



City of Brownsville

One-Year Action Plan

FY 2009/2010

October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

(CPMP Version 2.0)

Brownsville



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August 12, 2009

Mr. Richard L. Lopez
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
106 South St. Mary's, Suite 405
San Antonio, Texas 78205

RE: 2009-2010 One Year Action Plan

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Enclosed is one original and two copies of the City of Brownsville's One Year Action Plan for the October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 program year.

Also included is the "Annual Action Plan Review Checklist", our self-assessment of this plan.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (956) 548-6150. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Medina, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben Medina, Jr., Director
Planning and Community Development

Enclosures



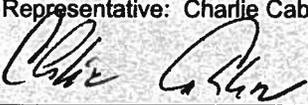
SF 424

The SF 424 is part of the CPMP Annual Action Plan. SF 424 form fields are included in this document. Grantee information is linked from the 1CPMP.xls document of the CPMP tool.

SF 424

Complete the fillable fields (blue cells) in the table below. The other items are pre-filled with values from the Grantee Information Worksheet.

Date Submitted 08/10/2009	Applicant Identifier	Type of Submission	
Date Received by state	State Identifier	Application	Pre-application
Date Received by HUD	Federal Identifier	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction
Applicant Information			
City of Brownsville		TX480726 BROWNSVILLE	
P.O. Box 911		74615097	
1150 E. Adams, 2 nd Floor, El Tapiz Building		Planning and Community Development Dept.	
Brownsville	Texas		
78520	U.S.A.		
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		Cameron County	
74-6000422		10/1	
Applicant Type:		Specify Other Type if necessary:	
Local Government: City		Specify Other Type	
Program Funding		U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
Community Development Block Grant		14.218 Entitlement Grant	
CDBG Project Titles: CDBG-Community Development Block Grant 2009 Consolidated Plan & Strategy One-Year Action Plan: Streets, Sidewalks, Transitional Housing; and 18 social services projects (i.e., literacy; health; financial, elderly, educational programs).		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s): All CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville, Texas.	
\$CDBG Grant Amount: \$3,282,792	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income: \$93,400		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)			

Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME	
HOME Project Titles: HOME – Housing Investment Partnership 2009 Consolidated Plan & Strategy One-Year Action Plan: (1) Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program; (2) Homeowner Reconstruction; (3) Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s): Brownsville, Texas (These are city-wide projects.)	
\$HOME Grant Amount: \$1,301,823	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income: \$80,000		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program		14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles: ESG – Emergency Shelter Grant 2009 Consolidated Plan & Strategy One-Year Action Plan: (1) Friendship of Women; (2) Good Neighbor Settlement House; (3) Ozanam Center.		Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s): Brownsville, Texas (These are city-wide projects.)	
\$ESG Grant Amount: \$144,493	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)			
Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?	
Applicant Districts: 27	Project Districts: 27		
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on DATE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review
Person to be contacted regarding this application			
Ben		Medina, Jr.	
Director of Planning & Community Development Department	Telephone: 956-548-6150	FAX: 956-548-6144 or 956-548-6144	
benmd@cob.us	Grantee Website: www.cob.us	Other Contact: Lucy Garza lucyg@cob.us	
Signature of Authorized Representative: Charlie Cabler, City Manager		Date Signed	
		7/27/09	



CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

- This certification does not apply.
 This certification is applicable.

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT 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, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

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, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about -
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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

8. 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;
9. 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
10. 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 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



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Specific CDBG 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 housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

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

11. **Maximum Feasible Priority** - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that 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 activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a 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);
12. **Overall Benefit** - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2007, 2008, 2009, (a period specified by the grantee consisting 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;
13. **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.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, 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:

14. 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
15. 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 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

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



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 This certification is applicable.

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

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 a 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 a 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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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

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.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- 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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HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



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ESG Certifications

I, Charlie Cabler, Chief Executive Officer of City of Brownsville, certify that the local government will ensure the provision of the matching supplemental funds required by the regulation at 24 *CFR* 576.51. I have attached to this certification a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds.

I further certify that the local government will comply with:

1. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grants are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating costs or essential services.
2. The building standards requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.55.
3. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.
4. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 *CFR* Part 576, and other applicable federal laws concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
5. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
6. The requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.
7. The requirements of 24 *CFR* Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
8. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG funds and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter.
9. The requirement that recipients involve themselves, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, homeless individuals and families in policymaking, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 *CFR* 76.56.
10. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57(e) dealing with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable with respect to the environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related

authorities as specified in 24 CFR Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 CFR 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.
12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 USC 11362) to develop 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, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.
13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

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.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

Place Name	Street	City	County	State	Zip
City of Brownsville	CITY-WIDE	Brownsville	Cameron	TX	78520
City Hall	1001 E. Elizabeth	Brownsville	Cameron	TX	78520
Planning & Community Development Department	1150 E. Adams, 2 nd Floor, El Tapiz Bld.	Brownsville	Cameron	TX	78520

7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal

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criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:

- a. All "direct charge" employees;
- b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
- c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

- 1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
- 2. Citizen Participation Plan
- 3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan



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One-Year Action Plan



Fifth Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Fifth Annual Action Plan includes the [SF 424](#) and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Executive Summary:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires entitlement communities to develop and submit a One-Year Action Plan in order to access housing and community development funds. The City of Brownsville's Action Plan describes the activities that will be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities' (RGVECs) Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS).

The City of Brownsville is a member of a group of eight entitlement communities that combined their Consolidated Planning efforts to develop a comprehensive approach to the use of HUD program funding for housing and community revitalization in the South Texas region. The RGVECs' Consolidated Planning process provided a valuable opportunity to shape a variety of housing and community development programs into effective and coordinated neighborhood, community, and regional development strategies. It also created an opportunity for strategic planning, community-wide consultation, and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context, thereby reducing duplication of effort at the local level. However, the City of Brownsville will administer its own housing and community development programs covered by the CPS.

The RGVECs' CPS provides an outline of the region's and the City of Brownsville's vision for developing viable urban communities by pursuing the following objectives for low- and moderate-income individuals and families:

- Creating suitable living environments,
- Providing decent affordable housing, and
- Creating economic opportunities.

The primary means toward this end is to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, in creating new housing and community development opportunities.

The City of Brownsville will aggressively pursue these goals through the projects described in its One-Year Action Plan. The recommended funding for its Action Plan projects is directed toward public facilities and improvements, clearance and demolition, affordable housing programs, public services, and planning and administration, which will lead to the following outcomes:

- Improved availability/accessibility to suitable living environments,
- Improved availability/accessibility of decent affordable housing,
- Improved sustainability of decent affordable housing, and
- Improved availability/accessibility to economic opportunities.

The City of Brownsville's One-Year Action Plan is a major component of the RGVECs' CPS. In the Action Plan, Brownsville describes the programs and services that it will undertake during the period beginning October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. The Action Plan details the populations that will be served, projects to be undertaken, and resources that will be used over the next year to address the fifth year of the five years covered by the CPS.

An evaluation of the City of Brownsville's past performances include priorities in three general categories: (1) Affordable Housing; (2) Homelessness; and (3) Community Development. The City had a good year with the execution of its projects, which benefits were at 100% to low and moderate income persons. Within the last fiscal year, the City of Brownsville made the following accomplishments:

Affordable Housing: The City of Brownsville provided assistance to 49 first-time homebuyers and begun its CDBG Moderate Rehab Program and assisted one elderly homeowner in rehabilitating her home. In addition, the City of Brownsville assisted in the development of an 100-unit, senior citizen development building to provide affordable rental housing to the citizens of Brownsville, Texas.

Homelessness: The City of Brownsville funded two Emergency Shelters that provided shelter to 7,689 individuals with 24-hour emergency shelter and supported services (referrals, food pantry, meals, transportation and case management).

Community Development: The City of Brownsville funded infrastructure improvement activities that benefited 24,721 residents. It also provided funding for the improvement or construction of six (6) streets and funded nineteen (19) non-profit agencies to provide various public services. Other planning efforts included the development and submittal of the FY08 (2008-2009) One-Year Action Plan; provided technical assistance and assisted with updating and writing of the Continuum of Care for Supportive Housing Program and Transitional Housing Grant, Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs - Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and administered all the HUD entitlement grants. Furthermore, the City of Brownsville assisted over 8,000 residents with non-homeless special needs.

Overall, the City of Brownsville has been able to provide assistance to low/moderate income families and individuals through the programs it administers or through the

agencies it funds, with all the services that are offered and improvements that are done throughout Brownsville.

General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.
2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Program Year 5 Action Plan General Questions response:

Brownsville is located in Cameron County at the southernmost tip of Texas along the Rio Grande River. The City's unique culture stems from the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. This act officially ended the war between the United States and Mexico, while establishing the Rio Grande River as an international divide between the two countries.

The City of Brownsville was brought to life with the arrival of settlers and entrepreneurs who sought new opportunities for trade with Mexico and Latin America. Incorporated in 1853, Brownsville has since grown into the largest city in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Brownsville's sister city of Matamoros, Tamaulipas Mexico, a city just across the border, was established in 1749. Brownsville and Matamoros share both historical and cultural roots. The two cities' physical proximity, as well as their historical, economic, and social connections have allowed them to develop a working relationship in order to effectively manage issues of bi-national importance, such as environment, health, trade, commerce, and migration.

Each year, thousands of visitors travel to Brownsville to enjoy the sunny climate along with the city's many attractions. The Gladys Porter Zoo and Wildlife Preserve, which has been internationally recognized for its success in breeding endangered species, is among the major attractions in Brownsville. Visitors also flock to the City of Brownsville for the scenic resacas or oxbow lakes, nationally famous bird watching festivals, proximity of the city to Mexico and South Padre Island resorts, and the opportunity to explore the area's exciting historical past. The Annual International Festival and Parade, commonly known as the Charro Days Celebration, is the only parade in the region that crosses the border from one nation into the other in celebration of this event.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Brownsville's population grew from 98,962 in 1990 to 139,722 in 2000, a 41 percent increase. Current census estimates also place the City's population in 2007 at 172,806, a 24 percent increase from 2000. According to the 2000 Census, approximately 91 percent of Brownsville residents are Latino/Hispanic, 8 percent are White, and the remaining 1 percent are African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, etc.

I. Geographic Areas in which Assistance will be Directed

Due to limited public resources and Federal eligibility restrictions, the City of Brownsville will direct much of its housing and community development activities to low- and moderate-income areas where more than 51 percent of households are living at or below 80 percent of the median income. Since approximately 61.5 percent of Brownsville's census tracts (32 of 52) qualify as low-and moderate-income census tracts, housing and community development assistance will be widely dispersed across the City.

Of the 145 square miles that the City of Brownsville covers geographically, the CDBG-eligible areas encompass approximately 121 square miles. Based upon the RGVECs' Consolidated Plan and Strategy, 2000 Census data, and community needs assessment efforts, the City of Brownsville identified several low- and moderate-income areas in which its resources would be invested. The desire for assistance is citywide, though needs are most easily identified in three large communities: the Southmost area, West Brownsville, and the Downtown area.

At the same time, some housing and community development projects are not limited to the area benefit constraint. Though, of course, each project undertaken with CDBG, HOME, or ESG funds will be located within Brownsville's city limits, the area of its legal jurisdiction.

II. Areas of Low- and Moderate-Income Concentration

According to HUD guidelines, households are classified by the following income categories:

- A. **Extremely Low-Income** – Families whose annual incomes do not exceed 30% of the median income for the area (adjusted for family size).
- B. **Very Low-income** – Families whose annual incomes do not exceed 50% of the median income for the area (adjusted for family size).
- C. **Low-Income** – Families whose annual incomes do not exceed 80% of the median income for the area (adjusted for family size).
- D. **Above median income** (earning more than 80 percent of median income).

A review and analysis of 2000 Census data indicates that eighty-eight percent of Brownsville residents, or 122,955 persons, reside in CDBG-eligible areas. Sixty-three percent of those living in a CDBG-eligible area are under 30 years of age. The poverty rate in CDBG areas is 40 percent, as compared to 36 percent for the city as a whole.

In accordance with the RGVECs' CPS, Brownsville works continually towards improving the living conditions of low- and moderate-income residents throughout the City.

Map 1A, in the attached Maps section, highlights census tracts that have concentrations of low- and moderate-income households (where 51 percent of households earn less than 80 percent of median income). As the map illustrates, approximately 61.5 percent of Brownsville's census tracts (32 of 52) have concentrations of low- and moderate-income households. As a result, Brownsville's housing and community development assistance will be dispersed across the City.

Table 1, in the attached Tables section, provides a summary of the City's areas of low- and moderate-income concentration by Census Tract.

[Please refer to Table 1: Low- and Moderate-Income Concentration by Census Tract.]

Census tracts 124.01, 125.06, 125.07, 126.04, 126.07, 126.10, 127.00, 128.00, 130.03, 131.06, 132.03, 132.04, 132.06, 132.07, 132.08, 133.04, 133.05, 133.06, 133.07, 133.08, 133.09, 134.01, 134.02, 136.00, 137.00, 138.01, 138.02, 139.01, 139.02, 139.03, 140.01, 140.02 meet HUD's low- to moderate-income criteria. According to HUD's income limits for 2008, the median family income for the Brownsville-Harlingen, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area is \$31,000.

III. Areas of Racial/Ethnic Minority Concentration

In accordance with the RGVECs' CPS, the City of Brownsville defines areas of racial/ethnic minority concentration as census tracts where more than 51 percent of residents are members of a minority group. **Map 2A**, in the attached Maps Section, highlights census tracts that have such concentrations of minority individuals—specifically Hispanic/Latino residents. According to 2000 Census data, there are no other major concentrations of racial/ethnic minorities in the City other than the Hispanic population. The map highlights concentrations of the Hispanic population throughout Cameron County, including the City of Brownsville, indicating significant clusters across the entire region and in the City. In fact, approximately 92 percent of Brownsville's census tracts are areas of concentration for the Hispanic population.

Table 2 provides summary information regarding these areas of concentration for the Hispanic population by Census Tract.

[Please refer to Table 2 in the attached Tables section: Racial/Ethnic Minority Concentration by Census Tract.]

When compared with Map 1A, it is evident that many of the areas of concentration for the Hispanic population are also areas of low- and moderate-income concentration.

IV. Basis for Assigning Priority

As a fast-growing area, Brownsville must balance a diverse array of housing and community development issues. Needs present in Brownsville far outweigh the amount of federal, state, and local government funding available to the City. Given the range of competing needs, the City will invest its scarce public resources wisely.

The City of Brownsville distributes its funding based on its analysis of housing and community development needs, and the comments collected from public hearings, as part of its Citizen Participation Plan.

Comments received from citizens directly and as a result of neighborhood meetings and public hearings are used to establish priorities for housing and community development activities.

The CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs provide the City of Brownsville with an opportunity to develop viable communities by funding activities that provide a suitable living environment, create decent affordable housing, and provide economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income households. Funds are awarded to carry out a wide range of housing and community development activities directed towards neighborhood revitalization and the improvement of community facilities and services.

Under the CDBG Program regulations, the City must meet one of the following national objectives:

A. Primary benefit to low- and moderate-income persons.

At least 70 percent of the City's CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The low- and moderate-income benefit is determined either by the household income of the person receiving services or by the geographical location. Elderly, severely disabled adults, abused children and spouses, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and migrant farm workers are presumed to be low- and moderate-income.

B. Prevention or elimination of slum and blight.

Instead of qualifying under the low- and moderate-income benefit provision, the activity must prevent or eliminate slum and blight by meeting one of the following requirements:

1. Be located in a slum, blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating area as defined by state or local law; and the area must contain a number of deteriorated or dilapidated buildings or improvements throughout. Activities undertaken must be designed to address one or more of the conditions, which qualify the area.
2. Be designed to eliminate the specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis, not located in a slum or blighted area.

C. Meet an urgent community development need.

To qualify under this criteria, an activity must be "designed to alleviate a serious and immediate threat to health or welfare of the community, which is of recent origin" and which the City is unable to finance out of its other sources. An example is a natural disaster such as a hurricane.

While federal legislation and regulations have established rules that all federally funded activities must meet, the City of Brownsville has developed its own rules and priorities that meet local needs in the community.

During the preparation of the Action Plan, the City coordinated its community-wide consultations with a variety of public agencies and community organizations as part of the RGVECs' efforts, in addition to conducting its own public participation process. Brownsville met with the other RGVECs to analyze the results from these needs assessment activities, and determined the similarities and differences of their resulting priorities. While the City will utilize its HUD funding resources within the area of its legal jurisdiction, the regional Consolidated Planning process improved its ability to make decisions about which housing and community development activities to fund in its One-Year Action Plan.

As a result, Brownsville will attempt to expend public funds in a manner that meets local needs—particularly among low- and moderate-income families and individuals—while addressing the RGVECs' common priorities. This process helps ensure that the City makes the most significant impact according to the issues brought forward by public agencies, community organizations, and residents during the community-wide consultation and citizen participation processes.

Additionally, Brownsville will direct its scarce resources toward projects that will leverage the commitment of other public and private sector support whenever possible.

V. Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs

The City of Brownsville will address the priorities that were identified in the FY 2005/2006 to FY 2009/2010 Consolidated Plan and Strategy. The majority of funding has been allocated to projects and activities in the following high priority categories: public facilities and improvements, affordable housing programs, and public services. These activities were selected according to needs further identified during the One-Year Action Plan preparation process. The projects will assist the City in meeting its underserved needs.

The following obstacles to meeting underserved needs were identified in the RGVECs' CPS:

- The City of Brownsville and the surrounding County is located in one of the fastest growing regions in the country, and its population growth threatens to outstrip the existing capacity of local housing and community development organizations. With ongoing cutbacks to public services and with the current ghastly economic conditions, individuals and families are hard pressed to meet their needs for affordable housing and other community development assistance.

“ In Brownville, living in poverty is as common as it is unique” (Kevin Sieff, The Brownsville Herald). According to the U.S. Census Bureau as of 2006, Brownsville is shown as the poorest City of its size in the United States. Brownsville has a higher number of households living in poverty than the rest of the State. Approximately 32.4 percent of households in the city are living below the poverty line, compared with 14.0 percent statewide, and 11.8 percent nationally. Brownsville has repeatedly ranked at or near the bottom of the nation for poverty, employment, and income; and it continues to afflict many Brownsville families today.

- As a result of the City's lower income levels, few extremely low- and low-income residents can afford a median priced home, or the rent for a market-rate two-bedroom apartment. According to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach 2009 Report, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment in the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA is \$586. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$1,953 monthly or \$23,440 annually. This level of income translates into a housing wage of \$11.27, if we assume a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year. Consequently, a minimum wage worker in the area earns an hourly wage of \$6.55 and the estimated mean wage for a renter is \$7.79 an hour.
- Much of the region continues to struggle with considerable unemployment. The Texas unemployment rate remained unchanged in April 2009 at 6.7% and continued to trend well below the national rate of 8.9% (Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 5/22/09). In the City of Brownsville, the March 2009 unemployment rate was 9.1 and slightly decreased in April 2009 to 8.3 percent. For the same month last year, TWC reported on its website an unemployment rate at 5.5 percent.
- A major contributor to the region's high unemployment and poverty rates is its low educational attainment levels. According to the 2000 Census, only 17.2 percent of residents in Brownsville have a high school diploma as their highest degree, compared to 24.8 percent statewide. Only 12.6 percent have an Associate or Bachelor's degree, compared with 15.6 percent statewide.

The region's low cost of living, sizeable loans, and the programs and services offered by the City of Brownsville for the low/moderate income families and individuals assist in addressing these obstacles to meeting the underserved needs.

VI. Sources of Funds

The City of Brownsville will undertake the housing and community development activities described in the One-Year Action Plan utilizing the following FY 2009 (2009-2010) resources:

Community Development Block Grant	\$ 3,282,792
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$ 1,301,823
Emergency Shelter Grant	\$ 144,493
Projected Program Income (CDBG \$93,400+HOME \$80,000)	\$ <u>173,400</u>
Total	\$ 4,902,508

In its One-Year Action Plan, the City sets forth a specific plan for activities that it will pursue using CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds during the Program Year (October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010). Each of these activities addresses the highest priorities mentioned in the Priority Needs Summary Table provided as part of the RGVECs' Consolidated Plan and Strategy in the Needs Tables section.

As stated above, Brownsville's FY 2009 (2009-2010) CDBG funding allocation is \$3,282,792; its HOME allocation is \$1,301,823; and its ESG allocation is \$144,493. Furthermore, the City anticipates receiving \$173,400 in Program Income (CDBG and HOME).

The City of Brownsville distributes its funding based on its analysis of housing and community development needs, and the comments collected from public hearings, as part of its Citizen Participation Plan. The City has allocated the majority of its entitlement funds to Public Facilities and Improvements, Affordable Housing Programs (such as homebuyer programs, reconstruction/replacement, rehabilitation, new construction, and acquisition, including transitional housing), and Public Service Projects. Many times, these projects are accomplished with matched in-kind services from City staff, funding from the City's General Fund, and City match certifiable expenses.

Public facilities and improvement projects will include street and sidewalk enhancements throughout the City in CDBG-eligible areas.

Affordable Housing Programs will fund the continued operation of the low-interest loan program and the deferred loan/grant program for housing rehabilitation activities and the new construction of a home or the purchase of an existing home. Other affordable housing programs include reconstruction and replacement housing. With these current ghastly economic times, the City of Brownsville will also consider home foreclosure and prevention programs and will work with the Brownsville Public Housing Authority to begin its Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.

Public Service activities will include a variety of youth programs, senior programs, employment training activities, domestic violence services, health programs, and homeless activities. Funding to agencies conducting these public services is matched dollar-for-dollar with private and other non-federal funds.

These efforts illustrate the City's continued ability to pursue and secure alternative funding for priority items in the RGVECs' CPS with minimal use of entitlement funds.

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.
2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Managing the Process response:

I. Lead Agency

The Planning and Community Development Department is responsible for administering the City's housing and community development programs covered by the RGVECs' CPS and Brownsville's Action Plan. The Planning and Community Development Department conducts the planning, budgeting, and day-to-day administration of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, as well as the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG).

II. Consultation

Brownsville determined the priority ranking of its housing and community development needs through a consultation process with public agencies, community organizations, and local residents.

The Planning and Community Development Department consults/networks and may enter into subrecipient/CHDO/contractor/developer agreements to execute a portion of its One-Year Action Plan. Those organizations participating are included (but not limited to) in the list below:

PARTICIPANTS	
Amigos Del Valle	Good Neighbor Settlement House
Brownsville Adult Literacy Center	Infant Nutrition Program
Brownsville Community Health Clinic	COB Engineering Department
Brownsville Weed & Seed Drug Program	Moody Clinic
CASA	Ozanam Center
COB Public Health Department	Palmer Drug Abuse Program
Consumer Credit Counseling	Planned Parenthood
Brownsville Public Library	Ronald McDonald House Charities
Friendship of Women	Sunshine Haven
Girls Scouts-Tip of Texas	Tip of Texas Family Outreach
United Way	Valley Aids Council

Furthermore, the Planning & Community Development Department also engages in a CHDO Agreement for the HUD-mandated minimum 15% CHDO Set Aside and in HOME agreements with all HOME-funded projects. This year, knowing about this requirement, the Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee (BCAC) recommended to the City Commission not to set aside the 15% CHDO requirement.

