



City of Brownsville

One-Year Action Plan FY 2011/2012

October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012

(CPMP Version 2.0)



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Non-State Grantee Certifications**



August 12, 2011

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

RE: 2011-2012 One Year Action Plan

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Enclosed are one original and two copies of the City of Brownsville's One Year Action Plan for the October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012 program year.

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

Sincerely,

Ben Medina, Jr., Director
Planning & Community Development Dept.

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 08/15/2011		Applicant Identifier		Type of Submission	
Date Received by state		State Identifier		Application	
Date Received by HUD		Federal Identifier		Pre-application	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	
Applicant Information					
City of Brownsville			TX480726 BROWNSVILLE		
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 Titles: Streets Improvements, Oliveira Park & Gym Improvements, Downtown Façade Improvements, Market Square Planning & Design, 17 Social Services, Planning & Administration, Code Enforcement, Section 108 Loan Repayment for Linear Park.			Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s) All CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville, Texas.		
\$CDBG Grant Amount: \$2,965,854		\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged		Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged			\$Additional State Funds Leveraged		
\$Locally Leveraged Funds			\$Grantee Funds Leveraged		
\$Anticipated Program Income: \$400,000 of Reprogrammed Funds and/or Estimated Program Income.			Other (Describe)		
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)					
Home Investment Partnerships Program			14.239 HOME		
HOME Project Titles: CHDO - BAHC Energy Efficient Affordable Housing; Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program, Boot Camp Elderly Housing Replacement, Multifamily LI Family Apartments, and HOME Admin.			Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s): Brownsville, Texas		
\$HOME Grant Amount: \$1,143,079		\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged		Describe	



CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

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

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

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

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

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

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

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

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



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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

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

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

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

11. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
12. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 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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<input type="checkbox"/> This certification does not apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This certification is applicable.

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
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COB - City Plaza	1034 E. Levee St.	Brownsville	Cameron	TX	78520
COB - El Tapiz Building	1150 E. Adams 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 be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

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



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One-Year Action Plan Narrative Responses



Second Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Second 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 2 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, 2011 to September 30, 2012. 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 Second 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 submissions have 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 41 first-time homebuyers and ten single-family elderly homeowners in the rehabilitation of their homes. In addition, the City of Brownsville met the 24-month commitment and five-year disbursement requirements for the HOME regulations. Although expenditure rates were met, it is also important to note that the current condition of the economy has affected the housing market, which placed a strain in the sale of affordable housing. In an effort to overcome these barriers, alternative methods and collaborations amongst the community agencies have been and are being structured.

Homelessness: The City of Brownsville funded an Emergency Homeless Shelter that provided 24-hour emergency shelter and supported services (referrals, food pantry, meals, transportation and case management) to 1,131 individuals. It also funded another shelter that serviced battered women and children; it served 201 families; and another non-profit that provided services to 2,859 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 Public Facilities and Improvement activities that benefited over 10,000 residents. It also provided funding for Public Services that included eighteen non-profit agencies. Other planning efforts included the development and submittal of the FY10 (2010-2011) 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. The CDBG timeliness tests demonstrates that the City of Brownsville has met the recommended balance ratio.

Overall, the City of Brownsville has been able to provide assistance to low and moderate income families and individuals with 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 2 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, or other federal and state funded programs (i.e., CDBG - R, WAP-ARRA, HRPP - Entitlement) 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 2011, the median family income for the Brownsville-Harlingen, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area is \$33,700.

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, all CDBG assisted activities must be eligible as specifically defined in the regulations and must meet one of the three following National Objectives:

A. Benefit 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. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

Another alternative to determine if the activity is eligible, 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 designated by the City; 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 resources. 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, rehabilitation and preservation activities, planning activities, 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 2011 Report, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment in the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA is \$605 and for Texas is \$830. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$2,768 monthly or \$33,214 annually. This level of income translates into a Housing Wage of \$15.97, 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.
- Much of the region continues to struggle with considerable unemployment. The Texas unemployment rate continues fluctuating. In April 2009, the unemployment rate was at 8.3%, which was well below the national rate of 9.9% at that time (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 the previous year (2009), TWC reported on its website an unemployment rate at 8.3 percent. Following on May 2010, TWC reported a rate of 10.5 and 11.4 on April 2011. Most recently, TWC reported a rate of 11.8 for the month of May 2011.
- 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. Furthermore, the most current condition of this economy also impacted employment conditions.

