City of Brownsville

One-Year Action Plan

FY 2010/2011

October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011

(CPMP Version 2.0)

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August 13, 2010

Mr. Richard L. Lopez
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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San Antonio, Texas 78205

RE: 2010-2011 One Year Action Plan & 3-Year Consolidated Plan & Strategy

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Enclosed are one original and two copies of the City of Brownsville's One Year Action Plan for the October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 program year. Also included are one original and two copies of the City of Brownsville's RGVEC Consolidated Plan & Strategy for FY 2010/2011 to FY 2012/2013.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (956) 548-6150 or to my City cell phone (956) 459-1400. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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 08/13/2010	Applicant Identifier	**Type of Submission**	
Date Received by state	State Identifier	**Application**	**Pre-application**
Date Received by HUD	Federal Identifier	☐ Construction	☐ Construction
		☒ Non Construction	☐ Non Construction
Applicant Information			
City of Brownsville		TX480726 BROWNSVILLE	
Planning & Community Development Department		Organizational DUNS: 74615097	
1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor, El Tapiz Building		Local Government	
Brownsville	Texas	Planning & Community Development Dept.	
78520	Country U.S.A.	Community Development Division	
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		Cameron County	
74-6000422		Program Year Start Date (MM/DD): 10/01	
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 TitlesStreets, Elizabeth Heights Pumping Station, Mexico Blvd. Pumping Station, 16 Social Services, Planning & Administration, Code Enforcement, Section 108 Loans for Cabler Park & Linear Park.		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s) All CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville, Texas.	
$CDBG Grant Amount: **3,553,519**	$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
$Locally Leveraged Funds		$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
$Anticipated Program Income: $13,500		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)			
Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME	
HOME Project Titles: BAHC Energy Efficient Affordable Housing; Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program, and HOME Administration.		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s): Brownsville, Texas	
$HOME Grant Amount: **$1,295,557**	$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)	

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS	14.241 HOPWA	
HOPWA Project TitlesNot Applicable.	Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s)	
$HOPWA Grant Amount	$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 HOPWA-based Project(s)		

Emergency Shelter Grants Program	14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles:Friendship of Women, Good Neighbor Settlement House, Ozanam Center.	Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s): Brownsville, Texas	
$ESG Grant Amount: **$144,174**	$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.		☐ Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on DATE
		☒ No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review

Person to be contacted regarding this application		
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Director of Planning & C.D. Dept.	(956) 548-6150	Fax: (956) 548-6134
eMail: benmd@cob.us	www.cob.us	Other Contact: Lucy Garza
Signature of Authorized Representative: Charlie Cabler, City Manager		Date Signed 10.12.10

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.

Signature/Authorized Official

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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) 2010, 2011, 2012, (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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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	1001 E. Elizabeth	Brownsville	Cameron	TX	78520
COB - City Plaza	1034 E. Levee St.	Brownsville	Cameron	TX	78520
City-Wide Projects	City-Wide	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 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 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

First Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP First 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 1 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) Three-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS) -- 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013.

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, the City of Brownsville describes the programs and services that it will undertake during the period beginning October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. 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 First year of the three 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. The projects included public facilities and improvements, housing rehabilitation and other affordable housing activities, public services, code enforcement, and administration/ planning activities. The activities funded were consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan and the CAPER submission provided information regarding other funding sources leveraged and used for its activities, which met the City's quantitative goals.

Within the last fiscal year, the City of Brownsville made the following accomplishments:

Affordable Housing: The City of Brownsville provided assistance to 42 first-time homebuyers, ten single-family elderly homeowners and one veteran in the rehabilitation of their homes. In addition, the City of Brownsville assisted in the development of a 132-unit, a development building that provides affordable rental housing to low-income families in Brownsville, TX. The City met the 24-month commitment and five-year disbursement requirements fo the HOME regulations.

Homelessness: The City of Brownsville funded two Emergency Shelters that provided shelter to 7,883 individuals with 24-hour emergency shelter and supported services (referrals, food pantry, meals, transporation and case management), and one non-profit that provided services to 4,604 individuals with hot meals, showers, clothes, and after school tutoring. The City of Brownsville has fully expended its ESG funds within the allotted timeframe.

Community Development: The City of Brownsville funded infrastructure improvement activities that benefited 32,042 residents. It also provided funding for the improvement or construction of three streets and funded seventeen non-profit

agencies to provide various public services. Other planning efforts included the development and submittal of the FY09 (2009-2010) 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 7,400 residents with non-homeless special needs, including 46 elderly and/or disabled. The CDBG timeliness tests show that the City of Brownsville has met the recommended balance ratio.

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 1 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 (American Fact Finder) estimates also place the City's population in 2008 at 176,483, a 26 percent increase from 2000. Further, 88.6 percent of Brownsville residents are Latino/Hispanic, 6.9 percent are White, and the remaining 1.6% are African-American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, etc. This is a slight change from 2000 Census figures which described the Latino/Hispanic population at approximately 91 percent of Brownsville, the White population at 8 percent, and the African American, American Indian, Asian, and Pacific Islander population at 1 percent.

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 147 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, ESG, TDHCA, ORCA, CDBG – R, WAP, WAP-ARRA, HRPP – Entitlement, and TDHCA – HPRP, I 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 2009, the median family income for the Brownsville-Harlingen, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area is $32,900.

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 2010/2011 to FY 2012/2013 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 (2006-2008 American Community Survey,) 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 34.1 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 2010 Report, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment in the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA is $600. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn $2,000 monthly or $24,000 annually. This level of income translates into a housing wage of $11.54, 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 $7.25 and the estimated mean wage for a renter if $7.84 an hour.

- Much of the region continues to struggle with considerable unemployment. The Texas unemployment rate remained unchanged in April 2009 at 8.3% and continued to trend well below the national rate of 9.9% (Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 6/09/10). In the City of Brownsville, the March 2010 unemployment rate was 11.0 and slightly decreased in April 2010 to 10.8 percent. For the same month last year, TWC reported on its website an unemployment rate at 8.3 percent.

- A major contributor to the region's high unemployment and poverty rates is its low educational attainment levels. According to the U.S Census (2006-2008 American Community Survey,) only 21.3 percent of residents in Brownsville have a high school diploma as their highest degree, compared to 26.5 percent statewide. Only 5.7 percent have an Associate degree while 10.9% have a Bachelor's degree, compared with 16.9 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 projected FY 2011 (2010-2011) resources:

Community Development Block Grant	$ 3,553,519
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	$ 1,295,557
Emergency Shelter Grant	$ 144,174
Projected Program Income (CDBG $93,400+HOME $80,000)	$ 173,400
Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs	$ 1,907,410
Office of Community Affairs (ORCA)	$ 817,659

Community Development Block Grant – R	$ 293,800
Weatherization Assistance Program	$ 1,600,000
HPRP Entitlement	$ 673,920
Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs - HPRP	$ 30,000
Total	$10,225,439

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, 2010 to September 30, 2011). 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. The City of Brownsville will also use other federal, grate, and local resources to help meet its priorities and needs.

As stated above, Brownsville's FY 2011 (2010-2011) CDBG funding allocation is $3,553,519; its HOME allocation is $1,295,557; and its ESG allocation is $144,174. Furthermore, the City anticipates receiving $173,400 in Program Income (CDBG and HOME), which will be used to fund eligible activities under each nessecitive grant, such as streets, drainage, sidewalks, and housing.

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, and pump station improvements.

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 may also consider home foreclosure and prevention programs and will continue working with the Brownsville Public Housing Authority to activate its Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program into service.

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 1 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	Cameron and Willacy Counties Community
Brownsville Weed & Seed Drug Program	Chicory County VI, L.P.
Court Appointed Special Advocates	Ozanam Center
COB Public Health Department	Monica's House
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 of Southern Cameron County	Valley Aids Council

Catholic Social Services of the Dioceses of Brownsville	Brownsville Affordable Housing Homeownership Corporation
Cameron Co. Children's Advocacy Center	Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts
Valley Associations for Independent Living	Brownsville Housing Authority
Senior Community Outreach Services, Inc.	Cameron County Juvenile Probation – Office
COB Engineering Department	Architecture for Charity of Texas
COB Parks and Recreation Department	

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.

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
- 2000 CHAS Databook
- 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
- Texas Workforce Commission

For the past five years, the City of Brownsville has been drafting its One-Year Action Plan with a more regional perspective. In the same manner, the City of Brownsville is currently developing a 3 year CPS using the same regoinal approach.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 1 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, the City of 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 29, 2010 – Southmost Community Network Center

- Ms. Maria Rodriguez stated she wants sidewalks in her subdivision on Robindale: Villa del Rey Subdivision;
- Nueva and Garden Park areas.

Public Hearing – May 6, 2010 - Our Lady of Good Council Church

- Mrs. Medina wanted an update on the streets and drainage improvements of Villa Nueva area; another resident wanted potholes addressed in the Villa

Public Hearing – June 15, 2009

- No Public Comments received at this Public Hearing.

III. Summary of Efforts Made to Broaden Public Participation

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

- Southmost Community Network Center, Police Substation (Conference Room), 2900 Southmost Rd (04/29/2010 at 6:30 p.m.)
- Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church (Parish Hall), 1055 Military Hwy. (05/6/2010 at 6:00 p.m.)
- City Commission Meeting/Public Hearing, City Hall, 1150 E. Adams (6/15/2010 at 6:00 PM)

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," (3/28/10)
- "Brownsville Herald," (4/18/10)
- "Brownsville Herald," (4/25/10)
- "Brownsville Herald," (5/4/10)

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:

- Southmost Community Network Center, Police Substation (Conference Room), 2900 Southmost Rd (04/ 29/2010 at 6:30 p.m.)
- Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church (Parish Hall), 1055 Military Hwy. (05/6/2010 at 6:30 p.m.)
- City Commission Meeting/Public Hearing, City Hall, 1150 E. Adams (6/15/2010 at 6:00 PM)

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 June 23, 2010 and ended on July 23, 2010. Draft copies of the City's One-Year Action Plan were made available at the following locations:

- Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd.
- Southmost Public Library, 4320 Southmost Blvd.,
- Southmost Community Network Center, 2900 Southmost Road,
- Westside Community Network Center, 1763 U.S. Highway 281,
- Brownsville Housing Authority, 24 Elm Street.

IV. Summary of Citizen Comments for 30 Day Comment Priod.

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

Institutional Structure

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

Program Year 1 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 facilitate 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 1 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, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

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. Another aspect of the process is the analysis of the critical paths which is done to ward off potential risks before they can become out-of-control. The goal of monitoring is to identify deficiencies and promote corrective measures in order to improve and reinforce subgrantee performance.

The monitoring process is broken down into three main categories: 1) Accurately Measuring the Progress of Deliverables, 2) Integrated Change Control, and 3) Measuring the Critical Paths. Accurately measuring the progress of deliverables means collecting, measuring, and dissemniating information. Integrated change control means ensuring that changes are beneficial. And, measuring the critical paths means knowing where possible problems can occur. 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 sytems 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 subreciepients 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 subreceipient'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 reassess 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 subreciepients;
- 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 suppported 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 techincal assistance to ensure subrecipients' compliance with HUD mandated rules/guidelines and Department's regulations;
- A combination of scheduled 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; and
- Creating a Communication Plan Portfolio:
  a) The primary goal of communication is to share information with all stakeholders;
  b) The City of Brownsville will act as the 'Steering Committee' with the purpose of disseminating Federal Regulations and informing subrecipients of their inherent responsiblities;
  c) A Formal Communication Schedule/Plan will enhance efforts between the CDBG Monitors and the subrecipients in an ordered structure;

d) Communication methodologies and objectives will be arranged in order to facilitate a hierarchy of communcation channels; and
e) A pedagory of Communication Rules will ensure prompt and responsive communications among all stakeholders.

4. Risk Analysis by the CDBG Program Monitor will actively predict problems which may negatively impact objectives and manage the problems if they occur to its CDBG Subrecipients as follows:

- Create a Risk Management porfolio based on historical data of each subrecipient where applicable; the analysis will denote the 'Risk', 'Quantification', and 'Risk Response Planning';
- Risk Mitigation will encompass the 'Risk Event', 'Impact of Risk', and 'Prevention/Containment/Mitigation Strategy' for those activities at risk;
- Risk Item Tracking will document the progress of risk events; and
- Develop an Executive Summary of the risk management plan per subrecipient.

