

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

To

ALL CITIZENS, AGENCIES, AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Regarding

CITY OF IRVING

**PROPOSED 2009-2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN & 2009-2010 ACTION PLAN FOR USE OF
CDBG, HOME, HPRP, ESG, & NSP2 US Department of Housing and Urban Development
(HUD) GRANT FUNDS**

PURPOSE

On Wednesday June 10, 2009 the Board of Directors of the City of Irving's Housing and Human Services Department will hold a public hearing and on Thursday, July 23, 2009, the Irving City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the draft 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan which includes the 2009-2010 Action Plan for use of federal funds and the Analysis of Impediments under the following grant programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2). The purpose of the public hearings will be to receive resident input and to receive comments from agencies and/or individuals regarding recommended priorities and allocations for each of the grants included in the proposed Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. The June 10 public hearing will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Housing and Human Services Department Board Room, 2520 W Irving Blvd, Suite 300, Irving, Texas. The July 23 public hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 825 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas. All residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings will be conducted in English with a Spanish interpreter available. All facilities are wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking spaces are available. Requests for interpretation services or assistive hearing devices must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Janice Carroll, City Secretary, at (972) 721-2493 or (TDD) 800-RelayTX (1-800-735-2989) for assistance.

The proposed Consolidated Plan, which includes the Analysis of Impediments and provides the priorities for use of federal funds over the next five year period, and the Action Plan, which provides the recommended allocations and activities of the Housing and Human Services Board for the coming year (provided in the tables below), will also be made available for a public comment period. Comments on the proposed plan will be received from Monday, June 8, to Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at the City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department and through e-mail to vballou@cityofirving.org. Copies of the proposed FY 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and FY 2009-2010 Action Plan may be obtained at the following locations: City Hall Information Desk, Main Branch of the Irving Public Library, and City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department, and the Housing and Human Services webpage: <http://www.ci.irving.tx.us/housing-human-services>. Following the close of the public comment period, City Council is scheduled to consider approving the final FY 2009-2014 Consolidated and FY 2009-2010 Action Plan at its regular meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2009. The City's final 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan, including the FY 2009-2010 Action Plan will be submitted to HUD by August 15, 2009.

Printed below is a summary of the proposed FY 2009-2010 Action Plan. The general purposes of the HUD grants for which this plan was developed are: to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for all Irving residents, particularly low and moderate income persons. The Action Plan identifies activities to be funded and implemented in FY 2009-2010. This plan meets federal requirements under the Housing & Community

Development Act of 1974, as amended; the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; and the Stuart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended. All projected uses of funds under the proposed Action Plan are eligible in accordance with the following federal regulations: 24 CFR Part 570, CDBG Program Final Rule; 24 CFR Part 92, HOME Program Final Rule; and 24 CFR Part 576, ESG Program Final Rule. The Action Plan serves as the City of Irving's application for federal funds under the above-listed grant programs.

Total anticipated new funding for FY 2009-2010 under the above programs is \$5,111,544 including \$2,317,710 in CDBG, \$608,703 in CDBG – Recovery, \$1,079,679, in HOME, \$930,680 in HPRP, and \$99,772 in ESG funds. This funding is anticipated to be available beginning September 1 and October 1, 2009.

This Action Plan also includes \$258,631 in reprogrammed prior years' grant funds. These funds were made available when previously identified projects were cancelled or changed.

The City of Irving will apply for NSP2 funding in the amount of \$7,350,000. These funds would be used for the stabilization of a neighborhood in the City of Irving bound by S. Story on the west, Shady Grove on the north, MacArthur on the east, and Hunter Ferrell on the south. The proposed use of these funds is also provided below. Comments on the proposed plan for NSP2 will be received from Monday, June 8, to Friday, June 19, 2009, at the City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department and through e-mail to yballou@cityofirving.org.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES—FY 2009-2010 ACTION PLAN

PROGRAMS FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

Agency	Project Description	Funding
Dental Health Programs Inc.	Provision of Dental Care to Irving Children and Elderly at the Irving Health Center	\$36,000
Family Outreach of Irving	Child Abuse Prevention Services	\$20,250
Irving Cares, Inc.	Child Care Assistance for Newly Employed	\$13,000
B.I.G. D.O.G.S. Youth Organization	After School Math and Reading Tutoring and Test Preparation Program	\$18,750
Metrocare Services	Case Management Services for Chronically Homeless Individuals and Homeless Families	\$34,000
Irving Family Advocacy Center	Behavioral Therapy and Educational Programs for Victims of Violent Crime and Those Experiencing Difficulty with Life Transitions	\$40,000
Irving Family YMCA	Child and Teen After School & Summer Day Camp Program Subsidies for Families	\$37,436
Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas	Nursing Home Ombudsman for Irving Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Facilities	\$21,200
Irving Healthcare Foundation	After-School Obesity Reduction Program	\$21,520
Salvation Army	Case Work Services for Emergency Assistance Program	\$20,250
Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas	Legal Services for Homelessness Prevention	\$26,000
Total CDBG Human Service Projects		\$288,406
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Housing Restoration Program for Low-Income Homeowners, Offering Deferred Loans/Grants and Low Interest Loans for Major and Minor Repairs, Including Administrative Costs	\$710,000

