



# PY 2024 ACTION PLAN

Tarrant County, TX Consortium

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## Process

### AP-05 Executive Summary

Program Year (PY) 2024 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) is the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) and final year of the Tarrant County Consortia Five- (5-) Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024). This planning process combines the application, planning, and reporting requirements for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. As an urban entitlement, Tarrant County must comply with the Consolidated Plan requirements to receive funding for these formula-based programs.

As of May 8, 2024, Tarrant County's allocations are the following for each grant: CDBG, \$4,208,280.00; HOME, \$1,437,719.00; and ESG, \$254,138.00.

Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Tarrant County activities will address the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan by providing low- and moderate- income residents with a suitable living environment and decent, safe, affordable housing.

### CDBG

Approximately 2,906,272.00 in CDBG funds will be used for public infrastructure activities under area-wide benefit, including project delivery costs. \$410,761.24 from previous unspent CDBG allocations will be reallocated for 50th year (PY 2024) infrastructure activities. In PY 2024, approximately 19,435 people in 14 Tarrant County cities will be assisted with improved access to infrastructure benefits.

Approximately \$249,008.00 from PY 2024 CDBG funding and previous unspent CDBG allocations as well as about \$1,150.00 in CDBG program income will be used for the rehabilitation of at least 12 owner-occupied single-family housing units and program administration.

Approximately \$212,000.00 in PY 2024 CDBG funds will be used for two (2) public service activities. \$170,000.00 will be used for case management for enrolling an estimated 30 families/80 people experiencing homelessness into the Tarrant County Transitional Housing Program and \$42,000.00 will assist 1,000 youth through SafeHaven of Tarrant County's SafeSchools Anti-bullying Program.

Remaining CDBG funds will be used for the administration of these programs, planning, and meeting other federal requirements.

### HOME

Tarrant County will be focusing on a variety of HOME- and HOME-ARP eligible activities over the next year. 2024 HOME funding will focus on homebuyer assistance, single-family home rehabilitation, and administration costs. Additionally, \$150,000 from PY 2022 will be reallocated to provide tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) to at least 28 households. HOME-ARP funds will focus on supportive services, tenant-based rental assistance, and administration. Tarrant County has released four (4) Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to work with community partners to help carry out these activities to maximize current staffing.

Tarrant County will continue to be aggressive in its efforts to exhaust these dollars as effectively and efficiently as possible. RFPs will remain open until all HOME and HOME-ARP funds have been committed within the stated timelines of the federal government.

### ESG

60 percent (60%) or \$152,482.81 in ESG dollars will provide funding for emergency shelter operations to provide temporary housing for approximately 10,725 individuals experiencing homelessness at six (6) overnight shelters and one (1) daytime shelter. 32.5 percent (32.5%) or \$82,594.84 will be allocated to pay short-term rental assistance for at least 15 households with eviction notices or notices to vacate through Homelessness Prevention programming. The remaining 7.5 percent (7.5%) will pay for administration, reporting, training, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data administration costs.

### Evaluation of past performance

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

PY 2023 completed COVID-era programs and provided less COVID-related rental assistance programs as the need decreased. These projects included: completion of a new park in Sansom Park, installation of playground structures and ADA-barrier removal at a park in Everman, ADA bathroom improvements at a public library in Richland Hills, purchase and installation of a diesel-fuel generator at Presbyterian Night Shelter, and facility improvements at The Salvation Army to better socially-distance participants experiencing homelessness and provide touchless amenities in common areas. Nine (9) water improvement projects are under way and/or near completion in Blue Mound, Forest Hill, Grapevine, Hurst, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, River Oaks, and Watauga. These water improvements will help mitigate any system failures ensuring public safety against COVID transmission.

Upon submission of the PY 2024 Plan, Tarrant County will be in the tenth month of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year of the five- (5-) Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024). To date, the timeliness expenditure rate of CDBG is below the threshold of 150%, as required by HUD.

PY 2021 – All CDBG public works projects are completed, except two (2).

PY 2022 – Four (4) CDBG public works projects are completed and 11 are currently under construction.

PY 2023 to date – All CDBG public works projects are in various stages of plan review through construction and 23 single-family owner-occupied homeowner rehabilitations, funded by CDBG and HOME, have been completed. 1,696 unduplicated students received anti-bullying and anti-violence education through SafeHaven's SafeSchools program. CDBG funds also ensured 50 people experiencing homelessness were assisted with case management.

ESG funds assisted residents within the service area, often referred through United Way's 2-1-1 hotline and other service agencies. These funds assisted approximately 10 low-income households. Additionally, ESG funds assisted emergency shelters with operating costs, fully exhausting PY 2022 funds and nearly expending all PY 2023 funds; rising utility costs across the nation demonstrate the demand for this type of operational assistance. HMIS data, reporting, and technical assistance have been received when requested.

The housing market has not been favorable. Further, the costs of materials and construction remained high. This combination has made HOME funding out of reach for many developers. Tarrant County remains committed to working with the development community to expand options.

Fewer people were served over the PY due to the difficulty in finding affordable housing. Although units are being built, construction is not keeping up with the pace of population growth. Further, the influx of people moving to the region that can afford to pay above market rate rent is driving out those that cannot afford as many residents cannot afford the rent increases. Additionally, landlords can pick and choose who to lease to and do not have to negotiate lower rates paid by federal programs when others can afford above-market rents. These challenges could be addressed in a variety of ways, including policy changes and/or setting aside a percentage of affordable housing units within new housing builds.

#### Summary of citizen participation and consultation process

Tarrant County encourages citizen participation in the development of planning documents, particularly from low- to moderate-income target areas. Public notices are prepared and published for public meetings held in accordance with Tarrant County policy, resulting in at least two (2) public meetings a year with additional public hearings as needed for any substantial amendments. Further, Consortium-member cities have additional opportunities for public comment as public infrastructure projects are considered. Additional details of this process are included in Section AP-12.

CARES Act funding generated the need for multiple substantial amendments as funding sources and programs evolved. Fortunately, in these cases, a waiver was utilized to shorten the consultation time from 30 days to five (5).

The following substantial amendments occurred during PY 2023:

- A substantial amendment to the PY 2022 Action Plan increased funding of a CDBG-funded water improvement project in the 1700 block of Fagan Drive in Blue Mound, TX. The total project amount exceeded the original allocation of \$159,327.00 and the City of Blue Mound needed financial assistance to help complete the project. Tarrant County reallocated \$41,393.25 from PY 2022 homeowner rehabilitation activities to ensure the project was completed.
- A substantial amendment to the PY 2020 Action Plan added two (2) CDBG-CV-funded water improvement projects: (1) \$197,389.00 to replace 595 linear feet of existing 6" ductile iron with 8" PVC water lines on the north side of Woodbridge Drive between Folkstone Drive and Lee Street in Forest Hill; (2) \$374,875.00 to replace 770 linear feet of existing 6" cast iron with 8" DR-18 PVC water lines along the east side of Plum Street between Shipp Drive and Bowie Street in Watauga.

#### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies

The Tarrant County Community Development (TCCD) Department, a division of the Tarrant County Administrator's Office, has been designated as the lead agency for the development and implementation of the jurisdiction's Five- (5-) Year Consolidated Plan and is charged with the preparation and the submission of the annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Tarrant County Consortium and four (4) entitlement Cities under joint agreements: Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills. Additionally, TCCD is responsible for overseeing

the public notification process, program management, and administration of these grants<sup>1</sup>, including the environmental review process for all proposed projects.<sup>2</sup>

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) and HOPWA COVID-19 (HOPWA-C) are administered by the Tarrant County HIV Administrative Agency housed within the County Judge's Office.

A summary of the responsible agencies can be found in **Table 1** of the Appendix.

### AP-10 Consultation

As the Lead Agency, Tarrant County's Community Development Department continues to work collaboratively with area partners and organizations interested in improving local neighborhoods and the community at-large. These partners and organizations include, but are not limited to:

- Mayors' Council of Tarrant County;
- Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC), lead Continuum of Care (CoC) agency
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Council of Tarrant County
- My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County
- John Peter Smith (JPS) Hospital
- Public school districts
- Housing assistance programs

All priorities are reviewed and discussed at Tarrant County meetings, workshops, public forums, and public hearings held throughout the year and specific measures are taken to ensure that residents of low- to moderate-income target areas are invited to participate (e.g., TCCD informs Housing Assistance Offices of upcoming public meetings). Additionally, representatives from each Precinct are invited to participate in scoring program proposals.

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

The Mayors' Council of Tarrant County (the "Council") is a nonprofit organization of local elected officials dedicated to working on countywide challenges and initiatives together and establishes priorities for TCCD under the guidance of Tarrant County Administration. Each Tarrant County City is represented on the Council by their mayor and may serve on various committees and boards as needs arise in the community.

The Council meets six (6) times per year. In between meetings, TCCD staff maintains a constant dialogue among Consortium members. Topics of discussion have included public health challenges, legislative updates, quality of life, efforts to end homelessness, and partnerships. Information gathering has culminated into action on several occasions, including convening's on mental health and law enforcement and transportation efforts.

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<sup>1</sup> CDBG, ESG, and HOME

<sup>2</sup> Environmental reviews are kept on file at the TCCD offices and through the HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS).

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care (CoC) and efforts to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth, and those at-risk of homelessness. The Continuum of Care (CoC), City of Fort Worth, City of Arlington, and Tarrant County meet on a quarterly basis to discuss how to best allocate funding amongst nonprofit agencies to best serve clients through high performance standards and HMIS data collection. Since the Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington only serve nonprofit agencies within their respective city limits, Tarrant County aids beyond those bounds within its Consortium area through subrecipient agreements and in-house homelessness prevention efforts.

Tarrant County will continue to consult with the CoC regarding performance standards for activities under ESG by discussing how to produce uniform reports across all partner agencies. Additionally, monthly general meetings have been replaced with on-going case conferencing and a monthly virtual meeting "huddle."

The Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and quarterly e-Snaps reports will be used to guide performance standards. Data-driven information and evaluation of each service provider's effectiveness shows how well the service provider succeeded at (1) targeting those who need the assistance most; (2) reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness; (3) reducing the length of time people experience homelessness; and (4) reducing each program participant's housing barriers and/or housing stability risks.

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

Tarrant County will assist as many people experiencing homelessness as possible by funding operational costs of emergency shelters that are mainly located in Arlington and Fort Worth. As programs serving the same population emerge and evolve, Tarrant County continues to work closely with the CoC and area agencies to ensure resources are directed efficiently. Performance standards were developed in 2014 and have been updated to ensure data entered in HMIS is correct and reflective of actual funds expended. TCHC continues to train agency staff and provide technical support to ensure data is correct in the system.