Brownsville also reviews relevant data on the city’s and the region’s housing and community development needs on an on-going basis, including, but not limited to the following sources:

- 2000 Census
- HUD Low Income Housing Tax Credit Database
- Texas State Data Center
- Texas A&M Real Estate Center
- Texas Department of Health
- Cameron County Homeless Partnership, Continuum of Care Applications
- The Cross Border Institute For Regional Development (CBIRD) Housing Study

For the past four years, the City of Brownsville has been drafting its One-Year Action Plan with a more regional perspective. Funding for projects in the City’s immediate sphere of influence must correspond with the identified needs, or the proposed project is not funded with entitlement funds.

This consultation process ensures that there is direct, local community input in the selection of funded projects.

III. Coordination

The City of Brownsville coordinates its activities with a variety of organizations involved in the delivery of housing, homeless, non-homeless special needs, and community development activities—including many of the public agencies and community organizations consulted during the development of the CPS and the One-Year Action Plan. They include designated Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), and other community organizations whose fields of interest and service include but are not limited to: social services, youth services, elderly services, abused children’s services, health services, homeless services, and domestic violence assistance.

Brownsville continues to nurture relationships with public and private health and social service agencies in an effort to clearly identify gaps in essential services that can be used in the formulation of various grant requests submitted on the City’s behalf.

To strengthen this delivery system, Brownsville has undertaken a collaborative approach to developing a common vision for housing and community development activities, commitment and coordination among different levels of local government, community organizations, and the public are essential. The City of Brownsville will continue networking, coordinating and attending meetings, conferences, and trainings with various housing, health, and social service agencies to enhance coordination with the public sector. The City of Brownsville examines the possible gaps in services that can be done collaboratively by the different participating agencies to meet the needs of the community without duplicating the services, unless necessary to provide adequate services within a reasonable amount of time.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.
3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Citizen Participation response:

I. Summary of Citizen Participation Process

The City of Brownsville Citizen’s Participation plan sets forth the City’s policies and procedures as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In accordance with the existing Citizen Participation Plan, Brownsville held a series of public hearings and oversaw a 30-day comment period to solicit input on the City’s proposed One-Year Action Plan project.

Citizen participation in the development of the One-Year Action Plan continues to be highly encouraged to ensure and generate public input regarding the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs and priorities.

II. Summary of Citizens' Comments

Public Hearing – April 23, 2009

- Sylvia Trevino shared her testimony and experience using the Ozanam Center's services. She supports the organization and is grateful about the services available.
- Mr. Lara shared his experience with the services at the Ronald McDonald House where his daughter Evelyn received treatment and recuperated from a terrible accident where she was the only survivor out of four. He urged the BCAC board to approve the application and keep supporting this agency. Evelyn Lara thanked the Ronald McDonald House.

Public Hearing – April 30, 2009

- Mrs. Rutilia Garza resident of the Villa Nueva area commented that her main concern is the lack of drainage in the area.
- Rev. Larry Klein added that the community has been annexed; residents pay their taxes, but have no paved streets or proper sewer. He also added that this problem has existed for many years and residents keep hearing promises but see no results.
- Mrs. Felipa Ruiz a concerned resident asked what and when work will be done. Also, expressed concerned on the order in which the infrastructure and the new high schools are being built. She believes that it will be a "big mess." Mr. Roberto Medrano, Community Development Manager, explained to the public that funds have been allocated for this specific sewer project in Villa Nueva, including a \$400,000 match from the City of Brownsville and that appraisals and surveys are currently being done and construction will follow soon. Mr. Joe Wallace Garcia, BCAC member, added to Mr. Medrano's response and commented that it was 5 years ago that the Committee had approved monies for the Hacienda Gardens project which has been completed and for the Villa Nueva project which should begin soon. He asked the community to be patient but that soon they would see major advancements. Mr. Medrano added that it will be a few more months before construction starts and could take from 8 to 12 months to finish the project.

Public Hearing – May 7, 2009

- Maria Rodriguez resident of Villa del Rey Subdivision off Coffee Port Road and Robindale Road expressed her concern for the need of sidewalks in the area, specifically near the BISD bus stops. Mr. Roberto Medrano responded to Mrs. Rodriguez that her presentation will be taken into consideration when the Committee convenes for the allocation process for sidewalks.

III. Summary of Efforts Made to Broaden Public Participation

During the planning process, the City of Brownsville conducted the following public hearings:

- Historic Brownsville Museum, 641 E. Madison Street, Brownsville, Texas Thursday, April 23, 2009.
- Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church, 1055 Military Rd, Brownsville, Texas, Thursday, April 30, 2009.
- Christ The King Catholic Church, 2255 Southmost Road, Brownsville Texas, Thursday, May 7, 2009.
- Brownsville City Hall – Federal Building Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Elizabeth, 2nd Floor, Brownsville Texas, Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

In order to solicit public input on the City's strengths and needs in the planning process—particularly among minorities, and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities—the City of Brownsville published notices in the "Brownsville Herald," the local general circulation newspaper.

- "Brownsville Herald," (3/22/09)
- "Brownsville Herald," (4/5/09)
- "Brownsville Herald," (4/29/09)
- "Brownsville Herald," (5/3/09)

The public notices encouraged attendance and advised potential attendees that special accommodations would be made for persons with disabilities if given advance notification. Notices were published in the Brownsville Herald and distributed at the following locations:

- Historic Brownsville Museum, 641 E. Madison Street, Brownsville, Texas Thursday, April 23, 2009.
- Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church, 1055 Military Rd, Brownsville, Texas, Thursday, April 30, 2009.
- Christ The King Catholic Church, 2255 Southmost Road, Brownsville Texas, Thursday, May 7, 2009.
- Brownsville City Hall – Federal Building Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Elizabeth, 2nd Floor, Brownsville Texas, Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

In addition, draft copies of the City of Brownsville's One-Year Action Plan projects were made available to the public during the 30-day comment period.

The 30-day comment period for the City of Brownsville's One-Year Action Plan projects began on July 1, 2009 and ended on July 31, 2009. Draft copies of the City's One-Year Action Plan were made available at the following locations:

- City of Brownsville Planning and Community Development Department, 1150 East Adams, 2nd Floor, El Tapiz Building, Brownsville, Texas 78520.
- Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, Texas 78520.
- Southmost Community Network Center, 2900 Southmost Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521.

- Westside Community Network Center, 1763 Highway 281, Brownsville, Texas 78521.
- Brownsville Housing Authority, 24 Elm St., Brownsville, Texas 78521.

IV. Summary of Citizen Comments

No comments were received during the 30-Day Comment Period held from July 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Institutional Structure response:

Brownsville's Planning and Community Development Department has the primary responsibility for all functions associated with the City's participation in the RGVEC's Consolidated Plan and its own Action Planning/Budgeting process, including the development, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of activities.

The network of non-profits through which the City of Brownsville carries out its *Consolidated Plan* activities is broad-based. The strength of the City's institutional structure is derived from various organizations that are highly competent, motivated, and effective. The Planning and Community Development Department staff coordinates with local agencies, community-based organizations, and social service providers that must coordinate their activities in response to the region's urgent needs of low-income residents. Technical assistance and a teamwork approach facilitates the joint delivery of community development services to low- and moderate-income households within the City Limits of Brownsville.

The Department's staff develops insight and expertise regarding community needs through daily interactions with individual citizens, community and neighborhood organizations, non-profit housing and public service agencies, and the financial industry. The Department is responsible for planning and organizing neighborhood meetings and public hearings to gather public input and to establish priorities for housing and community development activities. All of the activities supported by the Planning and Community Development Department benefit low- and moderate-income residents of Brownsville.

To further strengthen the institutional structure of the city and region, the City of Brownsville undertook a more collaborative approach to develop a common vision for housing and community development activities for the entire Rio Grande Valley region. Commitment and coordination among different levels of local government, community organizations, and the public has been essential, and has resulted in a broad-based approach to putting HUD funds to work throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

The strength of the City's institutional structure is derived from the variety of public agencies and community organizations in the area that are working diligently toward one common goal: to provide affordable housing, supportive services, and community development assistance to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Local agencies, community-based organizations, and social service

providers must coordinate their activities in response to the city's urgent needs. Each stakeholder in the delivery system contributes valuable resources and expertise.

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Monitoring response:

As part of its administration and planning activities, the City continues to monitor activities funded through its CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, to discuss community needs and program challenges with local subrecipients, to assess the effectiveness of funded activities, to monitor program and activity performance, and to ensure the timeliness or expenditures.

The following is a description of the standards and procedures adopted by the CITY of Brownsville to monitor activities authorized under the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs to ensure long-term compliance with the provisions of these programs. **Exhibit 1** (on page 20) illustrates the City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department's "Monitoring Schedule" for the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Activities

Monitoring is an ongoing process involving continuous communication with and evaluation of subgrantees. The process involves frequent telephone contacts, written communications, and periodic meetings. The goal of monitoring is to identify deficiencies and promote corrective measures in order to improve and reinforce subgrantee performance.

The monitoring process is two-fold, consisting of a combination of on-site monitoring and monthly desk monitoring. It is the City of Brownsville's intent to conduct monitoring reviews on high risk CDBG subrecipients during the course of each contract year. This is done to determine compliance with applicable regulations, including but not limited to 24CFR570, OMB Circulars A-87; A-122 and A-133 all of which are incorporated into the Agreements by reference. The monitoring includes a review of the subrecipient's financial management systems and systems for internal control, insurance coverage, procurement procedures, and Personnel policy as well as other applicable Federal requirements, State codes or statutes. The monitoring process also provides an opportunity to provide technical assistance to subrecipients and to identify other technical assistance needs.

1. Site visits of CDBG Subrecipients are conducted by a team of Program Monitors on a yearly basis and involve the following:

- Meeting with CDBG subrecipients on site to review contract compliance, program and agency management;
- Reviewing clients; files to ensure subrecipient's compliance with HUD income eligibility requirements;

- Reviewing subrecipient's capacity in collecting and reporting "client's demographic data" as mandated per HUD guidelines; and providing technical assistance as needed;
- Reviewing the "proposed" number of unduplicated clients to be served by the program against the "actual" number reported by subrecipients; and discussing the need to reassessed these figures where discrepancies and/or inconsistencies are identified;
- Reviewing subrecipient's progress in meeting its "outcome and performance measures: as identified on its Work Statement & Logic Model; and providing technical assistance with this process where needed;
- Discussing new trends with client's needs as identified by subrecipients;
- Reviewing subrecipient's need for ongoing funding and identifying impacts upon the program if funding were to be reduced or eliminated; and
- Identifying and addressing areas of concern in order to ensure subrecipient's compliance with all HUD mandated rules/regulations and with the Department's requirements.

2. Financial monitoring of CDBG subrecipients occurs as follow:

- Reviewing CDBG subrecipient's monthly/quarterly invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that all costs correspond to project service as outlined in subrecipient's contract budget; and
- conducting desk reviews that include random review of invoices on a monthly basis; and
- Collecting and reviewing data on program income and the supporting documentation provided by subrecipients that collect clients' fees for serviced supported with CDBG funds; and
- Collecting and reviewing the following subrecipient's documentation most recent audited financial statements, accounting policies, chart of accounts, staff time sheets, cost allocation plan, actual expenditures, and match budget.

3. The monitoring process is further enhanced by regular contact between the CDBG Program Monitor and the CDBG Subrecipients as follows:

- Ongoing communication with subrecipients maintained via-phone, electronic mail, written correspondence, and meeting as needed;
- Ongoing provision of technical assistance to ensure subrecipients' compliance with HUD mandated rules/guidelines and Department's regulations; and
- Random desk reviews are also performed on projects. Pertinent project information and documentation is reviewed to determine the project's progress and adherence to regulations.

The City's Monitoring team conducts pre- and post-interviews with key subrecipient personnel. These interviews serve two functions: one is to inform the subrecipient of the monitoring goals and purpose, the other is to articulate any areas of concern prior to dissemination of the formal written report as well as to acknowledge areas of good performance. A formal written report that synthesizes the information gathered during the site visit is reviewed and approved by the Planning and Community Development Director or Community Development Manager prior to distribution.

A copy of the report describing the results is then mailed to the subrecipient within 45 days after completion of the monitoring. The City of Brownsville then allows a 45-days response timeframe for the parties to respond.

B. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs – Emergency Shelter Grant Program (TDHCA-ESGP) Activities

As part of its on-going monitoring of ESG subrecipients, the City's Monitor Specialist uses a mix approach of regular telephone contacts, monthly financial record reviews, and as needed, on-site monitoring visits. Grant subrecipients must both submit their most recent audit and implement a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as required by HUD for McKinney-Vento funding. Further contact with ESG funded agencies occurs at quarterly Homeless Coalition meetings.

In addition, the City of Brownsville Homeless Coordinator attends consumer forums to hear the view point of clients receiving services from ESG funded programs. If any concerns are raised during these forums, the City Homeless Coordinator will follow up with the agency to ensure issues are resolved.

Financial monitoring of subrecipients occurs monthly when bills are submitted. The Homeless Coordinator receives, reviews, and processes invoices for charges of subrecipients to ensure that spending is only for eligible activities, operations costs, homeless prevention activities, and administrative costs are all in compliance with HUD and TDHCA mandated guidelines.

On a Monthly basis, all CDBG, ESG, and TDHCA-ESGP funded agencies must submit the number of new clients coming into their programs. If the number of beneficiaries served is well under or over the target for the period, agencies are contacted for further information.

At the end of the contract year, the CDBG Homeless Coordinator compiles all client demographic data reported by the CDBG, ESG, and TDHCA-ESGP and prepares a comprehensive client's statistical report for all projects that becomes part of each year's CAPER (a mandated yearly HUD report).

C. HOME Activities

Acceptance of HOME funds obligates the City of Brownsville as well as subgrantees and CHDO's to ensure that HOME monies are used in accordance with all applicable requirements. Thus, monitoring is the primary tool that the City of Brownsville uses to ensure that HOME projects are being carried out in accordance with program requirements. Monitoring is a review of program or project performance and compliance and is an ongoing process of planning, implementation, and involves continuous communication and follow-up with and evaluation of subgrantees and CHDO's.

The process involves frequent telephone contacts, written communications, and periodic meetings. The goal of monitoring is to identify deficiencies and promote corrective measures in order to improve and reinforce subgrantee performance.

The monitoring process is two-fold, consisting of a combination of on-site monitoring and monthly desk monitoring. It is the City of Brownsville's intent to conduct monitoring reviews on HOME-funded projects at least once yearly during the course of each contract year, as is also required by HOME regulations. The City of Brownsville uses the following types of HOME monitoring:

1. Internal Audit Monitoring to ensure that the proper underwriting, project selection, and program procedures are followed and files are appropriately documented; and properly follow Federal and state program regulations. This ensures that all of the City of Brownsville's administrative functions are in compliance with HOME regulations. It examines internal processes, policies and procedures, and program management.
2. Project Implementation Monitoring to ensure that property owners and managers develop their projects in compliance with HOME and other Federal standards. It ensures that HOME projects are constructed in compliance with applicable standards as well as the approved project plans, built in compliance with Federal regulations, such as Davis-Bacon labor standards, the Uniform Relocation Act, and environmental protection statutes, and marketed in compliance with fair housing laws.
3. Program Monitoring to ensure for efficiency, effectiveness, and compliance of the operations and management of the PJ, CHDO(s), and subrecipients.
4. Long-term Monitoring to ensure that all HOME-funded projects are monitored from the beginning when project funds have been expended and a project is completed. This type of monitoring is used for rental and homebuyer projects. It assures compliance with requirements related to the rents, income of tenants, affirmative marketing and fair housing, the condition of the property, and resale/recapture provisions. Monitoring occurs throughout the life of a project from application through the end of the affordability period, as required by HUD.

On all monitorings, the formal visit is preceded by a desk review of all pertinent project information and documentation. After the desk review is completed, an on-site review of the project is undertaken. This process includes several approaches, such as those outlined in the CDBG Monitoring section.

The City's Monitoring team conducts pre- and post-interviews with key subrecipient or CHDO personnel. These interviews serve two functions: one is to inform the subrecipient of the monitoring goals and purpose, the other is to articulate any areas of concern prior to dissemination of the formal written report, as well as to acknowledge areas of good performance. The Program Monitor prepares a final monitoring report that synthesizes the information gathered during the site visit and forwards a copy of the report to the subrecipient or CHDO that has been monitored.

The report includes a section that summarizes the Monitor's assessment of the site visit and identifies any issues/concerns to be addressed by the subrecipient/CHDO, with the assistance of the Monitor if necessary. The City of Brownsville allows a 30-day response timeframe for the parties to respond to each report.

Furthermore, the City's Monitoring Team will continue utilizing 24 CFR Part 92 The HOME Program Final Rule, Notices and HOMEfires, Building HOME: A HOME Program Primer training manual, as well as other HUD approved forms and manuals, and the Department's Management Guide to perform its self-monitoring processes during the course of the program year.

D. Continued Monitoring Efforts from Previous Years

The City of Brownsville will also take the following actions during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

The City of Brownsville will continue working on resolving all outstanding issues in regards to the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (CDCB) - Windwood project, French River project, Affordable Housing Program (AHLP), CDBG and HOME program income ineligible uses, audits and findings, Self Help program, salary and non-salary charges and cost allocation overcharges, recaptured funds and return of funds, amongst other related issues. In addition to the current Planning & Community Development staff who administers the day-to-day operations of the program, the City of Brownsville is also working with its Auditor and Attorney for legal and financial/audit support. Furthermore, the City of Brownsville established a three-member City Commissioner panel to oversee progress in these outstanding issues. The City is committed to resolve all outstanding issues as mentioned in the City of Brownsville's Resolution #2006-052.

The City of Brownsville will also continue monitoring all open contracts, including but not limited to (1) Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation (BAHC) - CHDO; (2) Sunset Haven project; and its own (3) Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program.

II. Monitoring Team and Schedule

A. Monitoring Team

The Planning & Community Development Department has a Monitoring Team that consists of eight staff members: (1) Director; (2) two Managers - Housing Manager & Community Development Manager; and (3) five Professional staff members. The number of Monitoring Team Members during a monitoring depends on the type of monitoring being conducted and the extent of monitoring to be conducted. In addition to the existing Team Members, the City also works with the City Attorney and the City's Single Auditor. Additional Department and City staff is also consulted and third-party consultants are hired.

B. Monitoring Schedule

The City of Brownsville has established the following CDBG, ESG, and HOME monitoring schedule for FY 2009-2010:

EXHIBIT - 1
MONITORING SCHEDULE
CDBG 35th YEAR, ESG, & HOME
(OCT. 1, 2009 – SEPT. 30, 2010)

Project Name	Scheduled MONTH
Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts	March
Brownsville Weed and Seed	April
Infant Nutrition Program	April
Consumer Credit Counseling	April
Valley Association for Independent Living	May
Library	May
Sunshine Haven	May
Friendship of Women	June
Ozanam Center	June
Good Neighbor Settlement House	June
Brownsville Affordable Housing Corp. Valley Homes for Heroes	March
Brownsville Affordable Housing Corp. – 15% CHDO set aside- Energy Efficient Homes	April
COB-Planning – DAP Program (HOME/ADDI)	September
Open Contracts Monitoring	On-going
CDCB Unresolved Issues	On-going

The City of Brownsville monitors all of its HUD funded projects through regular telephone contacts, monthly financial record reviews, and/or draw requests.

Aside from the yearly scheduled monitoring projects, the City of Brownsville continues to monitor any projects from previous years that have not been completed (open contracts). The City of Brownsville is committed and is working with HUD in resolving all outstanding monitoring issues that the City has in regards to Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (CDCB), as quickly as possible in order to clear these issues.

Performance Measurement System

The City of Brownsville uses the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), in addition to an informal tracking system, to evaluate projects as the foundation of its own performance measurement system. This method identifies the output/outcome information used to measure the City’s progress on meeting project goals and objectives during the reporting period.

Each of the programs listed in this Action Plan is designed to meet one of three major objectives (Decent Housing, Suitable Living Environment, or Economic Opportunity) and to contribute accomplishments under one or more of three categories of outcomes (increase availability/accessibility, increase affordability, increase sustainability).

Exhibit 2 shows the outcomes that the City of Brownsville will use in reporting on the performance of its Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) activities.

EXHIBIT - 2

Program	Funding Source CDBG =B HOME =M	FUNDING	OBJECTIVE CATEGORY	OUTCOME CATEGORIES		
				AVAILABILITY ACCESSABILITY	AFFORDABILITY	SUSTAINABILITY
Amigos Del Valle	B	\$30,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
B'ville Adult Literacy Ctr.	B	\$10,000	Suitable Live Env.		X	X
B'ville Community Health Ctr.	B	\$20,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Brownsville Weed & Seed	B	\$17,668	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Moody Clinic	B	\$72,500	Suitable Live Env.	X		
CASA	B	\$39,393	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Consumer Credit Counseling	B	\$22,500	Suitable Live Env.			X
Girls Scouts-Tip of Texas	B	\$3,471	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Infant Nutrition Program	B	\$10,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
COB Library	B	\$50,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Palmer Drug Abuse Program	B	\$30,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Planned Parenthood	B	\$28,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Ronald McDonald	B	\$25,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Sunshine Haven	B	\$22,500	Suitable Live Env.	X		
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	B	\$32,927	Suitable Live Env.	X		
United Way	B	\$14,000	Suitable Live Env.			X
Valley Aids	B	\$58,469	Suitable Live Env.	X		
COB- Public Health	B	\$20,000	Suitable Live Env.	X		
COB-Engineering	B	\$1,349,422	Suitable Live Env.			X
COB-Planning/Sidwalks	B	\$100,000	Economic Opportunity			X
COB-Planning/Park	B	\$77,539	Suitable Live Env			X
Brownsville Affordable Housing Corp- Valley Homes for Heroes	M	\$165,000	Decent Housing			X
Brownsville Affordable Housing Corp.- 15% CHDO Setaside-Energy Efficient Homes	M	\$393,751	Decent Housing		X	
COB- Planning Citywide DAP- First time Homebuyers	M	\$450,000	Decent Housing		X	
Homeowner Reconstruction	M	\$601,641	Decent Housing			X
Tenant Based Rental Housing	M	\$200,000	Decent Housing		X	

As part of its participation in the regional planning effort undertaken for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy, the City of Brownsville has developed a performance measurement system to track outputs and outcomes from its CPD formula grant programs. This system was created during the preparation of each of the RGVECs' One-Year Action Plans, and is utilized to track outputs and outcomes for each entitlement community. At the conclusion of each program year for the RGVECs, these outputs and outcomes are presented both separately and in an aggregated format for inclusion in the last submission of an entitlement community's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to HUD.