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 subreceipient 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 processess invoices for charges of sub-recipients 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 sumarizes 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) 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. It is commited to resolve all outstanding issues as mentioned in the City of Brownsville's Resolution #2006-052. The City has three monitoring reports pending concurrence and finalization by HUD HQ's. The three reports concern the City's past funding of the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (CDCB). Due to HUD Headquarters involvement in development of housing initiative being undertaken by the new administration, finalization of the monitoring reports has been delayed.

However, it is expected that all reports will be released in the near future, including the French River monitoring initially undertaken by City staff.

The City of Brownsville will also continue monitoring some previous 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 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 Auditor. Additional Department and City staff is also consulted and third-party consultants are hired as necessary.

B. Monitoring Schedule

The City of Brownsville has established the following CDBG, ESG, and HOME monitoring schedule for FY 2010-2011:

EXIBIT - 1
MONITORING SCHEDULE
CDBG 36th YEAR, ESG, & HOME
(OCT. 1, 2010 – SEPT. 30, 2011)

Project Name	Scheduled Month
Amigos Del Valle	March
Brownsville Adult Literacy	March
Brownsville Community Health Center	March
Moody Clinic	April
CCCAC Monica's House	April
CASA	April
Consumer Credit Counseling	May
Girls Scouts Tip of Texas	February
Infant Nutrition Program	January
Ronald McDonald House Charities	January
Senior Community Outreach	February
Sunshine Haven	January
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	June
United Way	May
Valley Aids Council	February
COB – Library (Explorer Theatre)	June
Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corp. – 15% CHDO set aside-Energy Efficient Homes	July
COB-Planning – DAP Program (HOME/ADDI)	July

Ozanam Center	July
Sunset Haven	August
Good Neighbor Settlement House	August
Friendship of Women	August
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).

Exibit 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	$11,000	Suitable Live Env		X	X
B'ville Community Health Ctr.	B	$24,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Moody Clinic	B	$90,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
CCCAC Monica's House	B	$18,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
CASA	B	$53,046	Suitable Live Env	X		
Consumer Credit Counseling	B	$20,000	Suitable Live Env			X
Girl Scouts Tip of Texas	B	$5,400	Suitable Live Env	X		
Infant Nutirtion Program	B	$10,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Ronald McDonald House Charities	B	$25,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Senior Community Outreach	B	$16,548	Suitable Live Env	X		
Sunshine Haven	B	$48,119	Suitable Live Env	X		
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	B	$27,292	Suitable Live Env	X		
United Way	B	$15,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Valley Aids Council	B	$73,393	Suitable Live Env	X		
COB – Library (Explorer Theatre)	B	$66,230	Suitable Live Env	X		
COB – Engineering (Streets)	B	$1,329,388	Suitable Live Env			X
COB – Public Works (Elizabeth Heights)	B	$206,400	Suitable Live Env			X
COB – Public Works (Mexico Blvd)	B	$125,000	Suitable Live Env			X
BAHC – Housing CHDO	M	$716,002	Decent Housing		X	
COB – Planning (DAP)	M	$450,000	Decent Housing		X	
Ozanam Center	B	$60,482	Suitable Live Env	X		
Friendship of Women	B	$43,792	Suitable Live Env	X		
Good Neighbor Settlement	B	$39,900	Suitable Live Env	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 1 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; "the rule, Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program, requires that contractors and maintenance professionals be certified; that their employees be trained; and that they follow protective work practice standards. These standards prohibit certain dangerous practices, such as open flame burning or torching of lead-based paint. The required work practices also include posting warning signs, restricting occupants from work areas, containing work areas to prevent dust and debris from spreading, conducting a thorough cleanup, and verifying that cleanup was effective". The rule became effective on April 22, 2010.

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 asses 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 build 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 estimated are contained tin the RGVEC's CPS.

Furthermore, according to the Center for Disease Control, in 2006 a survey in Cameron County was conducted with a sample of the population of 11,326 children < 6 years of age; this amounted to approximately 22.8% of the overall estimated population of children < 6 years of age; testing for lead was conducted and found that 54 cases of 'elevated blood lead levels' where discovered which was 0.5% of the surveyed children. 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, four (4) 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.*

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 cirumstances 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 crucial events. Also lacking access to financial education, homeowners could 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 provides opportunities for low to moderate-income families to become homeowners, improve access to affordable home ownership, increasing the availability of affordable 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 2010/2011, 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. All participants receiving the City's down payment assistance are required to 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 four fiscal years (2005-2009), the City has alloted $1,983,928 for this program, and has leveraged $10,251,066 with the private-sector participation.

Provide Decent Affordable Housing to Lower-Income Households

For the current fiscal year (2009-2010), the City did not set aside the minimum of 15% CHDO requirement the annual HOME allocation for housing development activities conducted by a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), based on the BCAC previous recommendation. 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 HOME 2010-2011 fiscal year include the following: (1) City of Brownsville's Down payment Assistance Program in the amount of $450,000; and Brownsville Affordable Homeownershop Corporation in the amount of $716,002. Please note that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development recommend that at least the minimum 15% for the CHDO be set aside, each fiscal year.

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

The City of Brownsville will continue to expand the capacity of non profit housing providers by developing a request for proposals to fund other eligible housing projects as funding becomes available either through program income or re-allocated funds. It will all also assist in strengthening the ability of state and local governments to provide housing by leveraging all grants made available to the City of Brownville for such efforts.

The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its CDBG and HOME funds for housing in FY 2010/2011:

(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

- PROJECT NAME: **(12) ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES**
  FUNDING: $ 716,002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to purchase approximately 46 lots to construct energy efficient and affordable single family housing units in Brownsville for eligible low income First Time Homebuyers.
ELIGIBILITY: Construction of Homes 570.201 (m)

- PROJECT NAME: (21H) **HOME ADMIN**
  FUNDING: $ 129,555 (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: (05) **HOUSING COUNSELING**
FUNDING: $20,000 (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 250 individuals or 120 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. (Project sheets, heein attached).

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.

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). This FY 2009-2010, the City of Brownsville received several grants from TDHCA, 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. It also received funding from HUD under the CDBG-R program.

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.*

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 affording residents the opportunity to become involved in the decision making process 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 florishing 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-eight (38) families have become homeowners. The counselor has provided one-on one couseling assistance to 29 families. There are also, currently 12 families that are preparing to move towards homeownership and another 14 have moved on to self sufficiency without housing assistance.

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, 24 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 980 households on local waiting lists, and 1161 families on the PHA's Section 8 waiting lists in Brownsville. 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.*

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 disparties, 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 understimated.

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 2009-2010 set aside $450,000 in HOME 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 28 families become homeowners. Furthermore, the City to date has leveraged $1,829,847 in private funds. The families that received assistance to date have purchased 28 exisiting homes. The average sales price of the homes has been $70,288 and the average Median Family Income of the families assisted has been $28,689. The average amount of assistance provided per family has been $9,571. Based on the success of this program, the City continues to set aside HOME Funds 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 from HUD for down payment Assistance to First time Home buyers for FY 2010. 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 it's efforts to provide opportunities to exising homeowners in need of home repairs and in some instances home reconstruction due to the poor quality of their existing homes. Funds will be made availabe to continue providing assistance to the aged and disabled first, but also to assist families with earned income to repair or recconstruct 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% intererst rate. This opportunity will assist those many families that would not ordinarily qualify for a loan through any local lending institutions.

A 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 City is currently looking on nalizing agreement to execute a contract with BHA.

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." Unfortuantely, 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 Corportion (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;s 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 wil continue to be developed by this CHDO.

Furthermore, the BAHC will continue to make available another program this year – Valley Homes for Heroes. Which was funded las year. This program will rehabilitate 15 single family units for veterans with an income at or below 80% of the median family income. The City is currently looking on finalizing an agreement to execute a contract with BAHC.

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 nationaly recognized month as Homeownership Month, the City participates in a citywide homeownership fair sponsored by the local Housing Authority, lenders, builders, and various other housing entitites.

HOME/ American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI)

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 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 endure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

Program Year 1 Action Plan HOME/ ADDI response:

HOME

The following breakdown illustrates the City's planned use of its FY 2010-2011 HOME funds:

PROJECT NAME:	**(13) BROWNSVILLE DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

FUNDING:	**$450,000 (HOME)**
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	**HOME funds will be used to fund the Brownsville Down-payment 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) CHDO SET ASIDE – 15% (BAHC 2010-2011)**
FUNDING:	**$194,334 (HOME)**
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	**HOME funds will be used for Single-Family Housing development in Brownsville by the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation. (Total HOME allocation is $1,295,557) A minimum of 15% of the annual HOME allocation is required by HUD to be reserved for housing development activities in which qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) are the owners, developers and/ or sponsors of the housing.**
ELIGIBILITY:	**Construction of Housing 570.201(m)**

PROJECT NAME:	**(12) BROWNSVILLE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP CORPORATION**
FUNDING:	**$521,668 (HOME)**
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	**HOME funds will be used for Single-Family Housing development in Brownsville by the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation.**
ELIGIBILITY:	**Construction of Housing 570.201(m)**

PROJECT NAME:	**(21H) HOME-ADMINISTRATION**
FUNDING:	**$129,555 (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 requirements.

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:

HOME Investment Per Unit	Minimum Period of Affordability
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	**20Years**

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 will be the amount available from net sales proceeds.

e. The City of Brownsville is subject to the limitations 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)).

IV. 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 2010-2011. however, as a matter of policy, the City does not discriminate or condone discrimination in the marketing of HOME assisted housing with regards to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability.

V. Minority/ Women' 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.

VI. American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)

For PY 2010-2011, the City of Brownsville is not a recipient of ADDI program funds.

VII. Estimate of Minority Households to be Assisted

The City plans to assist up to 70 families or first0time homebuyers to become homeowners through the Affordable Housing and Down Payment Assistance programs funded with HOME funds. City staff estimates that at least 95% 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.

Action Plan Special Needs response:

I. Sources of Funds

The City of Brownsville, during fiscal year 2010-2011, through a combination of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Home investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), 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. This fiscal year we will continue to utilize the ARRA issued HUD Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), as well as the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs-Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (TDHCA-HPRP) funds received through a competitive grant process. Both HPRP funding sources are to provide rapid re-housing and 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 essential services as well as job creation for the elderly;
- Provide assistance with free income tax returns;
- 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 short-term to medium-term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility assistance, moving costs, and case management complimented with credit counseling and budgeting classes;
- Provide educational services on prenatal, infant, family nutrition, and health;
- Provide Housing counseling;
- Provide mobile literacy services to promote literacy;
- 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 program was 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 $144,174 of ESG funds. The ESG grant allocation remains predominantly to support homeless shelters, as well as those organizations that provide services to shelter Brownsville residents and 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 2010-2011, 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 CDBG:

- **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 2010/2011:

- 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 400 families.
  ELIGIBILITY: BATTERED AND ABUSED SPOUSES 570.201 (e)

- PROJECT NAME: (03T) **GOOD NEIGHBOR SETTLEMENT HOUSE, INC.**
  FUNDING: $39,900 (ESG)
  PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to pay partial operations cost for delivery of Essential Services. This project will serve approximately 4,900 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: $ 60,482 (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 2,002 men, women and children.
  ELIGIBILITY: OPERATING COSTS OF HOMELESS/AIDS PATIENTS PROGRAMS

- PROJECT NAME: (13) **CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING**
  FUNDING: $20,000 (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 250 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 implementing with the Texas Homeless Network and with the local shelter providers a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to be able to collect the unduplicated count of homeless persons served over the course of a year or other specified time period.

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 2010-2011, 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 continue implementation of 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.

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.

IV. Homelessness Prevention

In partnership with the City, and with the new HPRP funding 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 HUD HPRP and TDHCA-HPRP stimulus funding will enhance ongoing services such as rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility assistance, moving costs, and case management currently being offered at the Ozanam Center, Good Neighbor Settlement House, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, and Valley AIDS Clinic. As an entitlement community the City of Brownsville received $1,347,839 for the HPRP. City of Brownsville through a competitive grant process was also awarded $1,000,000 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for HPRP funding.

