

PUBLIC NOTICE

2017 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 14 Day Comment Period from August 3, 2017 – August 16, 2017**

HUD has issued a waiver of the regulatory 30-day citizen participation public comment period in favor of a 14-day comment period because of the late announcement of CDBG and HOME grant allocations.

The above named City has completed its citizen participation, community development plan, public notices, and review process. On July 18, 2017, the City Council, after due citizen participation requirements and publications, has reviewed activities for a **CDBG** and **HOME** grant entitlement allocation totaling \$1,750,415.

Subsequently, the application, certifications, and required documentation will be submitted to HUD on or about August 14, 2017. The Consolidated Plan, final statement and other appropriate documentation which lists the activities considered by City Council on July 18, 2017 is available to the public regarding the 2017 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 PY17 CDBG and HOME Programs to the street address listed above. Comments must be received on or before August 2, 2017. Housing and Neighborhood Services of the City is the designated department which operates and provides oversight for the CDBG Program.

Funding Sources
Program Year 2017
10-01-17 to 9-30-18
City of Grand Prairie, Texas USA

CDBG FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: CDBG Fund Allocation Total: \$1,356,526.
HOME FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE: PJ Fund Allocation Total: \$393,889.

**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
2017 CDBG PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Program Administration

CDBG Program Administration **\$221,459**
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 **\$351,589**
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 **\$295,000**
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 **\$60,000**
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 \$5,000 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

\$45,090

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

\$45,090

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

\$45,090

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.

GP Charlie Taylor/Tony Shotwell & Dalworth Day Camps

\$14,445

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.

Lifeline Shelter for Families

\$45,090

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.

Star Group Community Development Corporation

\$8,673

Star Group Community Development Corporation provides the disenfranchised citizens of Grand Prairie with assistance and the necessary tools to help them change their lives and become productive citizens.

Public Facilities and Improvements

Sidewalks Repair/Replacement

\$150,000

This project will repair concrete sidewalks along streets where children routinely walk to school and in CDBG Low-Moderate census areas.