III. Contract Agreements

The City of Brownsville enters into binding subrecipient agreements with subgrantees. Such agreements are useful tools for ensuring compliance with program provisions by the City and by subgrantees. Additionally, these agreements provide a basis for enforcing program requirements and for identifying remedies in the event of a breach of the provisions by subgrantees. Elements contained in these agreements include, but are not limited to:

- Rules and Regulations
- Project Timetable
- Type of Activity
- Terms and Conditions
- Program Requirements

- Budget
- Scope of Services/Statement of Work
- Reporting Requirements
- Payment Requests

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Lead-based Paint response:

The City of Brownsville detailed its strategy for addressing lead-based paint hazards in the RGVECs' CPS. Specifically, the strategy identified the procedures that the City will undertake to determine whether a home contains lead-based paint hazards. The City's strategy is in compliance with the lead-based paint regulations that became effective on September 15, 2000.

The City recognizes that lead-based paint poses a serious threat to youth, especially children under 6 years of age. On September 15, 2000, a revision to the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (commonly known as Title X) went into effect. Title X required that all housing rehabilitation workers disturbing surfaces containing lead-based paint be trained to follow lead-safe work practices. After the law's publication in 1999, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offered free training assistance to areas that needed help training workers to comply with the new rule. However, after training 36,000 workers across the nation, HUD stopped offering free training. Beginning in fall of 2002, Valley workers in need of Lead Safe Work Practices training had to pay up to \$125 in registration fees and travel as far as San Antonio to receive training.

The City of Brownsville is required under the CPS regulation to assess the number of incidents of lead-based paint. Estimating the number of housing units that may have lead-based paint is extremely difficult. One of the key ways to estimate the number of units with lead-based paint is by the age of the unit, although not all housing units built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. Before 1980, there were only 10,639 ownership units and 16,956 rental units in the City of Brownsville. While some homes were never painted with lead-based paint, others have gone through the effort of removing the lead properly. Although no accurate analysis as to the extent of lead-based paint is available, the Federal government requires that the City estimate the prevalence of lead-based paint in the community. These estimates are contained in the RGVEC's CPS.

Furthermore, according to the Center for Disease Control, there were 80 total children in Cameron (26 children) and Hidalgo Counties (54 children) with elevated blood lead levels reported in 2005, the most recent year for which data is available. The definition of "children" for the purposes of the Child Lead Registry is any person under the age of 24 months. For children, the elevated blood level is 10 micrograms per deciliter. Unfortunately, this information is not collected for different income categories. In addition, it is important to note that this data does not provide

information on the source of the exposure, only that a blood lead result was reported.

According to local health department officials, many lead poisoning cases may be caused by sources other than lead-based paint. Some cases may be attributed to pottery and serving dishes made in Mexico that are finished with lead-based glazes, which can be dissolved by foods with high acid content—such as citrus, peppers, and tomatoes. Also, many popular herbal remedies and traditional potions, sold on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, may contain lead.

The City's commitment to compliance with the regulation is reflected in its efforts to encourage its contractors to get trained in the acceptable lead-safe work practices. Additionally, two (2) Community Development Staff members have successfully completed the Lead Risk Assessor Course in accordance with all requirements of DSHS and one (1) Community Development Staff member is in the process of becoming certified as Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessor.

In recognition of the dangers posed by lead-based paint and to stay in compliance, the City contracts to have the homes tested and a Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessment report completed for homes that were constructed prior to January 1, 1978, for the presence of lead based paint hazards. The specific homes tested are those that are under consideration for housing rehabilitation assistance under the City's CDBG program. The appropriate lead hazard control methods are employed if lead hazards are identified in the home.

Rehabilitation activities that cost less than \$5,000 generally call for the use of safe work practices and work site clearance. Activities between \$5,000 and \$25,000 require risk assessment actions and interim controls. Rehabilitation activities costing more than \$25,000 require risk assessment and abatement activities. Homeowners are asked to relocate voluntarily during the rehabilitation.

The City also responds to any complaints or concerns from citizens about these lead based paint hazards. City Code Enforcement personnel will concentrate their efforts in CDBG-eligible areas, particularly the Buena Vida Neighborhood. In addition, the City of Brownsville requires that those employees involved with Lead-Based Paint issues attend training on the identification, containment and removal of Lead-Based Paint Hazards. Brownsville has adopted a strategy to reduce the hazards of lead-based paint.

- The City will distribute literature to educate the public about the hazard and the preventive measures concerning lead-based paint;
- The City will coordinate with the Brownsville Independent School District, the County Health Department, and other community health agencies, including other City departments, to address opportunities for education, detection, and prevention of lead-based paint hazards.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

*Please also refer to the Housing Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

The dire status of the economy has strengthened the continuing poverty levels in Brownsville, as well as in the Rio Grande Valley. Low wages and high unemployment rates in the Rio Grande Valley have continued to put housing out of reach for most families. Independent sources have stated that the minimum wage is not sufficient to pay for a one- or two-bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent (National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2008). Preserving the dream of homeownership can also sometimes become a challenge due to unexpected events or predatory mortgage terms. Some homeowners have found themselves in danger of losing their homes due to unexpected circumstances such as job loss, emergency expenses, divorce, death in the family, and/or poor money management; and some have even lost their jobs, homes, and more, during these critical times. Also lacking access to good advice and financial education, homeowners can find themselves surprised by mortgage terms that don't suit their financial profile. Thus, more families are in need of housing assistance. Brownsville families have had to endure a minimum of two years on a waiting list for public housing or Section 8 vouchers through the Brownsville Housing Authority.

Under its CDBG and HOME programs, the City of Brownsville will provide opportunities for low to moderate-income families to help them become homeowners, improve access to affordable owner housing, increase the availability of affordable owner housing, and improve the quality of owner housing. Homeownership, affordable rental housing, and rental and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, as well as acquisition, are strong parts of the City's vision for creating viable neighborhoods. The City's vision includes upgrading its existing neighborhoods by providing rehabilitation loans and grants to qualifying low- and moderate-income households and improving the infrastructure within low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Realizing that not every one is able to live in single-family owner-occupied housing, the City will continue to work at improving the rental stock available to low- and moderate-income households, specifically in low- and moderate-income areas in the community. It will also focus on preserving the dream of homeownership. The City of Brownsville will make every effort to prevent families that are low-income from losing their homes and assist them by offering programs that will benefit the low/moderate income families and individuals in those situations.

This section details projects that use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds in the City of Brownsville's efforts to provide affordable housing to its low- and moderate-income residents. These affordable housing opportunities are provided based on income qualification.

I. Specific Housing Objectives

As part of the RGVECs' Consolidated Planning process, the City of Brownsville has adopted the following objectives to expand affordable housing opportunities during this One-Year Action Plan period.

Leverage Private-Sector Participation

This FY 2009/2010, the City of Brownsville will continue providing CDBG funding for housing purposes to Consumer Credit Counseling Service of South TX (CCCS) to provide Housing Counseling to potential homeowners that are at or below 80% of the Median Family Income. CCCS provides educational services and direct assistance for consumers with regard to the management of personal finances and indebtedness. First-time Homebuyer education classes and financial literacy classes are offered every month in Brownsville; individual counseling sessions are offered as needed as well as pre- and post housing counseling. At least 90% of the participants receiving the City's down payment assistance participate in the First-Time Homebuyer's class.

The City of Brownsville also leverages funds through its Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program (BDPAP). This program has been in operation since 2005. For the past three fiscal years (2005-2007), the City has alloted \$1,477,428 for this program, and has leveraged \$7,534,728 with the private-sector participation.

Provide Decent Affordable Housing to Lower-Income Households

For the current fiscal year (2008-2009), the City set aside approximately 34% (minimum of 15% required) of the annual HOME allocation for housing development activities conducted by a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). The CHDO is managing an Energy Efficient Homes program. The City of Brownsville is also in the process of entering into an Agreement with Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation (BAHC), as Contractor, to continue in the effort of providing decent affordable housing to lower income households. The Valley Homes for Heroes program will provide assistance to eligible veterans in the rehabilitation of their homes in order to make it accessible to their needs. The City of Brownsville also allocated HOME funding to support the Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program, which provides down payment and closing costs assistance.

Housing allocations for the 2009-2010 fiscal year include the following: (1) City of Brownsville's Down payment Assistance Program in the amount of \$450,000; (2) Homeowner Reconstruction Program in the amount of \$601,641; and (3) Tenant-Based Rental Program in the amount of \$200,000. Please note that although the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and City Staff highly recommended that at least the minimum 15% for the CHDO be set aside, the Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee, under the direction of its current Chairperson, recommended to the City Commission that no allocation be provided for the 15% minimum CHDO Set Aside, as required by HUD.

Expand the Capacity of Non-profit Housing Providers and Strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing.

Furthermore, the City of Brownsville will provide CDBG funding to the Ozanam Homeless Center, Inc. to fund a portion of the contracted services to build two additional transitional housing units. These units will also be energy efficient and will benefit approximately eight individuals. The City of Brownsville will continue to work closely with the Ozanam Center to ensure the completion of five (5) transitional homes which were funded in FY 2008. The one-year goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households, and the number of households to be provided affordable housing units through the activities that provide rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, or acquisition of existing units funds made available to the jurisdiction are noted on **Table 3B** in the *Tables for Action Plan* section.

The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its CDBG and HOME funds for housing in FY 2009/2010:

(1) HOME:

- PROJECT NAME: (13) **BROWNSVILLE DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
FUNDING: \$ 450,000 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to fund the Brownsville Downpayment Assistance Program. The program assists families in becoming Homeowners by offering eligible First-Time Homebuyers down payment and closing costs assistance for the purchase of an existing or new home in Brownsville, Texas. This project will assist 40 low income families in purchasing their homes.
ELIGIBILITY: DIRECT HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE 570.201(n)

- PROJECT NAME: (12) **HOMEOWNER RECONSTRUCTION**
FUNDING: \$ 601,641 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to fund the Homeowner Reconstruction Program (HRP) to assist eligible low-income homeowners that live in substandard housing conditions improve their property to a decent, safe, and sanitary place to live. This project is estimated to benefit six families by providing financial assistance to reconstruct at least eight (8) housing units to improve their quality of life.
ELIGIBILITY: CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING 570.201(m)

- PROJECT NAME: (05S) **TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE**
FUNDING: \$ 200,000 (HOME)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to provide rental subsidy to those eligible applicants afford housing costs. Typical assistance includes rent and security deposits, as well as utility deposits only when assisted with rental assistance or security deposits.

ELIGIBILITY: RENTAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES 570.204

- PROJECT NAME: (21H) **HOME ADMIN**
FUNDING: \$ 130,182 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used for eligible and reasonable planning and administrative costs, which include expenditures for salaries, wages, and related costs for staff persons responsible for the HOME Program administration. Other costs include goods and services necessary for administration, providing public information, fair housing activities, indirect cost allocation, etc.
ELIGIBILITY: HOME ADMIN/PLANNING COSTS OF PJ

(2) CDBG:

- PROJECT NAME: (12) **Ozanam – Transitional Housing**
FUNDING: \$ 94,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CDBG funds will be provided to the Ozanam Center for funds required for contracted services to build two additional transitional housing units, which will benefit approximately eight individuals and bring the total existing transitional housing units to five.
ELIGIBILITY: CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING 570.201(m)
- PROJECT NAME: (05) **HOUSING COUNSELING**
FUNDING: \$ 22,500 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CDBG funds will be used for the operations of the Housing Counseling program conducted by Consumer Credit Counseling Service of South Texas, which will serve approximately 300 individuals or 200 households. The program will provide financial literacy/housing classes for persons wanting to improve their money management skills and asset building skills. First-time Homebuyers and Pre- and Post-Counseling sessions and Education Classes are offered every month. Individual counseling sessions are offered as needed, as well as pre- and post-housing counseling. 90% also participate in the City's Down Payment Assistance Program.
ELIGIBILITY: HOUSING INFORMATION SERVICES

These projects are city-wide (refer to **Map 3D** in the Maps section). More detailed descriptions, including the completion dates and projected accomplishments of each activity, can be found in the prescribed format required by HUD, herein identified as the Projects file of the CPMP Tool.

II. Federal, State and Local Public and Private Sector Resources Available

Two major sources of federal funding assist the City of Brownsville in addressing its affordable housing needs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CDBG Program funds a variety of housing and community development activities, including housing rehabilitation, transitional housing and housing counseling activities. The HOME Program funds a variety of eligible affordable housing activities, including new construction, land acquisition, acquisition of existing housing, reconstruction, owner-occupied rehabilitation, and homeowner assistance, both direct and indirect. For the 2009-2010, the City of Brownsville is also including funding for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program (TBRA).

HUD's Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program supplements local funding for homeless shelter operations and other homeless activities. Local public housing agencies receive Section 8 Voucher/Certificate Program funds from HUD that provide rental subsidies for eligible low-income households. In addition, several organizations in the area receive Rural Development funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

State funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) may be used to support a variety of housing programs such as rehabilitation assistance, new construction, low-income housing tax credit projects, and first-time homebuyer assistance for low- and moderate-income households, as well as the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP). The City of Brownsville is currently applying for a few of TDHCA's NOFAs, such as the Weatherization Assistance Program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009; and the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, 2008 Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund for Hurricanes Ike and Dolly.

State funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) may be used for limited housing rehabilitation and water/wastewater connections in colonias areas. Additionally, the TWDB offers a grant program for extremely low-income households living in the colonias.

Local government funds cover basic community services such as fire/police protection, infrastructure maintenance/development, water/wastewater services, and a variety of other public services.

Private sources of funding include local lenders who have committed continued support in leveraging federal funds for housing and community development activities. There are also numerous dedicated nonprofit organizations working to address housing and community development needs. The City of Brownsville will continue to encourage and support nonprofit organizations in securing additional funds, and assisting them whenever possible.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.
2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

I. Public Housing Needs

Public housing is funded by HUD and refers to housing subsidized by the federal government with the intent of providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons. Services are delivered in two main fashions:

- 1) through public housing properties; and
- 2) through Section 8 housing vouchers whereby residents are allowed to find and select their own housing, either apartment-style or single-family residences, then pay a portion of the required rent based on their ability to pay.

The Brownsville Housing Authority (BHA) administers the Low-Rent Housing and Section 8 Programs, which are instrumental in preventing homelessness among extremely low-income families. At the present time, the BHA provides an estimated 856 public housing units through its Low-Rent Housing Program. An estimated 2,015 Section 8 vouchers are also being utilized in scattered-site housing within the city limits. The Brownsville Housing Authority Section 8 Manager stated that they would continue to have 2,015 Section 8 vouchers and 45 moderate rehab units utilized in scattered site housing through out the city. Housing specifically geared for special needs populations such as the elderly or people with disabilities are also included in these figures.

Each of the BHA's public housing developments has a resident management council through which residents can become involved in the decision making that affects their public housing units. The BHA facilitates the selection of the councils and encourages residents to participate in council activities and in the general management of their development. The BHA will continue to promote involvement by the council in management of all facilities and will look at forming new partnerships with community agencies to provide services that encourage and assist residents with achieving self-sufficiency.

There has been an increasingly proactive effort to enable residents of the Housing Authority to break the cycle of poverty and move towards greater self-sufficiency. The role of the Housing Authority continues to evolve into one that addresses the needs of public housing residents in a holistic manner, taking into account their educational, employment, health, and social service needs. The Housing Authority either develops its own programs or coordinates services with other providers to meet these needs.

In many cases, these essential services are already available in the community, and the role of the Housing Authority is to serve as the facilitator and coordinate the delivery of these services to the public housing property to make them more accessible for residents.

The Housing Authority has moved forward and is flourishing with the full-time Housing Counselor. The Housing Counselor is responsible for the development and implementation of Homeownership programs for its residents. The hiring of this Housing counselor has been a smashing success. As of the date of hire, thirty-six (36) families have become homeowners.

The Section 8 Program Administrator provides homeowner opportunities to families who are currently utilizing the Section 8 Voucher Program. In place of using the voucher as rent, the voucher is put toward the house payment. Of the 2,015 Section 8 vouchers received, 26 are being utilized by homeowners to make their monthly house payments.

The City continues to encourage the Housing Authority administrator to refer potential homebuyers presently residing in low rent housing to seek out the services of these different organizations. The main problem facing the BHA continues to be the ever increasing demand for housing services with little or no increase in federal aid to support this demand. This reality is clearly represented in the growing number of individuals and families on the waiting lists maintained by the BHA and other PHAs in the region. According to the City's recent consultations with PHAs, there are an estimated 652 households on local waiting lists in Brownsville. This number was increasing but applications for Housing were closed in September 2007 and are not expected to open soon. This number illustrates that the current demand for housing assistance far exceeds the ability of the Brownsville Housing Authority to meet this growing demand. Recent State projections indicate that this gap will surely widen into the foreseeable future as the city's population growth outpaces the ability of government social service programs to respond to this growth.

The City of Brownsville is pleased to report that the Brownsville Housing Authority is not designated as "troubled" by HUD. In recent years, the Brownsville Housing Authority continues to receive High Performer Awards for their endeavors. The City continues to examine opportunities for leveraging its housing and community development funds with the BHA to provide other public services and to expand homeownership opportunities.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

I. Barriers to Affordable Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has determined that a household experiences a cost burden when gross housing costs exceed 30 percent of gross monthly income. Using HUD's definitions, a household experiences a severe cost burden when gross housing costs are more than 50 percent of gross income.

The cost of homeownership can affect the level of property maintenance, the ability of the household to pay property taxes, and ultimately the household's ability to retain its home. Likewise, high rents can make it difficult, if not impossible for low-income renters to afford safe and decent housing.

As indicated in the RGVECs' CPS, the barriers to affordable housing in the Brownsville region are primarily economic. However, according to a report by the Texas Low-Income Housing Information Service, rising fuel and construction costs are not creating the housing affordability problems that are found in border communities. Unexpected costs underscore the area's economic disparities, providing reminders that even dignity can be expensive (Kevin Sieff, *The Brownsville Herald*). Brownsville is a City that is under-resourced, because the poverty rate in Brownsville is usually underestimated.

The City has a variety of municipal building codes and regulations, subdividing fees, and environmental assessments. However, the City does not believe that these regulations constitute significant barriers to fair and affordable housing.

The majority of these regulations or policies cannot be considered excessive, exclusionary, discriminatory, or duplicative. It is not unreasonable for local cities to charge fees for development, especially pertaining to land preparation costs. The City of Brownsville has studied land use controls, zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations, growth limits, building codes, building fees and charges, and found that these practices do not pose significant barriers to affordable housing development.

However, it does need to be acknowledged that for the development of affordable housing, these costs can be potentially prohibitive. Windstorm building code provisions add \$2,000 to the price of a house, which may make homeownership prohibitive for some low-income residents. Other barriers are economic, including unreachable down payment requirements for first-time homebuyers, as well as high closing costs.

To address these issues several programs have been designed and implemented to help the citizens of Brownsville not only to become homeowners, but to access funds to repair and bring their home up to code, as well as to assist those families that need additional funds to make a monthly housing rent payment.

To assist First Time Homebuyers, the City of Brownsville in Program year 2008-2009 set aside \$494,969 in HOME and \$5,031 in ADDI funds for assistance of closing and downpayment costs for the purchase of a newly constructed home or an existing home by families with incomes at or below 80% of the median family income. The City signed Participation Agreements with eighteen (18) different Mortgage companies, and Banks, to assure that the funds were used as quickly and efficiently as possible. The eighteen (18) Participants interview and qualify the applicants, and then send completed packets with income verification for review by designated City staff. City Staff sends out a commitment letter to the lender for down payment assistance, and closing costs if needed. The lender closes on the permanent loan and provides the City with documentation of the Second Lien position. The homebuyers must meet the HUD income eligible guidelines and may be eligible for assistance up to \$14,500.

The program has been a success. These funds to date have assisted 20 families become homeowners. Furthermore, the City to date has leveraged \$1,134,207 in private funds. The families that received assistance to date have purchased 20 existing homes. The average sales price of the homes has been \$63,058.25 and the average Median Family Income of the families assisted has been \$28,454. The average amount of assistance provided per family has been \$10,136.35. Based on the success of this program, the City continues to set aside HOME and ADDI funds if available to continue the program.

For the 2009-2010 Program year, the HOME award amount for Down Payment Assistance to First Time Home buyers is \$450,000; there were no ADDI funds available by HUD for down payment Assistance to First time Home buyers for FY 2009. Based on the averages quoted above, it appears that the City will afford home purchasing opportunities to approximately 45 families.

The City's Staff continues its efforts to provide opportunities to existing homeowners in need of home repairs and in some instances home reconstruction due to the poor quality of their existing homes. In 2009-2010, \$601,641 has been allocated for these opportunities. These funds will be made available to continue providing assistance to the aged and disabled first, but also to assist families with earned income to repair or reconstruct their existing home. The income guidelines will remain the same, however; in some instances these families may have to enter into a repayment contract which could include a 0%-3% interest rate. This opportunity will assist those many families that would not ordinarily qualify for a loan through any local lending institutions.

The third program that was funded for the 2009-2010 Program year is one that will assist those families that would like to rent a home but are unable to due to their low income. This Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program was funded in the amount of \$200,000 and will be administered by the Brownsville Housing Authority offices. Due to the City's small staff, and BHA's long time expertise in running these types of programs, the City will enter into a contractor agreement with BHA to assure that the program meets all HUD guidelines and rules.

The continuing increase of homeowners' insurance policies continue to be yet another barrier to affordable housing. These insurance policies have increased by 50 percent. Local taxing districts have also seen increases. Altogether, these additional costs may have caused housing payments to increase by 25 percent, making housing units unaffordable to many households.

When possible, the City of Brownsville will work with its CHDO(s) to reduce the cost of building codes and fees in order to develop more affordable housing units. This could serve as an additional incentive to develop affordable housing—and ensure that such developments “pencil out.” Unfortunately, a recent increase to the City's impact fees will also form a barrier to affordable housing. The CHDOs will also have to absorb these costs into their unit development costs for the continuance of providing affordable housing to low-income families.

The Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation (BAHC) -- a CHDO, was chartered as a 501(c)(3) and immediately applied for CHDO status to the City. Due to the known barriers of lack of funding for downpayments and closing costs, the BAHC program provides for closing costs as well as buying down the cost of the home to assure that the family can afford the home. The BAHC not only utilizes funding from the City HOME dollars, but has worked diligently throughout the community and secured additional funding from local banks and the Federal Home Loan Bank to assist with the buydown funds needed. The BAHC has been receiving funds for the CHDO set aside and has developed affordable housing with energy efficient/green components. This type of housing will continue to be developed by this CHDO.