The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its HPRP Entitlement funds for PY 2010/2011:

- PROJECT NAME: (05Q, 08, 21A) **HPRP CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY.**
  FUNDING: $418,689 (HPRP)
  PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to provide 1) financial assistance including short-term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility payments and moving cost; 2) housing stabilization services including case management, housing search and placement and outreach and engagement services.
  ELIGIBILITY: SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- PROJECT NAME: (05Q, 08, 21A) **HPRP GOOD NEIGHBOR SETTLEMENT HOUSE, INC.**
  FUNDING: $306,441 (HPRP)
  PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to provide 1) financial assistance including short-term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility payments and moving cost; 2) housing stabilization services including case management, housing search and placement and outreach and engagement services.
  ELIGIBILITY: SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- PROJECT NAME: (05Q, 08, 21A) **HPRP OZANAM CENTER**
  FUNDING: $ 306,441 (HPRP)
  PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to provide 1) financial assistance including short-term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility payments and moving cost; 2) housing stabilization services including case management, housing search and placement and outreach and engagement services.
  ELIGIBILITY: SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- PROJECT NAME: (05Q, 08, 21A) **HPRP VALLEY AIDS CLINIC**
  FUNDING: $ 171,265 (HPRP)
  PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to provide 1) financial assistance including short-term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility payments and moving cost; 2) housing stabilization services including case management, housing search and placement and outreach and engagement services.
  ELIGIBILITY: SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- PROJECT NAME: (05Q, 08, 21A) **HPRP CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING**
  FUNDING: $80,966 (HPRP)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funding will be used to provide assistance to program participants with critical skills related to household budgeting, money management, and resolving personal credit issues.
ELIGIBILITY:	SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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 1 Action Plan ESG response:

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

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Program Year 1 Action Plan ESG response:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

Program Year 1 Action Plan Community Development response:

**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.*

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, and in accordance with the RGVEC's/City of Brownsville's 3-Year Consolidated Plan & Strategy.

A. Public Facilities and Improvements

During PY 2010/2011, the City of Brownsville 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. In addition, any program income received or reprogrammed funds may also be used for these type of projects or other related eligible activities, including the projects listed below. Projects for program year 2010-2011 include the improvement of two pumping stations and the improvement of selected eligible streets within the City Limits of Brownsville. The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its CDBG funds:

PROJECT NAME:	(03K) **STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ENGINEERING)**
FUNDING:	$ 1,329,388 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to improve as many streets in CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville that have been listed in the 36th CDBG Year Priority List of streets by the Engineering Department. Although targeted areas for overlay improvements and/or reconstruction have been identified, any of the street areas listed in the Priority List can be worked on first based on Environmental requirements or other program requirements, and based on funding available. Reconstruction and overlay improvements of these streets will provide safer driving conditions, help prevent accidents, and help provide for a better quality of life. This project will serve approximately 5,396 people.
ELIGIBILITY:	STREET IMPROVEMENTS 570.201 (c)

PROJECT NAME:	(03I) **ELIZABETH HEIGHTS PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PUBLIC WORKS)**
FUNDING:	$ 206,400 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	In order to improve the current pump station, the City of Brownsville will replace the 4" electrically powered pumps to a 6" pump; replace the 40 year old station with a newly constructed facility; purchase an emergency generator; construct an access road; and enlarge the drainage basin and inlet grille. The project also includes funds for the costs incurred for Engineering and design, and other eligible and necessary expenses.

	The project will facilitate proper drainage in the Purdue, Loma Alta, and Southern Drive neighborhood off Military Road and Boca Chica. This project will improve one public facility in the city of Brownsville and benefit approximately 1,031 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	FLOOD AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES FLOOD DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS 570.201 (c)

PROJECT NAME:	(03I) **MEXICO BOULEVARD PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PUBLIC WORKS)**
FUNDING:	$ 125,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	The City of Brownsville will improve the current pump station by building a structure to shelter the pumps and its instrumentation; and purchase an emergency generator. The project also includes funds for the costs incurred for Engineering and design, and other eligible and necessary expenses (contingencies). The project will improve this facility so that it can be safely operated and to facilitate proper drainage in the Sam Pearl and Mexico Blvd. area near the B&M International Bridge. This project will improve 1 public facility in Brownsville and benefit approximately 2,741 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	FLOOD AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES FLOOD DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS 570.201 (c)

Further information, 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 (Project Sheets), which are attached.

B. <u>Public Services</u>

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

PROJECT NAME:	(05A) **SENIOR HOME DELIVERED LUNCH MEALS (AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC.)**
FUNDING:	$30,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	These funds will pay for approximately 6,060 hot noon meals for 30 unduplicated seniors in Brownsville. These meals will be delivered by Amigos Del Valle, Inc. through its Senior Home Delivered Lunch Meals project.
ELIGIBILITY:	SENIOR SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05H) **MOBILE LEARNING LAB (BROWNSVILLE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL, INC.)**
FUNDING:	$11,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to reimburse Mobile Lab expenses for gasoline and oil expenses to operate 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:	$ 24,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to purchase glucose monitoring supplies to make them available at an affordable price to approximately 3,155 diabetic patients who do not have medical insurance.
ELIGIBILITY:	HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05) **EXPLORATION THEATER (BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY)**
FUNDING:	$ 66,230 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to purchase a Digital Planetarium System by the City of Brownsville Public Library. The Exploration Theater project will allow Library patrons access to improved education levels and bring families together to discover the wonder of science. This purchase will benefit appoximately 639,809 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05N) **CASA, CHILD ADVOCATES (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES)**
FUNDING:	$53,046 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund the salary and benefits for 1.5 caseworkers; and partial telephone, office supplies, and rent expenses. CASA provides independent voice by recommending permanent placement for abused and neglected children whose cases are currently in the court system. Projected beneficiaries served will be approximately 85-115 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05N) **MONICA'S HOUSE – COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (CAMERON COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, INC.)**
FUNDING:	$18,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to partially fund the salary and benefits for the Community Educator, and travel expenses. Monica's House provides community education for children and adults on prevention and early identification of physical and sexual abuse. Projected beneficiaries served will be 2,972 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05) **BROWNSVILLE FINANCIAL LITERACY/ HOUSING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF SOUTH TEXAS)**
FUNDING:	$ 20,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to reimburse a portion of the Counselor's salary, office supplies, printing & publications, travel & training expenses, equipment maintenance, and rent. The project will serve approximately 250 individuals or 120 households.
ELIGIBILITY:	PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05D) **GIRL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER SOUTH TEXAS)**
FUNDING:	$ 5,400 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund the registration of at least 450 individuals, which will include supplies (books and handbooks), and the purchase of badges, patches and certificates.
ELIGIBILITY:	YOUTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05M) **INFANT AND FAMILY NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAMS (INFANT AND FAMILY NUTRITION AGENCY)**
FUNDING:	$ 10,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will pay for partial salaries for personnel who provide educational classes to mothers and infants at the office and throughout the city. This project will serve about 2,003 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05B) **REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (BROWNSVILLE SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, D/B/A MOODY CLINIC)**
FUNDING:	$ 90,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to provide partial salaries for two Speech Therapists,a Physical Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist. This project will serve approximately 285 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	HANDICAPPED SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05) **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY**
FUNDING:	$ 25,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund a portion of the salaries for the Program Manager, two House Coordinators, and two House Coordinator Case Managers; contracted services, office supplies, and utilities. This project will serve approximately 350 individuals or 80 households.
ELIGIBILITY:	PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05A) **SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (SENIOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES, INC.)**
FUNDING:	$ 16,548 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used for partial funding for Volunteer stipends. These elderly senior volunteers provide daily living assistance to homebound elderly seniors. The project expects to assist 30 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	SENIOR SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05M) **SUNSHINE HAVEN, INC.**
FUNDING:	$ 48,119 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used for partial salaries for 3 full-time Caregivers, 4 part-time Caregivers, telephone, and utilities expenses. The center is expected to serve approximately 150 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05N) **"AT RISK" PREVENTION PROGRAM (TIP OF TEXAS FAMILY OUTREACH)**
FUNDING:	$ 27,292 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to pay for a portion of salaries for the Administrative Assistant, 2 Caseworkers, and 1 Parent Educator, including benefits; professional fees, telephone expenses, office supplies, printing & publications, travel, training, and utilities. This project will serve about 2,000 individuals or 850 households.
ELIGIBILITY:	ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05) **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROG. (UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN CAMERON COUNTY)**
FUNDING:	$ 15,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund partial salary expenses for a the EITC Coordinator and 2 EITC Site Workers (Part-time positions), including benefits. This project will serve approximately 990 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	PUBLIC SERVICES (GENERAL) 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05M) **VALLEY AIDS COUNCIL, INC.**
FUNDING:	$ 73,393 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used for partial salaries for an Education /Outreach and a Substance Abuse Treastment staff, office supplies, travel, prescriptions and lab expenses, pension costs, workers assistance program, and life insurance. Proposed beneficiaries are approximately 148 HIV individuals and 65 Substance Abuse 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 (Project Sheets, herein attached).

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 other expenses related to meeting program requirements.

PROJECT NAME:	(21A) **PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION**
FUNDING:	$ 672,703 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund the administration of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs.
ELIGIBILITY:	GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 570.205

PROJECT NAME:	(21A) **FINANCE/ACCOUNTING**
FUNDING:	$ 38,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund the salary of the financial administrator of the CDBG/ESG/HOME programs.
ELIGIBILITY:	GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 570.205

PROJECT NAME:	(21A) **INDIRECT COST**
FUNDING:	$ 32,000 (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 570.205

D. Other

PROJECT NAME:	(15) **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
FUNDING:	$195,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funding will provide for the payment of salaries and overhead costs directly related to the enforcement of local codes., such as property inspections. This project will serve over 1,000 people in CDBG eligible areas.
ELIGIBILITY:	CODE ENFORCEMENT 570.202 (c)

PROJECT NAME:	(19F) **SECTION 108 LINEAR PARK DEBT SERVICE**
FUNDING:	$257,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funding will be used to pay the debt service for the Linear Park Section 108 Loan Guarantee.

PROJECT NAME:	(19F) **SECTION 108 CABLER PARK DEBT SERVICE**
FUNDING:	$165,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funding will be used to pay the debt service for Cabler Park Section 108 Loan Guarantee.

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 (Project Sheets).

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.*

The City of Brownsville continues meeting its long-term and short-term community development objectives not only through its HUD funded programs, such as CDBG, ESG, and HOME, but it also includes other funding sources to meet those objectives. Furthermore, the City of Brownsville continues providing decent housing and a suitable living environment through its CDBG program. Currently, it is administering its CDBG Moderate Rehab Program with funds allocated in FY 2006 and FY 2007. This program allows improvements to be done to eligible Single-Family Homeowner Occupied housing units for the elderly and handicap.

Additionally, the City of Brownsville is currently funding the Cameron County Juvenile Probation Department (CCJPD) to run its Building Trades Project, also using CDBG funds. This skills training program is a program that builds homes for low-income families. The crew is adjudicated youth or cadets of the Darrel B. Hester Juvenile Justice Center in San Benito, Texas that is supervised by professional staff of the Center. It is a hands-on training program that allows cadets build skills that will benefit them for future employment, and prepares each juvenile for life as a law-abiding citizen, while learning a vocational trade during their stay at the Boot Camp. This training leaves them with a sense of pride because they know they have helped build a dream for a needy or low-income family.

Other housing opportunities are being provided to low-income families with other grant funds, such as from Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs – Weatherization (WAP-ARRA) and Disaster Recovery (Dolly – Housing). The Weatherization program is up and running, but the Dolly Housing is still being developed as the Request for Proposals is not yet complete.

Antipoverty Strategy

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

Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy response:

With 34.5% of ~~the~~ Brownsville families living below poverty (U.S. Census-2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates), 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 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 2010/2011, 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 and is also administrating the CDBG Moderate Rehab Program which helps to rehab homeowners occupied housing units. 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.*

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 PY2010-2011 One-Year Action Plan:

A. Elderly and Frail Elderly

For PY2010-2011, the City of Brownsville will provide CDBG funding to Amigos Del Valle.

- Funding for Amigos Del Valle, Inc. will cover the costs of the meals to homebound elders in the city of Brownsville in the amount of $30,000.
- Senior Community Outreach- Funds in the amount of $16,548. This is a new program which funds will be used to pay a stipend to Senior companions assigned to assist other homebound Seniors with daily quality of life chores, and running of errands.

B. Severe Mental Illness

- For PY 2010-2011, no specific programs were funded to assist people with severe mental illnesses.