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 Fiscal Year 2011 (2011-2012) resources:

Community Development Block Grant	\$ 2,965,854
CDBG Reprogrammed Funds/Estimated Program Income	\$ 400,000
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$ 1,143,079
HOME Estimated Program Income	\$ 65,616
Emergency Shelter Grant	\$ 143,968
<> SUBTOTAL (CDBG/HOME/ESG):	\$ 4,718,517
TDHCA - Dolly Housing	\$ 1,635,318
Community Development Block Grant - R	\$ 300,000
HPRP Entitlement	\$ 510,000
Weatherization Assistance Program	\$ 1,100,000
<> SUBTOTAL (Other Funding Sources):	\$ 3,545,318
*TOTAL ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$ 8,263,835

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, 2011 to September 30, 2012). 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, state, and local resources to help meet its priorities and needs.

As stated above, Brownsville's FY 2011 (2011-2012) CDBG funding HUD allocation is \$2,965,854; its HOME allocation is \$1,143,079; and its ESG allocation is \$143,968. Furthermore, the City of Brownsville will also make available an estimated \$400,000 of CDBG reprogrammed funds and/or estimated program income. It also anticipates to receive \$65,616 in HOME Program Income, which will be used to fund eligible housing activities.

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, including Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities and Planning Activities along with its Administration, Section 108, Code Enforcement, and Clearance & Demolition activities. 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 streets, a park, and sidewalks enhancements throughout the City in CDBG-eligible areas. A sidewalk crew will be temporarily hired to focus on sidewalk improvements throughout eligible areas, where the need for reconstruction or construction is considered necessary.

The City of Brownsville will also be funding rehabilitation and preservation activities, as well as planning activities to address Brownsville's Downtown needs.

Affordable Housing Programs are also proposed for 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 improve or expand public housing and provide affordable housing as needed.

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 2 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 & 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
COB Brownsville Public Library	Ronald McDonald House Charities
Friendship of Women	Sunshine Haven, Inc.
Girls Scouts of Greater South Texas	Tip of Texas Family Outreach
United Way of Southern Cameron County	Valley Aids Council
Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley	Bro. Affordable Homeownership Corp.
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 Cnty. Juvenile Probation Office
COB Engineering Department	Architecture for Charity of Texas
COB Parks and Recreation Department	Brownsville Society for Crippled Children
CASA of Cameron & Willacy	Dentists Who Care, Inc.

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

Since 2005, the City of Brownsville has been drafting its One-Year Action Plan with a more regional perspective. Hence, the Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities (RGVEC's) developed a 5-year plan. After that 5-year plan expired, the RGVEC's developed a 3-year plan, based on the unstability of the funding sources and other factors considered. Consequently, the funding of projects in the City's immediate sphere of influence 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 that 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. Furthermore, the City of Brownsville will seek additional methods to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

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 2 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.

On an annual basis, the City of Brownsville works with the Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee (BCAC) to provide information to citizens, public and private agencies, non-profits, and other interested parties on 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 of low/mod income beneficiaries. The information is disseminated through various channels, including but not limited to Public Hearings, Workshops, Housing Fairs, Meetings, Newspaper Notices and Advertisements, Public Postings, amongst other outlets.

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 Comments/Views of Plan)

Public Hearing – May 5, 2011 – Southmost Community Network Center

- Ricardo Longoria expressed his appreciation to City Staff and to the BCAC for their work in considering the needs of Brownsville and the funding allocations targeted to assist the low and moderate income beneficiaries that are recommended to the City Commission. He also spoke on how previous and current funding has helped spread the awareness of breast cancer within the community. In addition, he spoke about the proposed safety domes (Tornado/Hurricane - Storm Shelters) and mentioned that he was very much in favor of that project, because that will be a great asset to the community because it will greatly benefit the low/mod income families/individuals in Brownsville. These type of projects improve the quality of life in the city of Brownsville and will provide a better future for "our children."
- Hugo Perez also addressed his views on the process and provided his comments on some of the proposed projects being considered for funding.