Furthermore, the BAHC will continue to make available another program this year – Valley Homes for Heroes. This program will rehabilitate 15 single family units for veterans with an income at or below 80% of the median family income.

In addition, the City could investigate and adopt new and innovative measures for overcoming regulatory barriers to providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households. Specifically, the City could utilize new ideas for barriers removal gathered from two newly created HUD resources, the Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse and America's Affordable Communities Initiative.

Lastly, the City will collaborate with any entity to hold informational Seminars/ Meetings/Open Houses to inform the public of the affordable housing opportunities available to them using City resources as well as other funding sources. In June, the nationally recognized month as Homeownership Month, the City participates in a citywide homeownership show sponsored by the local Housing Authority, lenders, builders, and various other housing entities.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

Program Year 5 Action Plan HOME/ADDI response:

1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).
2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.
3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:
 - a. Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.
 - b. Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs

- of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
- c. State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
 - d. Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.
 - e. Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.
 - f. State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:
- a. Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.
 - b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.
 - c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.

HOME

The following breakdown illustrates the City's planned use of its FY 2009-2010 HOME funds:

PROJECT NAME:	(13) BROWNSVILLE DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FUNDING:	\$ 450,000 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	HOME funds will be used to fund the Brownsville Downpayment Assistance Program. The program assists families in becoming Homeowners by offering eligible First-Time Homebuyers down payment and closing costs assistance for the purchase of an existing or new home in Brownsville, Texas. This project will assist 40 low income families in purchasing their homes.
ELIGIBILITY:	DIRECT HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE 570.201 (n)

PROJECT NAME: (12) BROWNSVILLE HOMEOWNER RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM
FUNDING: \$ 601,641 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to improve the Homeowner's property to a decent, safe, and sanitary place to live by demolition/clearance and reconstruction of a home that will meet all local codes as required by HUD and the HOME regulations. This project will assist at least eight (8) eligible low/mod income families.

ELIGIBILITY: DIRECT HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE
570.201 (m)

PROJECT NAME: (05S) HOME – TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FUNDING: \$ 200,000 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to provide rental subsidy to those eligible applicants to afford housing costs, such as utility deposits, security deposits and rental assistance. Applicants will be allowed to choose the rental property of their choice within their corresponding subsidy limit. This project will assist at least twenty (20) eligible low-income families.

ELIGIBILITY: TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE 570.204

PROJECT NAME: (21H) HOME – ADMINISTRATION
FUNDING: \$ 130,182 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used for eligible and reasonable planning and administrative costs, which include expenditures for salaries, wages, and related costs for staff persons responsible for the HOME Program administration. Other costs include goods and services necessary for administration, providing public information, fair housing activities, indirect cost allocation, etc.

ELIGIBILITY: HOME ADMIN/PLANNING COSTS OF PJ

I. Other Forms of Investment

The City of Brownsville will use no other forms of investment other than those described in 24 CFR 92.205(b) in the administration of HOME funds. As an economically distressed area, the City has been waived from its HOME matching requirement.

II. Recapture Provisions

In compliance with 24 CFR 92.254, and for the purpose of insuring that a HOME assisted unit remains affordable, the City of Brownsville has adopted the following recapture policy:

<u>HOME Investment Per Unit</u>	<u>Minimum Period of Affordability</u>
Under \$15,000	5 years
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10 years
Over \$40,000	15 years
Rental: New Construction or Acquisition of Newly Constructed Housing	20 years

- a. The HOME-assisted housing unit must meet the affordability requirements for no less than the applicable period specified above.
- b. Recapture requirements are used to ensure that all or a portion of the Direct HOME Subsidy be recuperated if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability or if the HOME recipient decides to sell the house within the affordability period at whatever price the market will bear.
- c. To ensure that each HOME-assisted unit's affordability is not lost upon sale during the term of the restriction, a lien for the HOME assisted/investment amount, at a zero percent (0%) interest rate, shall be created on the assisted property. This lien shall remain due in full during the respective period, but shall terminate after fulfilling the minimum affordability period.
- d. However, in the event of a sale during the same affordability period, net proceeds of the sale will be first directed to satisfy the primary lien, and then the second lien, which signifies the HOME assistance/investment. If the net proceeds are not sufficient to satisfy the second lien, the amount of HOME funds to be recaptured through the second lien will be the amount available from net sales proceeds.
- e. The City of Brownsville is subject to the limitation that when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale (voluntary or involuntary) of the housing unit, and there are no net proceeds or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the HOME investment due, the City of Brownsville can only recapture the net proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus the superior loan repayment (other than the HOME funds) and any closing costs.

III. Refinancing

The City of Brownsville does not intend to refinance any existing debt secured by multi-family housing that is or has been rehabilitated with HOME funds (reference 24 CFR 92.206(b)).

Affirmative Marketing

The City of Brownsville has no plans to develop housing with HOME funds containing 5 or more units (reference 24 CFR 92.351(a)) during FY 2009/2010. However, as a matter of policy, the City does not discriminate or condone discrimination in the

marketing of HOME-assisted housing with regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability.

Minority/Women's Business Outreach

As a matter of policy, the City endeavors to promote free and open competition in the procurement of all goods and services. Given the ethnic composition of the City, an open procurement process frequently allows for minority business enterprises to become vendors or contractors. The City's Community Development Division annually solicits contractors and vendors, as may be needed, utilizing CDBG and HOME funds. This solicitation is published in a general circulation newspaper. All such respondents are then placed on a list to which future specific solicitations are directly mailed.

HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

HOME funds will be used to provide rental subsidy to those eligible applicants to afford housing costs, such as utility deposits, security deposits and rental assistance. Applicants will be allowed to choose the rental property of their choice amongst a single-family home, large apartment building, a duplex, garden-style unit, etc. The level of subsidy is based upon the income of the household, the unit the household selects, and the City of Brownsville's rent standard. This project will assist at least twenty (20) eligible low income families. An allocation for this project has been set at \$200,000 of HOME funds.

IV. American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)

For PY 2009-2010, the City of Brownsville is not a recipient of ADDI Program funds.

Estimate of Minority Households to be Assisted

The City plans to assist up to 66 families or first-time homebuyers to become homeowners through the Affordable Housing and Down Payment Assistance programs funded with HOME funds. City staff estimates that at least 95 percent of these will be minority households.

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

*Please also refer to the Homeless Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.

2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.
3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.
4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Special Needs response:

I. Sources of Funds

The City of Brownsville, during fiscal year 2009-2010, through a combination of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Home investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), HUD Homeless and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs-Emergency Shelter Grants Program (TDHCA-ESGP), anticipates providing vital support services to low and low-moderate income individuals with emergency shelter and a variety of public services. With continuing funding from HUD, low-moderate income individuals, families and children/youths will continue to access vital community services. In addition, the City of Brownsville expects to provide prevention-related assistance to at-risk homeless individuals and families.

The City of Brownsville Planning and Community Development Department has contracted with local non-profits community providers that will provide the following services:

- Develop/enhance new and existing social and educational programs, based on community need;
- Provide information/referral, crisis intervention/prevention counseling and other support services to local residents;
- Provide screening for breast/cervical, cancer, diabetes and supplies;
- Provide HIV testing, laboratory, medication and case management to HIV positive residents;
- Provide a "home away from home" for families of serious ill children who receive medical care away from home;
- Provide assessment, referrals, individual counseling, and group recovery meetings for adults, adolescents, and families afflicted with substance abuse and addiction;
- Operate emergency food pantries;
- Operate a 24-hour, 365 days a year emergency shelter;
- Deliver food to homebound elderly individuals;
- Provide emergency shelter for individuals involved in family violence and sexual assault;

- Provide new spraying machines for vector control for CDBG-eligible areas of the City;
- Provide assistance with free income tax returns;
- Provide new computers located at the Southmost Public Library;
- Hospice services;
- Provide advocacy services for children victims of abuse and/or neglect;
- Provide educational and direct assistance with management of personal finances and indebtedness;
- Provide rehabilitative services to children with special needs;
- Identify and support individuals ready to transition into a more stable environment, such as transitional and/or permanent housing;
- Provide individual counseling, case management, housing search advocacy; and referrals to other supportive community services;
- Provide educational services on prenatal, infant, family nutrition, and health;
- Provide Housing counseling;
- Provide mobile literacy services to promote literacy;
- Supporting housing rehabilitation programs for extremely low-income persons usually disabled and/or elderly who are at risk of becoming homeless;
- Provide opportunities for low-income families with Down-Payment Assistance, First-Time Homebuyer Program, and Multi-Family Housing programs.
- Provide for the operation of a multi-service Center that provides three hot meals a day (Monday to Friday), shower facilities, and change of clothing for the homeless, limited medical attention, and after school tutoring.

II. Homelessness

The ESG and TDHCA-ESGP programs were originally intended to be used to shelter homeless clients. The program however has evolved from a strictly crisis-oriented program into one stage of a continuum of care process to reintegrate individuals and families back into society.

As an entitlement community, the City of Brownsville was awarded \$144,493 of ESG funds. The HUD HPRP stimulus funding will enhance ongoing services such as rental assistance and utility assistance currently being offered at the Ozanam Center, Good Neighbor Settlement House, and Friendship of Women.

Applications for ESG funds were subject to the same process as the CDBG applications. The Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs-Emergency Shelter Grant Program is a state-wide competitive application process for federal funds awarded to the State of Texas by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The ESG and TDHCA-ESGP grant allocation remains predominantly to support homeless shelters, as well as those organizations that provide services to shelter Brownsville residents. Subrecipients of these funds are required to provide a dollar for dollar match when applying.

The Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee (BCAC) determines the CDBG and ESG amount each applicant receives, as well as the HOME funds. It has been the City of Brownsville's experience that ESG funds are never returned to HUD unspent, as there is an always greater need than funds to support these needs. Based on the funding received, the following providers were funded to provide homeless services.

For program year 2009-2010, the City of Brownsville plans to fund the two local homeless shelter facilities, a soup and kitchen agency, and a service provider organization with the allocation of McKinney ESG and TDHCA-ESGP funds:

- **Friendship of Women, Inc.** - Emergency shelter services for individuals involved in family violence and sexual assault.
- **The Good Neighbor Settlement House** - Day drop-in services for lunch, showers, change of clothes to homeless men, women, and children.
- **The Bishop Enrique San Pedro OZANAM Center** – 24-hour, 365 days a year, Emergency shelter services to homeless men, women and children.
- **Consumer Credit Counseling of South Texas** - provide confidential financial guidance, free consumer credit counseling services, educational resources, and debt management assistance.

The above Homeless Shelters and Social Service Agencies will serve the homeless and at-risk homeless men, women, and families.

The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its ESG funds for PY 2009/2010:

- **PROJECT NAME:** (05G) **FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN, INC.**
FUNDING: \$43,792 (ESG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used for Essential Services and Operations expenses incurred by the Friendship of Women, Inc. for the Children's Program at the Shelter for Abused Spouses. This project will serve approximately 325 families.
ELIGIBILITY: BATTERED AND ABUSED SPOUSES 570.201 (e)
- **PROJECT NAME:** (03T) **GOOD NEIGHBOR SETTLEMENT HOUSE, INC.**
FUNDING: \$39,000 (ESG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to pay partial operations cost for delivery of Essential Services. This project will serve approximately 6,700 individuals' unemployed, under-employed, and homeless men, women and children in the community.
ELIGIBILITY: OPERATING COSTS OF HOMELESS/AIDS PATIENTS PROGRAMS 570.201 (e)
- **PROJECT NAME:** (03T) **OZANAM CENTER**
FUNDING: \$ 61,701 (ESG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to fund a portion of the Operating Expenses and Essential Services at The Bishop Enrique San Pedro, Ozanam Center, Inc. This project will serve approximately 5,700 men, women and children.
ELIGIBILITY: OPERATING COSTS OF HOMELESS/AIDS PATIENTS PROGRAMS

- PROJECT NAME: (13) **CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING**
FUNDING: \$22,500 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to cover a portion of the Operating Expenses and Essential Services (Counselors). This project will provide financial literacy, debt managing assistance, and housing education to 1st time home owners. This project will serve approximately 3,200 households.
ELIGIBILITY: Direct Ownership Assistance 570.201(N)

While the contributing agents to homelessness are the same locally as those that are apparent nationally, the dilemma of homelessness within the City of Brownsville presents a different picture than is normally depicted by the subject. Brownsville does not have a widespread incidence of people sleeping in parked vehicles, under bridges, in community parks, or other public places. While some street-corner beggars claim homelessness, their numbers are not large and are generally concentrated in few locations.

The relatively low number of "non-emergency" homeless in Brownsville, as well as in the entire Rio Grande Valley, can be at least partially explained by the culture. Primarily Hispanic, Valley residents emphasize the importance of the family. Young people are more inclined to remain in the area to raise their own families in close proximity to parents, siblings, grandparents, uncles, and aunts. These extended families tend to shelter relatives and close friends in already overcrowded homes rather than allow them to be homeless and live in the streets. Naturally, overcrowding cannot be completely attributed to this trait; however, it is undeniable that cultural factors do influence local conditions, and what might be a homeless problem elsewhere can be transmuted into a problem of overcrowded or "at-risk" conditions in the Valley. This supports the belief that homelessness, although an extremely severe predicament, often exists hidden from public view.

However insignificant the homeless numbers may seem, the City of Brownsville recognizes homelessness as an issue in need of attention. The sad truth is that one of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population includes families with children. The requests for emergency shelter, by families with children in twenty-five (25) U.S. cities, increased by an average of 17 percent between 1999 and 2000 (U.S. Conference of Mayors, 1998).

Poverty, unemployment, substance abuse, and the lack of affordable housing are the principal cause of family homelessness. According to Poverty Status in the 2000 Census, 32.4 percent of all Brownsville families live below the poverty level. Family households with children under 18 years of age represented 8,652 children or 39 percent of all family households. Families with related children under 5 that lived below poverty accounted for 43.9 percent.

Declining wages and changes in welfare programs also account for increasing poverty among families. Declining wages have put housing out of reach for many families. More than the minimum wage is required to afford a one- or two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent (National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2008). As a result, the number of families in need of housing continues to grow. Presently the average time on a waiting list is from 6 to 24 months to 1 to 2 years for a Section 8 rental assistance voucher.

Homelessness severely impacts the health and well being of all family members. Children without a home are in fair or poor health twice as often as other children that have higher rates of asthma, ear infections, stomach problems, and speech problems (Better Homes Fund, 1999). Homeless children also experience more mental health problems, such as anxiety, depression, and withdrawal. They are twice as likely to experience hunger, and four times as likely to have delayed development.

These illnesses have potentially devastating consequences if not treated early. Additionally, school-age homeless children face barriers to enrolling and attending school, including transportation problems, residency requirements, inability to obtain previous school records, and lack of clothing and school supplies. Homelessness frequently breaks up families. Some families are separated as a result of shelter policies, which deny access to older boys and fathers. Separations may also be caused by placement of children into foster care when their parents become homeless. In addition, parents may leave their children with relatives and friends in order to protect them from the ordeal of homelessness. To address this situation, Ozanam Center has a women's shelter and a men's shelter for homeless persons.

Realizing the detrimental effects homelessness has on the health and well-being of its families, the City continues to take a strong leadership role in creating, developing, and implementing partnerships with local community social service providers and has joined neighboring cities and homeless service providers across Cameron County to develop action steps to prevent and eventually put an end to homelessness through the creation of the Homeless Network of the Rio Grande Valley coalition formally (Cameron County Homeless Partnership).

The City of Brownsville and the Homeless Network of the Rio Grande Valley (HNRGV) is working diligently to establish a community-based plan to organize and deliver housing and supportive services to homeless persons as they move toward maximum self-sufficiency and adequate housing by meeting their specific needs. The survey results suggested that the definition of "homeless" and "at-risk homeless" vary greatly from person to person and provider to provider. The results also indicated that survey participants (the homeless and at-risk homeless population) felt that permanent housing and medical and emergency dental services were their greatest need.

The City and the local Homeless Coalition will continue to work closely with local Community Health Care providers to designate several slots each month for emergency health services for the homeless population. The local Homeless Coalition has proven to be an effective partnership between the City and local non-profit organizations, in assessing the homeless situation, advocating for individuals and families in crisis, as well as an effective way to leverage resources. Information obtained from the Valley Coalition for the Homeless also indicates that the percentage of homeless families is growing in Cameron County.

On January 21, 2009, the Texas Homeless Network (THN) coordinated a statewide survey, with the City of Brownsville included in this state wide survey. The report of the survey for lower Willacy County and Cameron County area indicates that a total of 473 homeless individual were surveyed by city staff, local Non-Profit Organizations, and the local homeless coalition.

As indicated in last year's One-Year Action Plan, no current racial or ethnic breakdown for the homeless continues to exist for the City of Brownsville. However, according to the 2000 U. S. Census figures, the population make-up in the City of Brownsville is 91 percent Hispanic, 8 percent White and 1 percent Other. Therefore, it is presumed that the ethnicity of the homeless continues the same percentage. Using this presumption, if the actual reliable number of homeless individuals totaled 100, the breakdown would be 91 percent Hispanic, 8 percent White, and 1 percent is Other.

Additionally, the City of Brownsville continues collaborating with community-based and faith-based agencies, as well as public and private organizations across Cameron County to establish a plan to deliver housing and supportive services to homeless persons as they move toward maximum self-sufficiency.

The City of Brownsville is presently working with the Texas Homeless Network and with the local shelter providers to set up a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to allow implementation of an unduplicated count of homeless persons served over the course of a year or other specified time period. This project will also allow for a more accurate count in time in the near future.

The program came highly recommended by the Texas Homeless Network as a great way to assist homeless (or at-risk) clients with accessing the mainstream benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, One-stop Career Center System, Social Security, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Veteran's Affairs Compensation, and Veterans Affairs Health Care.

III. Chronic Homelessness

In partnership with the City of Brownsville, the Homeless Network of the Rio Grande Valley developed a series of strategies to eliminate chronic homelessness in the region by 2012. The overall goal of the Homeless Network of the Rio Grande Valley is to create a seamless flow of services to homeless individuals and families that will create a "sustainable form of livelihood" that can ensure permanent housing meant for human habitation.

During 2009–2010, the Homeless Network of the Rio Grande Valley will continue to implement the following goals and action steps to address chronic homelessness:

- **Goal 1:** Effectively count and track the chronically homeless living in Cameron County.
Action Steps: Acquire funding to implement Phase I HMIS System.
- **Goal 2:** Expand the availability and utility of transitional housing.
Action Steps: Develop additional transitional housing stock and integrate a case management system into the transitional housing.
- **Goal 3:** Maximize the use of mainstream assistance programs. Develop cultural and language specific case management for individuals with both substance abuse and mental illness.

Action Steps: Will have mandatory participation by service providers participating in the HMIS System; increased homeless advocacy; require assessment and application before supportive services funding can be utilized.

IV. Homelessness Prevention

In partnership with the City, the Homeless partners provide an array of prevention services, including:

- Case management (limited and short-term assessments and education, and home visits);
- Child abuse assistance (crisis intervention and immediate safety);
- Emergency assistance (overnight vouchers, utility assistance, security and utility deposits, food and clothing distribution, meals, use of shower and restroom facilities, health-related transportation, and referrals);
- Family violence assistance (crisis intervention and immediate safety);
- Information and referral (Info Line);
- Life skills classes (counseling center); and
- Tenant counseling, fair housing, discrimination, and housing assistance.

The Homeless HMIS system will also help agencies better communicate and coordinate resources to provide homeless persons and persons at imminent risk of homelessness with better access to the region's network of homeless services and resources.

V. Discharge Coordination Policy

The Homeless Network of the Rio Grande Valley continues to work with a uniform Client Exit Form for all of its participating entities to use. This was developed for several reasons. It was a part of the HMIS planning process to bring consensus and raise understanding of what would be needed as part of a uniform tracking system for clients. However, the Homeless Partnership encountered problems regarding the release of individuals from publicly funded institutions. In particular, the prisons and mental health facilities stated that releasing information on discharged clients was a violation of their privacy, and they would not be able to participate in the HNRGV's efforts to prevent these individuals from becoming homeless and requiring homeless assistance.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Program Year 5 Action Plan ESG response:

This section is **not applicable** to the City of Brownsville's Action Plan.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.
2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Community Development response:

Community Development

Questions 1 and 2 Addressed Below.

The City of Brownsville will address the community development priorities identified in the RGVECs' Consolidated Plan and Strategy. Funding has been allocated to projects and activities in the following high priority categories: public facilities and improvements, clearance and demolition, public services, and planning and administration. These activities were selected according to the needs identified during the One-Year Action Plan preparation process.

A. Public Facilities and Improvements

During PY 2009/2010, the City will use CDBG funds to complete capital improvement projects to benefit residents of low- and moderate-income areas, as determined by the 2000 Census or through income verification activities. Projects include the construction of new sidewalks throughout the city, code enforcement officers, and the improvement of five selected streets in Brownsville.

The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its CDBG funds:

PROJECT NAME: (03K) **ENGINEERING-STREETS**
FUNDING: \$ 1,349,422 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to improve approximately 1 mile of streets in CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville. Reconstruction will include W. St. Charles St. (W. 13th to W. 15th), W. Levee St. (W. 13th to W. 14th St.), W. Elizabeth (W. 15th to Boca Chica Blvd.). Reconstruction will provide safer driving conditions, help prevent accidents, and help provide for a better quality of life. This project will serve approximately 13,197 people.

ELIGIBILITY: STREET IMPROVEMENTS 570.201 (c)

PROJECT NAME: (03L) **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE-SIDEWALKS**
FUNDING: \$ 100,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Brownsville will construct new sidewalks of about 6,000 linear feet of 4-foot wide sidewalks throughout the city in eligible CDBG areas. The sidewalk reconstruction will focus at locations where: (1) there are no sidewalks; and (2) near schools (Robindale and Coffee Port Rd). The program will assist in preventing accidents, promoting walking exercise, and overall safety for citizens of Brownsville. This project will serve approximately 2,289 people.

ELIGIBILITY: SIDEWALKS 570.201 (c)

More detailed descriptions, including the completion dates and projected accomplishments of each activity, can be found in the prescribed format required by HUD, herein identified as the Projects file of the CPMP Tool.

B. Public Services

The City of Brownsville will use CDBG funds to provide social services to eligible residents. Public service projects aid the general population, seniors, youth, and the underprivileged in society.

PROJECT NAME: (05A) **AMIGOS DEL VALLE**
FUNDING: \$30,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: These funds will pay for the personnel and mileage to deliver lunch meals to approximately 28 senior citizens in the city of Brownsville.