C. Developmentally Disabled/Physically Disabled

For PY 2010/2011, the City will provide funding to the Moody Clinic in the amount of $90,000.

- 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 2010-2011, Valley AIDS Council Inc. will assist teens with alcohol and other drug addictions.

- Valley AIDS is a community based program that will be offering recovery from substance abuse and addiction. It will provide individual counseling and group support to young teen groups, and was awarded $90,000. Valley AIDS, will

focus on the needs of young adults and their families. Funds will be used to pay the Counselors salary and other costs.

E. Persons with AIDS and related diseases:

For PY 2010/2011, the City CDBG included funding in the amount shown above 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 2010/2011, 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 2010-2011 the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Coporation will have its Valley Homes for Heroe Contract executed to assist veterans returning from the Iraqui war. It was in the amount of $165,000 (PY 2008).

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 2010/2011, the City will provide CDBG funding to the following agencies, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) ($53,046); Moody Clinic ($90,000); Tip Of Texas Family Outreach -Success with Parenting ($27,292); Infant Nutrition Program ($10,000); and Girl Scouts – Tip of Texas Council ($5,400).

- 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 pay membership fees for the year for low and moderate income participants.

- Funding for the City of Brownsville – Summer Youth Developent 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 Deaprtment 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 1 Action Plan HOPWA response:

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 1 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

Other Narrative

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

Project Sheets

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Grantee Name: **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Project Name:	Streets 2010-2011 - COB Engineering				
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

PFI - 2010/2011 Streets - The City of Brownsville will use $1,494,388 of CDBG funds to improve as many streets in Brownsville located in CDBG eligible areas that have been listed in the 36th CDBG Year Priority List of streets by the Engineering Department. Target areas have been identified for overlay improvements and/or reconstruction, though any street listed in the Priority List can be worked on first based on Environmental requirements, funding available, need, and/or other program requirements imposed.

Location:

City-wide Project; Brownsville, Texas.

Priority Need Category

Select one: Infrastructure

Explanation:

Reconstruction and overlay improvements of streets identified will provide safter driving conditions, help prevent accidents, and help provide for a better quality of life.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☑ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	5,396		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 Safer Streets	Visual inspections of work performed and number of beneficiaries	

03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$1,494,388		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:	Elizabeth Heights Pump Station Imrovements Project 2010 - Public Works				
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

PFI - The City of Brownsville will use $206,400 of CDBG funds to make improvements to the current pump station located at Military Rd. and Purdue. It will replace the 4" electrically powered pumps to a 6" pump; construct new facility to replace the 40-year old structure; purchase an emergency generator; construct an access road; & enlarge the drainage basin & inlet grill, including Engineering/Design costs & contingencies.

Location:

4104 N. Military
(Military Rd. & Purdue)
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Priority Need Category

Select one: Infrastructure

Explanation:

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

The project will facilitate proper drainage in the Purdue, Loma Alta, and Southern Drive neighborhood off Military Road and Boca Chica Blvd. The current antiquated pumps and associated storm system infrastructure fail or become blocked during any significant rainfall; constructed over 40 years ago.

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☑ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

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**	
01 People	**Proposed**	1,031		Accompl. Type:	**Proposed**	
	Underway				**Underway**	
	Complete				**Complete**	
Accompl. Type:	**Proposed**			Accompl. Type:	**Proposed**	
	Underway				**Underway**	
	Complete				**Complete**	

Proposed Outcome	**Performance Measure**	**Actual Outcome**
Improved drainage in area	New pumps; modern/efficient structure; generator; access road; enlarged basin	

03I Flood Drain Improvements 570.201(c)				Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes				Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes				Matrix Codes			

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$206,400		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**	

Grantee Name: **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Project Name:	Mexic Blvd. Pump Station Improvements Project 2010 - Public Works			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

PFI - The City of Brownsville will use $125,000 of CDBG funds to improve the current pump station located in the corner of Mexico Blvd. and Sam Pearl, near the B&M Bridge. It will build a new structure to enclose and shelter the pumps and its instrumentation for protectection and safety of staff during harsh weather; and purchase an emergency generator, including Engineering/Design costs & contingencies.

Location:

1202 Mexico Blvd.
(Corner of Mexico Blvd. and Sam Pearl, by B&M Bridge) Brownsville, Texas 78520.

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☑ Sustainability

Priority Need Category

Select one: Infrastructure

Explanation:

These improvements will facilitate staff to safely operate the facility & will provide proper drainage in the Sam Pearl and Mexico Blvd. area near the B&M International Bridge. It will also increase security to avoid random or opportunistic vandalism; & avoid service interruption during a major storm or inclement weather.

Specific Objectives

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	
01 People	Proposed	2,741		Accompl. Type:	Proposed	
	Underway				Underway	
	Complete				Complete	
Accompl. Type:	Proposed			Accompl. Type:	Proposed	
	Underway				Underway	
	Complete				Complete	

Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome
Improved drainage in area	Safe operational structure; generator.	

03I Flood Drain Improvements 570.201(c)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	Proposed Amt.	$125,000		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	

Grantee Name: **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Project Name:	Senior Home-Delivered Lunch Meals 2010 - Amigos Del Valle, Inc.			
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: Amigos Del Valle, Inc. was allocated $30,000 of CDBG funds to pay for approximately 6,060 hot noon meals for 30 unduplicated elderly individuals in Brownsville, through its home-delivered meal program.

Location:

City-wide project; Brownsville, Texas.

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

The cost of each meal provided is $4.95 and will be provided during the 229-day cycle for FY2010-2011. Beneficiaries are homebound and unable to attend a senior nutrition center. These meals allow the seniors to meet the Dietary Reference intake (RDI) requirements, as per the Older Americans Act, and provide a healthier lifestyle. These meals originate from Casa Del Mar, which is located at 2575 Russell Drive in Brownsville, Texas 78520.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	Proposed	30		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
Accessibility of a hot and nutritioinal meal.	Number of homebound seniors served.	

05A Senior Services 570.201(e) | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

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		

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Project Name:	Mobile Learning Lab 2010 - Brownsville Adult Literacy Council, Inc.			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The Brownsville Adult Literacy Council, Inc. was allocated $11,000 in CDBG funds to reimburse the expense incurred of gasoline and oil to operate the Mobile Lab vehicle here in Brownsville, Texas.

Location:

City-wide project.
Brownwsville, Texas.

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

The Mobile Learning Lab uses multi-media technology to deliver educational program (ABE/GED/ESL, keyboarding, developmental reading, career assessments, life/work skills) to remote areas throughout the city of Brownsville, Texas.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ◉ Economic Opportunity

Specific Objectives

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ 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
Improved Education for People Served	Number of persons served.	

05H Employment Training 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$11,000		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**	

Grantee Name: **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Project Name:	BCHC Glucometer Program 2010			
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The Brownsville Community Health Clinic was allocated $24,000 of CDBG funds to purchase glucose monitoring supplies to make them available at an affordable price to approximately 3,155 diabetic patients who do not have medical insurance.

Location:

Bro. Community Health Clinic
2137 E. 22nd St.
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

The cost of test strips averages $40-50 a month, in addition to average monthly cost of medications that can be about $40 and sometimes even more than that. With CDBG funds, BCHC can provide test strips at an average cost of $10-20 per month to diabetic patients who do not have medical insurance.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2. Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	Proposed	3,155		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
Lower cost of diabetic supplies.	Diabetic Patients assisted	

05M Health Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	Proposed Amt.	$24,000		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		

Grantee Name: **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

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Project Name:	Exploration Theater 2010 - Brownsville Public Library			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $66,230 of CDBG funds for the Exploration Theater project that will be administered by the Brownsville Public Library. This project will require a purchase of a Digital Planetarium System which will allow Library patrons access to improved knowledge in science and bring families together to discover the wonders of science.

Location:

Southmost Public Library
4320 Southmost Rd; 78521;
Brownsville Public Library
2600 Central Blvd.; 78520

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ◉ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

The Theater will give the Library and Brownsville a new attraction that will bring in members of the community that have never been in the Library and provide them the opportunity to discover all the services that the Library offers and hopefully return to those services on a regular basis.

Specific Objectives

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	11,000		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
Increased community involvement	# of Library patrons participating in program	

05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	Proposed Amt.	$66,230		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	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	CASA, Child Advocates 2010 - Court Appointed Special Advocates			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $53,046 of CDBG funds to Court Appointed Special Advocates for its program. Funds will pay for the salary and benefits of 1.5 caseworkers; and partial telephone, office supplies, and rent expenses.

Location:

1175 W. Price Rd., Suite 3
Brownsville, TX 78520

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

CASA finds permanent homes for children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse and/or neglect. This funding will provide CASA to continue to serve and expand services for those who come into the sytem.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

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
Availability of services for abuse and/or neglected children	# of children assisted	

05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$53,046		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**		

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Monica's House Community Education Program 2010 - CCCAC			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $18,000 of CDBG funds to Cameron County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. for Monica's House - Community Education Program. These funds will pay for partial salary and benefits of the Community Educator and travel expenses.

Location:

Brownsville, Texas 78520

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

Monica's House provides community education for children and adults on prevention and early identifiation of physical and sexual abuse.

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Specific Objectives

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	2,972		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 community education for children and adults	# of individuals served	

05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$18,000		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 Financial Literacy/Housing Education Program - 2010 CCC			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $20,000 to Consumer Credit Counseling Service of South Texas to assist in the partial payment of the Counselor's salary, office supplies, printing & publications, travel & training, equipment maintenance, and rent expense.

Location:
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Expected Completion Date:
9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

CCCS provides Pre- and Post- Counseling sessions and Financial Literacy classes to first-time homebuyers. The focus of this program is to identify barriers to a better life and address basic money management skills through education.

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2. Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	250		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
Financial Literate First-time Homebuyers	# of individuals served	

05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

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**	

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Project Name:	Girl Assistance Program 2010 - Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $5,400 of CDBG funds to the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas to fund the registration fee of at least 450 individuals, which will include supplies (books and handbooks) and the purchase of badges, patches, and certificates.

Location:

Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

This program allows low-income families in Brownsville to enroll their daughters in the Girl Scouts program, which offers a preventive, informal education program that creates opportunities for positive girl development in a caring and nurturing environment.

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ◉ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2. Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons
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 opportunities to participate in program	# of individuals enrolled in the Girl Scouts program	

05D Youth Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$5,400		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**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Infant & Family Nutrition Education Programs 2010			
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $10,000 of CDBG funds to Infant & Family Nutrition Agency. The funds will pay for partial salaires for pesonnel who provide educational classes to mothers and infants at the office and throughout the city.

Location:

1225 Boca Chica Blvd., Room 5
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

The Infant Nutrition agency serves low-income parents with free bilingual prenatal, breast feeding, and family nutrition classes that are designed to promote positive health and healthy eating habits for adults and children.

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	2,003		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
Better educated parents in Nutrition & Breastfeeding	# of individuals assisted.	

05M Health Services 570.201(e)		Matrix Codes	
Matrix Codes		Matrix Codes	
Matrix Codes		Matrix Codes	

Program Year 1

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**		

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

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Project Name:	Rehabilitation Services for Children 2010 - Moody Clinic			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $90,000 of CDBG funds to the Brownsville Society for Crippled Children, d/b/a Moody Clinic. The funds will provide the payment of partial salaries for two Speech Therapists, a Physical Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist.

Location:

1901 E. 22nd Street
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

The Moody Clinic provides rehabilitative services for children from birth to twenty-one years of age. It provides occupational, physical, and speech/language therapy, as well as orthopaedic evaluations.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Specific Objectives

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	Proposed	285		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
Availability of Rehabilitative Services	individuals assisted	

05B Handicapped Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	Proposed Amt.	$90,000		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	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Ronald McDonald House 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville has allocated $25,000 of CDBG funds to Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. These funds will be used to fund a portion of the salaries for the Program Manager, two House Coordinators, and two House Coordinator Case Managers; contracted services, office supplies, and utilities expenses.

Location:

1720 Treasure Hills Blvd.
Harlingen, Texas
(Beneficiaries will be Brownsville residents)

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families of critically ill children who are receiving medical care at local hospitals.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	350		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
Availability of Shelter Assistance to families	# of individuals assisted.	

05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

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**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Senior Companion Program 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $16,548 to the Senior Community Outreach Services, Inc. for its Senior Companion Program. This is a new applicant/project. The funding will pay for partial funding for Volunteer stipends.