Public Hearing – May 11, 2011 – Westside Community Network Center

- Graciela Salinas spoke on behalf of the Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts and expressed to the BCAC the need of funding request for the Museum of Fine Arts. She mentioned that the museum was built approximately five years ago and that it has helped to change the future of children in many ways. She added that there are instructors that volunteer at the Museum to teach the children. They have experienced funding cuts due to the recent economic times, and they are requesting CDBG funding to continue operations. Unfortunately, the mortgage payment takes up most of its funding sources and thus are requesting CDBG assistance for operations.

Written Comment – June 19, 2011 – Hand-Delivered to Ben Medina

- Mary Elizabeth Hollmann wrote and handed a letter to Mr. Ben Medina, Jr., Director of Planning & Community Development Department to include her suggestions as part of the public comments period for the use of HUD funds, in particular CDBG funds. She noted in her letter that due to the rise of gas prices she has seen more people walk or bike to close destinations, such as to their neighborhood food stores in West Brownsville. In addition, she mentioned that there was a lack of sidewalks in that area because she sees people walking on the grass along Central Boulevard or on the parking lots of the businesses around there. Hence, she stated her suggestion was to construct sidewalks along Central Blvd., between Elizabeth Street and FM 802 and this "would greatly improve the quality of life for in residents" in that area. Attached in the Public Comments section is the letter from Ms. Hollmann addressing her comments and view of the plan and funding.

Public Hearing – June 21, 2011 – City Commission Chambers

- Jeff Johnston spoke about the Storm Shelters to clarify to the Commission some question regarding the applications for funding that he had submitted.
- Robert Uresti commented about the CDBG funding recommended for the Streets project and wanted to know if it would affect the bond issuance.
- Fernando Ruiz commented on the importance of transparency.
- Graciela Aldaco spoke on behalf of Valley Aids Council (VAC). She acknowledged to the Commission about VAC's recent out of compliance status and briefed them on VAC's operations; she noted the importance of the CDBG funding and requested that VAC proposal for funding be considered for funding for the 2011-2012 CDBG program year funding.
- Federico C. Fuentes spoke about his view on Family and Basic Service.
- Joe Wallace Garcia stated to the City Commission that the city streets were being damaged by large commercial trucks.

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 (05/5/2011 at 6:00 p.m.)
- Westside Community Network Center, Police Substation (Conference Room), 1763 Highway 281. (05/11/2011 at 6:00 p.m.)
- City Commission Meeting/Public Hearing, City Hall, 1001 E. Elizabeth Street (6/21/2010 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," (3/13/11)
- "Brownsville Herald," (4/3/11)
- "Brownsville Herald," (5/1/11)
- "Brownsville Herald," (5/8/11)
- "Brownsville Herald," (6/12/11)
- "Brownsville Herald," (6/19/11)
- "Brownsville Herald," (6/26/11)

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

- Southmost Community Network Center, Police Substation (Conference Room), 2900 Southmost Rd., Brownsville, Texas 78521
- Westside Community Network Center Police Substation (Conference Room), 1763 Highway 281, Brownsville, Texas 78520.
- City Commission Meeting/Public Hearing, City Hall, 1001 E. Elizabeth St.
- Brownsville Public Housing Authority, Main Office, 24 Elm St., Brownsville, TX.
- Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520
- Southmost Public Library, 4320 Southmost Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78521.

Furthermore, draft copies of the City of Brownsville's One-Year Action Plan projects were made available to the public during the 30-day comment period. The 30-day comment period for the City of Brownsville's One-Year Action Plan projects began on July 1, 2011 and ended on July 31, 2011. Draft copies of the City's One-Year Action Plan were made available at the following locations:

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

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

No comments were received during the 30-Day Comment Period held from July 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011.