ELIGIBILITY: SENIOR SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05H) **BROWNSVILLE ADULT LITERACY CENTER – MOBILE LAB**
FUNDING: \$10,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to reimburse Mobile Lab expenses: (1) a percentage of the salaries of Education/ML Coordinator; (2) part-time Mobile Lab/ESL Instructors; part-time mobile lab work-study assistant; and (3) Funds for Equipment, Maintenance, and gasoline and oil expenses for the Mobile Lab vehicle. This project will serve approximately 300 people.

ELIGIBILITY: EMPLOYMENT TRAINING 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05M) **BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC-GLUCOMETER PROGRAM**
FUNDING: \$ 20,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to provide glucometer strips to approximately 1,100 diabetic patients to self-monitor for the disease.
ELIGIBILITY: HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05) **BROWNSVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT (VECTOR)**
FUNDING: \$ 20,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for vector control spray machines.
ELIGIBILITY: PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05) **BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY-COMPUTERS**
FUNDING: \$ 50,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to fund computer purchases to replace 135 computers. This purchases will benefit approximately 6000 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY: PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05D) **BROWNSVILLE WEED AND SEED DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH PROGRAM**
FUNDING: \$ 17,668 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for the Cameron County Juvenile Probation Department's Brownsville Weed and Seed Operations (Transportation, Water, and Toiletries for approximately 150 at risk youth between the ages of 9-12).
ELIGIBILITY: YOUTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05M) **MOODY CLINIC-REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN**
FUNDING: \$ 72,500 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to provide partial salary to Speech/Language Pathologist's, Physical Therapist, and the Occupational Therapist; all full-time positions for the Rehabilitation Services for Children program. This project will serve approximately 325 people.
ELIGIBILITY: HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05N) **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)**
FUNDING: \$39,393 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to fund the salary, benefits and mileage for a Caseworker for Brownsville who will work with approximately 85 youth.
ELIGIBILITY: ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (31I) **CONSUMER CREDIT HOUSING COUNSELING**
FUNDING: \$ 22,500 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to reimburse a portion of the Personnel salaries for the Housing Counseling program, which will serve approximately 300 individuals and 200 households.

ELIGIBILITY: HOUSING INFORMATION SERVICES

PROJECT NAME: (05D) **GIRLS SCOUTS**

FUNDING: \$ 3,471 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to fund supplies (books and handbooks), specific assistance, and the purchase of badges, patches and certificates. This project will serve approximately 450 girls.

ELIGIBILITY: YOUTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05M) **INFANT NUTRITION PROGRAM**

FUNDING: \$ 10,000 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for salaries for personnel who provide classes to mothers and infants at the office and throughout the city will serve approximately 1,983 individuals.

ELIGIBILITY: HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05F) **PALMER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM**

FUNDING: \$ 30,000 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for salaries for a Counselor, Intake Coordinator, 2 Family Group Facilitator, Older Group Facilitator, Spanish Group Facilitator, Reception and a Youth Facilitator who have direct services clients. The center expects to serve approximately 5,200 individuals.

ELIGIBILITY: SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05M) **PLANNED PARENTHOOD-SOUTHMOST ROAD HEALTH CENTER**

FUNDING: \$ 28,000 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to pay for partial salaries and benefits for the Clinic Manager, Health Service Assistant, and a Nurse Practitioner; all three are full-time positions at the Southmost Road Health Center, in Brownsville, Texas. This project will serve approximately 840 people.

ELIGIBILITY: HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05) **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

FUNDING: \$ 25,000 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to fund a portion of the operations at the Harlingen Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Rio Grande Valley: Partial wages of Personnel, Telephone, Utilities, and in house and cleaning supplies. This project will serve approximately 350 people.

ELIGIBILITY: PUBLIC SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05M) **SUNSHINE HAVEN-HOSPICE SERVICES**

FUNDING: \$ 22,500 (CDBG)

- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Funds will be used for operations and 3 full-time Caregivers, 5 part-time Caregivers. The center is expected to serve approximately 50 individuals.
- ELIGIBILITY:** HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)
- PROJECT NAME:** (05N) **TIP OF TEXAS FAMILY OUTREACH-AT RISK PREVENTION PROGRAM**
- FUNDING:** \$ 32,927 (CDBG)
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Funds will be used to pay for a portion of salaries (2 Caseworkers, Parenting Facilitator, and My Baby and Me Home Visitor) and operations and maintenance expenses at Tip of Texas Family Outreach for the Strengthening Families and Communities program. This project will serve approximately 1,325 people.
- ELIGIBILITY:** ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN 570.201 (e)
- PROJECT NAME:** (05) **UNITED WAY-FINANCIAL STABILITY**
- FUNDING:** \$ 14,000 (CDBG)
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Funds will be used to fund partial salary expenses for a Community Impact Director and a Finance Director. This project will serve approximately 900 households.
- ELIGIBILITY:** PUBLIC SERVICES (GENERAL) 570.201 (e)
- PROJECT NAME:** (05M) **VALLEY AIDS COUNCIL, INC.**
- FUNDING:** \$ 58,469 (CDBG)
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Funds will be used for partial salaries of an Education /Outreach and a Case Manager, office supplies, travel, and medical specific assistance to approximately 148 individuals.
- ELIGIBILITY:** HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

A more complete description as well as the projected accomplishments of each activity listed above can be found in the prescribed format required by HUD, herein identified as the Projects file of the CPMP Tool.

C. Planning and Administration

The City of Brownsville uses CDBG funds to staff the Planning and Community Development Department located at 1150 E. Adams Street. Specifically, these funds are used for general program administration, including staff salaries, supplies, travel/training, and expenses related to meeting program requirements.

- PROJECT NAME:** (21A) **PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION**
- FUNDING:** \$ 675,238 (CDBG) \$130,182 (HOME)
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Funds will be used to fund the administration of the CDBG/ESG/HOME programs.
- ELIGIBILITY:** GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 570.206
- PROJECT NAME:** (21A) **FINANCE/ACCOUNTING**
- FUNDING:** \$ 38,000 (CDBG)
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Funds will be used to fund the salaries of the financial administrator of the CDBG/ESG/HOME programs.
- ELIGIBILITY:** GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 570.206

PROJECT NAME: (21A) **INDIRECT COST**
FUNDING: \$ 31,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CDBG funds are used for the Planning and Community Development Department's share services provided by the Finance, Purchasing, City Secretary, and Human Resources Departments.
ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 570.206

A. Other

PROJECT NAME: **SECTION 108 LINEAR PARK DEBT SERVICE**
FUNDING: \$230,400 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to pay the debt service for the Linear Park.

PROJECT NAME: **SECTION 108 CABLER PARK DEBT SERVICE**
FUNDING: \$161,902 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to pay the debt service for Cabler Park.

PROJECT NAME: (15) **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
FUNDING: \$189,802 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will provide for two code enforcement officers and one Housing Inspector who inspect structures for demolition and rehabilitation. Additionally, the City of Brownsville will use CDBG funds to complete clearance and demolition activities to eliminate slum and blight through the removal of dilapidated structures. Code Enforcement officers assess homes that are dilapidated and forward them to the Building Inspections Department to be processed through the Building and Standards committee. The City will also work with the Health Department in a dog and cat spay and neutering program for low and moderate income residents of Brownsville. This project will serve people in CDBG eligible areas.
ELIGIBILITY: CODE ENFORCEMENT 570.202 (c)

More detailed descriptions, including the completion dates and projected accomplishments of each activity, can be found in the prescribed format required by HUD, herein identified as the Projects file of the CPMP Tool.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy response:

With 40.2% of the Brownsville population living in poverty (U.S. Census 2005-2007 American Community Survey), the City of Brownsville's Anti-Poverty Strategy continues to focus on the most vulnerable population: extremely low-income

households (incomes between 0-30 percent of the median family income); those individuals in public or assisted housing; and the uncounted homeless individuals and families. Extremely low-income households are generally more threatened with homelessness, often living from paycheck to paycheck with financial ruin no more than one unexpected financial setback away. According to the Texas Affordable Housing Index (year to date-2005), only 53% of Brownsville families earning the median income can afford a home. Persons living in public or assisted housing continue to be dependent upon public subsidies to maintain their own residences. Low wages, lack of job opportunities and lack of transportation increases the threat of homelessness for families already living in peril. In all, these segments of the population have the highest incidence of poverty and possess limited economic enrichment opportunities. These households will see the most immediate benefit from a concentrated and collaborative effort to increased economic opportunities, by providing essential services, educational opportunities, access to needed resources, and leveraging funds to meet the needs of Brownsville households.

The link between poverty and homelessness is undeniable. It is important to recognize that the City's Anti-Poverty Strategy is not simply a housing plan but an economic development plan committed to increase employment opportunities and incomes to meet the needs of many low-income Brownsville households. The implementation of the City's anti-poverty strategy is a cooperative effort with City agencies. The City of Brownsville has taken a strong leadership role in creating, developing, and implementing a partnership with community social service providers, utility providers and housing providers to develop programs to serve the most vulnerable populations.

The City's specific objectives for economic development continue to be:

1. To increase the area's employment base to generate more job opportunities, for low- and moderate-income individuals, by attracting new business and companies;
2. To increase marketing of the city of Brownsville by the Brownsville Economic Development Council with regards to industrial recruitment;
3. To maintain existing employment levels by encouraging companies and manufacturers to expand their existing business by providing economic development incentives;
4. To provide low-interest mortgages to qualifying low-income persons working through the affordable Housing loan program;
5. To maintain the availability/accessibility & affordability of decent rental housing.
6. To attract new capital investment to stimulate the local economy; and
7. To focus increased attention on low-income poverty areas and addressing poverty concerns through the use of available federal/state grants and loans, and creation of more job opportunities.

The changing and expanding regional economy has led to a growth in the number of low- as well as high-paying jobs. The core of any plan to combat poverty within the City must be the creation of secure, well-paying jobs. The City continues to support

the efforts undertaken by Cameron Works, the contractor for the Jobs Training Partnership Act programs. This organization currently operates a successful on-the-job training program for both adults and youth. The City also supports Cameron Works Child Care Local match Contribution Agreement. The city pledged local funds in order for the Local Workforce Development Board to draw down additional federal funds. Local and the matched federal funds continue to be used for the provision of allowable childcare services in local workforce development areas. The City in PY 2008-2009 was able to pledge local match amount of certifiable expenses totaling \$115,200. This certification could draw down an additional \$115,000 from the Department of Labor for childcare quality improvements to enhance existing children's programs currently operating in the City of Brownsville.

The recent economic changes in Brownsville have led to growth in the number of low- as well as high-paying jobs. The core of any plan to combat poverty within the City must be the creation of secure, well-paying jobs. However, housing is a major component of the plan, since a secure and affordable residence allows household members to pursue jobs, education and training without having to worry about the threat of homelessness. The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Corporation continue to play a significant role in attracting employers and tourists to the City and developing programs for existing businesses. Local non-profit service organizations also provide critical resources to combat poverty and promote family self-sufficiency.

Brownsville's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) continues to be instrumental to the Anti-Poverty Plan. CDBG funds are utilized for a variety of activities, including improving City infrastructure, such as streets and drainage, and to rehabilitate single owner-occupied housing for the lower-income, disabled and/or elderly households. During PY 2009/2010, the City will continue to provide Community Development Block Grant funds to a variety of projects and programs that make available an extensive range of social service services to low- income individuals and families in need.

Several affordable housing programs designed to assist low-income families are operating in Brownsville. For example, the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation acquires lots to build homes for low-income families in various parts of the city. The City of Brownsville is administering a down payment assistance program that assists eligible first-time homebuyers with down payment and closing cost assistance. Furthermore, the Brownsville Housing Authority has built a multi-family rental housing structure that provides affordable housing for the elderly.

HOME funds received by the City of Brownsville are used in conjunction with CDBG funding to continue new construction and existing housing efforts. CDBG funds also continue to be used for housing rehabilitation activities. Zero interest loans and deferred loan housing programs allow applicants to live in standard housing and give residents a feeling of empowerment through homeownership. The HOME programs help individuals and families obtain the American Dream of "Homeownership". The City of Brownsville continues to work at improving the rental stock available to low- and moderate-income persons, specifically in the area identified as the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRSA).

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

I. Non-Homeless Special Needs

As indicated in the RGVECs' CPS, there are several populations who require more focused attention beyond their emergency shelter needs. These include the following:

- elderly and frail elderly;
- people with severe mental illnesses;
- people with disabilities (mental, physical, and developmental);
- people with alcohol or other drug addictions;
- people with HIV/AIDS or other related diseases;
- youth and;
- public housing residents and families on waiting lists.

These populations have "special needs" and they oftentimes fall into multiple special needs categories.

The following special needs populations have been identified as the City of Brownsville's highest priorities for non-homeless special needs housing and supportive service assistance for the PY 2009-2010 One-Year Action Plan:

A. Elderly and Frail Elderly

For PY 2009/2010, the City of Brownsville will provide CDBG funding to Amigos Del Valle.

- Funding for Amigos Del Valle, Inc. will cover the personnel and mileage costs to deliver lunches to homebound elders in the city of Brownsville in the amount of \$30,000.
- The City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department continues to make available a owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. The City projects the rehabilitation of twenty five (25) units by assisting eligible aged and disabled applicants bring their homes up to local housing codes. This assistance is in the form of five (5) and ten (10) year deferred loans, providing accessibility modifications as needed and general property improvements. The assistance also provides grants and low-interest loans according to the program guidelines and eligibility for the non-elderly or disabled.

- In 2009-2010, the City will also implement a program targeted at low income families that may need assistance in rehabilitating their homes. These funds in the amount of \$601,641 may also be in the form of a deferred loan. However, it will first target the elderly and disabled and then a percentage will be used to assist families with jobs.

B. Severe Mental Illness

- For PY 2009/2010, no specific programs were funded to assist people with severe mental illnesses.

C. Developmentally Disabled/Physically Disabled

For PY 2009/2010, the City will provide funding to the Moody Clinic in the amount of \$72,500.

- The Moody Clinic provides rehabilitation services for children, including partial salaries for a speech/language Therapist, physical therapist, and occupational therapist.

D. Substance Abusers

For PY 2009-2010, Palmer Drug Abuse Program will assist individuals with alcohol and other drug addictions.

- Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) is a community based program offering recovery from substance abuse and addiction. It provides individual counseling and group support to all age groups, and was awarded \$30,000. PDAP however, focuses on the needs of young adults and their families. Funds will be used to pay the Counselors salary.

E. Persons with AIDS and related diseases:

For PY 2009/2010, the City will provide CDBG funding in the amount of \$58,469 to Valley AIDS Council, Inc.

- Valley AIDS Council will use the funds to provide clients with medication, Lab work, and HIV screening.

F. Victims of Domestic Violence

For PY 2009/2010, the City will provide ESG funding in the amount of \$43,792 to Friendship of Women, Inc.

- ESG funds will be used for Essential Services and Operations expenses incurred by the Friendship of Women, Inc. for the Children's Program at the Shelter for Abused Spouses.

G. Veterans

For PY 2009/2010, 2 specific housing programs will continue to be funded to assist veterans returning from the Iraqi war. The amounts funded were as follows:

1. Valley Homes for Heroes \$165,000 (FY08)
2. Rehab Program for Veterans \$100,000 (FY 05)

H. Youth

The City of Brownsville has identified youth as a special needs population. As Brownsville's young population continues to grow, services must also be offered during the summer months. Since other local agencies which previously provided similar programs during the summer can no longer meet the need of our youth community. The City also believes that youth must be provided with alternatives to drugs and violence.

During PY 2009/2010, the City will provide CDBG funding to the following agencies, Cameron County Juvenile Probation Department- Weed and Seed Youth Center Initiative Program (\$17,668); Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) (\$39,393); Moody Clinic (\$72,500); Tip Of Texas Family Outreach -Success with Parenting (\$32,927); Infant Nutrition Program (\$10,000); and Girl Scouts – Tip of Texas Council (\$3,471).

- Funding for the Cameron County Juvenile Probation Weed and Seed Program will be used to pay partial salary for Youth Center Services Coordinator, Part-time summer assistance, gym equipment, Youth program supplies, office supplies, and travel for at risk youth between the ages of nine and twelve.
- Funding for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will be used to fund the salary, benefits and mileage for a Caseworker for Brownsville.
- Moody Clinic provides physical therapy services for children. Funds will be used to provide partial salary to Speech/Language Pathologist's, Physical Therapist, and the Occupational Therapist; all full-time positions for the Rehabilitation Services for Children program.
- Funding for Tip Of Texas Family Outreach - "At Risk Prevention Program" will be used to reimburse a portion of salaries and operations and maintenance expenses at Tip of Texas Family Outreach program.
- Infant Nutrition Program- Provides parents/caregivers with free bilingual prenatal and family nutrition classes designed to promote positive health and eating habits for infants, children and families, targeting obesity in children.
- Funding for the Girl Scouts – Tip of Texas Council will be utilize to purchase arts and crafts materials for activities that are offered at the community center throughout the year for low and moderate income participants.
- Funding for the City of Brownsville – Summer Youth Development Outreach Program will be used to purchase gym equipment for summer recreation activities for young people and at the same time promote good health.

II. Federal, State and Local Public and Private Sector Resources Available

Unemployment, low-paying jobs, and a lack of financial resources are the major obstacles involved in addressing the underserved needs of the city. Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley remain at the bottom of virtually all statistical indicators concerning economic hardship. Efforts to overcome these obstacles become a major challenge when one considers what gives rise to these obstacles. In order to overcome these challenges, the City continues to build on existing resources, such as the Ozaman Center (an emergency shelter for the homeless), the Good Neighbor

Settlement House (a soup kitchen), the Friendship of Women (a shelter for battered women), and various other organizations.

Various resources exist to address the identified housing and supportive service needs of non-homeless special needs populations. Two major sources of federal funding assist the City of Brownsville in its efforts to address their housing and supportive service needs for the non-homeless special needs population: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CDBG Program funds a variety of housing and community development activities, including housing rehabilitation, acquisition, and predevelopment costs; public facilities and improvements; clearance and demolition; public services; and planning and administration. The HOME Program funds a variety of eligible affordable housing activities, including new construction, rental rehab, and homeownership assistance, (both direct and indirect), as well as administration for its HOME programs.

The City of Brownsville recognizes that quality early learning experiences lead to success in school, reduction in crime rates, a prepared workforce, improved economic development, and ultimately, success in life.

The Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) program and the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs-Emergency Shelter Grants Program (TDHCA-ESGP) supplements local funding for homeless shelter operations and other homeless activities. Local public housing agencies receive Section 8 Voucher/Certificate Program funds from HUD that provide rental subsidies for eligible low-income households. In addition, several communities receive Rural Development funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

State funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) may be used to support a variety of housing programs such as rehabilitation assistance, new construction, and first-time homebuyer assistance for low- and moderate-income households.

State funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) may be used for limited housing rehabilitation and water/wastewater connections in colonias areas. Additionally, the TWDB offers a grant program for extremely low-income households living in the colonias.

Local government funds cover basic community services such as fire/police protection, infrastructure maintenance/development, water/wastewater services, and a variety of other public services.

Private sources of funding include local lenders who have committed continued support in leveraging federal funds for housing and community development activities. There are also numerous dedicated nonprofit organizations working to address housing and community development needs. The City of Brownsville will continue to encourage and support nonprofit organizations in securing additional funds, assisting them whenever possible.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

*Please also refer to the HOPWA Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of

the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.

2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.
3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.
4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Program Year 5 Action Plan HOPWA response:

Not Applicable. The City of Brownsville does not receive HOPWA Funds.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Program Year 5 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

Not Applicable.

Other Narrative

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

Not Applicable.