Location:

Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

The Senior Companion Program empowers healthy elderly and low income seniors to become active volunteers in their community by assisting the homebound elderly seniors who are at risk of losing their independence assisting them with their daily living tasks, including light meal preparation & housekeeping, etc.

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	Proposed	30		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
More Availability of Elderly Homebound Assistance	# of Beneficiaries	

05A Senior Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	Proposed Amt.	$16,548		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	

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Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Sunshine Haven Inc. - 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $48,119 of CDBG to the Sunshine Haven, Inc. These funds will pay for partial salaries for three full-time Caregivers, four part-time Caregivers, and telephone and utilities expenses.

Location:

Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

Sunshine Haven provides 24-hour end-of-life care to terminally ill individuals who cannot be cared for at home.

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

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**	150		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
Accessibility to Service provided to terminally ill	# of individuals assisted.	

05M Health Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$48,119		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**		

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	"At Risk" Prevention Program 2010 - Tip of TX Family Outreach		
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $27,292 of CDBG to Tip of Texas Family Outreach. These funds will pay for a portion of salaries for the Administrative Assistance, two Caseworkers, and one Parent Educator, including benefits; professional fees, telephone expenses, office supplies, printing & publications, travel, training, and utilities.

Location:

455 E. Levee
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

Tip of Texas provides educational supportive services to low to moderate, "at risk" families for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

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**	2,000		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
Increase Education on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	# of Persons assisted	

05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$27,292		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**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program 2010 - United Way			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $15,000 of CDBG to the United Way of Southern Cameron County for its Volunteer Income Tax Asssistance program. These funds will pay for partial salary & benefits expenses for the EITC Coordinator and two part-time EITC Site Workers.

Location:

634 E. Levee
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

This program assists families earning less than $49,000 to file their taxes for free, assisting them to claim many tax credits that help move them above the poverty level.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ◉ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2. Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	Proposed	990		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
Maximize the amount of Tax Refund Available	# of individuals assisted	

05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	Proposed Amt.	$15,000		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	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Valley Aids Council, Inc. 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $73,393 of CDBG to Valley Aids to pay for partial salaries for an Education/Outreach and a Substance Abuse Treatment staff, office supplies, travel, prescriptions and lab expenses, pension costs, workers assistance program, and life insurance.

Location:

Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Services

Explanation:

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Valley aids provides HIV services (testing, counseling, lab, medical case management) and Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention to youth residents of Brownsville. The Substance Abuse treatment is a new service provided by Valley Aids.

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Specific Objectives

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
2.
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	213		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 awareness of HIV & Substance Abuse	# of individuals serviced	

05M Health Services 570.201(e)		Matrix Codes	
Matrix Codes		Matrix Codes	
Matrix Codes		Matrix Codes	

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$73,393		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**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Children's Domestic Violence Program 2010 - Friendship of Women, Inc.			
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

ESG/SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $43,792 of ESG funds for Friendship of Women, Inc. These funds will pay for the Essential Services and Operations expenses incurred for the Children's Program.

Location:

Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Homeless/HIV/AIDS

Explanation:

The Children's Program provides 24-hour emergency shelter, crisis intervention, child advocacy, case management, educational services, support groups, and counseling to children who temporarily reside at the shelter due to family violence and/or sexual assault.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

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**	400		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
Availability of Shelter & Services for Abused	# of individuals served	

05G Battered and Abused Spouses 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

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**	

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Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Basic Needs - 2010 Good Neighbor Settlement Housing, Inc.			
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

ESG/SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $39,900 to the Good Neighbor Settlement Housing, Inc. for its Basic Needs program. These funds will partially pay for operations costs for delivery of Essential Services.

Location:

1254 E. Tyler Street
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Priority Need Category

Select one: Homeless/HIV/AIDS

Explanation:

GNSH provides three hot meals daily, a food pantry, showers, change of clothes referrals, after-school tutorials, ESL classes for adults, and other after-school programs.

Specific Objectives

1. Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons
2. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	4,900		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
Availability of Basic Needs services provided	# of individuals served	

03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

ESG	**Proposed Amt.**	$39,900		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**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Emergency Homeless Shelter 2010 - Ozanam Center, Inc.			
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

ESG/SS: The City of Brownsville allocated $60,482 of ESG funds to The Bishop Enrique San Pedro, Ozanam Center, Inc. for the Emergency Homeless Shelter program. These funds will pay a portion of the Operating expenses and Essential Services at the Center.

Location:

656 N. Minnesota Ave.
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Priority Need Category

Select one: Homeless/HIV/AIDS

Explanation:

Ozanam Center provides emergency shelter to homeless individuals and families under a non-discriminatory basis, and services to meet the individual needs such as three-meals a day, clothing, casework, ESL, afterschool tutorial, and food pantry services to the community.

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons
2. Improve the services for low/mod income persons
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

01 People	**Proposed**	2,000		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
Availability of Emergency Shelter to Homeless	# of homeless individuals assisted	

03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

ESG	**Proposed Amt.**	$60,482		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**	

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Project Name:	BAHC Energy Efficient Homes 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

HOME: The City of Brownsville has allocated $716,002 to the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation for its Energy Efficient Homes program. These funds will pay to acquire at least 46 lots and provide gap assistance to eligible first-time homebuyers.

Location:

City-Wide Project; Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Owner Occupied Housing

Explanation:

BAHC will purchase at least 46 lots to build energy efficient, yet affordable house units for eligible first-time homebuyers.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- (•) Decent Housing
- ( ) Suitable Living Environment
- ( ) Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- [ ] Availability/Accessibility
- [x] Affordability
- [ ] Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Increase the availability of affordable owner housing
2. Improve the quality of owner housing
3. Improve access to affordable owner housing

Project-level Accomplishments

10 Housing Units	**Proposed**	46		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
Energy Efficient and Affordable Housing	# of housing units built	

12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

HOME	**Proposed Amt.**	$716,002		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**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

HOME: The City of Brownsville allocated $450,000 for its Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program. The funds will provide direct assistance to eligible first-time homebuyers with down payment and closing costs assistance.

Location:

City-Wide project.
Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Owner Occupied Housing

Explanation:

The City of Brownsville Down Payment Assistance provides down payment and closing costs to eligible first-time homebuyers in the amount of $8,500, $11,500, and $14,500 for its 50% of below, 60% of below, and 80% or below of the media family income as determined by HUD (Part 5).

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- (●) Decent Housing
- ( ) Suitable Living Environment
- ( ) Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- [ ] Availability/Accessibility
- [x] Affordability
- [ ] Sustainability

Specific Objectives

1. Increase the availability of affordable owner housing
2. Improve access to affordable owner housing
3.

Project-level Accomplishments

10 Housing Units	**Proposed**	40		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
Access of Affordable Decent Homeownership	# of individuals assisted to purchase their 1st home	

13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n) | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

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**	
Accompl. Type:	**Proposed Units**			Accompl. Type:	**Proposed Units**	
	Actual Units				**Actual Units**	
Accompl. Type:	**Proposed Units**			Accompl. Type:	**Proposed Units**	
	Actual Units				**Actual Units**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	HOME Admin 2010		
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

HOME: The City of Brownsville allocated 10% maximum of the total HOME annual allocation, which will be used for eligible and reasonable planning & administrative costs, such as program management, coordination, planning, monitoring, and evaluation activities.

Location:

City of Brownsville
Planning & C.D. Department
1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- (•) Decent Housing
- ( ) Suitable Living Environment
- ( ) Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- [ ] Availability/Accessibility
- [x] Affordability
- [ ] Sustainability

Priority Need Category

Select one: Planning/Administration

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.

Specific Objectives

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Project-level Accomplishments

Accompl. Type:	**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**

21H HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (subject to 5% cap	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

HOME	**Proposed Amt.**	$129,555		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**		

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	CDBG Planning & Admin 2010			
Description:		**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

CDBG funds in the amount of $672,703 will be used to fund the administration of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs.

Location:

City of Brownsville
Planning & C.D. Department
1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Priority Need Category

Select one: Planning/Administration

Explanation:

This project will pay salaries, benefits, and other operational, and maintenance costs associated with the administration of CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds made available at the Planning & Community Development Department.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

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Project-level Accomplishments

Accompl. Type:	**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**

21A General Program Administration 570.206 | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Matrix Codes | Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$672,703	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**	

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Finance/Accounting 2010		
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

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
City of Brownsville

Priority Need Category

Select one: Planning/Administration

Explanation:

These funds will be used to fund the accounting person in the Finance Department of the City of Brownsville.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Specific Objectives

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

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Project-level Accomplishments

Accompl. Type:	**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**

21A General Program Administration 570.206	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

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**		

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Indirect Cost 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

CDBG funds in the amount of $32,000 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:

City of Brownsville
Planning & C.D. Department
1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Expected Completion Date:

9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Priority Need Category

Select one: Planning/Administration

Explanation:

Indirect Costs

Specific Objectives

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Project-level Accomplishments

Accompl. Type:	**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**

21B Indirect Costs 570.206	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$32,000		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**		

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Project Name:	Code Enforcement 2010		
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**	**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

CDBG funds in the amount of $195,000 will provide for two Code Enforcement Officers and a Housing Inspector salaries and other related activities.

Location:

City of Brownsville
Planning & C.D. Department
1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Priority Need Category

Select one: Planning/Administration

Explanation:

Code Enforcement salaries and activities.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ○ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Specific Objectives

Outcome Categories
- ☐ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

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Project-level Accomplishments

Accompl. Type:	**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**

15 Code Enforcement 570.202(c)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	**Proposed Amt.**	$195,000		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**		

Grantee Name: **City of Brownsville**

Project Name:	Section 108 Linear Park Loan - 2010			
Description:	**IDIS Project #:**		**UOG Code:**	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE

The City of Brownsville has allocated an additional $257,000 for the repayment of the Linear Park project, Section 108 Loan.

Location:

City of Brownsville
Finance Department
Brownsville, Texas

Priority Need Category

Select one: Public Facilities

Explanation:

The Southern Pacific Linear Park is the starting point of the Historic Battlefield Trail. It serves as a linkage or gateway to both Downtown Brownsville and Cultural District No. 1. The old Southern Pacific switch-yard was redeveloped into a modern multi-use linear park.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011

Objective Category
- ○ Decent Housing
- ◉ Suitable Living Environment
- ○ Economic Opportunity

Outcome Categories
- ☑ Availability/Accessibility
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Sustainability

Specific Objectives

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	payment of loan	

03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c)	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes

Program Year 1

CDBG	Proposed Amt.	$257,000		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	

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		☐	☐		☐
Production of new units		☐	☐		☐
Rehabilitation of existing units		☐	☐	☐	☐
Rental Assistance		☐	☑		☐
Total Sec. 215 Rental Goals		☐	☑	☐	☐
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE OWNER HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Acquisition of existing units		☐	☐		
Production of new units	46	☐	☑		
Rehabilitation of existing units	10	☑	☑		
Homebuyer Assistance	40	☐	☑		☐
Total Sec. 215 Owner Goals	96	☑	☑	☐	☐
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Homeless		☑	☐	☐	☐
Non-Homeless		☐	☐	☐	☐
Special Needs	5	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total Sec. 215 Affordable Housing	5	☐	☐	☐	☐
ANNUAL HOUSING GOALS					
Annual Rental Housing Goal	0	☐	☑	☐	☐
Annual Owner Housing Goal	96	☑	☑	☐	☐
Total Annual Housing Goal	96	☑	☑	☐	☐

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.

Housing Needs Table

Housing Needs - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data Housing Problems

Grantee:

Only complete blue sections. Do NOT type in sections other than blue.