Institutional Structure

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

Program Year 2 Action Plan Citizen Participation 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 2 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 22) illustrates the City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department's "Monitoring Schedule" for the period of October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Activities

The monitoring process begins with a one to one mandatory meeting, between the subgrantee and the COB before the agreement is signed. In this process, the City ensures that the subgrantee understands the regulations and guidelines of CDBG funds and the importance of accurate reporting. In November, the COB will make a physical visit to the subgrantee to go over the October report.

Furthermore, the monitoring process involves 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 disseminating 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 systems for internal control, insurance coverage, procurement procedures, and Personnel policy as well as other applicable Federal requirements, State codes or statutes. The monitoring process also provides an opportunity to provide technical assistance to subrecipients and to identify other technical assistance needs.

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

- Meeting with CDBG subrecipients on site to review contract compliance, program and agency management;
- Reviewing clients; files to ensure subrecipient's compliance with HUD income eligibility requirements;
- Reviewing subrecipient's capacity in collecting and reporting "client's demographic data" as mandated per HUD guidelines; and providing technical assistance as needed;
- Reviewing the "proposed" number of unduplicated clients to be served by the program against the "actual" number reported by subrecipients; and discussing the need to 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 subrecipients;
- Reviewing subrecipient's need for ongoing funding and identifying impacts upon the program if funding were to be reduced or eliminated; and
- Identifying and addressing areas of concern in order to ensure subrecipient's compliance with all HUD mandated rules/regulations and with the Department's requirements.

2. Financial monitoring of CDBG subrecipients occurs as follow:

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

3. The monitoring process is further enhanced by regular contact between the CDBG Program Monitor and the CDBG Subrecipients as follows:
- Ongoing communication with subrecipients maintained via-phone, electronic mail, written correspondence, and meeting as needed;
 - Ongoing provision of technical assistance to ensure subrecipients' compliance with HUD mandated rules/guidelines and Department's regulations;
 - A combination of scheduled and constant 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 responsibilities;
 - 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 communication channels; and
 - e) A pedagogy 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 portfolio 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 subrecipient within 45 days after completion of the monitoring. The City of Brownsville then allows a 45-days response timeframe for the parties to respond.

B. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)

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

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

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

On a Monthly basis, all CDBG and ESG, 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, and ESG and prepares a comprehensive client's statistical report for all projects that becomes part of each year's CAPER (a mandated yearly HUD report).

C. HOME Activities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

II. Monitoring Team and Schedule

A. Monitoring Team

The Planning & Community Development Department has a Monitoring Team that consists of 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 Auditors. 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 2011-2012:

EXHIBIT - 1
MONITORING SCHEDULE
CDBG, ESG, & HOME
(OCT. 1, 2011 - SEPT. 30, 2012)

Project Name	Scheduled Month
Amigos Del Valle - Sr. Home-Delivered Lunch Meals	February
Brownsville Adult Literacy - Mobile Learning Lab	February
Brownsville Community Health Center -Glucometer Pr.	February
Brownsville Society for Crippled Children -Moody Clinic	February
CASA of Cameron & Willacy	February
Consumer Credit Counseling	February
Dentists Who Care, Inc.	February
Girls Scouts of Greater South Texas	February
Ronald McDonald House Charities	March
Sunshine Haven, Inc.	March
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	March
United Way of Southern Cameron County - VITA	Feb & May
COB - Southmost Branch Library -Telescope Travels	June
Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corp. CHDO - Energy Efficient Homes	May
COB-Planning - DAP Program (HOME/ADDI)	June
Ozanam Emergency Shelter Program	March
Good Neighbor Settlement House	March
Friendship of Women - Children's Domestic Violence	March
Catholic Charities of the RGV - Emergency Assistance	March
Cameron Co. Juvenile Justice Dept. - BCEH Replace.	April
Chicory Court Stream, LP - Multifamily Apartments	April
COB- Engineer Department - Streets	April
COB- Parks & Rec Dept. - Oliveira Part Improvements	April
COB- Public Works Dept. - Sidewalks Improv. Crew	April
COB- Comp. Plan. - Downtown Façade Improvements	April
COB- Comp. Plan. - Market Square Planning & Design	April
COB - Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program	January