Project Sheets

Project Name: Engineering - Streets 2009-2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
PFI - STREETS - CDBG funds will be used to improve approximately one (1) mile of streets in CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville. All streets are located in CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville. Reconstruction will include [1] W. St. Charles St., from W. 13th to W. 15th; [2] W. Levee Street, from W. 13th to W. 14th; and [3] W. Elizabeth St., from W. 15th to Boca Chica Blvd.				
Location: City Engineering Department P.O. Box 911 Brownsville, TX 78520-0911	Priority Need Category Select one: Infrastructure			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Reconstruction of the streets will alleviate for safer driving conditions, help prevent accidents, and help provide for a better quality of life. The Engineering Department will match dollar for dollar the CDBG allocation.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons 2 3			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed 13,197	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Improved availability or accessibility of the suitable living environment by constructing street projects.	Number of low to moderate income people benefiting from the completed streets improvements.			
03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt. \$1,349,422	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: COB - Sidewalks 2009-2010					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726				
PFI- SIDEWALKS - The City of Brownsville will construct about 6,000 linear feet of new four feet wide sidewalks throughout the city in eligible CDBG areas. The sidewalk reconstruction will focus at locations near schools for children's safety and where there are no sidewalks. The program will assist in preventing accidents, promoting walking exercise, and overall safety for citizens of Brownsville.					
Location: City of Brownsville	Priority Need Category Select one: Infrastructure				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Sidewalks will be built around schools for children safety and in other eligible areas in the city where there are no sidewalks.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons 2 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	2,289	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Improved availability or accessibility of the suitable living environment by constructing sidewalks.	Number of low to moderate income persons benefiting from the construction of new sidewalks.				
03L Sidewalks 570.201(c)	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$100,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Section 108 Linear Park Loan - 2009-2010					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726				
PFI- SECTION 108 LINEAR PARK LOAN - The City of Brownsville has allocated \$230,400 for the repayment of the Linear Park Project, Section 108 loan.					
Location: City of Brownsville Finance Department P.O. Box 911, Brownsville, TX RE: Linear Park	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Facilities				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: The Southern Pacific Linear Park is the starting point of the Historic Battlefield Trail. The Linear Park serves as a linkage or gateway to both Downtown Brownsville and Cultural District No. 1. The old Southern Pacific switch-hard was redeveloped into a modern multi-use linear park.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons				
	2				
	3				
Project-level Accomplishments	11 Public Facilities	Proposed	1	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Multi-use Park; Neighborhood Revitalization: Promote Sustainability/Livability by improving health & safety of	The development of one public facility (park) and Improved safety and beautification of neighborhood environs.	A multi-use park that promotes a more welcoming ambiance.			
03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c)	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$230,400	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Section 108 Cabler Park Loan - 2009-2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
PFI- SECTION 108 CABLER PARK LOAN - The City of Brownsville has allocated an additional \$161,902 for the construction of a new gymnasium of about 12,000 square feet in the city's eastside CDBG eligible area.				
Location: City of Brownsville Cabler Park	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Facilities ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: The Cabler Park is located in the east side of Brownsville's CDBG designated area, where the construction of the new gymnasium is to be located.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	11 Public Facilities ▼	Proposed 1	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
1 Gymnasium (Public Facility)	# of persons served which used the new gym			
03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$161,902	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: ADV - 2009/2010 Senior Home Delivered Lunch Meals					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726				
SS: Amigos Del Valle, Inc. was allocated \$30,000 of CDBG funds to pay for .40% of personnel salaries, and raw food and consumables, transportation, and other miscellaneous expenses incurred to deliver lunch meals to 28 elderly individuals in the city of Brownsville, Texas.					
Location: Amigos Del Valle, Inc. 2575 Russell Drive Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: The Senior Home Delivered Lunch Meals project will provide 6,098 hot noon meals at a service rate of \$4.92 per meal to 28 unduplicated Brownsville seniors.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	28	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Improved Access/Availability of the Suitable Living Environment: Assist in meeting daily nutritional needs of 40	Number of homebound seniors' receiving daily meals.				
05A Senior Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$30,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: BALC - Mobile Learning Lab (2009/2010)				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: CDBG funds (\$10,000) will be used to reimburse the Brownsville Adult Literacy Council, Inc. for some of the Mobile Learning Lab's fuel and oil expenses. The Mobile Learning Lab uses multi-media technology, delivers program (ABE/GED/ESL, keyboarding, developmental reading, career assessments, life/work skills) to remote areas throughout Brownsville, Texas.				
Location: Bro. Adult Literacy Center 1235 E. Jefferson ST Brownsville, TX 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Brownsville Adult Literacy Council, Inc. promotes literacy in the Brownsville area by providing appropriate and accessible educational programs designed to meet the needs of underserved adults.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons ▼ 3 ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 300	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environment	100 people served.			
05H Employment Training 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$10,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: BCHC Glucometer Program 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: CDBG funds (\$20,000) will be used to provide home blood glucose monitoring equipment for the Brownsville Community Health Clinic's diabetic patients without medical insurance, who may purchase supplies at an affordable price.				
Location: Bro. Community Health Center 2137 E. 22nd St. Brownsville, TX 78521	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: With CDBG funds, BCHC can provide test strips at a cost to the patient of \$10 to \$20 per month. The average montly costs of medications for an uninsured diabetic is \$40. The ADA recommends home blood glucose monitoring at least once a day. The test strips average \$40-\$50 per month.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons 3			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed 1,100	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Greater availability/accessibility for suitable living environment.	1,400 Individuals assisted with home blood glucose monitoring equipment			
05H Employment Training 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt. \$20,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Brownsville Weed & Seed Youth Center & Community Outreach Project 09/10		
Description:	IDIS Project #: <input type="text"/> UOG Code: TX480726	
SS: \$17,668 in CDBG funds have been allocated for the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department to operate its Brownsville Weed & Seed Youth Center & Community Outreach Project.		
Location: 35 Orange Street Brownsville, Texas 78521	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services <input type="text"/>	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: This program provides a safe haven for community youth and provides afterschool activities for children between the ages of 6-17. The program will expand services to approximately 50 youths in the west side area by addressing truancy issues. Students placed on a truancy contract will attend the youth center and participate in leadership sessions and community service outings.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons <input type="text"/> 2 <input type="text"/> 3 <input type="text"/>	
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People <input type="text"/> Proposed 150 Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	
	Underway	
	Complete	
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	
	Underway	
	Complete	
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	
	Underway	
	Complete	
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome
Greater Availability/Accessibility for a suitable living environment	150 persons served.	
05D Youth Services 570.201(e) <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Program Year 5	CDBG <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. \$17,668	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	Actual Amount	Actual Amount
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	Actual Amount	Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	Actual Units	Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	Actual Units	Actual Units

Project Name: CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$39,393 of CDBG funds have been allocated for CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties, Inc. to partially fund the personnel and other operational expenses to provide advocacy services for children who are victims of abuse and/or neglect whose case is currently in the court system.				
Location:	Priority Need Category			
CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties, Inc. 1175 West Price Road, Suite 3 Brownsville, TX 78520	Select one: Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: CASA provides advocacy services to children that have been victims of abuse and neglect, and their case is in the court system. CASA ensures the children are in stable foster homes or in stable homes with relative placement and that the child is functioning well in school and is receiving all possible services as needed. Their goal is to place the child(ren) in a safe, permanent home within one year.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 85	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments: low income children in the legal system.	# of Children served. Monthly performance reports will be submitted and City Staff will monitor.			
05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$39,393	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: COB PH - Municipal Vector Patrol 2009-2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS - MUNICIPAL VECTOR PATROL - \$20,000 of CDBG funds have been allocated to the City of Brownsville's Public Health Department for its Municipal Vector Patrol (MVP) program, to provide partial funding for the purchase of a ULV London Fogger Model 18-20 machine that releases insecticides that aid in mosquito control.				
Location: City Public Health Department P.O. Box 911 Brownsville, TX 78520-0911	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼ Explanation:			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	This program will promote environmental health awareness and reduce health disparities by eliminating and preventing conditions that contribute to the onset of mosquito borne illnesses.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 10,000	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Improved availability or accessibility of a suitable and healthier living environment.	Number of low to moderate income people benefiting .			
05M Health Services 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$20,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: BPL - New Computer Purchases (2009/2010)						
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726					
SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated \$50,000 of CDBG funds to purchase new computers. They will replace older computers that were purchased in 2004, which are no longer covered by a factory warranty. This will allow the Library to continue offering the residents of the Southmost area with free reliable computing resources.						
Location:	Priority Need Category					
Brownsville Public Library Southmost Branch Library 4320 Southmost Blvd. Brownsville, Texas 78521	Select one: Public Services ▼					
Expected Completion Date:	Explanation:					
9/30/2010	The computers are used by the residents of the Southmost area to do GED practice exams, homework help, resume building, job searches, online training, continuing education classes, career advancement, and numerous other functions.					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼ 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons ▼					
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed	6,000	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome				
Purchase new computers.	# of person served. Monthly performance reports and staff visits will verify delivery of services.					
05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$50,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	

Project Name: CCC: Financial Literacy & Housing Education Program 2009/2010					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726				
SS: \$22,500 of CDBG funds have been allocated to the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of South Texas to partially fund the operation expenses.					
Location: City-wide program. Consumer Credit Counseling 6634 E. Levee Brownsville, TX 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: This program will address a variety of housing counseling needs, including housing, pre- and post-purchase, home equity, delinquency, mortgage default, home homeownership retention, and loss mitigation counseling.				
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve access to affordable owner housing 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	300	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	04 Households	Proposed	200	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments: Housing Counseling to families in Brownsville.	# of families served. Monthly performance reports.				
31I Housing information services	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$22,500	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: GS - Girl Assistance Program 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$3,471 of CDBG funds have been allocated to the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas to fund the Girl Assistance Program - an outreach program that serves girls who urgently need to build confidence, self-esteem, and core values.				
Location: Girl Scouts of Greater S. TX 202 E. Madison Ave. Harlingen, TX 78550	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: This program will provide funds to allow Brownsville low income families have their daughter(s) participate in Girl Scouts, which will offer a preventive, informal educational program that creates opportunities for positive girl development in a caring and nurturing environment.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 3			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed 450	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Greater Availability/Accessibility for a suitable living environment	Girl Scouts assisted.			
05D Youth Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt. \$3,471	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Infant & Family Nutrition Education Program (2009/2010)		
Description:	IDIS Project #: <input type="text"/> UOG Code: TX480726	
SS: \$10,000 of CDBG funds were allocated to the Infant and Family Nutrition Agency to provide funding for its Infant and Family Nutrition Education Program. It will a portion of the operational expenses.		
Location: Infant & Family Nutrition Agency 1225 Boca Chica Blvd. Brownsville, TX 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: <input type="text" value="Public Services"/>	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: The Infant & Family Nutrition Education Program serves low-income parents/caregivers with free bilingual prenatal and family nutrition classes designed to promote positive health and eating habits for infants, children, and families, preventing health problems and promoting the healthy development of children.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 <input type="text" value="Improve the services for low/mod income persons"/> 2 <input type="text"/> 3 <input type="text"/>	
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People <input type="text"/> Proposed 1,983 Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	
	Underway	
	Complete	
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	
	Underway	
	Complete	
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	
	Underway	
	Complete	
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome
Improved awareness for Pregnant Women on Prenatal nutrition and care; and improved awareness on healthy	# of person served. Monthly performance reports and staff visits will verify delivery of services.	
05M Health Services 570.201(e) <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Program Year 5	CDBG <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. \$10,000	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	Actual Amount	Actual Amount
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	Actual Amount	Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	Actual Units	Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	Actual Units	Actual Units

Project Name: Moody Clinic - Rehabilitative Services for Children 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$72,500 of CDBG funds have been allocated to the Brownsville Society for Crippled Children, Inc. (d/b/a Moody Clinic) for its rehabilitative services for children program. These funds will partially fund the salary for the Executive Director/Speech Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech Therapist, and Occupational Therapist.				
Location: 1901 E. 22nd Street Brownsville, TX 78521	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: This program provides rehabilitative services for children age birth to 21 years. It also provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech/language therapy. Low-income children are scheduled to receive therapy sessions to increase functional capabilities.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons 3			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed 325	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments	Individuals assisted.			
05B Handicapped Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt. \$72,500	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: PDAP: Bridge to Recovery! 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$30,000 of CDBG funds will be used to fund a partial of the operating expenses at the Palmer Drug Abuse Program Brownsville, Inc.				
Location: Palmer Drug Abuse Program 1275 Cottonwood Dr. Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: PDAP is a community-based program that offers recovery from substance abuse and addiction. It also provides individual counseling and group support services to all age groups. PDAP is the only free outpatient substance abuse recovery program for adolescents, young adults, and families in the LRGV.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼ 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 5,200	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome Provide greater availability/accessibility for creating a suitable living environment.	Performance Measure # of individuals served.	Actual Outcome		
05F Substance Abuse Services 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$30,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name:		Planned Parenthood Southmost Health Center (2009/2010)					
Description:		IDIS Project #:		UOG Code:		TX480726	
SS: \$28,000 of CDBG funds were allocated to the Planned Parenthood Association of Cameron & Willacy Counties, Inc./Southmost Road Health Center, in Brownsville, Texas. The funds will provide partial funding for the salaries of the Chief Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Practitioner, Clinic Manager, and the Medical Assistant.							
Location:		Priority Need Category					
Main Office: Planned Parenthood 1005 W. Harrison Avenue Harlingen, TX 78550		Select one:		Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date:		Explanation:					
9/30/2010		Planned Parenthood will provide women in the Southmost area with contraceptive services, screening for breast/cervical cancer and diabetes, case management for teen mothers, and outreach and education to the community. 95% of the clients are uninsured and without preventive health care.					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity		Specific Objectives					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability		1	Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼				
		2	Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼				
		3					
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed	840		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	04 Households ▼	Proposed	795		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
Proposed Outcome		Performance Measure			Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Available of Suitable Living Environments		Individuals Served					
05M Health Services 570.201(e) ▼				Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼				Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼				Matrix Codes ▼			
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$28,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount		
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount		
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		
		Actual Units			Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		
		Actual Units			Actual Units		

Project Name:		Ronald McDonald House Charities of the RGV 2009/2010					
Description:		IDIS Project #:		UOG Code:		TX480726	
SS: \$25,000 of CDBG funds will be used to fund a portion of the operations at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Rio Grande Valley: Partial wages of Personnel, Telephone, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Utilities, Insurance, and other operational expenses.							
Location:		Priority Need Category					
Ronald McDonald House 1720 Treasure Hills Blvd. Harlingen, TX 78550		Select one:		Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date:		Explanation:					
9/30/2010		Located in Harlingen, the valley's Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children who are receiving specialized pediatric medical care in Harlingen that is not available in Brownsville. Brownsville is the top city served by this program, with 77% more families coming from Brownsville than from any other city.					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity		Specific Objectives					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability		1	Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼				
		2	Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼				
		3					
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed	350		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	04 Households ▼	Proposed	75		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
Proposed Outcome		Performance Measure			Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments		# of Families served.					
05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼		Matrix Codes ▼			Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼			Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼			Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$25,000		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units				Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units				Actual Units	

Project Name: Sunshine Haven 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$22,500 of CDBG funds have been allocated to Sunshine Haven, Inc., to partially fund the operational expenses.				
Location: Sunshine Haven Incorporated P.O. Box 4478 Brownsville, TX 78523-4478	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Sunshine Haven provides residential end-of-life care on a donation-only basis to primarily low-income terminally-ill residents of Cameron County. It is the only Cameron County Special Care facility dedicated to providing such residential care. Its services offer housing and 24/7 nursing care at no cost to low-income patients that cannot be cared for comfortably at home.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons 3			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed 50	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
		Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments: home-away-from-home for low-income families, while	# of persons served. Monthly Performance Reports. Site visits by City Staff.			
05M Health Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt. \$22,500	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: TOTFO - At Risk Prevention Program (2009/2010)				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$32,927 of CDBG funds have been allocated to Tip of Texas Family Outreach for the At Risk Prevention Program to reimburse a portion of salaries and operational expenses. This program provides educational and supportive services to low-income, "at risk" families for the prevention of child abuse.				
Location: Tip of Texas Family Outreach 455 E. Levee St. Brownsville, TX 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: This program will offer family strengthening outreach services to families through in home case management, parenting classes, in home mental health services, and referral services. TOTFO provides the only case management and parenting classes specifically designed to prevent child abuse and neglect.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed 1,325	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	04 Households	Proposed 335	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments: Improve family function, and prevent child abuse	# of persons and families assisted. Monthly performance reports; and City staff will make site visits.			
05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt. \$32,927	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Volunteer Tax Assistance Program - 2009/2010					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726				
SS: \$14,000 of CDBG funds has been allocated to United Way of Southern Cameron County for its Volunteer Tax Assistance Program. It will fund partial salary expenses for the EITC Coordinator and the EITC Site Worker positions.					
Location: United Way of Southern Cameron County 634 E. Levee St. Brownsville, TX 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community to implement strategies to achieve measurable results to successful children, strong families, and a prospering community. The Volunteer Tax Assistance Program assists families earning less than \$40,000 to file their income taxes for free, assisting them to claim many tax credits that help move them above the poverty level.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	900	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments: Improve family function, and prevent child abuse	# of persons and families assisted. Monthly performance reports; and City staff will make site visits.				
05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$14,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Valley AIDS Council, Inc. 2009/2010					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726				
SS: \$58,500 of CDBG funds have been allocated to Valley AIDS Council, Inc. which will pay for partial operational expenses.					
Location: Main Office located at 418 E. Tyler, Suite A/B Harlingen, TX 78550	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Valley AIDS Council provides education, counseling, and HIV testing to individuals. VAC will provide laboratory and pharmacy assistance to individuals who are already HIV infected. HIV has experienced an increase in new patients at a rate of 20% per year since 1999. Lab and medication services has been expanded.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	148	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	04 Households	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments	# of persons assisted				
05M Health Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$58,469	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name:		FOW - Children's Domestic Violence Program 2009/2010					
Description:		IDIS Project #:		UOG Code:		TX480726	
SS: \$43,792 of ESG funds have been allocated to Friendship of Women, Inc. to partially fund the operational expenses incurred for the Children's Program.							
Location:		Priority Need Category					
Friendship of Women, Inc. P.O. Box 3112 Brownsville, TX 78523		Select one:		Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date:		Explanation:					
9/30/2010		This program will provide support to children who come from a violent home environment. FOW provides a 24-hour hotline, safe shelter, crisis intervention, case management, counseling, and educational activities that helps in positive ways to cope with their victimization and feelings.					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity		Specific Objectives					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability		1	Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼				
		2	▼				
		3	▼				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed	400		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	04 Households ▼	Proposed	115		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
Proposed Outcome		Performance Measure			Actual Outcome		
Improve Access/Availibility of Suitable Living Enviornments		# of Children assisted					
05G Battered and Abused Spouses 570.201(e) ▼		Matrix Codes ▼					
Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼					
Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼					
Program Year 5	ESG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$43,792		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units				Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units				Actual Units	

Project Name: Good Neighbor Settlement House, Inc. 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$39,000 of ESG funds have been allocated to Good Neighbor Settlement House to pay for partial operations cost for delivery of Essential Services to the unemployed, underemployed, and homeless men, women, and children in the community.				
Location: Good Neighbor Settlement House 1254 E. Tyler Street Brownsville, TX 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Facilities			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Good Neighbor Settlement House (GNSH) - soup kitchen - currently provides three hot meals a day, Monday-Friday; daily shower facilities for men & women; change of clothing for the homeless; and has a food pantry, postal services, and telephone (local calls) services available for the needy men, women, and children of the community. GNSH also has after-school tutoring & summer programs for the children in the surrounding area.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed 8,900	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Increase Access/Availability for a suitable living environment.	# of persons assisted.			
03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	ESG	Proposed Amt. \$39,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing Program (2009/2010)				
Description:	IDIS Project #: <input type="text"/> UOG Code: TX480726			
SS: \$61,701 of ESG funds have been allocated for The Bishop Enrique San Pedro, Ozanam Center, Inc., to partially fund the operational expenses incurred, to provide emergency shelter to homeless individuals.				
Location: Ozanam Center, Inc. 656 N. Minnesota Ave. Brownsville, TX 78521	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services <input type="text"/>			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: The Ozanam homeless shelter provides shelter, meals, showers, and clothing to homeless individuals and families under a non-discriminatory basis. They help the client obtain essential services, referrals, and tools for self-sufficiency for those clients willing to improve their quality of life. Ozanam is the only homeless shelter in the city of Brownsville and in the region.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 End chronic homelessness <input type="text"/> 2 <input type="text"/> 3 <input type="text"/>			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People <input type="text"/>	Proposed 1,652	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Increase Access/Availability of Affordable Housing Opportunities: City's homeless population.	# of families and # of individuals provided with sheiter, meals, and essential services. Monthly performance reports will be			
03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>			
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>			
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>			
Program Year 5	ESG <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt. \$61,701	Fund Source: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program (2009/2010)				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
HOUSING: HOME funds in the amount of \$450,000 will be used to fund the Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program, which will provide down payment and closing costs assistance for the purchase of an existing or new home in Brownsville for qualified applicants that have an annual income at or below 80% of the median family income, as established by HUD.				
Location:	Priority Need Category			
City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Select one: Owner Occupied Housing ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: HOME funds will be used for down payment and closing costs assistance that are provided to eligible families (80% or below of AMFI).			
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve access to affordable owner housing ▼ 2 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 3 Increase the availability of affordable owner housing ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	10 Housing Units ▼	Proposed 40	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Access to Down Payment Assistance and Closing Costs to provide improved access to affordable owner-housing.	# of individuals assisted.			
13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Program Year 5	HOME ▼	Proposed Amt. \$450,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accmpl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Homeowner Reconstruction Program (2009/2010)					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726				
HOUSING: \$601,641 of HOME funds have been allocated for the Homeowner Reconstruction Program, which will provide funding for the reconstruction of eight homeowner occupied housing units that have been determined that it would not be cost effective to make moderate rehabilitation improvements.					
Location: City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Owner Occupied Housing				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: HOME funds will be used for reconstruction housing assistance that will be provided to eligible families (80% or below of AMFI).				
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve the quality of owner housing 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons				
Project-level Accomplishments	10 Housing Units	Proposed	8	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Improved housing conditions for the safety and health of beneficiaries.	# of individuals assisted.				
13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n)	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 5	HOME	Proposed Amt.	\$601,641	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (2009/2010)				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
HOUSING: \$200,000 of HOME funds have been allocated for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, which will provide rental subsidy to those eligible applicants to afford housing costs, such as rent and security deposits. Applicants will also be assisted with utility deposits only when assisted with rental assistance or assistance for security deposits.				
Location: City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Rental Housing			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: TBRA will provide rental subsidy to those eligible applicants afford housing costs, such as rent and security deposits. Applicants will also be assisted with utility deposits only when assisted with rental assistance or security deposits. This program will allow tenants to choose the rental property of their choice.			
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve access to affordable rental housing 3 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons			
Project-level Accomplishments	10 Housing Units	Proposed 20	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Increased access to affordable rental housing.	# of individuals assisted.			
05S Rental Housing Subsidies (if HOME, not part of 5% 570.204	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 5	HOME	Proposed Amt. \$200,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: HOME Admin 2009/2010			
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726		
HOME Admin: 10% maximum of the total HOME annual allocation [\$1,301,823 x 10% = \$130,182] will be used for eligible and reasonable planning and administrative costs, such as program management, coordination, planning, monitoring, and evaluation activities.			
Location:	Priority Need Category		
City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Select one: Planning/Administration ▼		
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Eligible administrative and planning costs include expenditures for salaries, wages, and related costs of staff persons responsible for HOME Program administration. Other costs include goods and services necessary for administration, providing public information, fair housing activities, indirect cost allocation, etc.		
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives		
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve access to affordable owner housing ▼ 2 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 3 Improve the quality of owner housing ▼		
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Proposed Outcome Performance Measure Actual Outcome		
	Effective Administration of HOME Program.		Assistance provided for Affordable Housing funded through the use of HOME funds.
	21H HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (subject to 5% cap) ▼		Matrix Codes ▼
	Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼
	Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼
	Program Year 5	HOME ▼ Proposed Amt. \$130,182 Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount		Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount	
Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units		Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	
Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units		Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	

Project Name: Planning & Administration 2009/2010		
Description:	IDIS Project #: <input type="text"/> UOG Code: TX480726	
CDBG funds in the amount of \$675,278 will be used to fund the administration of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs.		
Location: Planning & Community Development Department 1150 E. Adams Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: <input type="text" value="Planning/Administration"/> ▼	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: This project will pay salaries, benefits, and other operational, and maintenance costs associated with the administration of CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 <input type="text" value="Improve the services for low/mod income persons"/> ▼	
	2 <input type="text"/> ▼	
	3 <input type="text"/> ▼	
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>	
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>	
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	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>	
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>	
Proposed Outcome High Standards of Management and Accountability	Performance Measure Program operations and compliance	Actual Outcome
21A General Program Administration 570.206 ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼ Proposed Amt. \$675,238 Actual Amount <input type="text"/>	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>
	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>
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Project Name: Finance/Accounting 2009/2010		
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726	
CDBG funds in the amount of \$38,000 will be used to fund the salary of the financial administrator of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs.		
Location: Finance Department P.O. Box 911 Brownsville, TX 78522-0911	Priority Need Category Select one: Planning/Administration ▼	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: These funds will be used to fund the Accounting person in the Finance Department of the City of Brownsville.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼	
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Proposed Outcome	
	Performance Measure	
	Actual Outcome	
	High Standards of Management and Accountability: maintenance of financial records related to HUD entitlement	
	Program operations and compliance; Financial Summary Reports	
	21A General Program Administration 570.206 ▼ Matrix Codes ▼	
Matrix Codes ▼ Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼ Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼ Proposed Amt. \$38,000	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.
	Actual Amount	Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.
	Actual Amount	Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units
	Actual Units	Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units
	Actual Units	Actual Units