During quarterly meetings, discussion regarding the increased need for homelessness prevention services has led to increased funding of these programs and improved communication to expend funds timely by providing improved service to those in need that qualify. Tarrant County continues to meet with the City of Arlington, City of Fort Worth, and TCHC to ensure timely response to needs, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Past meetings have made collaboration between public and nonprofit partners seamless, even given large amounts of HUD funding.

Describe the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process and consultation.

Agencies, groups, and organizations who participated may be found in **Table 2** of the Appendix.

Identify any agency types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting.

Agencies such as the Veterans Administration (VA), Meals on Wheels, and Tarrant County Area Agency on Aging were not formally consulted as ESG funds are specific for services for people experiencing homelessness. That said, clients from these organizations were provided information about Tarrant County programs in other ways. For example, to assist Veterans currently being served by the VA, Tarrant County provides flyers to the VA on home rehabilitation for distribution so that Tarrant County may better serve Veterans and their families.

Identify other local, regional, state, and/or federal planning efforts considered when preparing the plan.

Other local, regional, state, and/or federal planning efforts considered may be found in **Table 3** of the Appendix.

Tarrant County's ARPA funds from U.S. Treasury funded many programs, including food programs, daycare facilities, and an array of social services. Tarrant County anticipates additional requests for funding after ARPA funds have been depleted.

### AP-12 Participation

Tarrant County encourages resident participation in the development of its planning documents, including the Annual Action Plan and Five- (5-) Year Consolidated Plan. As previously stated, public notices are prepared and published for public meetings held in accordance with Tarrant County policy, resulting in at least two (2) public meetings a year for the Annual Action Plan and CAPER, as well as additional public meetings for substantial amendments. Public comments are also received in each Consortium-member City where CDBG funds will be used in accordance with policy as well as through Advisory Councils, including Mayors' Council, partner agencies, and the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition to capture public comments from vulnerable populations and incorporate them into final documents.

Public notification of public hearings takes place at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. Notifications from Tarrant County are published in the Commercial Recorder and posted online. Public hearings are held at central locations which are convenient to residents and ADA accessible to people with disabilities. Interpreters are provided upon request per Tarrant County policy. Additionally, Tarrant County policy also calls for at least one (1) technical assistance workshop each year. Tarrant County ensures that the Texas Open Meetings Act (Local Government Code, Chapter 551) is followed whenever applicable.

All public comments are captured in final documents. Annual Action Plans, CAPERs, and other formal reports are available in the TCCD Office and online and may also be emailed or mailed on request.

An overview of participation outreach efforts may be found in **Table 4** of the Appendix.

### Public Notice, Hearings, and Meetings

Tarrant County published a public notice summarizing the proposed draft Action Plan for PY 2024 in the Commercial Recorder on February 16, 2024, opening the 30-day public comment period. A public hearing was held at 10:00 AM on March 19, 2024 in Tarrant County Commissioners Court, 100 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth, TX 76196, concluding the public comment period.

The Mayors' Council of Tarrant County approved a Resolution of Support at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 1, 2024. A copy of this Resolution is included in the Appendix.

#### *Summary of public comments*

No comments were made from past year substantial amendments or CAPER 2022. Two comments were made during the public hearing regarding the 2024 Action Plan. The first commenter stated that the plan was inadequate in supporting the homeless problem and wanted more funds allocated to assist the homeless. The second commenter did not make comments on the Action Plan, but made a suggestion to change the tax code to assist the homeless and low income.

#### *Summary of public comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them*

All comments and views were accepted.

## AP-15 Expected Resources

### Introduction

The primary resources available for the implementation of Tarrant County's Consolidated Plan are federal funds available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). For special needs populations, such as people experiencing homelessness, Tarrant County competes for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding. In 2021, competitive Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) grants were moved to the Judge's Office, where they remain housed today.

In 2020, additional COVID-19 funding was provided through the CARES Act, commonly referred to as "CV" funding. The CARES Act also provided HOME-ARP funding to help respond to the lack of affordable housing options for special qualifying populations (QPs). Tarrant County received its own allocations of CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOME-ARP funding, which are administered by the Community Development Department. Tarrant County also received general American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. These funds are administered through the Tarrant County Administrator's Office.

The Tarrant County Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) has the authority to issue bonds for affordable housing activities. Additionally, proceeds from these funds may be used to support service agencies throughout the Tarrant County community.

Local service agencies have other funding streams available to them to carry out their respective missions. These funding sources include, but are not limited to, private funds and donations, local grants, and foundation funding. Often, these funding streams provide greater flexibility than federal dollars.

CDBG funds are allocated and spent in each Consortium-member City according to concentrations of low- to moderate-income populations, as designated by CDBG-eligible areas. To be considered a CDBG-eligible area, at least 51 percent (51%) of the population must be considered low- to moderate-income households, based on the latest HUD calculations or HUD-approved income survey. Currently, there are no other designated general "target areas."

Other program funds, such as those for the single-family homeowner rehabilitation program, represent a direct benefit activity, and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to ensure that all eligible residents will have an equal opportunity to benefit from limited resources. For select housing activities,

geographic locations of projects will be based on the extent of housing need in that area as determined by careful market analyses. Other factors influencing the location of affordable housing development include the technical capacity of selected development teams and the ability of beneficiaries to match effort.

An overview of anticipated resources may be found in **Table 5** of the Appendix.

Explain how federal funds will leverage additional resources (e.g., private, state, and local), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied.

CDBG funds do not require matching funds; however, at least \$3,949,534.65 will be leveraged from non-federal sources by Cities for PY 2024 infrastructure projects. The HOME program will match at least 25 percent (25%) from all funding, including prior years, to successfully execute their projects through participating Consortium Cities, developers, and CHDOs. The 100 percent (100%) match for ESG shelter operations is provided by each participating emergency shelter through in-kind salary costs incurred, private donations, and/or the United Way. Matching funds for ESG Administration and Homelessness Prevention programming will be matched by CoC grants awarded to Tarrant County.

Other matching requirements are often met through in-kind cash donations or fee waivers. Salaries of program managers are also used in some cases. Additionally, Cities will often leverage federal funding using City general funds to complete public infrastructure and/or facility projects. Developers and/or CHDOs typically meet cash match by discounting rehabilitation work, selling property at the difference between the appraised value and a purchase price discounted below market rate. Sometimes, homebuyers will meet match through fees and other related costs associated with their housing assistance. These costs are monitored by the Community Development team.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the Plan.

Tarrant County does not typically own land for the purposes of the activities outlined in the Plan.

### Other Discussion

CDBG-CV and ESG-CV are on track to meet expenditure deadlines; ESG-CV is almost completely expended. The 80 percent (80%) expenditure deadline for CDBG-CV was waived by HUD as of April 2023. Tarrant County released four (4) Requests for Proposals for HOME funds, including two (2) for HOME-ARP activities: development, homebuyer activities, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), and supportive services.

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goal summary information may be found in **Table 6** of the Appendix.

Goals descriptions may be found in **Table 7** of the Appendix.

### AP-35 Projects

#### Introduction

Tarrant County allocates a significant portion of CDBG funds to infrastructure improvement, the highest priority identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The next priority was to provide for the availability and accessibility of decent housing by rehabilitating single-family owner-occupied homes, providing rental assistance, and providing homebuyer assistance within the Tarrant County Consortium

service area. Finally, providing public services through case management, operating costs for emergency shelters, and education to youth as well as adding to the affordable housing inventory through work with developers and CHDOs, especially through sustainable practices, when possible, round out the priorities for PY 2024.

Project information may be found in **Table 8** of the Appendix.

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs. As outlined in the Introduction, priorities were identified according to need in order to provide the greatest assistance to the greatest number of people. Improving basic infrastructure directly assists residential neighborhoods and indirectly assists all the lines and roads in various cities throughout the County. Focusing on individual homeowners provides direct assistance where homeowners may not have enough funds to improve on their own. Market events and supply chain issues created obstacles to meet all identified needs; delays in receiving materials prolonged construction projects. Finding qualified contractors for reasonable costs has also been difficult; however, Tarrant County is beginning to add new eligible contractors due to expanded outreach efforts.

### AP-38 Projects Summary

Projects summary information may be found in **Table 9** of the Appendix.

### AP-50 Geographic Distribution

Describe the geographic areas of the entitlement, including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

Tarrant County is an “urban county entitlement” comprised of a 30-city Consortium for 2024 through 2026. The following Cities are members: Azle, Bedford, Benbrook, Blue Mound, Burleson, Colleyville, Crowley, Dalworthington Gardens, Euless, Everman, Forest Hill, Grapevine, Haltom City, Haslet, Hurst, Keller, Kennedale, Lakeside, Lake Worth, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Pantego, Richland Hills, River Oaks, Saginaw, Sansom Park, Southlake, Watauga, Westworth Village, and White Settlement. Letters to each municipality were mailed and emailed on May 4, 2023, for the 2024 through 2026 period.

Additionally, Tarrant County has joint administrative agreements with four (4) entitlement cities to administer CDBG funds for each. The City of Burleson was eligible to be an entitlement city in 2023; however, the City opted to remain with the Tarrant County Consortium.

All low- to moderate-income area wide benefit activities for PY 2024 are based on the 2023 HUD calculations of U.S. Census data. As previously stated, areas served using CDBG must meet the minimum of 51 percent (51%) threshold to be eligible, as Tarrant County is no longer considered an “exception grantee” since fall 2021. For HOME-funded projects, market studies and environmental reviews are conducted prior to further investment to ensure affordable housing exists in connection with transportation options, infrastructure availability, quality schools, medical care, and other amenities, to support quality of life.

Geographic distribution information may be found in **Table 10** of the Appendix.

Automatic recertification’s for the 2027 through 2029 Consortium will take place during summer 2026. During this time, Cities may opt in or out.

## Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

10 cities and four (4) entitlement cities in the Tarrant County Consortium have submitted proposals for CDBG funds for these areas. Back in PY 2012, Tarrant County anticipated a cut in CDBG funding and split the Consortium members into two (2) groups, which would alternate receipt of annual funding. The split was dictated by the weight of annual activities, County Precinct, and geographic grouping. With rising costs and more expensive projects, the groups remain split. Group B will receive funding in PY 2024, and all even years. Group A received funding in PY 2023, and all odd years. The four (4) entitlement cities, Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills, continue to receive annual funding.

Funding group distributions may be found in **Table 11** of the Appendix.

The City of Burleson has opted to allow homeowner rehabilitation activities open to all eligible residents within their City, regardless of whether the household is located in Tarrant County or Johnson County; eligible infrastructure projects will be assisted on the Tarrant County side only.

CDBG public services funding will be available for all Tarrant County Consortium members with eligible projects, and Tarrant County at-large for certain eligible populations.