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

Performance Measurement System

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

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

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

EXHIBIT- 2

	Funding Source CDBG= B HOME= M ESG= E	FUNDING	OBJECTIVE CATEGORY	OUTCOME CATEGORIES		
				AVAILABILITY ACCESSABILITY	AFFORDABILITY	SUSTAINABILITY
Brownsville Adult Literacy	B	\$15,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Brownsville Community Health Center	B	\$24,000	Suitable Live Env		X	X
Moody Clinic	B	\$90,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
CASA	B	\$54,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Consumer Credit Counseling	B	\$10,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Dentists Who Care, Inc.	B	\$10,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Girls Scouts Tip of Texas	B	\$10,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Ronald McDonald House Charities	B	\$40,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Sunshine Haven	B	\$35,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	B	\$60,310	Suitable Live Env	X		
United Way	B	\$25,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
COB - Southmost Library (Telescope Travels)	B	\$50,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corp. CHDO-Energy Efficient Homes	M	\$171,462	Suitable Live Env		X	
COB-Planning - DAP Program (HOME/ADDI)	M	\$600,000	Decent Housing		X	
Ozanam Center	E	\$60,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Good Neighbor Settlement House	E	\$39,900	Suitable Live Env	X		
Friendship of Women	B	\$10,000	Suitable Live Env	X		
Catholic Charities of the RGV	E	\$36,388	Suitable Live Env	X		

CameronCo. JuvenileJusticeD	H	\$157,310	Decent Housing		X	
Chicory Court Stream, LP	H		Decent Housing		X	
COB- Engineer Dept	B	\$1,018,688	Suitable Live Env			X
COB- Parks & Rec Dept.	B	\$150,000	Suitable Live Env			X
COB- Public Works Dept	B	\$487,118	Suitable Live Env			X
COB- Comprehensive Plan Façade Improvements	B	\$100,000	Creating Eco Opp			X
COB- Comprehensive Plan Market Square	B	\$150,000	Creating Eco Opp			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

IV. Memorandum of Understanding

The City of Brownsville enters into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with its Departments. Such understanding is a useful tool for ensuring compliance with program provisions by the City and by its Departments. Elements contained in this Memorandum of Understanding include, but are not limited to:

- Basic services of the Department
- Completion Schedule
- Other program requirements

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 2 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 assess the number of incidents of lead-based paint. Estimating the number of housing units that may have lead-based paint is extremely difficult. One of the key ways to estimate the number of units with lead-based paint is by the age of the unit, although not all housing units 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 estimates are contained in 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' were 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 Center for Disease Control states that Greta and Azacron (also known as alacron, coral, luiga, maria luisa, or rueda), which are used in Hispanic traditional remedies, have lead contents as high as 90%. Both are fine orange powders.

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, one (1) Community Development Staff member has successfully completed the Lead Risk Assessor Course in accordance with all requirements of DSHS and plans on two (2) Community Development Staff members becoming certified as Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessors. Also, the City is proposing to purchase a handheld XRF Analyzer in order to conduct Lead Risk Assessments.

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. Page 28 (**Exhibit 4**) shows a Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessment Report excerpt sample.

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.

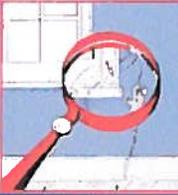
- The City will continue distributing literature to educate the public about the hazard and the preventive measures concerning lead-based paint; (See **Exhibit 3** below that shows excerpts of the literature distributed.)
- The City will coordinate with the Brownsville Independent School District, the 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.

EXHIBIT 3

Pasos sencillos para proteger a su familia contra los peligros relacionados al plomo

Si cree que su casa tiene niveles altos de plomo:

- ◆ Haga que examinen a sus niños pequeños para determinar el nivel de plomo en sus cuerpos, incluso si aparentan estar saludables.
- ◆ Lave con frecuencia las manos, biberones, chupones y juguetes de los niños.
- ◆ Asegúrese de que los niños coman alimentos nutritivos y bajos en grasa.
- ◆ Haga que examinen su casa para identificar peligros relacionados al plomo.
- ◆ Limpie con regularidad los pisos, los marcos de las ventanas y las demás superficies.
- ◆ Limpie la tierra de los zapatos antes de entrar a su casa.
- ◆ Hable con el propietario para que arregle las superficies con pintura descascarada o picada.
- ◆ Tome precauciones para evitar la exposición al polvo que contiene plomo al remodelar o renovar su casa (llame al 1-800-424-LEAD para obtener consejo).
- ◆ No use lijadoras de banda, sopletes de gas, pistolas de calor, raspadores en seco ni lijas de papel en seco en superficies pintadas que puedan tener plomo.
- ◆ No trate de remover usted mismo la pintura con base de plomo.