Project Name: Indirect Cost 2009/2010				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726			
CDBG funds in the amount of \$31,000 will be used for the Planning & Community Development Department's share of services provided by the Finance, Purchasing, City Secretary, and Human Resources Departments.				
Location: Planning & Community Development Department 1150 E. Adams Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Planning/Administration			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Finance, Purchasing, City Secretary, and Human Resources Departments provide services throughout the year to the Planning & Community Development Department.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 3			
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete		
	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete		
	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete		
	Proposed Outcome			
	Performance Measure			
	Actual Outcome			
	High Standards of Management and Accountability			
	Program operations and compliance			
	21B Indirect Costs 570.206			
Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes				
Program Year 5	CDBG	Proposed Amt. \$31,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Code Enforcement 2009/2010						
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726					
CDBG funding (\$189,802) will provide for 2 code enforcement officers & 1 Housing Inspector to provide inspections for the demolition & rehabilitation projects. These funds will also be used to complete clearance & demolition activities to eliminate slum & blight through the removal of dilapidated structures.						
Location: Planning & Community Development Department 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Planning/Administration ▼					
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2010	Explanation: Code Enforcement - Project provides salaries for two code enforcement officers and a Housing Inspector to inspect dilapidated structures and order them to be condemned as necessary. Rehabilitation and down payment assistance projects are also inspected by the Housing Inspector/code enforcement officers to					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons ▼ 3 ▼					
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome				
Improve Access/Availability of Suitable Living Environments: Eliminate dilapidated structures in CDBG eligible	Documentation of condemned structures and structures ordered to be demolished. Surveys of the condition of targeted					
15 Code Enforcement 570.202(c) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$189,802	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	

Tables for Action Plan

Table 1: Low- and Moderate-Income Concentration by Census Tract

Tract	POP100	HU100	PMOD	PLOW	PVLOW	LOWMOD	LOWMODUNIV	LOWMODPCT
012504 Total	5457	1596	2025	1215	650	2025	5457	37.1%
012506 Total	147	57	67	46	42	67	70	95.7%
012507 Total	3536	894	2420	1626	918	2420	3653	66.2%
012508 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
012604 Total	1036	419	647	428	272	647	1024	63.2%
012605 Total	93	27	0	0	0	0	63	0.0%
012606 Total	1623	436	289	205	45	289	1707	16.9%
012607 Total	2072	521	1246	608	204	1246	2119	58.8%
012608 Total	2833	970	1314	758	438	1314	2970	44.2%
012609 Total	103	26	33	33	18	33	79	41.8%
012610 Total	1192	344	1096	893	667	1096	1264	86.7%
012611 Total	1454	596	732	620	446	732	1496	48.9%
012612 Total	5543	1535	1714	987	306	1714	5543	30.9%
012613 Total	4895	1551	1316	749	471	1316	4895	26.9%
012800 Total	4803	1385	3015	2032	1134	3015	4803	62.8%
012900 Total	3743	1737	1535	1005	576	1535	3648	42.1%
013002 Total	4264	1701	1812	1022	541	1812	4264	42.5%
013003 Total	2158	706	1145	873	580	1145	1981	57.8%
013004 Total	3252	1113	1487	899	429	1487	3249	45.8%
013102 Total	2126	834	615	358	169	615	2143	28.7%
013104 Total	3848	1319	1420	995	620	1420	3726	38.1%
013106 Total	4320	1280	2846	2119	1138	2846	4319	65.9%
013203 Total	2474	745	1590	1214	888	1590	2388	66.6%
013204 Total	2515	772	1428	837	460	1428	2544	56.1%
013205 Total	3436	965	1730	921	477	1730	3471	49.8%
013206 Total	400	87	225	225	205	225	247	91.1%
013207 Total	141	217	76	76	40	76	107	71.0%
013208 Total	2448	854	1788	1191	570	1788	2443	73.2%
013303 Total	3603	1044	1758	701	344	1758	3603	48.8%
013304 Total	3745	1223	1953	1397	859	1953	3619	54.0%
013305 Total	5390	1282	3550	2032	1107	3550	5428	65.4%
013306 Total	3115	704	2259	1246	695	2259	3165	71.4%
013307 Total	2617	638	2004	1451	764	2004	2592	77.3%
013308 Total	2602	594	1740	1075	522	1740	2690	64.7%
013309 Total	3070	645	2387	1356	562	2387	3049	78.3%
013401 Total	3122	952	2561	1934	1096	2561	3121	82.1%
013402 Total	2629	748	2099	1404	608	2099	2668	78.7%
013500 Total	2186	793	678	441	338	678	2135	31.8%
013600 Total	4007	1271	2224	1444	906	2224	3671	60.6%
013700 Total	4387	1396	2986	2158	1356	2986	4343	68.8%
013801 Total	3726	943	2420	1984	1393	2420	2954	81.9%
013802 Total	4027	1225	3153	2277	1440	3153	4026	78.3%
013901 Total	3328	839	2281	1476	974	2281	3328	68.5%
013902 Total	4611	1228	3422	2563	1438	3422	4611	74.2%
013903 Total	4554	1192	3187	2318	1180	3187	4554	70.0%
014001 Total	2721	1161	2143	1652	1210	2143	2709	79.1%
014002 Total	2649	843	2152	1853	1250	2152	2596	82.9%
014100 Total	365	94	192	74	40	192	406	47.3%
012303 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
012700 Total	3050	735	2197	1275	581	2197	3072	71.5%
012401 Total	303	85	197	79	15	197	374	52.7%
012403 Total	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Brownsville Total	139722	42323	81154	54125	30982	81154	138387	58.6%

Source: 2000 Census

61.54% of Brownsville's census tracts qualify as low- and moderate-income census tracts

Table 2: Racial/Ethnic Minority Concentration by Census Tract

TRACT	Total	White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	Hispanic or Latino	% Hisp/Latino
12504	5457	1017	28	6	67	0	1	17	4321	79.2%
12506	147	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	94.6%
12507	3536	78	6	4	3	0	0	2	3443	97.4%
12508	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
12604	1036	124	4	1	8	0	0	7	892	86.1%
12605	93	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	82	88.2%
12606	1623	264	4	2	6	1	1	3	1342	82.7%
12607	2072	33	3	0	0	1	1	5	2029	97.9%
12608	2833	578	4	2	9	0	0	11	2229	78.7%
12609	103	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	97.1%
12610	1192	52	10	0	8	0	0	0	1122	94.1%
12611	1454	229	8	0	19	0	0	9	1189	81.8%
12612	5543	425	29	2	29	2	0	6	5050	91.1%
12613	4895	634	35	2	233	2	0	14	3975	81.2%
12800	4803	138	4	1	1	0	0	3	4656	96.9%
12900	3743	888	4	1	4	0	5	10	2831	75.6%
13002	4264	635	20	5	77	0	0	17	3510	82.3%
13003	2158	174	18	0	39	0	1	0	1926	89.2%
13004	3252	454	11	3	29	2	0	15	2738	84.2%
13102	2126	459	0	0	18	0	2	5	1642	77.2%
13104	3848	564	9	1	29	0	6	20	3219	83.7%
13106	4320	288	0	1	16	0	0	8	4007	92.8%
13203	2474	179	2	0	0	0	0	4	2289	92.5%
13204	2515	102	0	0	4	0	0	3	2406	95.7%
13205	3436	179	1	1	5	0	0	7	3243	94.4%
13206	400	8	1	1	2	0	0	2	386	96.5%
13207	141	107	0	1	1	0	0	0	32	22.7%
13208	2448	221	2	2	1	0	0	2	2220	90.7%
13303	3603	305	4	2	24	0	7	16	3245	90.1%
13304	3745	259	8	3	8	0	1	12	3454	92.2%
13305	5390	202	0	9	2	1	1	8	5167	95.9%
13306	3115	72	0	1	0	0	0	0	3042	97.7%
13307	2617	32	3	1	0	0	0	5	2576	98.4%
13308	2602	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	2554	98.2%
13309	3070	33	0	1	1	0	0	0	3035	98.9%
13401	3122	87	4	2	3	0	0	1	3025	96.9%
13402	2629	63	0	0	1	0	2	0	2563	97.5%
13500	2186	545	4	4	10	0	0	5	1618	74.0%
13600	4007	387	3	0	31	0	7	5	3574	89.2%
13700	4387	190	8	3	2	0	0	3	4181	95.3%
13801	3726	112	7	3	2	0	0	0	3602	96.7%
13802	4027	100	0	1	0	0	0	2	3924	97.4%
13901	3328	43	2	1	0	0	0	1	3281	98.6%
13902	4611	76	0	5	2	0	1	6	4521	98.0%
13903	4554	65	10	0	0	0	0	0	4479	98.4%
14001	2721	159	8	2	15	0	0	7	2530	93.0%
14002	2649	80	9	2	0	0	0	3	2555	96.5%
14100	365	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	354	97.0%
12303	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
12700	3050	91	2	1	1	0	0	0	2955	96.9%
12401	303	17	0	0	0	0	0	4	282	93.1%
12403	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Brownsville Total	139722	10826	276	77	710	9	36	253	127535	91.3%

Source: 2000 Census

92.31% of Brownsville's census tracts are areas of concentration for the Hispanic population

TABLE 3B ANNUAL HOUSING COMPLETION GOALS

ANNUAL AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)	Annual Expected Number Completed	Resources used during the period			
		CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
Acquisition of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Production of new units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Rehabilitation of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental Assistance	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Rental Goals	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE OWNER HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Acquisition of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Production of new units	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Rehabilitation of existing units	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Homebuyer Assistance	40	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Owner Goals	68	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Homeless	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Homeless		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Needs		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Affordable Housing	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL HOUSING GOALS					
Annual Rental Housing Goal	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Owner Housing Goal	68	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Annual Housing Goal	88	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

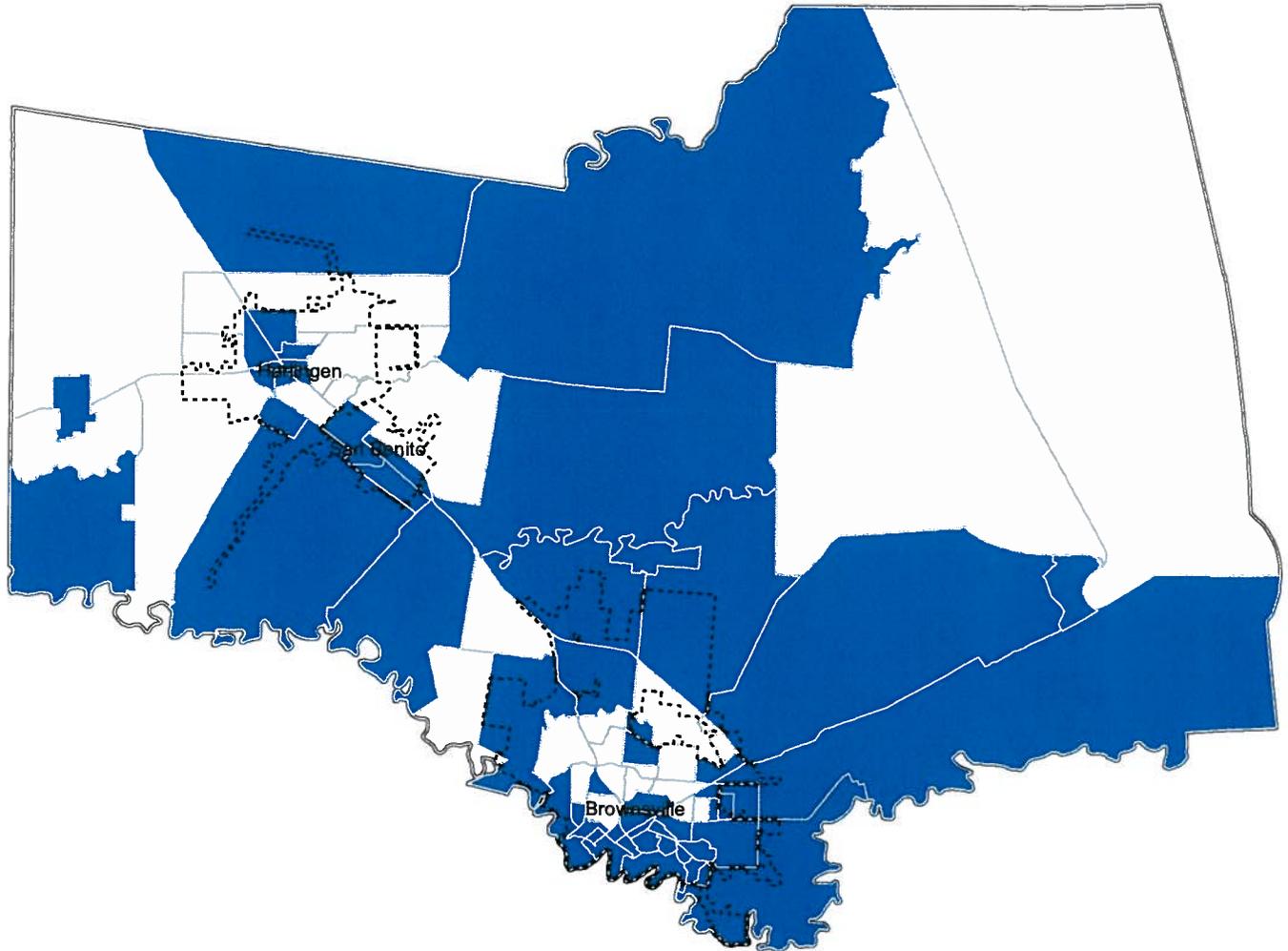
For the purpose of identification of annual goals, an assisted household is one that will receive benefits through the investment of Federal funds, either alone or in conjunction with the investment of other public or private funds.

Maps

Map 1A:
Areas of Concentration for
Low- and Moderate-Income Population
for Cameron County

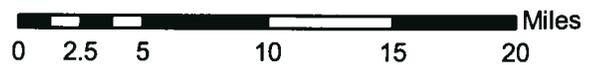
Areas of Concentration for Low- and Moderate-Income Population

Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities
Consolidated Plan



Legend

-  Cameron County Boundary
-  Entitlement Communities
-  2000 Census Tracts
-  More than 51% Low Mod Income

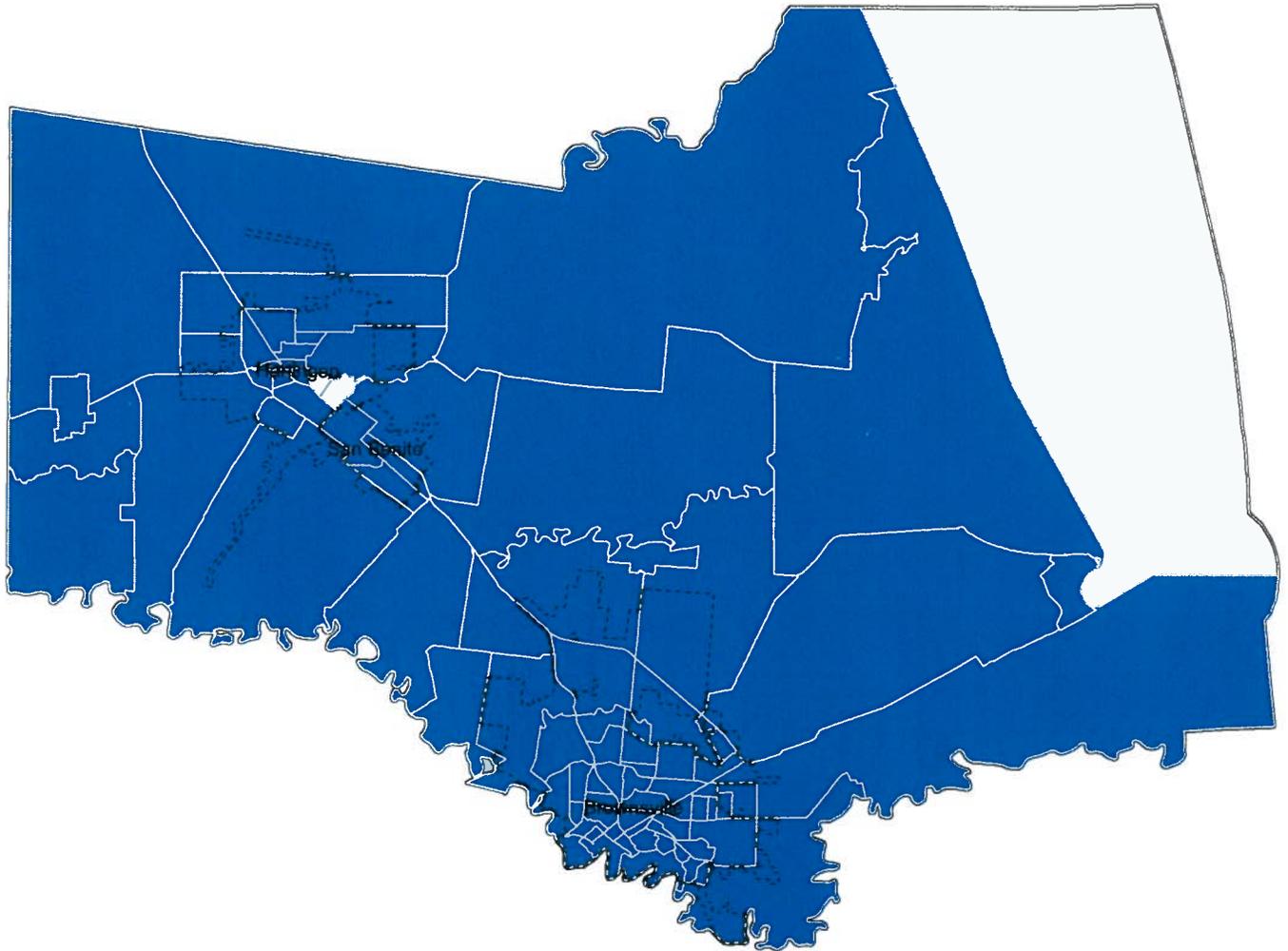


* Note: Low Mod Population has income below 80% of Median Family Income
Source: 2000 Census TIGER/Line Data, 2000 Census, HUD, ICF Consulting

Map 2A:
Areas of Concentration for
Hispanic/Latino Population
for Cameron County

Areas of Concentration for Hispanic/Latino Population

Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities
Consolidated Plan



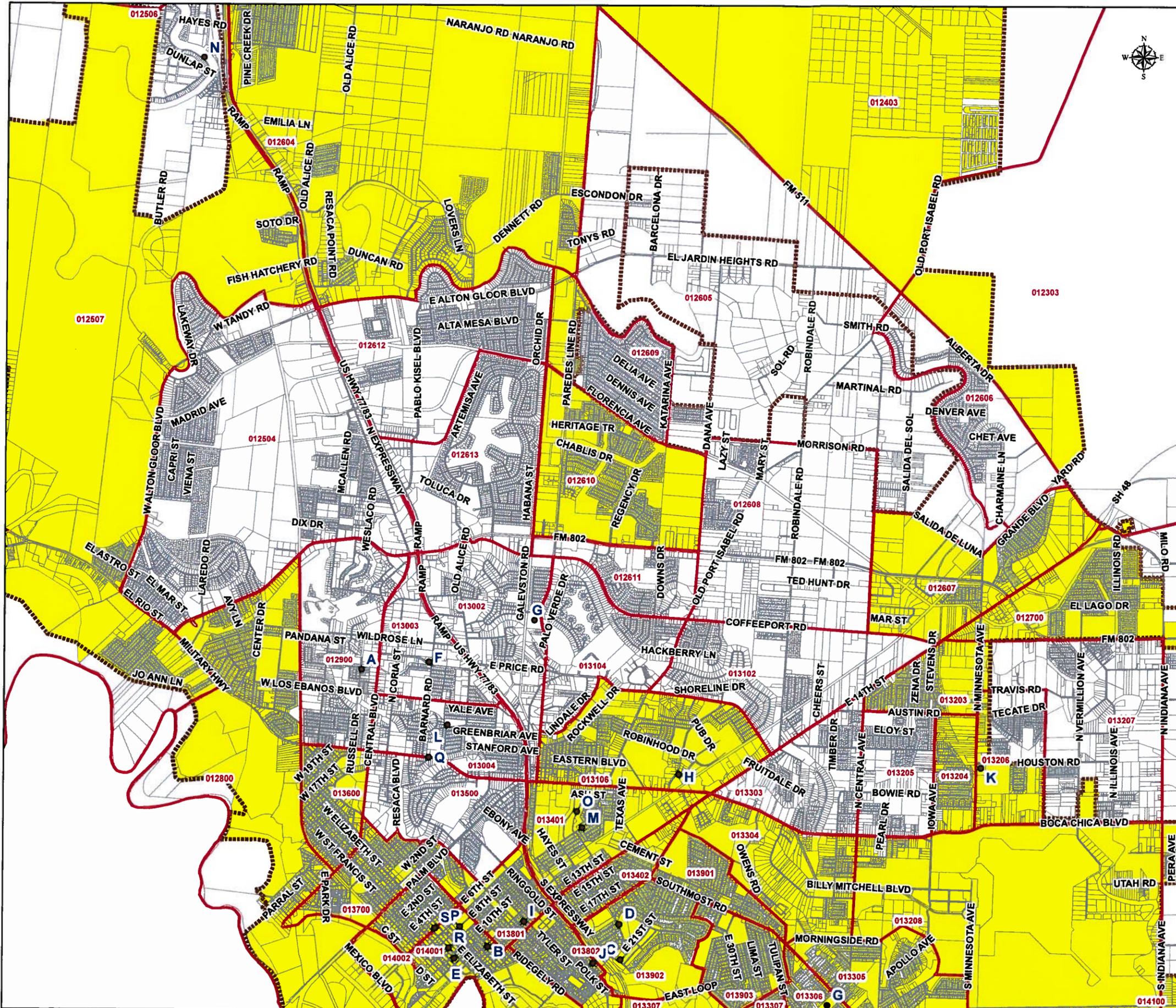
Legend

-  Cameron County Boundary
-  Entitlement Communities
-  2000 Census Tracts
-  More than 51% Hispanic/Latino



* Note: Census Tracts with greater than 51% of the population as Hispanic/Latino
Source: 2000 Census TIGER/Line Data, 2000 Census, ICF Consulting

**Map 3A:
Social Services**



City of Brownsville Map3A Social Services FY 2009-2010

ID	NAME	ADDRESS
A	Amigos Del Valle	2575 Russell Dr
B	Brownsville Adult Literacy Center	1235 E Jefferson St
C	Brownsville Weed & Seed Program	35 Orange St.
D	Brownsville Community Health Clinic	2137 E 22nd St
E	Public Health Dept.	1034 E. Levee St.
F	CASA	847 E Harrison St
G	Southmost Public Library	4320 Southmost Rd.
H	Friendship of Women	PO BOX 3112
I	Good Neighbor Settlement House	1216 E Tyler St
J	Moody Clinic	1901 E 22nd St
K	Ozanam Center	656 FM 313
L	Palmer Drug Abuse Program	1275 Cottonwood Dr
M	Planned Parenthood	370 Old Port Isabel Rd
N	Sunshine Haven	7105 W Lakeside Blvd
O	Tip of Texas Family Outreach	164 Oak St
P	Valley Aids Council	857 E Washington
Q	Infant and Family Nutrition Program	1225 Boca Chica Blvd.
R	Consumer Credit Counseling Serv.	634 E. Levee St.
S	United Way	634 E. Levee St.

