

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and HOME PROGRAMS**

**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE**  
**Housing and Neighborhood Services**  
**205 W. Church**

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: This  
is a 30-Day Comment Period from June 18, 2021 – July 18, 2021**

The above-named City has completed its citizen participation, community development plan, public notices, and review process. On June 15, 2021, the City Council, after due citizen participation requirements and publications, has reviewed activities for a **CDBG** and **HOME** grant entitlement allocation totaling \$2,040,516.

Subsequently, the application, certifications, and required documentation will be submitted to HUD on or about August 9, 2021. The Consolidated Plan, final statement and other appropriate documentation which lists the activities considered by City Council on June 15, 2021, is available to the public regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs at the address listed above during normal business hours. Additional information can be obtained by calling (972) 237-8166.

All citizens are encouraged to examine and submit comments regarding the PY21 CDBG and HOME Programs to the street address listed above. Comments must be received on or before July 18, 2021. Housing and Neighborhood Services of the City is the designated department which operates and provides oversight for the CDBG Program.

Funding Sources  
Program Year 2021  
10-01-2021 to 9-30-2022  
City of Grand Prairie, Texas USA

**CDBG FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: CDBG Fund Allocation Total: \$1,514,113.**  
**HOME FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: PJ Fund Allocation Total: \$526,403.**

**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
2021 CDBG PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**Program Administration**

***CDBG Program Administration*** **\$289,030**  
This includes oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the CDBG Program. This pays the full salaries of the CDBG/Neighborhood Services Manager, and support staff.

***Fair Housing*** **\$5,000**  
Provision of fair housing services and counseling is available to all city residents. The budget supports part of the Fair Housing Officer's activities.

**Rehabilitation and Housing Related**

***Emergency Repair*** **\$70,000**  
This program provides emergency repairs up to \$5,000 for items that happen unexpectedly and without warning that threaten the safety, life, health, or well being of the occupant.

***Housing Rehabilitation*** **\$390,000**  
This program provides full rehab assistance up to \$25,000 and reconstruction up to \$75,000 for citizens 60 years and older or disabled combining CDBG and/or Home Funds. Liens are filed to protect the City's investment on single family low/mod owner occupied units. Depending on income, deferred payment, 0 percent and 3 percent loans are utilized.

***Housing Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Emergency, Homeownership and Direct Delivery Cost*** **\$353,083**  
Payment of operational expenses for the rehabilitation programs i.e., Housing and Emergency Rehabilitation Program, HOME Reconstruction and BuyinG-Power. This program pays for the salaries of staff positions.

***BuyinG-Power Program*** **\$30,000**  
The City of Grand Prairie BuyinG-Power Program will help pay initial costs to help qualified low- and moderate-income citizens purchase a home. The city will provide up to \$7,500 which can be used towards half of the down payment and/or reasonable closing costs. The home purchased must be the primary residence of the buyer and located within the city limits of Grand Prairie.

## **Public Service Activities**

### ***Grand Prairie United Charities***

**\$52,500**

Provide salaries for a Case Manager, Food Pantry Coordinator and Assistant Case Worker to assist Low Income families and water bill payments for clients. Services provided are food pantry, rent/mortgage, utility assistance (electric, water, gas), etc. for Grand Prairie families in need.

### ***Children First Center***

**\$52,500**

Funds are used for abuse counseling at a reduced cost. It makes counseling affordable to qualified low/mod income and presumptive benefactor persons. This includes counseling and guidance services with a primary focus on child abuse prevention.

### ***Brighter Tomorrows***

**\$52,500**

Payment of expenses related to the direct operation of a battered women and children shelter. This includes food, clothing, shelter, emergency transportation, emergency medical care, 24-hour a day crisis intervention, legal assistance in civil and criminal justice systems, educational arrangements for children, support groups, parenting classes, survival skills, and domestic and sex violence counseling.

### ***Lifeline Shelter for Families***

**\$52,500**

This program was established to address the problem of homelessness in Grand Prairie providing full services to homeless families including shelter, food, clothing, transportation along with educational and employment services. This funding will be used to offset the salary of the case manager. The focus is on families with children based on students classified as homeless in the Grand Prairie Independent School District.

### ***GP Charlie Taylor/Tony Shotwell & Dalworth Day Camps***

**\$13,000**

After school and day camps are provided Monday – Friday for school age children under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department. This service will be provided to low- and moderate-income children that reside in the City of Grand Prairie.

### ***Grand Prairie Summit***

**\$4,000**

The Summit Scholarship Program is total scholarships for Grand Prairie low-income residents above the age of 50. The Summit scholarship would have no overhead and would go completely to cover the complete cost of the membership fees of those awarded.

## **Public Facilities and Improvements**

### ***Sidewalks Repair and Replacement***

**\$150,000**

This project will repair / replace concrete sidewalks along streets where children routinely walk to school in CDBG Low-Moderate census tract areas. Maintaining these sidewalks will increase the children's safety and beautify the neighborhoods.

Corn Valley	Census Tracts #164.07-2 & 164.07-4	Budget	\$75,000
E Marshall	Census Tracts #162.01-1	Budget	\$75,000

**HOME Program**

***Grand Prairie Community Housing Development Organization, Inc.***

***(CHDO) \$206,403***

This organization provides revitalization to Grand Prairie city wide through new construction and lot development for single family units. This funding will be used primarily for lot acquisition and construction to provide affordable housing for low to moderate income qualified families.

***Home Rehabilitations (HRP)/Home Reconstructions***

***\$320,000***

The rehabilitation and reconstruction program provides deferred payment, 0% and 3% loans up to \$75,000 for low and moderate-income homeowners 60 years and older or disabled citizens to rehab single-family homes and is used in conjunction with the CDBG Rehabilitation Program. Applications are accepted on a first come first-served basis and rehabs and/or reconstructions are conducted based on need.

***HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) \$1,907,879***

Funding to be used for eligible activities including the production or preservation of affordable housing; and creates significant opportunity to meet housing and service needs of our community's most vulnerable populations.

Esther Coleman, Director  
Housing and Neighborhood Services