			Current % of House-holds	Current Number of House-holds	3-5 Year Quantities												% of Goal	Priority Need?	Plan to Fund?	Fund Source	Households with a Disabled Member		Disproportionate Racial/ Ethnic Need?	# of Households in lead-Hazard Housing	Total Low Income HIV/ AIDS Population
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4*		Year 5*		Multi-Year						% HSHLD	# HSHLD			
					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual									
Household Income <=30% MFI	Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1506																100%		N		
			Any housing problems	57.2	861	8											0	####	H	Y	C,H		0			
			Cost Burden > 30%	56.8	855	200											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	30.4	458	50											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	2160																		N		
			With Any Housing Problems	80.9	1747	3											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden > 30%	68.9	1488	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	52.5	1134	4											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1523																		N		
			With Any Housing Problems	94.6	1441	10											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden > 30%	72.2	1100	5											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	57.9	882	6											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	397																		N		
			With Any Housing Problems	78.6	312	20											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden > 30%	66.7	265	3											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	49.4	196	8											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
	Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	910																				
			With Any Housing Problems	61.5	560	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden > 30%	60.7	552	4											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	32.1	292	8											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	922																		N		
			With Any Housing Problems	71.1	656	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden > 30%	68.5	632	2											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	47.5	438	4											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	689																		N		
			With Any Housing Problems	92.5	637	4											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden > 30%	60.7	418	3											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	36.0	248	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	173																		N		
			With Any Housing Problems	53.8	93	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden > 30%	51.4	89	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H					
			Cost Burden >50%	44.5	77	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H					

Household Income >30 to <=50% MFI													
Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	450							100%		N
		With Any Housing Problems	50.4	227	1	0	####	H	Y	C,H		0	
		Cost Burden > 30%	47.8	215	1	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	17.8	80	1	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1313									N
		With Any Housing Problems	75.1	986	10	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden > 30%	51.0	670	3	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	11.5	151	3	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	774									N
		With Any Housing Problems	89.9	696	0	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden > 30%	32.7	253	0	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	4.7	36	0	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
	All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	184									N
		With Any Housing Problems	69.6	128	0	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden > 30%	67.4	124	0	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	29.9	55	0	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	924									N
		With Any Housing Problems	35.6	329	2	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden > 30%	30.4	281	3	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	14.8	137	2	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1096									N
		With Any Housing Problems	61.7	676	6	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden > 30%	51.5	564	8	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	31.1	341	20	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1029									N
		With Any Housing Problems	67.4	694	20	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden > 30%	36.1	371	5	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	10.5	108	10	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
	All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	57									N
		With Any Housing Problems	78.9	45	10	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden > 30%	78.9	45	15	0	####	H	Y	C,H			
		Cost Burden >50%	64.9	37	1	0	####	H	Y	C,H			

Household Income >50 to <=80% MFI	Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	177												0	####	H	Y	C,H	100%		N	
			With Any Housing Problems	53.7	95	5											0	####	H	Y	C,H		0		
			Cost Burden > 30%	41.2	73	2											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
		Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1156												0	####	H	Y	C,H			N	
			With Any Housing Problems	48.7	563	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	20.9	242	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	0.9	10	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
		Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	861												0	####	H	Y	C,H			N	
			With Any Housing Problems	78.6	677	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	9.1	78	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	0.5	4	0											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
		All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	256												0	####	H	Y	C,H			N	
			With Any Housing Problems	60.2	154	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	57.0	146	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	9.8	25	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
	Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	885												0	####	H	Y	C,H			N	
			With Any Housing Problems	16.9	150	4											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	15.8	140	4											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	4.6	41	4											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
		Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1809												0	####	H	Y	C,H			N	
			With Any Housing Problems	48.1	870	8											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	37.8	684	7											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	4.2	76	8											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
		Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1639												0	####	H	Y	C,H			N	
			With Any Housing Problems	65.8	1078	5											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	19.8	325	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	3.5	57	3											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
		All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	105												0	####	H	Y	C,H			N	
			With Any Housing Problems	45.7	48	10											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	41.9	44	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	9.5	10	1											0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Total Any Housing Problem			129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
			Total 215 Renter			350											0										
			Total 215 Owner			193											0										
			Total 215			543	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										

	Total Disabled	0	
Tot. Elderly	2221		Total Lead Hazard	0
Tot. Sm. Related	11928		Total Renters	16428
Tot. Lg. Related	9104		Total Owners	11842

Jurisdiction

Housing Market Analysis

Complete cells in blue.

Housing Stock Inventory	Vacancy Rate	0 & 1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3+ Bedroom	Total	Substandard Units
Affordability Mismatch						
Occupied Units: Renter		6208	4880	3406	14494	33399
Occupied Units: Owner		2927	5768	14366	23061	26158
Vacant Units: For Rent	10%	599	486	345	1430	2000
Vacant Units: For Sale	2%	188	139	100	427	1000
Total Units Occupied & Vacant		9922	11273	18217	39412	62557
Rents: Applicable FMRs (in $s)		454 / 524	600	742 - 1,089		
Rent Affordable at 30% of 50% of MFI (in $s)		436	523	605		
Public Housing Units						
Occupied Units		1087	1190	2237	4514	166
Vacant Units		83	36	114	233	62
Total Units Occupied & Vacant		1170	1226	2351	4747	228
Rehabilitation Needs (in $s)		6,522,848	494,110	868,183	7,885,141	

Housing and Community Development Activities		Needs	Current	Gap	5-Year Quantities											
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Cumulative	
					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
01 Acquisition of Real Property 570.201(a)		3	0	3	0		2		1						3	0
02 Disposition 570.201(b)		3	0	3	0		2		1						3	0
Public Facilities and Improvements	03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General) 570.201(c)	35	4	31	0										0	0
	03A Senior Centers 570.201(c)	5	3	2	0										0	0
	03B Handicapped Centers 570.201(c)	2	1	1	285										285	0
	03C Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 570.201(c)	5	2	3	1										1	0
	03D Youth Centers 570.201(c)	6	4	2	1										1	0
	03E Neighborhood Facilities 570.201(c)	4	3	1	0										0	0
	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c)	30	5	25	1										1	0
	03G Parking Facilities 570.201©	15	11	4	0										0	0
	03H Solid Waste Disposal Improvements 570.201(c)	2	1	1	2										2	0
	03I Flood Drain Improvements 570.201(c)	25	10	15	2										2	0
	03J Water/Sewer Improvements 570.201(c)	9000	0	9000	2										2	0
	03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)	###	0	###	###										###	0
	03L Sidewalks 570.201(c)	9000	0	9000	0										0	0
	03M Child Care Centers 570.201(c)	0	0	0	0										0	0
	03N Tree Planting 570.201(c)	5	0	5	0										0	0
	03O Fire Stations/Equipment 570.201(c)	5	0	5	0										0	0
	03P Health Facilities 570.201(c)	0	0	0	0										0	0
	03Q Abused and Neglected Children Facilities 570.201(c)	2	0	2	5277										5277	0
	03R Asbestos Removal 570.201(c)	3	0	3	0										0	0
	03S Facilities for AIDS Patients (not operating costs) 570.201(c)	2	0	2	0										0	0
	03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs	1200	0	1200	1										1	0
04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)		0	0	0	1										1	0
04A Clean-up of Contaminated Sites 570.201(d)		0	0	0	1										1	0
Public Services	05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e)	###	0	###	###										###	0
	05A Senior Services 570.201(e)	500	0	500	60										60	0
	05B Handicapped Services 570.201(e)	5000	0	5000	285										285	0
	05C Legal Services 570.201(E)	0	0	0	0										0	0
	05D Youth Services 570.201(e)	3000	0	3000	450										450	0
	05E Transportation Services 570.201(e)	8000	0	8000	0										0	0
	05F Substance Abuse Services 570.201(e)	5000	0	5000	0										0	0
	05G Battered and Abused Spouses 570.201(e)	3000	0	3000	400										400	0
	05H Employment Training 570.201(e)	6000	0	6000	300										300	0
	05I Crime Awareness 570.201(e)	0	0	0	0										0	0
	05J Fair Housing Activities (if CDBG, then subject to 570.201(e)	1000	0	1000	0										0	0
	05K Tenant/Landlord Counseling 570.201(e)	500	0	500	0										0	0
	05L Child Care Services 570.201(e)	1500	0	1500	0										0	0
	05M Health Services 570.201(e)	500	0	500	4										4	0
	05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e)	800	0	800	3										3	0
	05O Mental Health Services 570.201(e)	100	0	100	0										0	0
	05P Screening for Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Poison 570.201	800	0	800	15										15	0
	05Q Subsistence Payments 570.204	0	0	0	0										0	0
	05R Homeownership Assistance (not direct) 570.204	5942	0	5942	0										0	0
	05S Rental Housing Subsidies (if HOME, not part of 5% 570.204	8998	0	8998	0										0	0
	05T Security Deposits (if HOME, not part of 5% Admin c	529	0	529	0										0	0

06 Interim Assistance 570.201(f)	0	0	0	0										0	0
07 Urban Renewal Completion 570.201(h)	0	0	0	0										0	0
08 Relocation 570.201(i)	0	0	0	0										0	0
09 Loss of Rental Income 570.201(j)	0	0	0	0										0	0
10 Removal of Architectural Barriers 570.201(k)	0	0	0	0										0	0
11 Privately Owned Utilities 570.201(l)	0	0	0	0										0	0
12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m)	0	0	0	46										46	0
13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n)	0	0	0	40										40	0
14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
14B Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
14C Public Housing Modernization 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
14D Rehab; Other Publicly-Owned Residential Buildings 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
14E Rehab; Publicly or Privately-Owned Commercial/Indu 570.20	0	0	0	0										0	0
14F Energy Efficiency Improvements 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
14G Acquisition - for Rehabilitation 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
14H Rehabilitation Administration 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
14I Lead-Based/Lead Hazard Test/Abate 570.202	0	0	0	0										0	0
15 Code Enforcement 570.202(c)	0	0	0	1										1	0
16A Residential Historic Preservation 570.202(d)	0	0	0	0										0	0
16B Non-Residential Historic Preservation 570.202(d)	0	0	0	0										0	0
17A CI Land Acquisition/Disposition 570.203(a)	0	0	0	0										0	0
17B CI Infrastructure Development 570.203(a)	0	0	0	0										0	0
17C CI Building Acquisition, Construction, Rehabilitat 570.203(a)	0	0	0	0										0	0
17D Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements 570.203(a)	0	0	0	0										0	0
18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b)	0	0	0	0										0	0
18B ED Technical Assistance 570.203(b)	0	0	0	0										0	0
18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance	0	0	0	0										0	0
19A HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (not part of 5% Ad	0	0	0	0										0	0
19B HOME CHDO Operating Costs (not part of 5% Admin ca	0	0	0	0										0	0
19C CDBG Non-profit Organization Capacity Building	20	0	20	0										0	0
19D CDBG Assistance to Institutes of Higher Education	0	0	0	0										0	0
19E CDBG Operation and Repair of Foreclosed Property	0	0	0	0										0	0
19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal	25	0	25	0										0	0
19G Unplanned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal	0	0	0	0										0	0
19H State CDBG Technical Assistance to Grantees	25	0	25	0										0	0
20 Planning 570.205	0	0	0	0										0	0
21A General Program Administration 570.206	3	0	3	1										1	0
21B Indirect Costs 570.206	3	0	3	1										1	0
21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to 20% Admin cap) 570.206	0	0	0	0										0	0
21E Submissions or Applications for Federal Programs 570.206	3	0	3	0										0	0
21F HOME Rental Subsidy Payments (subject to 5% cap)	0	0	0	1										1	0
21G HOME Security Deposits (subject to 5% cap)	0	0	0	0										0	0
21H HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (subject to 5% cap	3	0	3	1										1	0
21I HOME CHDO Operating Expenses (subject to 5% cap)	0	0	0	1										1	0
22 Unprogrammed Funds	0	0	0	0										0	0

HOPWA	31J Facility based housing – development	0	0	0	0										0	0
	31K Facility based housing - operations	0	0	0	0										0	0
	31G Short term rent mortgage utility payments	0	0	0	0										0	0
	31F Tenant based rental assistance	0	0	0	10										10	0
	31E Supportive service	0	0	0	0										0	0
	31I Housing information services	0	0	0	0										0	0
	31H Resource identification	0	0	0	0										0	0
	31B Administration - grantee	0	0	0	0										0	0
	31D Administration - project sponsor	0	0	0	0										0	0
CDBG	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0	0										0	0
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0	0										0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0	0										0	0
	Rental assistance	0	0	0	0										0	0
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0	0										0	0
	Production of new owner units	100	0	100	0										0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	100	0	100											0	0
	Homeownership assistance	50	0	50											0	0
HOME	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0											0	0
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0											0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0											0	0
	Rental assistance	0	0	0											0	0
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0											0	0
	Production of new owner units	0	0	0											0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	15	0	15											0	0
	Homeownership assistance	120	0	120											0	0
	Totals	###	44	###	###	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	###	0

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Continuum of Care Homeless Population and Subpopulations Chart