The Following two Projects have offices out of Brownsville, but service Brownsville residents:
 Girl Scouts - Tip of Texas Council 202 E. Madison Harlingen, TX
 Ronald McDonald House 1720 Treasure Hills Bl Harlingen, TX

Legend

- Census Tracts
- CDBG
- Brownsville City Limits

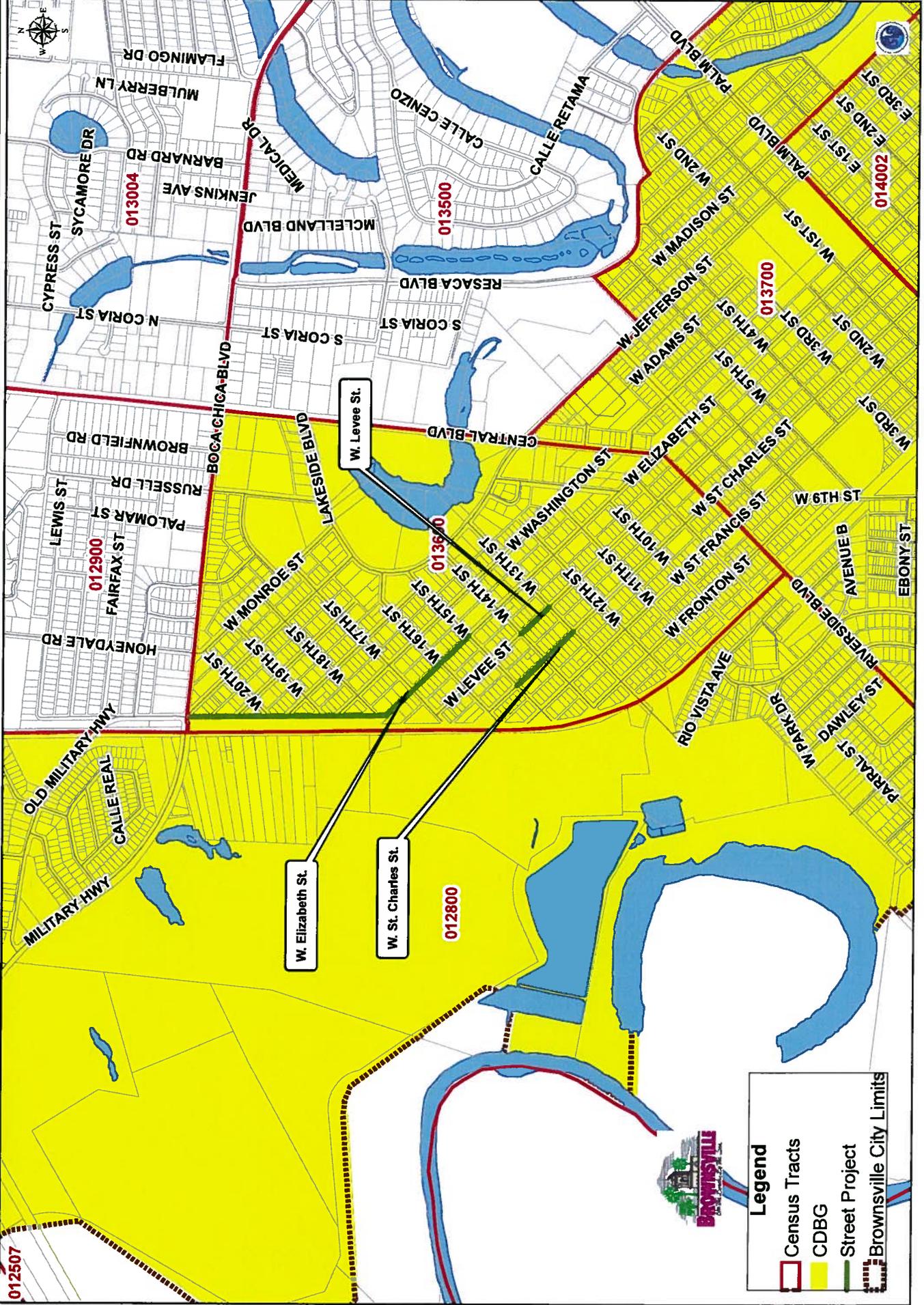


Map 3B:

Streets

Map 3B

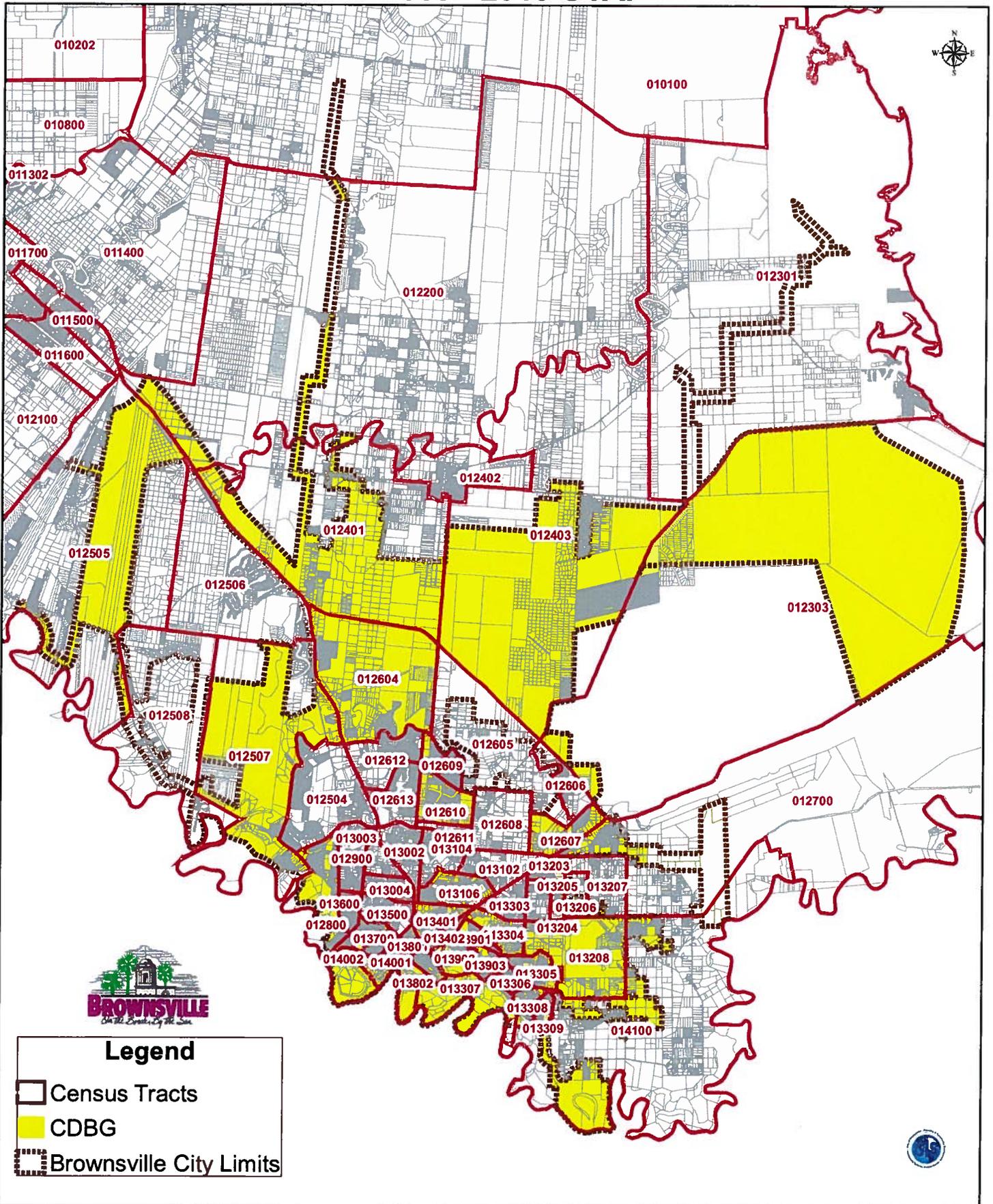
CDBG - Eligible Areas Map - Street Project FY 2009 - 2010 OYAP



Map 3C:

Sidewalks

Map 3C CDBG - Eligible Areas Map - Sidewalks FY 2009 - 2010 OYAP



Map 3D:

City Wide

Homeowner Reconstruction,
Down Payment Assistance Program,
and Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Attachment 1: Citizen Participation Plan



Planning and Community Development Department

Citizen Participation

(91,200(b))

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.
3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

* Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

As required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rules and Regulations, the City of Brownsville complies with regulation 24 CFR 91.105, Citizen Participation Plan for local governments as outlined. The City has adopted a citizen's participation plan that sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation.

Citizen and community participation in the process of developing this Five-Year Consolidated Plan has been outlined in the discussion of the plan development process above.

A. Encouragement of Citizen Participation

The City of Brownsville will enable citizens of the City to participate in the development of its Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and required Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The City will encourage participation by low and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in slum and blighted areas of Brownsville, as defined by HUD, and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used.

In addition, it is expected the City will take steps to encourage the participation of all its citizens, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities. The City will provide translation services for any public meeting or public hearing, if the request for such services is requested four days in advance of the meeting. In addition, all meetings will be conducted in areas that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

The City will encourage the Brownsville Housing Authority (BHA) and its tenants to participate in the process of developing and implementing the City's Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan, along with other low income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the developments are located. The City shall provide information to the BHA about the consolidated plan activities related to its developments so that the BHA can make this information available at their annual public hearing.

B. Citizen Advisory Committees

Committee Composition

The City Commission shall appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Brownsville Consolidated Plan development process, consisting of at least Fifteen (15) members. All CAC members must be Brownsville residents. The majority of the CAC members shall be low and moderate-income persons, and/or residents of blighted or potentially blighted areas/or residents of low and moderate-income neighborhoods.

The Mayor shall appoint 3 citizens who may reside anywhere within the city limits; each At- Large City Commissioner shall appoint 2 citizens who may reside anywhere within the city limits; each district commissioner shall appoint 2 citizens each who must reside within a CDBG eligible area within the respective commissioner’s district. The term of each member will be for 2 years; a member may not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms. The Committee will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from their membership to conduct Committee business under *Robert’s Rules of Order*.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities

The CAC shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and shall conduct Public Hearings, Public Meetings, solicit proposals, review all evidence, testimony, and proposals given at the hearings, meetings, or through other methods of communication of formulate and recommend to the City Commission, a spending plan for all discretionary Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), American Dream Down Payment Incentive (ADDI), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) funds, and program income available each program year under the City’s Annual Action Plan.

Funding under these programs that is designated for specific purposes (including multi-year commitments, municipal public facilities projects, and specific targeted areas) in the five-year Consolidated Plan has been reviewed by the CAC as part of the development of this five-year plan, but will not be revisited by the CAC on an annual basis.

C. Citizen Participation Plan Requirements

Citizen Input

The City, on an annual basis, through its Citizen Advisory Committee, will make available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties, information that includes the amount of assistance the City expects to receive, including specific grant funds, available unspent prior years funds, and related program income. The City will also disclose the range of activities that may be undertaken including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low and moderate income.

The City will make available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties, on an annual basis, the following information through the indicated means:

Information	Source
Amount of assistance	Written notice, public hearing
Range of activities	Written notice, public hearing
Amount to benefit <i>L/M</i>	Written notice, public hearing
Displacement	Public hearing

City's Notification Requirement Regarding Draft Plan Availability

A notification will be advertised a minimum of two (2) times in a local newspaper of general circulation to inform the public that a draft Consolidated Plan, or draft annual Action Plan is available to examine and subject to public comment. The notification will provide a summary of the proposed Consolidated Plan, or annual Action Plan, and describe the contents and purpose of the particular plan. The notice will also be posted on the City's home page (<http://www.cob.us>) and on bulletin boards at the locations below. The public notice will state that copies of the particular Plan will be available for review on the City's website and at the following locations for thirty days:

Brownsville Public Library
2600 Central Blvd.
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Southmost Community Network Center
2900 Southmost Road
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Westside Community Network Center
1763 US Highway 281
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Brownsville Housing Authority
24 Elm Street
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Planning and Community Development Department
1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor, El Tapiz Building
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Citizen Response Time Frame

The City will make the Plan public, and upon request in a format accessible to persons with disabilities. The City will provide the citizens a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Plan, and on any amendments to the Plan as defined by this Citizen Participation Plan.

The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally, at any of the public hearings, or during the 30-day public review and will address those comments in the preparation of the final consolidated plan or annual action plan. The City will include any written or oral comments in the final Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan submitted to HUD.

The City will also make copies of the draft plan, and Final Plan available to the general public, at no cost on the City's website (<http://www.cob.us>). Hard copies will also be available upon request.

D. Amendments

The City will amend its approved plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions:

1. To make a change in the goal, priority, or activity of the Consolidated Plan; or
2. To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan " (including program income), not previously covered in the Action Plan; or
3. To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity included in the annual action plan.

Each amendment must be authorized by the City Commission or their designee, and submitted to HUD. All amendments will also be made public by posting at the City Secretary's Office, 1034 E. Levee Street, Brownsville, TX 78520; the Planning and Community Development Department, 1150 E. Adams, El Tapiz Building, Brownsville, TX 78520; Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville TX 78520; Westside Community Network Center, 1763 Highway 281, Brownsville, TX 78520; Southmost Branch Public Library, 4320 Southmost Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78521; and the City of Brownsville website, <http://planning.cob.us>. Amendments involving at least \$25,000 will also be advertised, in the local newspaper. The amendment may be implemented immediately after submitting it to HUD and making it public.

A **substantial amendment** to the Consolidated Plan or annual Action Plan is defined by the City as a transfer between two or more Plan activities that is greater than 50% of the ESG program funds, 30% of the HOME program funds, and 20% of the CDBG program funds.

Substantial amendments to the Plan will need to be presented to the Citizen Advisory Committee and the Brownsville City Commission for their review and approval. The public will also be notified by advertising the amendment in the local newspaper and made available at the City Secretary's Office, 1034 E. Levee Street, Brownsville, TX 78520; the Planning and Community Development Department, 1150 E. Adams, El Tapiz Building, Brownsville, TX 78520; Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville TX 78520; Westside Community Network Center, 1763 Highway 281, Brownsville, TX 78520; Southmost Branch Public Library, 4320 Southmost Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78521; and the City of Brownsville website, <http://planning.cob.us>. The advertising of the substantial amendment will begin a thirty (30) day citizen review and comment period. The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally during the comment period. The City will submit to HUD, a letter authorizing the amendment after the thirty-day comment period, and will implement the amendment at that time.

E. Performance Report

At the end of each program year, as required by HUD, a Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) must be submitted to HUD by December 31st. The CAPER gives an actual account of activities, which occurred during the previous program year, and how the City maintained and expended funds, which were outlined in the annual Action Plan for that program year.

Upon completion of the CAPER, and at least fifteen (15) days prior to its submission to HUD, the City will make the Report available to the general public for a fifteen (15) day review and comment period. Any comments received from the general public will be included in CAPER submitted to HUD.

The City will provide a notice in the local newspaper for the availability of the CAPER, which will begin a fifteen-day review and comment period. A public notice will be advertised at least one week in advance, and published on two occasions prior to the review period. The notice and the draft CAPER will also be made available to the public via the City's website (<http://www.cob.us>).

All public hearings will be advertised by publication at least twice prior to the hearing date in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the area(s) eligible to receive funds under the programs advertised. The first notice must be published no later than two weeks prior to the hearing date. All public hearing notices will also be posted on the City of Brownsville's website (<http://www.cob.us>) and on the local cable access channel at least two weeks prior to the hearing date. The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at a public hearing. Each hearing will be held in the evening at facilities that are handicapped accessible. (Recent locations include the Brownsville Housing Authority's Community Center, Brownsville Public Library, Christ the King Catholic Church Community Center, Westside Police Station, and the Southmost Community Network. All of these locations are convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries, and will accommodate persons with disabilities.)

Each public hearing notice must include the availability of an interpreter if a significant number of non-English speaking or hearing-impaired persons are expected to participate at the hearing. Public hearing notices will be translated into Spanish. It will be the responsibility of the residents to notify the City at least four days in advance of the hearing if interpreter services are needed. Each public hearing notice will indicate this policy and provide a telephone number to contact the City.

In the course of developing their recommendation for a spending plan for the Annual Action Plan, the Citizen Advisory Committees may hold a series of additional public meetings to both provide information on the solicitation of proposals and the review of all proposals for consideration for funding. All public meetings of this nature will be advertised in accordance with the applicable provisions of Texas Open Meeting Law (Chapter 551, Title 5 Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meeting Act) including postings of public notice of the meeting.

F. Access To Records

The City will provide citizens, public agencies and other interested parties access to information and records relating to the City's Consolidated Plan and the City's use of funds for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, ADDI funds and Program Income for the preceding five years. Citizens must allow the staff of the Planning and Community Development Department up to twelve working days to compile and provide the information requested by the citizen.

G. Technical Assistance

The Planning and Community Development will provide technical assistance to the Citizens Advisory Committee and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance under any of the federal or state programs covered by the Consolidated Plan. The level and type of assistance will be determined by the Planning and Community Development, but shall not include the provision of funds to any person, group, or agency.

H. Complaints

Citizens with complaints related to the Consolidated Plan, amendments, and the annual performance report must submit the complaint in writing to:

Planning & Community Development Department
Attention: Ben Medina, Jr. - Director
P.O. Box 911
Brownsville, Texas 78522

If the complaint is given orally, the person initiating the complaint must schedule a meeting with the Director at the above-mentioned address and a formal complaint letter will be transcribed. The person must sign the letter and submit an address for response.

Upon receipt of the written complaint, the Planning & Community Development Department will respond to the complaint in writing within fifteen working days. A meeting to discuss the complaint must be scheduled by the person initiating the complaint.

I. Use Of The Citizen Participation Plan

The requirements for citizen participation do not restrict the responsibility or authority of the jurisdiction in the development and execution of the City's Consolidated Plan.

J. Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan

The City of Brownsville has as a goal, the non-displacement of any person(s) currently residing in standard housing (housing that does or will meet the HUD Housing Quality Standards with minimal improvements). However, the City also has a goal to not allow any person(s) to reside in dangerous and /or substandard housing. When the health and safety of any person is threatened due to the condition of their current housing, the City, when notified of the condition, will attempt to assist the property owner in bringing the housing up to Housing Quality Standards, remove such substandard housing, or recommend temporary or permanent displacement of the person(s) residing therein.

If the City provides, or proposes to provide, any CDBG, HOME, or other HUD-funded assistance to acquire, demolish, bring any existing housing units up to the minimum local health and building code requirements, or any action results in the direct permanent displacement of any legal resident(s), it will comply with the procedures, and provide the benefits, outlined in the *Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601), as amended*; the implementing regulations issued by the Department of Transportation at 49 CFR 24; and *Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974[42U.S.C. 5304(d)]*.

Prior to any action that will result in the displacement of any existing resident(s) of existing housing units(s) the City will notify all affected residents of the intended displacement action, and the extent of the benefits that will be available to each impacted person as outlined in 42 U.S.C. 4601 and 5304(d), and 49 CFR 24.

Email Comment:

City of Brownsville Response:

All comments formally submitted have been included with responses in the Comments section above.

**Attachment 2:
Summary of
One-Year Action Plan Projects
For FY2009/2010**

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Grants
CDBG/HOME/ESG PROGRAMS for FY 2009-2010
Budget Approved by City Commission on June 16, 2009

CDBG - Public Facilities and Improvements

COB-Engineering (Streets)	\$1,349,422
COB-Planning (Sidewalks)	\$100,000
Subtotal <>	\$1,449,422

CDBG - Housing

Ozanam Transitional Housing	\$94,000
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CDBG - Social Services

Amigos Del Valle	\$30,000
Brownsville Adult Literacy Center	\$10,000
Brownsville Community Health Center	\$20,000
Brownsville Weed & Seed	\$17,668
CASA	\$39,393
COB-Public Health (Municipal Vector Patrol)	\$20,000
COB-Library (Computer Purchases)	\$50,000
Consumer Credit Counseling	\$22,500
Girls Scouts	\$3,471
Infant Nutrition Program	\$10,000
Moody Clinic	\$72,500
Palmer Drug Abuse Program	\$30,000
Planned Parenthood	\$28,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities	\$25,000
Sunshine Haven	\$22,500
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	\$32,927
United Way	\$14,000
Valley AIDS Council	\$58,469
Subtotal <>	\$506,428

SUBTOTAL CDBG (includes Projected Program Income): \$2,049,850

ESG - Emergency Shelter Grant

Friendship of Women	\$43,792
Good Neighbor Settlement House	\$39,000
Ozanam Center	\$61,701
Subtotal <>	\$144,493

HOME Grant - (Includes Projected Program Income)

COB-Planning Dept. - Downpayment Assistance Program	\$450,000
COB-Planning Dept. - Homeowner Reconstruction	\$601,641
COB-Planning Dept. - Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program	\$200,000
Subtotal <>	\$1,251,641

COMMITMENTS

HOME Admin 2009-2010 (10% of HOME Allocation)	\$130,182
Planning & Administration (CDBG)	\$675,238
Finance/Accounting Administration (CDBG)	\$38,000
Indirect Cost (CDBG)	\$31,000
Code Enforcement (CDBG)	\$189,802
Section 108 Linear Park (CDBG)	\$230,400
Section 108 Cabler Park (CDBG)	\$161,902
Subtotal <>	\$1,456,524

	CDBG	ESG	HOME	All Programs
TOTALS:	\$3,376,192	\$144,493	\$1,381,823	\$4,902,508

Attachment 3: Public Comments

Attachment 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City of Brownsville conducted its 30-day comment period for the One-Year Action Plan for 2009-2010 from Wednesday, July 1, 2009 through Friday, July 31, 2009.

No comments were received during this comment period.

The City of Brownsville informed the public of its comment period by publishing a notice on Sunday, June 28, 2009 in *The Brownsville Herald* local newspaper. The notice also announced the availability of the document for the public's review, which was made available at the following locations throughout the comment period:

1. City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department, El Tapiz Building, 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor, Brownsville, TX 78520.
2. Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520.
3. Southmost Community Network Center, 2900 Southmost Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521.
4. Westside Community Network Center, 1763 U.S. Highway 281, Brownsville, TX 78520.
5. Brownsville Housing Authority, 24 Elm St., Brownsville, TX 78521.
6. City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department's website: <http://planning.cob.us>.