Proteja a Su Familia Contra el Plomo en el Hogar

EPA Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estados Unidos (EPA)

Comisión de Seguridad de los Productos de Consumo de los Estados Unidos (CPSC)

Departamento de la Vivienda y de Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD)

Reciclado/Reciclable
Impreso con tinta con base de aceite vegetal en papel reciclado (con un mínimo de 50% de materiales posconsumo lavados) producido sin cloro.



- What should I do if I am concerned about my family's exposure to lead?**
- Call your local health department for advice on reducing and eliminating exposures to lead inside and outside your home, child care facility or school.
 - Always use lead-safe work practices when renovation or repair will disturb painted surfaces.
 - A blood test is the only way to find out if you or a family member already has lead poisoning. Call your doctor or local health department to arrange for a blood test.

For more information about the health effects of exposure to lead, visit the EPA lead website at www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/leadinfo.htm or call 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).



- The Facts About Lead**
- Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. Lead is also harmful to adults.
 - Lead in dust is the most common way people are exposed to lead. People can also get lead in their bodies from lead in soil or paint chips. Lead dust is often invisible.
 - Lead-based paint was used in more than 38 million homes until it was banned for residential use in 1978.
 - Projects that disturb painted surfaces can create dust and endanger you and your family. Don't let this happen to you. Follow the practices described in this pamphlet to protect you and your family.

THE LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED GUIDE TO

RENOVATE RIGHT

WARNING
LEAD WORK IS
POISON!
NO EATING OR DRINKING

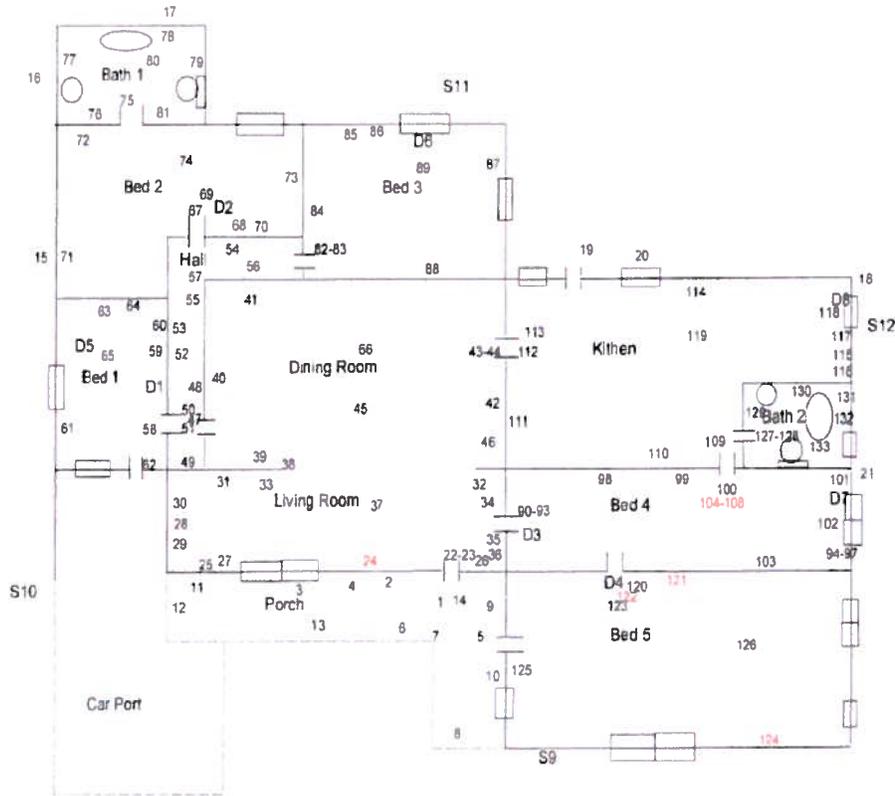
CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

Important lead hazard information for families, child care providers and schools.