Part 1: Homeless Population	Sheltered		Un-sheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
1. Homeless Individuals	6772	251	2539	9562
2. Homeless Families with Children	5280	739	179	6198
2a. Persons in Homeless with Children Families	1423	2218	538	4179
Total (lines 1 + 2a)	8195	2469	3077	13741

Jurisdiction

Data Quality: (N) enumerations

Part 2: Homeless Subpopulations	Sheltered	Un-sheltered	Total
1. Chronically Homeless	3650	1507	5157
2. Severely Mentally Ill	3067	2569	5636
3. Chronic Substance Abuse	1684	1218	2902
4. Veterans	810	550	1360
5. Persons with HIV/AIDS	232	200	432
6. Victims of Domestic Violence	1064	222	1286
7. Youth (Under 18 years of age)	1554	53	1607

Data Quality: (A) administrative records

Part 3: Homeless Needs Table: Individuals		Needs	Currently Available	Gap	5-Year Quantities										Total			Priority H, M, L	Plan to Fund? Y N	Fund Source: CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG or Other
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5							
					Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Actual	% of Goal			
Beds	Emergency Shelters	529	380	149	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	0%	H	Y	C,E
	Transitional Housing	96	13	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	H	Y	C,E
	Permanent Supportive Housing	48	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	H	Y	C,E
	Total	673	393	280	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	0%	H	Y	C,E
Chronically Homeless																			Y	C,E

Part 4: Homeless Needs Table: Families		Needs	Currently Available	Gap	5-Year Quantities										Total			Priority H, M, L	Plan to Fund? Y N	Fund Source: CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG or Other
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5							
					Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Actual	% of Goal			
Beds	Emergency Shelters	2304	198	2106	372	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	372	0	0%	H	Y	C,E
	Transitional Housing	198	92	106	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0%	H	Y	C,E
	Permanent Supportive Housing	88	35	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	H	Y	C,E
	Total	2590	325	2265	384	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	384	0	0%	H	Y	C,E

Completing Part 1: Homeless Population. This must be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations at a one-day point in time. The counts must be from: (A) administrative records, (N) enumerations, (S) statistically reliable samples, or (E) estimates. The quality of the data presented in each box must be identified as: (A), (N), (S) or (E).

Completing Part 2: Homeless Subpopulations. This must be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations at a one-day point in time. The numbers must be from: (A) administrative records, (N) enumerations, (S) statistically reliable samples, or (E) estimates. The quality of the data presented in each box must be identified as: (A), (N), (S) or (E).

Sheltered Homeless. Count adults, children and youth residing in shelters for the homeless. "Shelters" include all emergency shelters and transitional shelters for the homeless, including domestic violence shelters, residential programs for runaway/homeless youth, and any hotel/motel/apartment voucher arrangements paid by a public/private agency because the person or family is homeless. Do not count: (1) persons who are living doubled up in conventional housing; (2) formerly homeless persons who are residing in Section 8 SRO, Shelter Plus Care, SHP permanent housing or other permanent housing units; (3) children or youth, who because of their own or a parent's homelessness or abandonment, now reside temporarily and for a short anticipated duration in hospitals, residential treatment facilities, emergency foster care, detention facilities and the like; and (4) adults living in mental health facilities, chemical dependency facilities, or criminal justice facilities.

Unsheltered Homeless. Count adults, children and youth sleeping in places not meant for human habitation. Places not meant for human habitation include streets, parks, alleys, parking ramps, parts of the highway system, transportation depots and other parts of transportation systems (e.g. subway tunnels, railroad car), all-night commercial establishments (e.g. movie theaters, laundromats, restaurants), abandoned buildings, building roofs or stairwells, chicken coops and other farm outbuildings, caves, campgrounds, vehicles, and other similar places.

New Specific Objective

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
SL-3	Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment						
SL-3 (1)	Specific Objective: Improve suitable living environment by improving at least 2 pump stations in Brownsville that currently are not functioning well. Improvements to these facilities will provide proper drainage the areas.	Source of Funds #1: CDBG	Performance Indicator #1: Improved facilities and proper drainage.	2005	2		0%
		Source of Funds #2		2006	2		0%
		Source of Funds #3		2007	2		0%
				2008	2		0%
				2009	2		0%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
	Specific Annual Objective: Provide social services in various matters to assist in the sustainability of the community of Brownsville.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #2	2005			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
				2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #1: CDBG	Performance Indicator #3: Number of persons assisted.	2005			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2: ESG		2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
				2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!

New Specific Objective

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
SL-2	AvailabAffordability of Suitable Living Environment						
SL-2 (1)	Specific Objective: The City of Brownsville will make available and make affordable the suitable living environment of citizens in Brownsville by improving as many streets in targeted areas. The streets will be reconstructed and will provide overlay improvements of streets within low-income areas in Brownsville.	Source of Funds #1: CDBG	Performance Indicator #1: Number of streets improved.	2005	5396		0%
				2006	5500		0%
		Source of Funds #2		2007	5500		0%
				2008	6000		0%
		Source of Funds #3		2009	6000		0%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
	Specific Annual Objective	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #2	2005			#DIV/0!
				2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2005			#DIV/0!
				2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!

New Specific Objective

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
SL-1	Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment						
SL 1.13	Specific Objective- Improve the availability or accessibility of the suitable living environment by the construction of sidewalk projects.	Source of Funds #1 CDBG	Performance Indicator #1 Number of low to moderate income persons benefiting from the construction of new sidewalks.	2005	10000		0%
		Source of Funds #2		2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
				2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
	Specific Annual Objective Improve availability or accessibility of the suitable living environment by constructing sidewalks.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #2	2005			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
				2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2005			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
				2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!

New Specific Objective

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

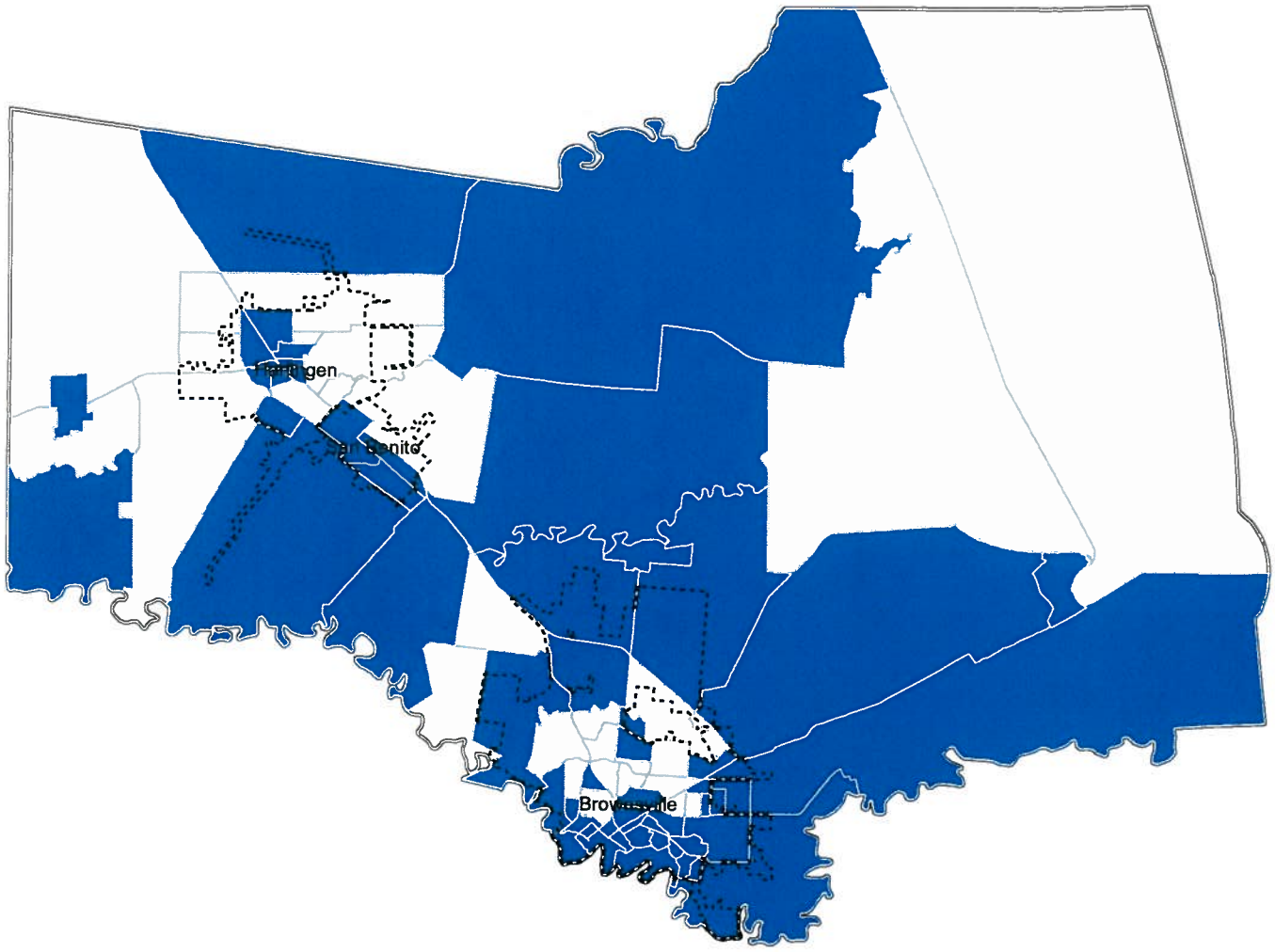
Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
DH-1	**Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing**						
DH 1.1	Specific Objective: Improve the Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing for eligible families with low income annual earnings by constructing new energy efficient and affordable homes.	Source of Funds #1: HOME	Performance Indicator #1: Number of Housing Units built.	2005	20		0%
		Source of Funds #2: CDBG		2006	20		0%
		Source of Funds #3		2007	20		0%
				2008	20		0%
				2009	20		0%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #2	2005			#DIV/0!
				2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!
	Specific Annual Objective	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2005			#DIV/0!
				2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2009			#DIV/0!
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL			0	#DIV/0!

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

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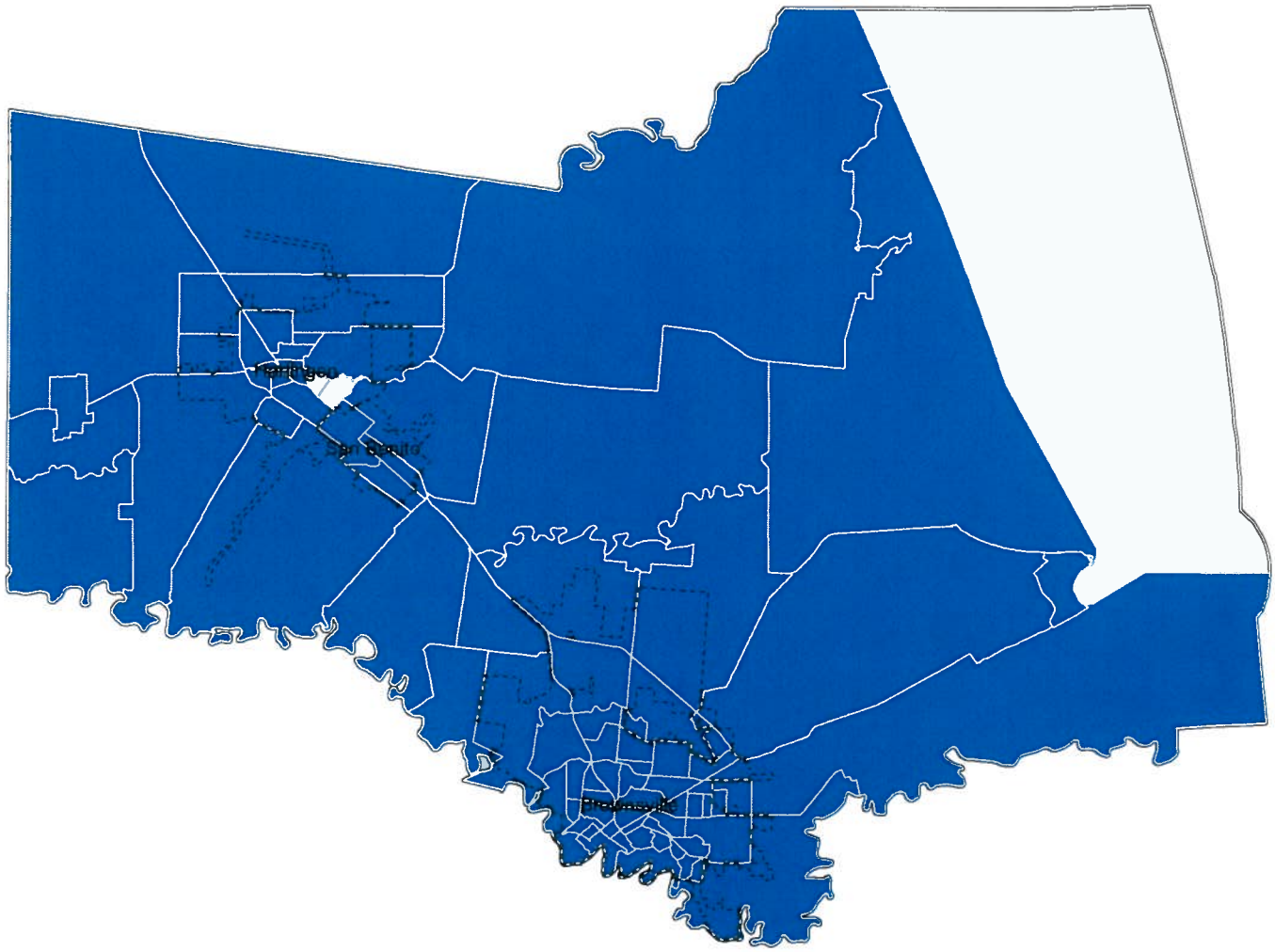
* Note: Low Mod Population has income below 80% of Median Family Income