All areas within the Tarrant County Consortium service area will be eligible for ESG and HOME funding based on qualifications for respective programs. Arlington, Fort Worth, and Grand Prairie have their own HUD funding and manage their own programs. Only in cases where programs serve countywide, rather than a specific area, will funding be spent in Arlington, Fort Worth, and/or Grand Prairie.

## Discussion

There are pockets of cities with areas of low-income and minority concentrations; however, all cities within the Tarrant County Consortium are treated equally and funding is shared across the membership. In doing so, Cities are more open to assisting each other in other programs, resulting in more significant economic development opportunities that may benefit areas with low-income and minority concentrations. Tarrant County strongly encourages Cities to collaborate on projects and to provide more cohesive systems.

## AP-55 Affordable Housing

### Introduction

Maintaining and development new affordable, attainable, workforce housing inventory is one of the key functions of federal grant funds. As interest rates decrease and more families are interested in purchasing a home, assisting homebuyers will be a new focus in PY 2024.

Tarrant County Community Development will foster relationships with nonprofit and for-profit groups throughout the year to promote the development, construction, production, and maintenance of affordable housing opportunities. Leveraging HOME funds with Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects and other bond programs will help add affordable housing units with longer affordability periods in the community. In the past, Tarrant County has funded multifamily rental projects, both new construction and acquisition-rehabilitation, along with the funding of single-family housing scattered throughout the Consortium service area and will continue to do so in partnerships with CHDOs and the development community. In addition to the programs outlined above, Tarrant County will use ESG funds for homelessness prevention activities, ensuring Tarrant County residents are able to stay in their homes rather than be evicted due to nonpayment of rent.

One year goals for affordable housing by support requirement and type, are available in **Tables 12 and 13** of the Appendix, respectively.

## Discussion

The actual number may exceed the goals. Households experiencing homelessness will be supported through competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) grants that are not reflected in HUD annual entitlement grant reporting.

## AP-60 Public Housing

### Introduction

There are currently six (6) providers of HUD-assisted housing in Tarrant County: Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office (TCHAO), Fort Worth Housing Solutions (FWHS), Grand Prairie Housing Authority, Arlington Housing Authority, Grapevine Housing Authority, and Haltom City Housing Authority. Each entity manages their own programs; however, TCHAO, Grapevine Housing Authority, and Haltom City Housing Authority are covered under this Plan as Grapevine and Haltom City are members of the Tarrant County Consortium.

The public housing inventory located in Grapevine and Haltom City is generally well-managed and in good condition. There are 3,458 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) through TCHAO, including 159 vouchers for the Family Reunification Program, nine (9) for the Foster Youth Initiative, 108 for Emergency Housing, 170 for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, 250 for Non-elderly Disabled, 220 for Mainstream, 99 for Grapevine Housing Authority, and 188 for Corsicana Housing Authority. TCHAO currently works with 1,025 landlords that accept vouchers. There are approximately 6,800 households on the waitlist as of March 21, 2023.

As of 2016, the Grapevine Housing Authority only administers their public housing program; TCHAO currently manages their HCV program. In 2022, the waiting list opened for Grapevine Housing Authority and received over 4,000 applications. The list will open again in three (3) to five (5) years.

Grapevine Housing Authority owns 98 housing units located on five (5) streets nearby. Rent is based on approximately 30 percent (30%) of the household's income or a flat rent rate (resident's choice). Starr Place has 20 units for elderly and disabled residents: 10 efficiencies, eight (8) one- (1-) bedrooms, one (1) ADA one- (1-) bedroom, and one (1) two- (2-) bedroom. West Texas Street has 19 units for elderly and disabled residents: eight (8) efficiencies, 10 one- (1-) bedrooms, and one (1) ADA two- (2-) bedroom. Starnes/Brewer has nine (9) housing units for families consisting of six (6) two- (2-) bedrooms and one (1) ADA two- (2-) bedroom located on North Starnes and two (2) three (3-) bedrooms located on Brewer. South Scribner has 10 family housing units consisting of eight (8) two- (2-) bedrooms and two (2) three- (3-) bedrooms. West Worth has 40 housing units for elderly and disabled units consisting of 37 one- (1-) bedrooms and three (3) ADA one- (1-) bedrooms. Grapevine Housing Authority has an established Resident Council that sponsors social and informational activities.

Housing Authority of Haltom City administers a public housing program where the agency manages one (1) project with 150 affordable rental units. Starting on May 1, 2023, the Housing Authority of Haltom City added a late fee of up to \$100 since too many tenants were not paying their rent on time, necessitating the need for an additional fee. As typical with any other rental unit, a 30-day eviction notice will be given for non-payment of rent.

Tarrant County will continue to coordinate with local housing authorities on issues that impact both parties. Since 2000, each of the local housing authorities have developed five- (5-) year agency plans and annual plans under federal requirements.

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

TCHAO does not own any public housing; however, Grapevine and Haltom City own housing units as described in previous sections. At this time, none of the local housing authorities have plans to add to the affordable housing inventory; however, all will continue to meet the needs of current tenants and make improvements to housing units as needed. Overall, transportation needs have been the main request and is an ongoing challenge for Tarrant County as a whole.

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

In homeownership program meetings, potential homeowners obtain credit reports, learn how to interpret them, and receive assistance to clean-up their credit scores prior to purchasing a home. TCHAO uses the same criteria established by HUD for the HCV Homeownership Option program. TCHAO has established a minimum down payment requirement of at least three percent (3%) of the purchase price and requires at least one percent (1%) of the purchase payment to come from the family's personal resources. TCHAO also requires that financing will be provided, insured, or guaranteed by the state or federal government and complies with all underwriting requirements.

TCHAO also manages a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program to enable participating HCV households to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. The FSS Program is an employment and savings incentive program that provides families with a unique opportunity to free themselves of government assistance. During the five- (5-) year contract period, the family continues to pay 30 percent (30%) of their income as a portion of rent. As their earned income increases, their portion of the rent increases, and the housing subsidy decreases, the amount of decrease in subsidy is deposited into an escrow account. Upon the household's successful completion of the contract, the escrow account is awarded to the family to be used for purchasing a home and/or other purposes. TCHAO funds match all earned income increases during the time the household is enrolled in the program. It is not uncommon for graduates to receive checks that range from \$200 to over \$23,000.

Grapevine Housing Authority and the Haltom City Housing Authority do not have FSS programs (or equivalent) due to the older population currently served in the public housing program and a lack of funding.

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

TCHAO, Grapevine Housing Authority, and the Haltom City Housing Authority are not considered troubled PHAs. In fact, TCHAO is considered exemplary.

#### Discussion

As previously stated, TCHAO does not own any public housing. Arlington, Fort Worth, and Grand Prairie each have their own housing authorities which assist and house the same populations. Please refer to those cities for additional information.

## AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

### Introduction

Tarrant County Community Development collaborates with the CoC and TCHC to ensure continuity of service across the County. With over 200 individual members representing over 40 organizations, the CoC contracts with TCHC to plan and manage HMIS for data collection. Subcommittees and work groups are developed within the CoC to ensure needs are kept up with demands and changes. Goals and objectives are made through these groups and approved through a certification of consistency with applications for funding opportunities, including the annual CoC grants.

Tarrant County participates in meetings with other local, state, and federal agencies to assist people with special needs that are not experiencing homelessness. For example, solutions for transportation challenges for people with mental and/or physical impairments are discussed, analyzed, and planned with partner transportation agencies, mental health service providers, employers, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), and Tarrant County. Tarrant County will continue to participate in trainings, meetings, and activities for people who are not experiencing homelessness, but have other special needs, as those opportunities arise. It is often the lack of funding that inhibits execution of forward-thinking solutions.

### Goals and actions for reaching out to people experiencing homelessness, especially those who are unsheltered, and assessing their individual needs

These goals will be met by continuing to be an active member of the CoC's various committees and participating in coordinated entry. Through coordination, state ESG funds administered by TCHC are used to support agencies conducting street outreach. TCHC and Hands of Hope outreach teams hope to reach people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The Improvement, Coordination, and Training Committee (IC-T) also reviews and provides input into the Plan objectives. The IC-T Committee meets at least monthly to discuss current matters to help best serve people experiencing homelessness. If pressing challenges arise, information will be provided to the CoC Board of Directors for immediate action. Finally, Assessment tools will be evaluated and modified continually as needed by the CoC with input from Tarrant County.

### Goals and actions for addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of people experiencing homelessness

Tarrant County Community Development will continue to work with CoC agencies and TCHC to increase diversion and prevention activities. People experiencing homelessness can sometimes be diverted to family and friends with assistance of transportation or case management. Often, the barrier is being able to reach family and friends or not understanding what is available for a particular situation. Housing navigators can help explain resources and direct and divert people accordingly. Increasing income through benefits and employment continues to be a need of those residing in transitional housing options. Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is an excellent resource for providing information about available jobs and skills training. Additionally, case managers direct participants to resources that support jobs or education, such as childcare. Private foundation funding has also been obtained by TCHC to support diversion and rapid exit efforts.

Goals and actions for helping people experiencing homelessness, 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

Tarrant County addresses permanent housing, length of stay, and prevention through the CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES). TCHC is responsible for administering the CES along with the planning and evaluation of program effectiveness. Clients entering the local system are evaluated through CES to identify the most appropriate housing intervention and screened for employment and benefit eligibility. Diversion efforts are utilized throughout the process. Tarrant County plays a critical role in the CES process by engaging in planning and implementation efforts and serving on relevant CoC committees who oversee and evaluate local efforts.

Goals and actions for helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are being discharged from publicly-funded institutions and systems of care, such as healthcare facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions, or receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Assisting people to avoid homelessness and ensuring people and their families stay housed is a top priority for Tarrant County. To ensure that those who are housed and are threatened with eviction and potential homelessness, ESG prevention funds are budgeted to assist. Coordination with other agencies that assist with health, social services, employment, education, and youth needs are vital and done through the CoC's committees. As previously stated, Tarrant County is an active member of the CoC committees and meets with TCHC to assist in planning efforts to reduce homelessness.

As previously stated, TCHC is the lead agency and is responsible for the planning and evaluation of the effectiveness of services in the CoC. TCHC facilitates the CES for the CoC. Part of this process includes landlord engagement, a critical component to identify resources and build relationships necessary to help individuals maintain existing housing. Additionally, the CES process incorporates agencies that address physical and mental health, social services, employment, education, and/or youth needs. Work is being done to better coordinate services for high utilizers of the emergency medical services, enhancing the work of the CES moving forward.

## Discussion

As Tarrant County begins to add mental health facilities throughout the County, communication with nonprofits and emergency personnel will continue to provide these special needs populations with mental health services.

## AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing

Barriers to affordable housing include lack of monetary resources, lack of information to maintain housing (e.g., legal, operational), and lack of availability. For those that have housing vouchers, there is great difficulty in finding a landlord that will accept the vouchers due to such high demand of at-market priced renters. To further exasperate availability for low income renters, the Texas Local Government

code, states that a municipality may not pass an ordinance or set a regulation "that establishes a maximum sales price for a privately produced housing unit or residential building lot." Tarrant County is hoping to add to the affordable housing inventory through HOME funding; however, market conditions are not favorable. Additionally, the areas that lack affordable housing also lack transportation options and other services. Working with member cities and the development community to add affordable housing is as important as working with regional partners to improve alternate mobility options, employment, and affordable childcare.

Often saving for an initial down payment can be a barrier to homeownership, especially given the current cost of living. As the market becomes more favorable for renters to become homebuyers, Tarrant County will provide homebuyer assistance through its HOME grant, leading homebuyers to a path of financial stability.

The Community Development Department receives fair housing complaints from Tarrant County residents. The Department provides informational resources, such as Legal Aid or additional programs, as well as technical guidance to residents as well as property managers and owners. This education helps break down potential affordable housing barriers and resolve potential issues before they become significant challenges.

Actions planned to remove or alleviate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies impacting the return on residential investment

Tarrant County will continue the following actions in PY 2024 to remove the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing: (1) continue to work with the CoC and local agencies to expand public and private resources and use other resources to assist in improving housing and community needs. For example, by applying for grants outside of HUD and creating partnerships with other agencies and nonprofits, Tarrant County may reach the same clientele on different levels; (2) educate and encourage Consortium members and agencies to leverage federal funding to produce more cost-effective housing and engage in economic development and community development programs; (3) seek more opportunities with private entities and/or nonprofit agencies to enhance current programs and services; and (4) explore opportunities and educate local communities to live more sustainably in light of ever changing environmental conditions.

Tarrant County continues to meet with the North Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and partner cities to implement cohesive plans that will better support the region with more sustainable building practices and codes. NCTCOG shares information with Tarrant County, cities, developers, and builders to provide guides on best building practices. Tarrant County ensures that the information is conveyed to residents through a variety of methods, including the Tarrant County Mayors' Council.

## Discussion

The lack of quality affordable housing for renters and homebuyers continues to be a main obstacle. Unfortunately, this is a national problem driven by multiple factors.

## AP-85 Other Actions

### Introduction

Tarrant County continues to stay involved in community needs through resident comments, CoC involvement, and the organization's involvement on regional and national stages. With decreasing resources and greater need, strong partnerships have emerged to serve unmet needs in the community. The Community Development Department will continue to advocate for resident needs and evolve along the way.

In the event of an emergency, the Community Development Department has updated policies to allow for reallocation of CDBG funds for public infrastructure needs and respond to homeowners and renters in disaster areas at a faster rate; however, dedicated CDBG-DR funds for such instances would allow for greater flexibility.

### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Despite continued coordination between governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, churches, and others to serve the needs of the most vulnerable populations, economic prosperity, job availability, transportation, affordable housing, and access to healthcare and other services are not at everyone's doorstep. Increased costs, lack of affordable housing, and policy have not kept up with market changes, prohibiting action partners from meeting underserved needs. Tarrant County and Consortium member cities continue to work more closely to leverage funding whenever possible to better coordinate the use of funds.

Lack of knowledge of available resources is often an obstacle. Often, residents that need the assistance most do not know about available programs. Sharing opportunities in a variety of ways, including between Tarrant County Departments and resource sharing groups, has increased opportunities to provide services, resources, and work together to tackle challenges. The Mayors' Council of Tarrant County has been able to convey needs and inform residents on where opportunities are available relative to where they reside. Where possible, more affordable housing is being added with imaginative collaborations between public and private entities. As mentioned previously, the CoC continues to share information as a network, and streamlines available programs and resources whenever possible, evidenced by the Coordinated Entry System (CES).

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Nearly 73 percent (73%) of all housing units in the Tarrant County Consortium are single-family detached residential housing units. Nearly 63 percent (63%) of these housing units were built before 1989. As these homes continue to age, the Community Development Department will continue to assist homeowners with rehabilitation programs to preserve the affordable housing inventory when possible.

Many aging streets located in low- to moderate-income areas will be assisted with improved infrastructure to ensure a neighborhood remains vibrant and blight is prevented. Providing homebuyer assistance to help income-eligible homebuyers will help remove financial barriers and foster homeownership. Additionally, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) will continue to develop and redevelop affordable housing as the market will allow.

When seeking affordable housing, transportation and marketability are at the forefront of justifying the need for development. The Community Development Department will continue to monitor development

of transportation and add to the affordable housing inventory based on housing needs and surrounding amenities.

The use of CDBG-CV will continue to be used for rents, improve water infrastructure and public facilities in low- to moderate-income areas to ensure public health and wellness. 80 percent (80%) has been expended and the remaining funds will be spent by June 2026. ESG-CV will continue to increase capacity at agencies providing funding for housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. HUD provided Tarrant County with an additional \$480,373.00 in June 2022 for these efforts. All \$4,059,159 in ESG-CV funds have been expended and the grant will close out at the end of June 2024.

#### Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Tarrant County notifies all program participants of the potential hazards of lead-based paint. Assisted residences are reviewed for peeling paint, especially those with young children, and provided lead-based paint education, as required by HUD. All Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspectors have been certified as visual inspectors. The Community Development Department also has three (3) staff members certified as Lead Paint Risk Assessors through GEBCO Training Institute.

All homes built before 1978 are analyzed for lead-based paint and remediated according to HUD guidelines, as needed. Tarrant County is in full compliance with the Lead Safe Housing Regulation (24 CFR Part 35) which took effect on September 15, 2000. The Community Development team regularly consults with the National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED), National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), and the Tarrant County Health Department on the lead-based paint program.

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

Tarrant County will continue programs directed towards reducing poverty. The most important element in the prevention of poverty is ensuring housing is livable, affordable, and available. One area of concern that continues to impact the ability of low-income families to improve their standard of living is a lack of reliable public transportation that will accommodate flexible work schedules and cross city limits. Trinity Metro has implemented some opportunities to provide greater options of bus service to cities outside the City of Fort Worth. Other alternate transportation options have provided discounted services for some populations and programs as businesses are more inclined to provide reliable transportation or work schedules to maintain a dependable workforce. By collaborating with various groups and exploring opportunities, the community can provide greater opportunity to its residents.

Tarrant County's Department of Human Services (DHS) administers a homelessness prevention program which provides emergency funds for payment to prevent utility termination and security deposits for rental housing and utilities. To address the needs of clients that are facing eviction or homelessness due to emergencies, family crises, and other circumstances, Tarrant County will also use ESG homelessness prevention program funds to prevent poverty-level families from falling further below the poverty line.

The homeowner rehabilitation program uses energy efficient methods and sustainable building practices to lower long-term costs for homeowners. Households on fixed incomes can better control expenses and safely use heat and air conditioning during appropriate times, actions that may have been difficult otherwise.

SafeHaven's SafeSchools program supports staff to go to elementary, middle, and high schools to educate students about bullying and dating violence. By educating students on what is acceptable and what isn't, what to do in various cases, and how to receive further assistance, students are empowered to be independent and stand up for themselves. Often this empowerment carries into adulthood which means less reliance on others and to encourage individuals not to remain in poverty.

#### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Tarrant County has institutional structure and will continue to enhance coordination and encourage the creation of affordable housing by continuing to sponsor programs to expand technical capacity and improve coordination among local agencies, such as planning forums, surveys, workshops, and joint ventures. Through the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County, Tarrant County Cities will be informed of actions and will help decide on how HUD funds will be expended. The Community Development team will work to ensure these funds are spent accordingly.

Tarrant County is at the forefront of understanding community needs and are working with cities, agencies, and businesses to assist low-income and vulnerable populations with their needs during these ever-changing times. Constant communication is open and shared daily to address emergencies amongst cities, agencies, business, and between Tarrant County Departments, as necessary.

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

The Community Development Department continues to coordinate with CoC members, the Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington, TCHC, local housing authorities (including TCHAO), and others to share information. Chronic homelessness, minority homeownership, local housing issues, and assistance in developing programs and activities will continue to be discussed.

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

#### Introduction

Tarrant County through CDD allocates a significant portion of CDBG funds to infrastructure improvement and single family owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. The highest community development priority identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was replacing and upgrading of deteriorated and inadequate infrastructure. Having exceeded a population of 50,000, the cities of Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield and North Richland Hills qualify as city entitlement jurisdictions under CDBG. Each city has executed a contract with Tarrant County to cooperate on the planning and administration of these funds and have agreed to develop programs under the Tarrant County's Consolidated Plan. To date, in addition to public infrastructure and housing rehabilitation, CDBG will also fund public services: (1) case management for homeless programs and (2) educational services to middle and high school students about bullying and violence prevention. In an event of emergency, CDD has updated policies to allow for reallocation of CDBG funds for public infrastructure needs due to disaster and assist homeowners in disaster areas with home rehabilitation faster, or provide public services to assist with emergencies due to the disaster. For the 2024 HOME program, the majority of funds will be used to provide down payment and assistance to homebuyers wanting to own their own home. The remaining funds will be used to assist homeowners with full home rehabilitation and administration of the programs. \$150,000 from 2022 funds will be reallocated to assist with Tenant Based Rental Assistance. The ESG program for

PY2024 will continue to assist emergency shelters stay operational and assist persons and families with short term rental assistance to prevent homelessness

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Projects planned with expected CDBG funding are identified in the Appendix.

#### *Program Income*

The total amount of program income that will have been received prior to the start of the next program year that has not been reprogrammed is \$1,150.

#### *Other CDBG Requirements*

80 percent (80%) of CDBG funds will be used for activities that benefit people with low- and moderate-incomes. There are zero urgent need activities.

### HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

#### *A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified*

HOME activities require at least 25 percent (25%) match. Developers, CHDOs, cities, and other partners provide cash match, fee waivers, and in-kind match (among other forms). Renters will provide match through expended fees, utility costs, and other associated fees relative to their rent. Homebuyers will provide match through fees and other associated costs relative to acquiring their home.

Tarrant County released several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to encourage submission of eligible projects and activities. In most cases, it is anticipated that HOME funds will provide a portion of the program investment but will not be the only funding source.

