service needs of LMI residents.
  - > **Objective:** Assist LMI persons with mental illness (Williamson County Mobile Outreach Team).
  - > **Objective**: Assist LMI persons with emergency utility bill assistance (City of Georgetown)

#### 2. Resources Expected to be Available

In 2010, Williamson County will grant the County Mobile Outreach Team (MOT) \$50,456 in CDBG funding to assist emergency first responders to provide crisis intervention to LMI persons with mental illness. Such intervention is expected to eliminate the need for incarceration and/or emergency hospitalization.

The County will also grant the City of Georgetown \$16,000 to assist income eligible households with emergency utility bill payments.

# **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS**

\*Please also refer to the HOPWA Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

- 1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
- 2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.

- 3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.
- 4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
- 5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
- 6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
- 7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
- 8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
- 9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Program Year 2 Action Plan HOPWA response:

NOT APPLICABLE. Williamson County does not receive HOPWA funds.

# **Specific HOPWA Objectives**

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Program Year 2 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

NOT APPLICABLE. Williamson County does not receive HOPWA funds.

#### Other Narrative

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

NOT APPLICABLE.