	Total Housing Restoration	\$710,000
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Housing Services	\$181,086
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Irving Health Center	Debt Service for Public Facilities Section 108 Loan for the Construction of the Irving Health Center	\$450,000
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Facility for a Housing Counseling Center	\$224,676
	Total Facilities/Improvements	\$674,676
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	General Administration Costs of CDBG Program, Including Salaries & Benefits, Furniture & Equipment, Office Supplies, Training, etc.	\$463,542
	Total, Planning and Administration	\$463,542
	Total, All CDBG Activities	\$2,317,710

PROJECTS FUNDED BY HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) FUNDS

Agency	Project Description	Funding
Contours Community Housing Development Organization	Housing Development Projects and Operating Support	\$298,992
Irving Community Development Corporation	Housing Development Projects	\$57,000
Bear Creek Community Development Corporation	Housing Development Projects and Operating Support	\$126,992
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Down Payment Assistance	\$488,727
	Total HOME Housing Projects	\$971,711
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	General Administration of HOME Grant; Salaries, Benefits, Furniture & Equipment, Training, Office Supplies, etc.	\$107,968
	Total HOME Admin. & CHDO Operation	\$482,984
	Total, All HOME Activities	\$1,079,679

PROGRAMS FUNDED BY EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS

Agency	Project Description	Funding
Brighter Tomorrows Domestic Violence Shelter	Case Manager-Salary and Benefits	\$25,000
	Total Essential Services for Homeless	\$25,000
Brighter Tomorrows Transitional Housing	Shelter Operations-Utility and Maintenance Costs	\$25,000
Brighter Tomorrows Domestic Violence Shelter	Shelter Operations-Utility Costs	\$25,000
	Total Operations/Maintenance of Homeless	\$50,000
Salvation Army	Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance for Households at Risk of Homelessness	\$19,783
	Total Homeless Prevention Activities	\$19,783
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	General Administration of ESG Grant; Partial Salaries, Benefits, Office Supplies, etc.	\$4,989
	Total General Administration	\$4,989
	Total, All ESG Activities	\$99,772

**PROGRAMS FUNDED BY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION
AND RAPID RE-HOUSING (HPRP) FUNDS**

Agency	Project Description	Funding
Irving Cares	Housing Relocation and Stabilization Case Management	\$16,250
Salvation Army	Housing Relocation and Stabilization Case Management	\$4,500
Urban League	Housing Relocation and Stabilization Case Management	\$11,750
Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas	Legal Services for Homelessness Prevention	\$8,500
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department and Possible Agencies To Be Determined	Financial and Credit Repair Counseling	\$12,500
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Case Management Services	\$56,250
	Total Housing Relocation and Stabilization	\$109,750
Irving Cares	One Time/Short Term Homelessness Prevention Assistance	\$50,000
Salvation Army	One Time/Short Term Homelessness Prevention Assistance	\$12,000
Urban League	One Time/Short Term Homelessness Prevention Assistance	\$38,645
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	One Time/Short Term Homelessness Prevention Assistance	\$150,000
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Rapid Re-Housing Assistance for Homeless	\$62,661
	Total Housing Assistance	\$313,306
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Data Entry and Evaluation	\$23,267
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	General Administration of HPRP	\$23,267
	Total Administration, Data Entry and Evaluation	\$46,534
	Total, All HPRP Activities	\$469,590

PROGRAMS FUNDED WITH REPROGRAMMED FUNDS

Agency	Project Description	Funding/ Source
Bear Creek Development Corporation	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Activities	\$35,000 HOME
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating	\$48,631 HOME
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department	Public Improvements	\$175,000 HOME
	Total Reprogrammed HOME Funds	\$258,631
	Total, Reprogrammed Funds	\$258,631

**PROGRAMS FUNDED WITH PROPOSED
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION 2 (NSP2) FUNDS**

Agency	Project Description	Funding
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department/Irving Housing Finance Corporation	Foreclosure/ Vacant Property Acquisition	\$3,850,000
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department/Irving Housing Finance	Vacant Property Acquisition	\$2,250,000

Corporation		
City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department/Irving Housing Finance Corporation	Down Payment Assistance	\$1,250,000
	Total, NSP2 Application	\$7,350,000

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A more detailed description of each of the above projects is contained in the full proposed Action Plan document. All interested parties are invited to comment on the FY 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and FY 2009-2010 Action Plan. The full document is available for review during this public comment period at the City Hall Information Desk, Main Branch of the Irving Public Library, and City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department. Members of the public may examine the full document, or make recommendations regarding the plan at the City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department, 2520 W Irving Blvd., Ste 300, Irving, Texas from June 8, 2009 to July 8, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. The document is also available for review at the City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department website: <http://www.ci.irving.tx.us/housing-human-services>. Comments will also be received via e-mail at vballou@cityofirving.org. For specific questions regarding any of the above, please contact Vivian Ballou, Executive Director, City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department, at (972) 721-4800.