#### *A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities*

Tarrant County does not impose resale requirements but does exercise a recapture option for its HOME program. Recapture is enforced for a period relative to the amount assisted, where the direct subsidy is subject to recapture. In the case of homebuyer assistance, direct subsidy may consist of down payment assistance and/or closing costs that are up to \$50,000 or pass through rates which are subject to a lien on the home mortgage. If the buyer is noncompliant and/or does not satisfy principal residency requirements, repayment of full subsidy is required. In the event of a sale, short sale, or foreclosure, the amount recaptured will be limited to the net proceeds and the pro rata amount at the time of sale. Net proceeds are defined as the gross sales price minus the balance of all existing mortgages and liens, commissions, tax, and any additional closing costs owed by the seller. Pro rata repayment occurs in the event the homeowner sells the property before the affordability period is met.

For example, if the homeowner was assisted with \$10,000, they will repay the amount of HOME funds given in accordance to the following schedule:

- Sold within one (1) year – 100% repayment
- Sold within two (2) years – 80% repayment
- Sold within three (3) years – 60% repayment
- Sold within four (4) years – 40% repayment
- Sold within five (5) years – 20% repayment
- Sold *after* five (5) years – no repayment

After the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year, a Lien Release may be granted without penalty. Any funds recaptured from homebuyers as a result of the above may be utilized for County-approved HOME-eligible activities to benefit low-income households.

*A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds*

As in homebuyer assistance programs, repayment occurs according to contract guidelines and/or HUD guidance. Tarrant County will typically place contractual obligations and/or a lien on the property to ensure ownership remains the same during the period of affordability. Additionally, multifamily units are physically inspected every three (3) years to ensure quality, affordable housing is available to the community and financial records and documents are inspected to ensure ownership has not changed and the development continues to be managed effectively.

Tarrant County will monitor the subrecipient that will manage the homebuyer program on Tarrant County's behalf to ensure that controls such as deed restriction or land covenant, affidavit, or liens, are in place. Additionally, Tarrant County will monitor client files to ensure eligibility. Any funds determined to be ineligible will be subject to recapture.

*Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used*  
Tarrant County does not plan to refinance any existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Projects planned with expected ESG funding are identified in the Appendix.

*Include written standards for providing ESG assistance*

Written standards for providing ESG assistance are identified in the Appendix.

*If the CoC has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system*

In accordance with the requirements provided in the CoC Interim Rule, the Tarrant County CoC has designed a Coordinated Entry System (CES) designed to meet the requirements of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act.

The following overview provides a brief description of the path a household may take beginning their first night of experiencing homelessness to permanent housing. Assessments are conducted at designated program access points, community hub locations, and the TCHC Helpline. More details may be found online: <https://www.ahomewithhope.org>.

The CES provides households experiencing homelessness access to services from multiple locations to ensure a fair and consistent process is applied across the Continuum.

1. Assessment – assessments are facilitated by trained Housing Assessors using HMIS. These assessments are generated in HMIS for all households experiencing homelessness and seeking assistance. Households will be assessed every 90 days until exiting the CES.
2. Housing Match – information gathered from the HUD assessment and local assessments are used to determine which housing intervention is the most appropriate to meet the needs of the

household. HMIS will automatically complete this step in the process.

3. Prioritization – once the appropriate housing intervention is determined, households are sorted with the most vulnerable receiving priority. HMIS automatically compiles lists according to the information provided through the HUD Assessment and local assessments and in accordance with the CoC's priority ranking.
4. Housing Navigation – Housing Navigators will work with households at the top of the list. The Navigator can be one of the following: a designated CES Housing Navigator, outreach worker, housing assessor, or housing case manager. The Housing Navigator begins the process for preparing the housing. This process may include but is not limited to the following activities: obtaining identification and other critical documents, social security cards, verification documents, and beginning the search for a housing unit. When necessary, Housing Navigators will assist with securing the housing unit, application fees, and security deposits.
5. Referral – as program openings become available, Housing Navigators will connect households to housing program options. Navigators will assist in scheduling initial housing intake appointments and will serve as the household's advocate.

It should be noted that CES is not used locally to assign or coordinate initial emergency shelter beds.

*Identify the process for making subawards and describe how the ESG allocation is available to private nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations*

A Request for Proposals (RFP) to receive Tarrant County ESG funds was issued on December 8, 2023 and was due back to the Community Development Department on January 19, 2024. Seven (7) agencies applied for funds for emergency shelter operations. Each proposal was reviewed by committee in March 2024 and funds were allocated accordingly. Since there is a 60 percent (60%) cap on emergency shelter activities, Tarrant County will provide funding to shelters directly assisting people experiencing homelessness anywhere in Tarrant County. The balance of ESG funds will be applied to prevent homelessness for people that have an active eviction or have received a Notice to Vacate.

*If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement, the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with people experiencing homelessness or who have formerly experienced homelessness in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG*

Tarrant County meets this requirement by participating in the CoC's planning and committees. TCHC executes focus groups and compiles surveys to understand the unique needs of people experiencing homelessness. Comments and information are also collected from the advisory council meetings held monthly that are comprised of CoC-member agencies and administrators that manage programs and services that serve people experiencing homelessness. Combined, the organization can better identify needs and move those experiencing homelessness into housing or prevent homelessness altogether.

*Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG*

The performance standards will require initial evaluations and reevaluations. Subrecipients will be required to conduct initial evaluations of all households interested in receiving ESG assistance in order to determine eligibility and the cost and type of assistance necessary for the household to regain stability.

The evaluation must comply with the County's written standards and the local CoC's CES. In order to successfully record performance outcomes, the CoC system requires that once a household is enrolled in an ESG program, nondomestic violence agencies must complete an initial HUD intake assessment within the HMIS system, the HUD mid-program assessment, and the HUD exit assessment. Performance outcomes will be reported using the HMIS-generated reports. Domestic violence organizations will provide the same data utilizing similar data systems.

Reassessments may be necessary or required for program participants. Participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance must be reassessed monthly. Rapid rehousing participants must be reassessed quarterly. All participants will receive an exit assessment, as previously stated. TCHC will help provide data to assess performance of sub recipients thereby allowing Tarrant County to best allocate program funds for the program year. Data collected by TCHC will be provided quarterly and upon request. The administration of the HMIS has been contracted to TCHC as assigned by the CoC.

# Appendix

Table 1 – Responsible agencies

Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Tarrant County	Tarrant County
CDBG Administrator	Tarrant County	Community Development Department
HOPWA Administrator	Tarrant County	Judge's Office
HOME Administrator	Tarrant County	Community Development Department
ESG Administrator	Tarrant County	Community Development Department
HOPWA-C Administrator	Tarrant County	Judge's Office

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

<b>Organization</b>	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC)
<b>Organization Type(s)</b>	Services-homeless Planning organization
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness needs – Chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth Homelessness strategy
<b>Briefly describe how the Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the Consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	TCHC and Tarrant County subgrantees discussed needs and type of services expected in exchange for payment of HMIS fees. To better serve all clients, the nuances of a Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) are discussed to enhance data collection and improve service to program participants. The Continuum of Care (CoC) manages the CAS to best prioritize those in need and address ever-changing social and environmental dynamics.

<b>Organization</b>	City of Arlington
<b>Organization Type(s)</b>	Public Housing Authority (PHA) Other Government - Local
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Needs Assessment Public housing needs Homelessness strategy Non-homelessness special needs Anti-poverty strategy
<b>Briefly describe how the Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the Consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	City of Arlington receives their own entitlement funding for CDBG, HOME, and ESG. Tarrant County aims to coordinate funds across agencies by comparing and synchronizing ESG funds.
<b>Organization</b>	City of Fort Worth
<b>Organization Type(s)</b>	Other Government - Local
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Needs Assessment Public housing needs Homelessness strategy Non-homelessness special needs Anti-poverty strategy
<b>Briefly describe how the Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated</b>	City of Fort Worth receives their own entitlement funding for CDBG, HOME, and ESG. Tarrant County aims to coordinate funds across agencies by comparing and synchronizing ESG funds.

<b>outcomes of the Consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

Table 3 – Other planning efforts

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your strategy overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC)	The goal of ending homelessness overlaps with programs and strategic planning efforts.
2021-2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan	Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County	This four- (4-) year plan focuses on strategies to improve economic development and workforce solutions to meet the demands of Tarrant County employers.
United Way of Tarrant County Community Assessment	United Way of Tarrant County	This plan includes information and perspectives from residents and community stakeholders to better help understand the needs for programs and services.
North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) planning efforts (various)	NCTCOG	These regional plans focus on topics such as environmental concerns and efforts, transportation, and emergency preparedness.
Tarrant County COVID-19 Needs Assessment	Tarrant County	The Tarrant County COVID-19 Needs Assessment considers how the pandemic affected community needs and recommends short- and long-term actions to address those needs with funding opportunities.

Table 4 – Participation outreach efforts

Date	Type	Target Audience	Summary of Responses, Attendance	Summary of Comments Received	Summary of Comments Not Accepted	URL (if applicable)
March 27, 2024	Public meeting	Non-targeted, broader community	State of the Homeless Address held in Fort Worth	No comments presented.	N/A	<a href="https://www.ahomewithhope.org">https://www.ahomewithhope.org</a>
Various	Public hearing	Non-targeted, broader community	Each City held public meetings during regular City Council meetings to discuss CDBG projects for the program year (PY).	All comments received were in support of public infrastructure projects, no specific comments related to projects	N/A	
Various	Public hearing	Non-targeted, broader community	Tarrant County held public meetings during regular Commissioners’ Court meetings to discuss Annual Action Plans, CAPER, and any amendments.	See page 8 of report in “Summary of comments”	N/A	

Table 5 – Anticipated resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Annual Allocation	Program Income	Prior Year Resources	Total	Expected Amount Available for Remainder of Con Plan	Narrative
CDBG	Public – Federal	Administration and planning, economic development, housing, public improvements, public services	\$4,208,280	\$1,150	\$410,761	\$4,620,191	\$0	All funds are expected to be obligated and projects in progress during the program year and funds to be expended as we near the end of the program year.
HOME	Public – Federal	Acquisition and rehabilitation, administration, homebuyer assistance, homeowner rehabilitation, new construction, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)	\$1,437,719	\$0	\$4,636,348	\$6,074,067	\$0	Tarrant County aims to commit HOME funding and draw down funds within HUD’s time constraints. The market has continued to be challenging; however, Tarrant County will continue to be as adaptive as possible.
ESG	Public – Federal	Emergency shelter operations, homelessness prevention through rental assistance	\$254,138	\$0	\$10,000	\$264,138	\$0	Almost all funding will be drawn down during the PY with some remaining to pay between grant agreement terms.
Other	Public – Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	No other assistance is anticipated currently.