EPA 

EXHIBIT 4. Lead Based Risk Assessment—Excerpt Sample

██████████
Brownsville, TX



*Sample locations are approximate
*Drawing is not to scale
Confirmed Positive

Summary Analysis

Project Name: ██████████

Site Name: ██████████
Brownsville, Texas

Component	Number Tested	Number Negative	Number Positive
Baseboard	10	10	0
Cabinets	3	3	0
Ceiling	18	18	0
Column	2	-3	5
Corner Board	1	1	0
Door	11	11	0
Door Jamb	1	1	0
Door Molding	17	17	0
Fascia	1	1	0
Fireplace	1	1	0
Flashing	1	1	0
Floor	2	2	0
Handrail	1	1	0
Screen Door	1	1	0
Soffit	1	1	0
Wall	58	54	4
Window Molding	3	3	0
Window Sill	1	1	0
Total	133	124	9

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

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

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

Program Year 2 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

The dire status of the economy has strengthened the continuing poverty levels in Brownsville, as well as in the Rio Grande Valley. Low wages and high unemployment rates in the Rio Grande Valley have continued to put housing out of reach for most families. Independent sources have stated that the minimum wage is not sufficient to pay for a one- or two-bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent (National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2008). Preserving the dream of homeownership can also sometimes become a challenge due to unexpected events or predatory mortgage terms. Some homeowners have found themselves in danger of losing their homes due to unexpected circumstances such as job loss, emergency expenses, divorce, death in the family, and/or poor money management; and some have even lost their jobs, homes, and more, during these 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 2011/2012, 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 five fiscal years (2005-2010), the City has allotted \$2,427,428 for this program, and has leveraged \$12,957,576 with the private-sector participation.

Provide Decent Affordable Housing to Lower-Income Households

For the current fiscal year (2010-2011), the City set aside the minimum of 15% CHDO requirement for the annual HOME allocation for housing development activities conducted by a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Including the 15% CHDO set aside, the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation (BAHC) received a total of \$716,002 this current year. 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 is expected to start in 2011 and will provide assistance to eligible veterans in the rehabilitation of their homes in order to make it accessible to their needs. This program has been on hold since FY 2008-2009, pending HUD's approval of the agreement between the City of Brownsville and Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation. The City and BAHC anxiously await the approval from HUD Field Office, as this is a program that is heavily supported not only by the current President administration, but the Secretary of HUD is also very much in favor of these type of programs that are geared in helping the Veterans of war. Furthermore, the City of Brownsville also allocated HOME funding to support the Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program, which provides down payment and closing costs assistance to eligible First-Time Homebuyers in Brownsville, Texas.

Housing allocations for the HOME 2011-2012 fiscal year include the following: (1) City of Brownsville’s Down payment Assistance Program in the amount of \$600,000; and Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation in the amount of \$171,462. Furthermore, the City will also fund the Boot Camp Elderly Housing Replacement Program in partnership with the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department, (Boot Camp) in the amount of \$157,310. Also, the City will provide matching funds to the Chicory Court Stream Project in the amount of \$100,000 in order to develop a 100-unit affordable multi-unit rent complex.

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 or reprogrammed 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 2011/2012:

(1) HOME FUNDS:

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

FUNDING: \$ 600,000(HOME) - §92.205

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 with down payment and closing costs assistance for the purchase of an existing or new home in Brownsville, Texas. This project will assist 50 low income families in purchasing their homes.

ELIGIBILITY: DIRECT HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE 570.201(n)

- PROJECT NAME: (14A) **BOOT CAMP ELDERLY HOUSING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

FUNDING: \$ 157,310 (HOME) - §92.205

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to fund the Cameron County Juvenile Detention Program, Boot Camp Elderly Housing Replacement Program . The project will provide training for the youth currently at the facility as well as Affordable Housing will be built for elibile Elderly homeowners. It expects to build 3 to 4 houses for qualified elderly residents in Brownsville, Texas.

