



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

August 5, 2025

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SUBJECT: 2025-2026 ACTION PLAN FOR USE OF FEDERAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS

The purpose of this Informal Report (IR) is to inform the City Council about the 2025-2026 Action Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on August 15, 2025. To receive HUD entitlement funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs, the City must submit an Action Plan to identify proposed use of funds in alignment with the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan.

The Action Plan funding recommendations were approved by the Community Development Council (CDC) at their June 11, 2025 meeting, based on estimated grant amounts. Funding is focused on the following City Council-approved nine (9) priorities and goals:

- Promote Affordable Housing for Renters and Owners
- Housing Preservation and Rehabilitation
- Neighborhood Improvement and Revitalization
- Economic Empowerment and Financial Resilience
- Children and Youth Services
- Aging In Place
- Accessibility Improvements
- Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support
- Healthy Living and Wellness

The total amount of grant funding to be received for the 2025-2026 program year is \$13,273,355.77. This includes \$7,116,438 in CDBG funds, \$2,814,431.77 in HOME funds, \$615,818 in ESG funds, and \$2,726,668 in HOPWA funds. (An additional \$60,000.00 in new program income is also budgeted within this Action Plan, which includes \$30,000.00 each from the CDBG and HOME programs.) The purpose of these funds is to benefit low- and moderate-income persons in Fort Worth. ESG grant funds are specifically dedicated to services for persons experiencing homelessness. HOPWA grant funds are administered on behalf of persons with HIV/AIDS throughout Tarrant, Johnson, Parker, and Wise counties. The recommended allocations are summarized in the tables below:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)	
CDBG Public Service Agencies	
Housing Channel (Housing Counseling & Education)	\$111,000.00
Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Greater Tarrant County (Nutrition Program)	\$120,000.00
Guardianship Services (Money Smart+ Elder Financial Fraud Prevention Workshops)	\$80,000.00
United Community Centers (Early Learning Program)	\$125,000.00


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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County (Youth Development at Eastside Branch)	\$72,000.00
Girls, Inc. of Tarrant County (Whole Girl Program)	\$90,281.00
Camp Fire First Texas (Teens in Action)	\$62,184.00
Junior Achievement of the Chisholm Trail, Inc. (Cradle to Career Initiative)	\$50,000.00
The Women's Center of Tarrant County (Employment Solutions)	\$90,000.00
Easter Seals North Texas, Inc. (Employment Services)	\$92,000.00
Presbyterian Night Shelter (Moving Home Program)	\$175,000.00
CDBG Public Service Agencies	\$1,067,465.00
CDBG Housing Programs & Major Projects	
Neighborhood Services Department (Priority Repair Program*)	\$2,000,000.00
REACH, Inc. (Project Ramp)	\$165,000.00
Trinity Habitat for Humanity (Cowtown Brush-Up)	\$500,000.00
Major Projects: Street Improvements	\$1,000,685.00
CDBG Housing Programs/Projects	\$3,665,685.00
Grant Administration and Program Delivery	
Neighborhood Services Department (Rehabilitation/Construction Management Program Delivery)	\$810,000.00
Neighborhood Services Department (Homebuyer Assistance Program Delivery)	\$150,000.00
Neighborhood Services Department – CDBG General Administration (20%)	\$1,423,288.00
CDBG Administration and Program Delivery	\$2,383,288.00
Subtotal CDBG Budget	\$7,116,438.00
<i>*Additional \$30,000.00 in CDBG Program Income</i>	
Subtotal CDBG Budget with Program Income	\$7,146,438.00

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)	
Homebuyer Assistance Program*	\$1,110,824.77.00
Community Housing Development Organization: Housing Channel (Renaissance Heights)	\$422,164.00
Fort Worth Housing Solutions (Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Initiative Phase VI)	\$1,000,000.00
Neighborhood Services Department – HOME Administration (10%)	\$281,443.00
Subtotal HOME Budget	\$2,814,431.77
<i>*Additional \$30,000.00 in HOME Program Income</i>	
Subtotal HOME Budget with Program Income	\$2,844,431.77


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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)	
Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc. (Supportive Services, Facility-Based Housing Operations, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Administration)	\$1,406,188.00
AIDS Outreach Center (Short Term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance, TBRA, Supportive Services and Administration)	\$264,680.00
Neighborhood Services Department (TBRA, Supportive Services, Permanent Housing Placement)	\$974,000.00
Neighborhood Services Department – HOPWA Administration	\$81,800.00
Subtotal HOPWA Budget	\$2,726,668.00

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)	
Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County (Shelter Operations/Services)	\$139,491.00
Lighthouse for the Homeless dba True Worth Place (Day Shelter Operations/Services)	\$150,000.00
The Salvation Army (Homelessness Prevention)	\$127,141.00
Center for Transforming Lives (Rapid Re-Housing)	\$73,000.00
SafeHaven of Tarrant County (Shelter Operations/Services)	\$80,000.00
Neighborhood Services Department – ESG Administration (7.5%)	\$46,186.00
Subtotal ESG Budget	\$615,818.00

The draft Action Plan was available for HUD’s required 30-day public comment period beginning June 16, 2025 through July 16, 2025, with a staff-led public hearing planned for July 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at E.M. Shamblee Public Library. On August 12, 2025, a public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Mayor and Council Communication scheduled for the August 12, 2025, City Council meeting. If approved, the Action Plan will be submitted to HUD by the August 15, 2025, deadline.

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