Table 6 – Goals summary

Goal	Start	End	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Income Indicator
Public infrastructure, facilities	2020	2024	Non-housing community development	Tarrant County Consortium service area	Non-housing community development	\$2,906,272 (CDBG)	19,435 people assisted w/public infrastructure and/or facility improvements
Preserve affordable housing	2020	2024	Affordable housing, non-homeless, special needs	Tarrant County Consortium service area	Affordable housing	\$249,008 (CDBG); \$293,947 (HOME)	19 owner-occupied housing units assisted w/homeowner rehabilitation activities
Increase number of affordable housing units	2020	2024	Affordable housing, non-homeless, special needs	Tarrant County Consortium service area	Affordable housing	\$1,000,000 (HOME)	At least 20 households assisted w/homebuyer assistance funding
Homelessness prevention	2020	2024	Affordable housing, non-homeless, special needs	Tarrant County Consortium service area	Homelessness	\$82,595 (ESG) \$150,000 (HOME)	15 renters assisted w/homelessness prevention and at least 28 renters using HOME
Homeless shelter operations	2020	2024	Homelessness	Tarrant County Consortium service area*	Homelessness	\$152,483 (ESG)	10,725 people provided emergency overnight shelter
Public services	2020	2024	Affordable housing, homeless, non-homeless, special needs, non-housing community development	Tarrant County Consortium service area	Non-housing community development	\$212,000 (CDBG)	1,080 people will be served by public service activities

Administration	2020	2024	Administrative costs to manage programs	Tarrant County Consortium service area	Administration of programs	\$841,000 (CDBG); \$143,772 (HOME); \$19,060 (ESG)	Successful implementation of Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, and all associated reports
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\* Consortium-area shelters are in Arlington and Fort Worth

Table 7 – Goal descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Construct public infrastructure, facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Construction of public infrastructure improvements for 14 cities within Tarrant County, including sewer, water, streets, ADA barrier removal, sidewalks, and improved drainage
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Preserve existing affordable housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Major housing rehabilitation (up to \$32,000 per home) of eight (8) single-family homes; priority reconstruction rehabilitation (up to \$15,000 per home) of nine (9) single-family homes; ADA barrier removal (up to \$5,000 per home) for two (2) homes
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase affordable housing inventory
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Increase affordable housing inventory by providing down payment assistance, closing costs, and/or applicable fees to at least 20 eligible homebuyers
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide public services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide case management to approximately 80 people (35 households) experiencing homelessness and provide antibullying and dating violence education to approximately 1,000 students

5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Prevent homelessness
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide up to three (3) months of short-term rental assistance and/or utility assistance to approximately 43 extremely low-income renter households with either a Notice to Vacate or an Eviction Notice
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide emergency shelter operations
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Assist seven (7) area shelters by paying for a portion of their operating costs, serving approximately 10,725 people
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide grant, program administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide administrative costs to plan and manage all programs.

Table 8 – Project information

#	Project Name
1	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
2	2024 SF Home Rehabilitation
3	2024 Homebuyer Assistance
4	2024 HOME TBRA (reallocated from 2022)
5	2024 Public Services
6	2024 ESG Tarrant County TX
7	2024 Administration

Table 9 – Project summary information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Tarrant County Consortium service area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Construct public infrastructure, facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-housing community development
	<b>Funding</b>	\$2,906,272 (CDBG)
	<b>Description</b>	Construction of public infrastructure improvements for 14 cities within Tarrant County, including sewer, water, streets, ADA barrier removal, sidewalks, and improved drainage
	<b>Target Date</b>	June 30, 2025
	<b># of Beneficiaries, Type</b>	19,435 people assisted w/public infrastructure and/or facility improvements
	<b>Location Description</b>	Infrastructure projects will be located within the Tarrant County Consortium service area. See Planned Activities for specific cities.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Water and/or sewer improvements (National Objective Classification A) in the following cities: Azle, Blue Mound, Euless, Everman, Forest Hill, Haltom City, Kennedale, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, and Watauga; new sidewalks (National Objective Classification A) in the following cities: Mansfield and Saginaw; and street and drainage improvements (National Objective Classification A) in the following cities: Grapevine and Hurst
2	<b>Project Name</b>	2024 SF Home Rehabilitation
	<b>Target Area</b>	Tarrant County Consortium service area

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve existing affordable housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable housing
	<b>Funding</b>	\$249,008 (CDBG); \$293,947 (HOME)
	<b>Description</b>	Major housing rehabilitation (up to \$32,000 per home) of eight (8) single-family homes; priority reconstruction rehabilitation (up to \$15,000 per home) of nine (9) single-family homes; ADA barrier removal (up to \$5,000 per home) for two (2) homes. Major home rehabilitation will occur when there are multiple substantial failures in a home (e.g., electrical, plumbing, roof). Priority reconstruction will occur when there is one (1) substantial failure. ADA barrier removal will occur when a homeowner requires accommodation for physical, visual, or audio impairments. HOME affordability periods and lead-based paint rules will apply.
	<b>Target Date</b>	June 30, 2025
	<b># of Beneficiaries, Type</b>	19 owner-occupied housing units assisted w/homeowner rehabilitation activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	Homes assisted will be in the Tarrant County Consortium service area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Major housing rehabilitation, priority reconstruction rehabilitation, and ADA barrier removal, as described above.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2024 Homebuyer Assistance
	<b>Target Area</b>	Tarrant County Consortium service area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase affordable housing inventory by providing down payment assistance, closing costs, and/or applicable fees to homebuyers

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable housing
	<b>Funding</b>	\$1,000,000 (HOME)
	<b>Description</b>	Increase affordable housing inventory by providing down payment assistance, closing costs, and/or applicable fees
	<b>Target Date</b>	June 30, 2025
	<b># of Beneficiaries, Type</b>	At least 20 homebuyers will be assisted.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Homebuyers assisted will be in the Tarrant County Consortium service area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Downpayment assistance, closing costs, and/or eligible fees for qualified homebuyers.
4	<b>Project Name</b>	2024 HOME TBRA (reallocated from 2022)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Tarrant County Consortium service area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homelessness prevention
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME 2022: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide rental assistance to prevent homelessness to persons and families with low (60% AMI) incomes
	<b>Target Date</b>	June 30, 2025

	<b># of Beneficiaries, Type</b>	At least 28 families with majority served with incomes below 60% AMI
	<b>Location Description</b>	Renters assisted will be in the Tarrant County Consortium service area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance to income qualified person that meet program criteria.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	2024 Public Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	Tarrant County Consortium service area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$212,000
	<b>Description</b>	Avail funds to assist low/moderate income persons with public service activities such as education for youth, case management for the homeless.
	<b>Target Date</b>	June 30, 2025
	<b># of Beneficiaries, Type</b>	1,000 Youth educated in SafeSchools program and 30 homeless families / 80 persons assisted with case management
	<b>Location Description</b>	Projects will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie unless project is to assist general homeless population of Tarrant County.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide education to all levels of youth at schools about anti-bullying and dating violence to high school aged students. Provide case management for homeless families
6	<b>Project Name</b>	2024 ESG Tarrant County TX
	<b>Target Area</b>	Tarrant County Consortium service area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless prevention and homeless shelter operations support
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$254, 138
	<b>Description</b>	ESG project will maintain 4 activities; Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, HMIS and administration for ESG Emergency Shelters: paying for utilities/operating costs or essential services costs (\$152,482.81) Homelessness Prevention: Rental assistance to prevent homelessness (\$82,594.84) ESG administration: administration and HMIS data reports and fees (\$19,060.35)
	<b>Target Date</b>	June 30, 2026
	<b># of Beneficiaries, Type</b>	Assist low income persons (<30% AMI) with short term rental assistance using ESG 2024 (15 families served) AND assist 10,725 Homeless Persons to be sheltered in six overnight shelters and 1 day time shelter,
	<b>Location Description</b>	Direct Assistance will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie. General homeless assistance will be within Tarrant County, TX
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Homeless Prevention, Homeless Shelter Operations, and Administration
7	<b>Project Name</b>	2024 Administration

<b>Target Area</b>	Tarrant County Consortium service area
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Program management and administration for all activities
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG \$841,000.00, HOME \$143,771.90,
<b>Description</b>	Funds to pay for the administration of HOME and CDBG grants. Salaries, rent, utility, and related costs are covered.
<b>Target Date</b>	June 30, 2025
<b># of Beneficiaries, Type</b>	Number benefitted will be reflected in other projects.
<b>Location Description</b>	Administration will occur at 2501 Parkview Dr, Suite 420, Fort Worth, TX 76102
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds to pay for the administration of all grants. Salaries, rent, utility costs, services, and resources to execute programs

### Table 10 – Geographic distribution

No targeted geographic areas.

### Table 11 – Funding group distributions

Group A (Odd Years)	Group B (Even Years)
Bedford	Azle
Benbrook	Blue Mound

Crowley	Burleson
Colleyville	Everman
Dalworthington Gardens	Forest Hill
Haslet	Haltom City
Lake Worth	Hurst
Lakeside	Kennedale
Pantego	Keller
River Oaks	Richland Hills
Sansom Park	Saginaw
Westworth Village	Southlake
White Settlement	Watauga

\*Entitlement cities will receive annual HUD allocations: Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills

Table 12 – One (1) year goals for affordable housing by support requirement

One (1) Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement	
Homeless	0
Non-homeless	82
Special needs	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>

Table 13 – One (1) year service goals by support type

One (1) Year Service Goals by Support Type	
Rental assistance	43
New unit production	0
Rehabilitation of existing units	19
Homebuyer assistance	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>

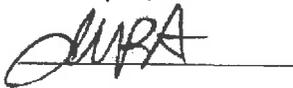
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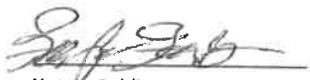
I, JOHN BONDURANT, JR., PUBLISHER of the **COMMERCIAL RECORDER**, am over the age of 18, have knowledge of the facts stated herein, and am otherwise competent to make this affidavit. The **COMMERCIAL RECORDER**, of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, is a newspaper of general circulation which has been published in Tarrant County regularly and continuously for a period of over one year prior to the first day of publication of this notice. The **COMMERCIAL RECORDER** is qualified to publish legal notices according to Article 28e, Revised Civil statutes of Texas.

I, solemnly swear that the notice hereto attached was published in the **COMMERCIAL RECORDER**, on the following dates, to-wit:

February 16, 2024



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of February, A.D. 2024



Notary Public,  
Tarrant County, Texas



FELIPE FACUNDO, JR  
My Notary ID # 129755308  
Expires March 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN TARRANT COUNTY PROPOSED BY 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2024**  
**TARRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Phone: 817-850-7940  
On Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM, a public hearing will be held to receive public comment regarding the proposed draft Program Year (PY) 2024 Annual Action Plan (the "Plan") to address local affordable housing and community development needs in Tarrant County, Texas. The hearing will be held in the G.K. Maenius Administration Building, 100 East Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76196, in the Commissioners Courtroom on the 5th floor.