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 Enitlement Communities Consolidated Plan



Legend

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

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* 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
Map 3A
Social Services
FY 2010-2011

ID	NAME	ADDRESS
A	Amigos Del Valle	2575 Russell Dr
B	Brownsville Adult Literacy Center	1235 E Jefferson St
C	Brownsville Public Library	2600 Central Blvd.
D	Brownsville Community Health Clinic	2137 E 22nd St
E	CASA	1175 W. Price Rd.
F	Monica's House	4905 Paredes Line Rd.
G	Friendship of Women	PO BOX 3112
H	Good Neighbor Settlement House	1216 E Tyler St
I	Moody Clinic	1901 E 22nd St
J	Ozanam Center	656 FM 313
K	Senior Community Outreach	301Horizon Ln.
L	Sunshine Haven	7105 W Lakeside Blvd
M	Tip of Texas Family Outreach	455 E. Levee St.
N	Valley Aids Council	857 E Washington
O	Infant and Family Nutrition Program	1225 Boca Chica Blvd.
P	Consumer Credit Counseling Serv.	634 E.Levee St.
Q	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

CDBG Eligible Area Map

- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- Brownsville City Limits

Map 3B-1 & 3B-2:

Streets

City of Brownsville
Map 3B-1
Streets Project
FY 2010-2011

ID	Streets Project		
1	Hannah Dr.	20	E. Jackson St.
2	Soto Dr.	21	E. Jackson St.
3	Baytes Cir.	22	Lincoln St.
4	Vidos Dr.	23	Camino Bronce
5	King Dr.	24	Camino Cobre
6	Bueno Dr.	25	Camino Nikel
7	Sybil Dr.	26	Cleveland St.
8	El Paso Rd.	27	E. Harrison St.
9	North Dr.	28	E. 22nd St.
10	South Dr.	29	E. 24th St.
11	Guillen Dr.	30	E. 30th St.
12	E. Los Ebanos Blvd.	31	Lima St.
13	W. St. Charles St.	32	Naranjo St.
14	W. Levee St.	33	Sandia St.
15	W. Jefferson St.	34	Tulipan St.
16	W. Jackson St.	35	Palo Blanco St.
17	W. Madison St.	36	Cinthia Ct.
18	Resaca Blvd.	37	Manzano St.
19	E. Jefferson St.	38	Ruby Cir.

CDBG Eligible Area Map

- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- Streets Project
- Brownsville City Limits

City of Brownsville
Map 3B-2
Streets Project
FY 2010-2011

ID	TARGET AREAS
A	Tulipan Street
B	24 th Street
C	Hannah Street
D	Guillen Street
E	Camino Cobre
F	Naranjo Road
G	Sandia Street
H	Baytes Circle
I	Camino Bronze

CDBG Eligible Area Map

- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- Brownsville City Limits

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Map 3C:

Pump Stations

City of Brownsville
Map 3-C
Pump Stations
FY 2010-2011

Elizabeth Heights Pump Station

Mexico Blvd. Pump Station

ID	Pump Stations	Location
A	Elizabeth Heights	4104 N. Military
B	Mexico Blvd.	1202 Mexico Blvd.

CDBG Eligible Area Map

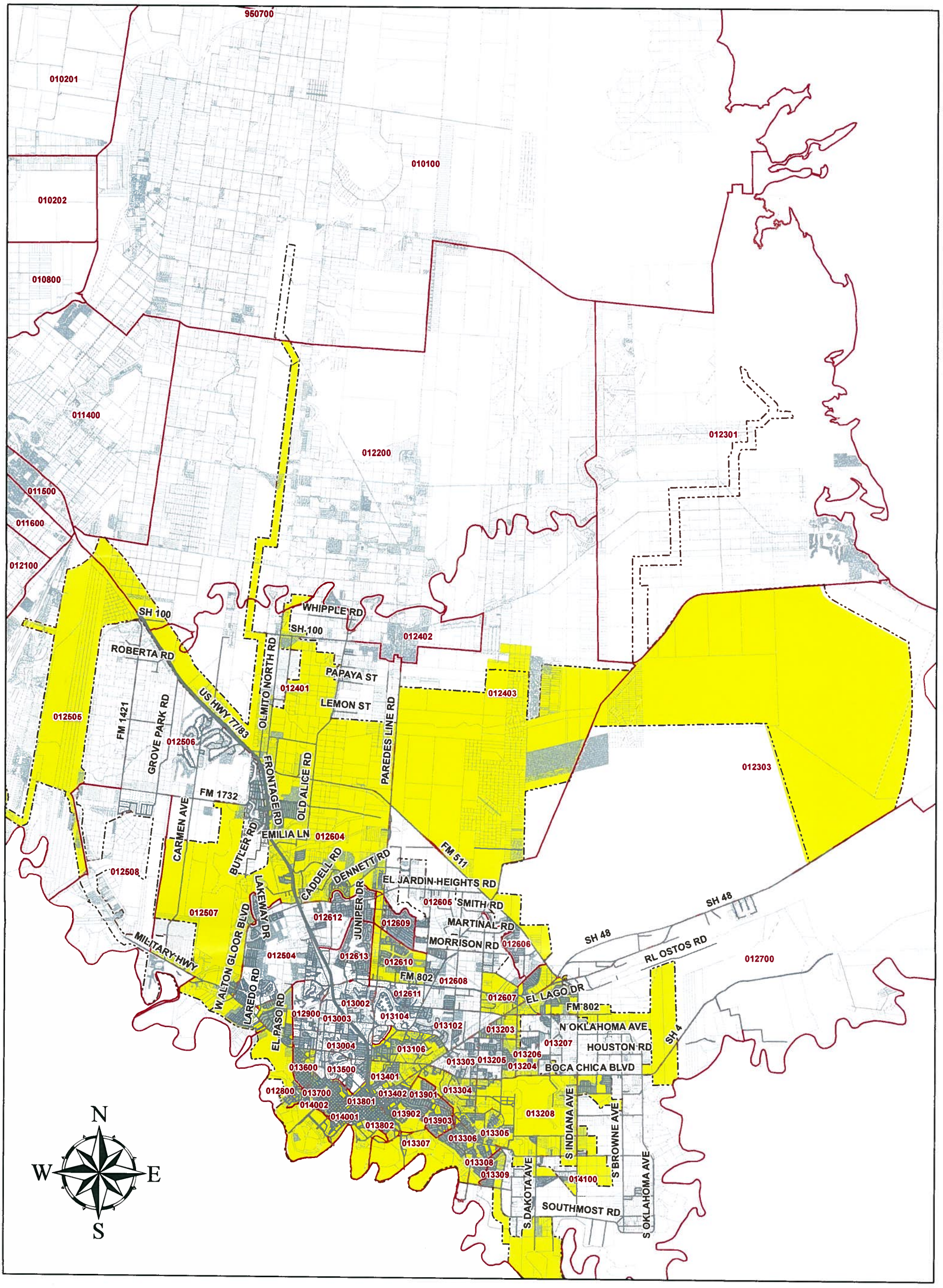
- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- Brownsville City Limits

Map 3D:

City Wide

Down Payment Assistance Program
and BAHC Energy Efficient Homes

Map 3-D
Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program &
BAHC Energy Efficient Homes
CDBG Eligible Areas - FY 2010-2011
City Wide



Map 4:

Low-Income Census Tracts Map

Map 4
Low - Income Census Tracts Map

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CDBG Eligible Areas

CDBG - Low-Income

Census Tracts

Brownsville City Limits

Attachment 1:
Citizen Participation Plan

Planning and Community Development Department

Citizen Participation (91,2OO(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.

1 Citizen Participation Plan

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 arc 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 *L/M*	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:

3 Efforts to Broaden Participation

4 Comments Not Accepted

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

Attachment 2: Summary of One-Year Action Plan Projects FY2010/2011

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Grants

CDBG/HOME/ESG PROGRAMS for FY 2010-2011
Budget Approved By City Commission on June 15, 2010
and Revised on July 6, 2010

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS:				
Agency	Purpose	ESG	HOME	CDBG
COB-Engineering	Streets			$1,494,388
COB-Public Works (Elizabeth Heights)	Pumping Station			$206,400
COB-Public Works (Mexico Blvd)	Pumping Station			$125,000
SUBTOTAL				**$1,825,788**
SOCIAL SERVICES:				
Amigos Del Valle	Senior Nutrition			**$30,000**
Brownsville Community Health Clinic	Glucometer Prog.			**$24,000**
Brownsville Adult Literacy Center	Mobile Lab			**$11,000**
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	Child Advocacy			**$53,046**
CCCAC (Monica's House)	Education Program			**$18,000**
Consumer Credit Counseling	Housing Counseling			**$20,000**
Friendship of Women	Domestic Violence	**$43,792**		
Girls Scouts-Tip of Texas	Education Program			**$5,400**
Good Neighbor Settlement House	Soup Kitchen	**$39,900**		
Infant Nutrition Program	Education Program			**$10,000**
Library	Exploration Theater			**$66,230**
Moody Clinic	Health Services			**$90,000**
Ozanam Center	Emergency Shelter	**$60,482**		
Ronald McDonald House Charities	Family Services			**$25,000**
Senior Community Outreach	Senior Services			**$16,548**
Sunshine Haven	Hospice Services			**$48,119**
Tip of TX. Family Outreach	Child Abuse			**$27,292**
United Way	Financial Stability			**$15,000**
Valley Aids	Health Services			**$73,393**
SUBTOTAL		**$144,174**		**$533,028**
HOUSING:				
BAHC	Housing CHDO		$716,002	
COB- Planning	Housing-DAP		$450,000	
SUBTOTAL			**$1,166,002**	
COMMITMENTS:				
HOME Administration	Home Admin		$129,555	
Planning & Administration	Administration			$672,703
Finance--Accounting	Administration			$38,000
Indirect Cost	Delivery Costs			$32,000
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement			$195,000
Section 108 Linear Park	Loan Repayment			$257,000
SUBTOTAL			$129,555	$1,194,703
TOTALS		**$144,174**	**$1,295,557**	**$3,553,519**
Funding Available:		**$144,174**	**$1,295,557**	**$3,553,519**

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 2010-2011 from Wednesday, June 23, 2010 through Friday, July 23, 2010 and for the 3-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy for FY 2010/2011 to FY 2012/2013 during the period of Wednesday, July 7, 2010 through Friday, August 6, 2010.

No comments were received during these comment periods.

The City of Brownsville informed the public of its Public Hearings and Comment Periods by publishing several notices in *The Brownsville Herald* local newspaper: (1) March 28, 2010; (2) April 18, 2010; (3) April 25, 2010; (4) May 4, 2010; (5) July 20, 2010; and (6) July 6, 2010. The notices also announced the availability of the documents for the public's review, which were 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, Texas 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, Texas 78521.

6. City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department's website: http://planning.cob.us.