The purpose of the Plan is to outline objectives and programs during the 2024 Program Year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) in alignment with the five- (5-) year Consolidated Plan. The Plan meets federal requirements under the Community Development Act of 1974 and the National Housing Affordability Act of 1990, as amended. The Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to meet application requirements for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

HUD funding allocations have not yet been released; however, last year's allocations have been assumed steady for planning purposes. It is anticipated that the Tarrant County Consortium will receive \$4,199,392 in CDBG, \$1,693,676 in HOME, and \$250,298 in ESG funding for PY 2024.

The Cities of Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills have populations exceeding 50,000, which qualify each of these Cities for metropolitan entitlement status, granting their own CDBG funding. Each City has executed a contract with Tarrant County for the administration of these funds which are included in the \$4,199,392 amount previously described.

**Action Plan**

**Program Summaries**

Unless otherwise described, all programs will be implemented on a countywide basis within the Consortium's jurisdiction.

**CDBG**

**Eligibility**

All projected uses of CDBG funds are in accordance with 24 CFR Part 570, Community Development Block Grant Program Final Rule as published in the Federal Register (53 FR 34437; September 6, 1988).

**Compliance with Program Purpose**

Each project is classified as meeting one (1) of the following national objectives: (a) benefit low- to moderate-income families and limited clientele; (b) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and/or (c) addressing urgent community development needs.

For the purposes of this Plan, all CDBG projected uses will benefit low- to moderate-income families and limited clientele.

**Projected Use**

CDBG funds will be used for:

- \* \$2,910,040, Public facilities and infrastructure improvements for 14 projects in 14 Cities
  - o Water and/or sewer improvements in Azle, Blue Mound, Euless, Everman, Forest Hill, Haltom City, Kennedale, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, and Watauga;
  - o New sidewalks in Mansfield and Saginaw; and
  - o Street and drainage improvements in Grapevine and Hurst.

\* \$212,000, Public services (15% cap) that include: (a) case management for housing services for homeless families, which may include childcare services; and (b) educational services for youth to recognize and reduce teen violence and bullying

\* \$238,352, Owner-occupied home rehabilitation, including priority reconstruction and ADA barrier removal for approximately 11 households

\* \$839,000, Program administration (20% cap)

**HOME**

**Eligibility**

All projected uses of HOME funds are in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92, HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program Final Rule, as authorized by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended.

**Compliance with**

**Program Purpose**

Each project identified was selected to achieve the purpose of maintaining and expanding the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, particularly for low- to moderate-income households.

**Projected Use**

HOME funds will be used for:

- \* \$1,311,934, Homebuyer assistance for approximately 50 homebuyers
- \* \$212,374, Owner-occupied home rehabilitation for approximately six (6) homeowners

\* \$150,000, Tenant-based, short-term rental assistance (using reallocated 2022 HOME funds)

\* \$169,367, Program administration (10% cap)

**ESG**

**Eligibility**

All projected uses of ESG funds are in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as amended by S. 896, The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009.

**Compliance with**

**Program Purpose**

Each project identified was selected to achieve the purpose of helping meet the costs of homelessness prevention and operating emergency shelters.

**Projected Use**

ESG funds will be used for:

- \* \$150,179, Operating costs of emergency shelters, including utilities
- \* \$ 80,147, Homelessness prevention through short-term rental assistance
- \* \$1,200, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data management
- \* \$18,772, Program administration (7.5% cap)

**Request for**

**Public Comment**

Copies of the draft Plan will be available February 16 through March 19, 2024 online at <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/community-development-and-housing-department.html>, by calling 817-850-7940, and/or in-person at the Tarrant County Community Development Office, 2501 Parkview Dr., Ste. 420, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Comments may be mailed to the Tarrant County Community Development Office (as above) or by emailing James A. McClinton, Director, [jamccinton@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:jamccinton@tarrantcountytx.gov) or Susan Au, Senior Planner, [sau@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:sau@tarrantcountytx.gov) by March 19, 2024. Additionally, comments may be made in-person at the hearing which will be held on March 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM during the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court meeting in the G.K. Maenius Administration Building, 100 East Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76196, in the Commissioners Courtroom on the 5th floor.

The Tarrant County Commissioners Courtroom is wheelchair accessible. Persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency (LEP) who plan to attend this meeting and who may need reasonable accommodations are requested to contact the ADA Officer at 817-212-6935 or through the Relay Texas TDD at 1-800-735-2989 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Requests can also be made online: <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov>. If Tarrant County does not receive notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, Tarrant County will make a reasonable attempt to provide the necessary accommodations.

TARRANT COUNTY  
MAYORS' COUNCIL

*Member Cities*

Arlington  
Azle  
Bedford  
Benbrook  
Blue Mound  
Burleson  
Colleyville  
Crowley  
Dalworthington Gardens  
Edgecliff Village  
Euless  
Everman  
Forest Hill  
Fort Worth  
Grand Prairie  
Grapevine  
Haltom City  
Haslet  
Hurst  
Keller  
Kennedale  
Lakeside  
Lake Worth  
Mansfield  
North Richland Hills  
Pantego  
Pelican Bay  
Richland Hills  
River Oaks  
Saginaw  
Sansom Park  
Southlake  
Watauga  
Westlake  
Westover Hills  
Westworth Village  
White Settlement

**RESOLUTION**

**APPROVAL OF THE TARRANT COUNTY  
PY 2024 ACTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County acts as Advisory Council to the Tarrant County Commissioners Court for the County's Community Development and Housing Consortium; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as authorized by the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 and all subsequent related legislation and regulations, requires all entitlement communities receiving HUD funding to submit an Action Plan in order to receive continued federal funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs; and

**WHEREAS**, this planning process requires a one-year Action Plan to identify specific projects and activities to be implemented with the above-named federal grant funds as a part of Tarrant County's 50<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development program;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the MAYORS' COUNCIL OF TARRANT COUNTY, do hereby approve the Tarrant County PY2024 Action Plan, and do hereby recommend this Plan and the PY 2024 Work Program of housing and community development projects and activities proposed therein be approved by the Honorable Tarrant County Commissioners Court.**

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

  
Honorable Michael Evans  
Mayor of the City of Mansfield  
Chair, Mayors' Council of Tarrant County

Passed the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2024

Attest: 



## MINUTES

### TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term – REGULAR Meeting  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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**All items have been so ordered. Official documents on file with the County Clerk.**

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On Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, Texas met for Special Term – Regular Meeting in the Commissioners Courtroom at the G.K. Maenius Administration Building in the City of Fort Worth.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Commissioners Court Clerk having called roll and a quorum being presented, Tim O'Hare, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

##### **PRESENT**

Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare  
Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Brooks  
Commissioner Precinct 2 - Alisa  
Simmons  
Commissioner Precinct 3 - Gary Fickes  
Commissioner Precinct 4 -Manny  
Ramirez

##### **ABSENT**

None

and County Clerk Mary Louise Nicholson, represented by her duly appointed Deputy April Hanks, when the following orders were made.

#### **II. INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Pastor Dave Jung with the Light of the Word Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

**III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**IV. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Items X, D1 & X I13 were held.  
 Items X A3, X A4, X A5, X A6, X C3, X D5, X H2 & X K2 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

**V. COMMISSIONERS COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Simmons thanked the facilities department, graphics department, IT department, all the county departments and the generous sponsors for their help and support with the Precinct 2 Kidney Wellness Event. She stated that it was a spectacular success with over 300 people participating and 100 kidney screenings.  
 Commissioner Brooks was grateful for the success of the Precinct 1 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Lives Matter Prostate Cancer Education and Screening event. They screened 283 men and 19 of those screenings indicated that they need more study, testing or treatment done.

**VI. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Court Order Number: 142794 - Proclamation - Martin High School Warriors Texas 6A UIL Boys Wrestling State Champions (Judge O'Hare)**

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Receive and File Proclamation - Martin High School Warriors Texas 6A UIL Boys Wrestling State Champions (Judge O'Hare)  
 Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**B. Court Order Number: 142795 - Proclamation - In Recognition of Gatorade's Cross Country Runner of the Year Caden Leonard (Judge O'Hare)**

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Brooks to Receive and File Proclamation - In Recognition of Gatorade's Cross Country Runner of the Year Caden Leonard (Judge O'Hare)  
 Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**All items with asterisks (\*\*) are a part of the Consent Agenda. Public hearing and review are held collectively unless opposition is presented, in which case the contested item will be heard separately.**

**A. Court Order Number: 142796 - Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Consent Agenda as amended.  
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**VIII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Court Order Number: 142797 - \*\* Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 5, 2024**

**IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Court Order Number: 142798 - Public Hearing - To Consider the Draft Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan - Community Development**

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Close Public Hearing - To Consider the Draft Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan - Community Development.  
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Public Hearing was opened at 10:19 a.m. and closed at 10:24 a.m. with public speakers Lon Burnam and Daniel Bennett.

**X. REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

**A. Administrator (Chandler Merritt)**

- 1. Court Order Number: 142799 - Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Out-of-State Travel Requests  
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Daniel Bennett stated that he had a solution that could potentially ease the burden on homeless population and asked Commissioner Simmons when she attends the 2024 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition to discuss that to individuals.

- 2. Court Order Number: 142800 - Approval of an Amendment to the Order Authorizing Payment of Certain Claims Submitted for Payment**
- 3. Court Order Number: 142801 - Approval of a Contract between Tarrant County and My Health My Resources of Tarrant County for Rehabilitative Alternative for Probationers and Parolees Program Services for Fiscal Year 2024**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Contract between Tarrant County and My Health My

## TX-601 Emergency Solutions Grant Performance Measures

Activity	Output / Outcome	Data Collection Required
<b>1) Street Outreach</b>	<b>Number of Persons:</b> A. Total Unduplicated Served B. Total Unduplicated Engaged	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q7a B. APR Q9b
	<b>Of those engaged, Number of Persons:</b> A. Those placed in temporary housing destinations B. Those placed in permanent housing destinations	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q23a&b B. ARP Q23a&b
<b>2) Emergency Shelter Operations</b>	<b>Number of Persons:</b> A. Total Unduplicated Served	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q7a
	<b>Of those receiving Case Management, Number of Persons:</b> A. Those exiting ES to temporary or permanent housing destinations B. Those who have non-cash benefits at exit	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q23a&b B. APR Q20b
<b>3) Homeless Prevention</b>	<b>Number of Persons:</b> A. Total Unduplicated Served	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q7a
	<b>Of those served, Number of Persons:</b> A. Those able to maintain housing at exit B. Those who have non-cash benefits at exit	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q23a&b B. APR Q20b
<b>4) Rapid Re-Housing</b>	<b>Number of Persons:</b> A. Total Unduplicated Served	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q7a
	<b>Of those served, Number of Persons:</b> A. Those who exited to or maintained permanent housing at exit B. Those who have non-cash benefits at exit C. Those who have cash income at exit	<b>Pulled From:</b> A. APR Q23a&b B. APR Q20b C. APR Q19a3
<b>5) Coordinated Entry System: <i>Proposed Future Measure</i></b>	A. 100% of RRH enrollments come from CES B. 90% of CES referrals must be accepted by housing providers C. The average length of time between referral to lease up is less than 60 days.	<b>Pulled From:</b> CES Reporting Metrics under development

# Written ESG Standards

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Tarrant County works with many varied subrecipients and will utilize HUD's regulations as a basis for policy. However, for each individual/family that receives services under the Emergency Solutions Grant, appropriate agency staff must record certain information on the *Client Intake* form upon meeting and *Client Exit* form when the client is no longer funded under ESG. For activities under Rapid Re-Housing, Client Intake and Exit forms should be forwarded to Tarrant County Community Development Division as they occur unless other arrangements have been negotiated with Community Development staff. Any change in client data should be reported to Community Development Staff on the *Client Change Report* form as they occur. All agencies must enter all data in the HMIS system and maintain files on each family and/or persons. A separate file should be kept on each program participant (some exceptions may apply). Any agency seeking an exception must submit a request in writing to the ESG/SHP Program Manager. Program participant files should contain, at a minimum, the following documents in a clearly marked section of the file:

- An application into the program
- Documentation of Homelessness, with appropriate back-up documentation
- Tarrant County Intake form
- Initial Assessment
- Service Plan
- On-going assessments
- Case manager notes
- Tarrant County Exit form
- Rent computations (if applicable)
- Follow-up notes (if applicable)
- Housing Quality Standards initial and annual inspections (if applicable)
- Tenant lease agreement (if applicable)

Per 24 CFR 576.401 The subrecipient must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the eligibility of each individual or family's eligibility for ESG assistance and the amount and types of assistance the individual or family needs to regain stability in permanent housing. These evaluations must be conducted in accordance with the centralized or coordinated assessment requirements set forth under §576.400(d) and the written standards established under §576.400(e). The subrecipient must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the types and amounts of assistance the program participant needs not less than once every 3 months for program participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance, and not less than once annually for program participants receiving rapid re-housing assistance. At a minimum, each re-evaluation of eligibility must establish that: (i) The program participant does not have an annual income that exceeds 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; and (ii) The program participant lacks sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance.

- When the program participant's income or other circumstances change (e.g., changes in household composition) that affect the program participant's need for assistance under

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- When determining the annual income of an individual or family, the recipient or subrecipient must use the standard for calculating annual income under 24 CFR 5.609.
- Subrecipients must assist each program participant, as needed, to obtain appropriate supportive services, including assistance in obtaining permanent housing, medical health treatment, mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living; housing stability case management; other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available to assist the program participant in obtaining housing stability including:
  - (i) Medicaid (42 CFR chapter IV, subchapter C);
  - (ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (7 CFR parts 271–283);
  - (iii) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (7 CFR part 246);
  - (iv) Federal-State Unemployment Insurance Program (20 CFR parts 601–603, 606, 609, 614–617, 625, 640, 650);
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- a. Policies and procedures for coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential service providers, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance providers, other homeless assistance providers, and mainstream service and housing providers.**

Coordination to assist the homeless and prevent homelessness will come from the leadership of the Tarrant County Continuum of Care. Subrecipients must have active engagement and membership in the CoC to receive funding. Subrecipients must use HMIS and attend trainings to accurately enter data. The CoC will provide the necessary coordination to better assist clients with limited community resources.

- b. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals will receive rapid re-housing assistance.**

The key to the success of any program is a screening and assessment process, which thoroughly explores the families or individual's situation and pinpoints their unique housing and service needs. Based upon the assessment, families and individuals should be referred to the kinds of housing and services most appropriate to their situations. As each program from different subrecipients may differ, Tarrant County will utilize HUD regulations as a base to determine and prioritize which eligible families and individuals will receive prevention assistance and rapid re-housing assistance. Families with children, persons with disabilities and elderly will be prioritized according to situation based on case management and intake assessment. Under homelessness prevention assistance, funds are available to persons below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI), and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

These funds can be used to prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless and/or regain stability in current housing or other permanent housing. Rapid re-housing funding will be available to those who are literally homeless to ultimately move into permanent housing and achieve housing stability. Uniform Intake Assessments will provide initial determination with further case management to better determine and prioritize client needs.

**c. Standards for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, while receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance.**

Standards for both homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, will be based on the following.

- No rental assistance will be made if a client is receiving rental assistance from another public source for the same time period.
- There will be no requirement that a participant must pay rent under the homelessness prevention activity as this activity will be short term assistance.
- Under the rapid re-housing activity, participant income will be verified and assessed at least every 6 months. Based on gross income and type of program the participant is in, a participant may pay no more than 30% of adjusted gross income.
- Current Fair Market Rent (FMR) limits
- Rent reasonableness while taking into account the neighborhood
- Minimum habitability standards
- Rental assistance agreement and lease between property manager and tenant as well as owner of property and agency. Per 24 CFR 576.106 (e), the subrecipient may make rental assistance payments only to an owner with whom the subrecipient has entered into a rental assistance agreement. The rental assistance agreement must set forth the terms under which rental assistance will be provided, including the requirements that apply under this section. The rental assistance agreement must provide that, during the term of the agreement, the owner must give the subrecipient a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit, or any complaint used under state or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant.

**d. Standards for determining how long a particular program participant will be provided with rental assistance and whether and how the amount of that assistance will be adjusted over time.**

Subject to the general conditions under §576.103 and §576.104, the subrecipient may provide a program participant with up to 24 months of rental assistance during any 3-year period. This assistance may be short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, payment of rental arrears, or any combination of this assistance.

- (1) Short-term rental assistance is assistance for up to 3 months of rent.

(2) Medium-term rental assistance is assistance for more than 3 months but not more than 24 months of rent.

(3) Payment of rental arrears consists of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

- e. Standards for determining the type, amount, and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services to provide a program participant, including the limits, if any, on the homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance that each program participant may receive, such as the maximum amount of assistance, maximum number of months the program participants receives assistance; or the maximum number of times the program participants may receive assistance.

Please refer to item (d) and (e) above.

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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 75-6001170	* c. UEI: DBH1UNN8U5J3

**d. Address:**

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Street2: Suite 404
* City: Fort Worth
County/Parish: Tarrant
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**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name: Administrator's Office	Division Name: Community Development
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**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

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Title: Director
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

14-218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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Fort Worth Regional Office, Region VI  
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RE: Urban County Qualification of Tarrant County for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Consortium Qualification

Dear Ms. Henley:

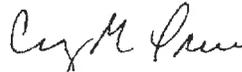
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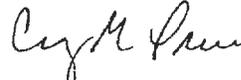
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14-231

CFDA Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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Fort Worth Regional Office, Region VI  
Office of Community Planning & Development  
307 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 1000  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

RE: Urban County Qualification of Tarrant County for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Consortium Qualification

Dear Ms. Henley:

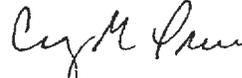
This legal opinion is written in accordance with the requirements of HUD Notice: CPD-23-02, issued April 10, 2023. The terms and conditions of the cooperation agreements between Tarrant County and the County's 29 participating units of general local government are authorized under State and local law, which provide full legal authority for Tarrant County to enter into the agreements.

Article III, Section 64 of the Texas Constitution authorizes Texas counties to enter into cooperative agreements with local governments for the performance of governmental functions authorized by Texas law. Section 381.003(a) of the Texas Local Government Code is the specific Texas law that authorizes the commissioners' court of a county to "administer or otherwise engage in community and economic development projects authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 or under any other federal law creating community and economic development programs."

In light of these constitutional and statutory provisions and the aforementioned cooperation agreement, Tarrant County is authorized to carry out community development and housing assistance activities in the County's 29 participating units of local government.

Sincerely,

Phil Sorrells  
Criminal District Attorney  
Tarrant County, Texas



CRAIG M. PRICE  
Assistant Criminal District Attorney

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Attachments: 1

**Units of Government in Tarrant County Consortium (2024-2026)**

	<b>Consortium of Cities</b>	<b>Cities that did NOT join</b>
1	City of Azle	Town of Edgediff Village
2	City of Bedford	City of Mansfield
3	City of Benbrook	City of Peircan Bay
4	City of Blue Mound	Town of Westlake
5	City of Burleson	Town of Westover Hills
6	City of Colleyville	
7	City of Crowley	
8	City of Dalworthington Gardens	
9	<b>City of Euless*</b>	
10	City of Everman	
11	City of Forest Hill	
12	<b>City of Grapevine*</b>	
13	City of Haltom City	
14	City of Haslet	
15	City of Hurst	
16	City of Keller	
17	City of Kennedale	
18	Town of Lakeside	
19	City of Lake Worth	
20	<b>City of North Richland Hills*</b>	
21	Town of Pantego	
22	City of Richland Hills	
23	City of River Oaks	
24	City of Saginaw	
25	City of Sansom Park	
26	City of Southlake	
27	City of Watauga	
28	Town of Westworth Village	
29	City of White Settlement	

**29 cities in Tarrant County Consortium**

*(Includes 3 city entitlements\*)*

# Congressional Districts for Tarrant County, TX

Districts for Tarrant County

## **Texas U.S. Senators**

U.S. Senators represent the entire state.

Texas' current U.S. Senators are [Senator John Cornyn](#) and [Senator Ted Cruz](#).

## **Texas U.S. Representatives**

Congressional District 6--Congressman Jake Ellzey

[Texas Congressional Member Websites](#)

Congressional District 12--Congresswoman Kay Granger

[Texas Congressional Member Websites](#)

Congressional District 24--Congressman Beth Van Duyne

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Congressional District 25--Congressman Roger Williams

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Congressional District 26--Congressman Michael C. Burgess

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Congressional District 33--Congressman Marc Veasey

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
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14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
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<p>APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Tarrant County, Texas</div>	<p>DATE SUBMITTED</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%; background-color: #cccccc;"></div>

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Tarrant County, Texas	DATE SUBMITTED 

**CERTIFICATIONS**

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction’s consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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County Judge

Title

## Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2024-2025 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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County Judge  
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**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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County Judge

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## **Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications**

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

**Essential Services and Operating Costs** – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

**Renovation** – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

**Supportive Services** – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

**Matching Funds** – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

**Confidentiality** – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

**Homeless Persons Involvement** – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

**Consolidated Plan** – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Discharge Policy** – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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County Judge

Title

## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.