ELIGIBILITY: REHAB: SINGLE-UNIT RESIDENTIAL 570.202

- PROJECT NAME: (12) **CHICORY COURT STREAM LP - LOW-INCOME MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENTS**
 FUNDING: \$ 100,000 (HOME) - §92.205
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used as a matching fund to close the financing gap needed to develop a 100 unit apartment complex for low income families (under 60 of MFI)
 ELIGIBILITY: CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING 570.201(m)
- PROJECT NAME: (12) **ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES (BAHC/CHDO)**
 FUNDING: \$ 171,462 (HOME) - §92.205
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: HOME funds will be used to continue the construction of 44 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 (COB – Planning & CD)**
 FUNDING: \$ 114,307 (HOME) - §92.207
 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: \$10,000 (CDBG)
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CDBG funds will be used for the operations of the Housing Counseling program conducted by Greenpath, Inc., which will serve approximately 250 individuals or 100 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 570.201(e)

These projects are city-wide (refer to **Map 3D** in the Maps section), except for the LI Multi-family Apartments project; that project site is shown on **Map 3E**. 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, herein 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). Last fiscal year (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. The City is still working with those funds and it is expected that this grant will enable the City to provide 16 new replacement homes for families which houses where damaged by hurricane Dolly. With regards to the Wetherization Program, the City has already provided assistance to 310 households and it is expected to continue until the funds are depleted. Attached is additional information on this program that is being funded through the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs; these funds are ARRA funds channeled from the Department of Energy.

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

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

Needs of Public Housing

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

Program Year 2 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 & 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 708 public housing units through its Low-Rent Housing Program. An estimated 2,163 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 2,163 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. Consequently, 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 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 set toward the house payment. Of the 2,163 Section 8 vouchers received, 25 are being utilized by homeowners towards 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 1328 households on local waiting lists, and 1602 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.*

Program Year 2 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

I. Barriers to Affordable Housing

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

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

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

Brownsville is a City that is under-resourced, because the poverty rate in Brownsville is usually underestimated.

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

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

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

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

To assist First Time Homebuyers, the City of Brownsville in Program year 2011-2012 allocated \$600,000 in HOME funds for assistance of downpayment and closing 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 nineteen (19) different lenders (Mortgage companies, and Banks), to assure that the funds were used as quickly and efficiently as possible. The nineteen(19) 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 since inception. These funds from the start of the program to date have assisted 228 families become homeowners. Furthermore, the City to date has leveraged \$12,957,576 in private funds. The families that received assistance to date have purchased 228 existing homes. The average sales price of the homes has been \$71,428 and the average Median Family Income of the families assisted has been \$28,785. The average amount of assistance provided per family has been \$9,744. Based on the success of this program, the City continues to set aside HOME Funds to continue the program.

For the 2011-2012 Program year, the HOME award amount for Down Payment Assistance to First Time Home buyers is \$600,000; there were no ADDI funds available from HUD for down payment Assistance to First time Home buyers for FY 2011. Based on the averages quoted above, it appears that the City will afford home purchasing opportunities to approximately 50 families.

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

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

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

The Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation (BAHC) -- a CHDO, was chartered as a 501(c)(3) and immediately applied for CHDO status to the City. Due to the known barriers of lack of funding for downpayments and closing costs, the BAHC program provides for closing costs as well as buying down the cost of the home to assure that the family can afford the home. The BAHC not only utilizes funding from the City'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 will continue to be developed by this CHDO. Furthermore, BAHC is planning to kick off the Valley Homes for Heroes program, which was funded last 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 waiting on HUD approval 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 nationally 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 entities.

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.*

Program Year 2 Action Plan HOME/ ADDI response:

The following breakdown illustrates the City's planned use of its FY 2011-2012 HOME funds:

PROJECT NAME:	(13) BROWNSVILLE DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FUNDING:	\$600,000 (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 50 low income families in purchasing their homes.
ELIGIBILITY:	DIRECT HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE 570.201(N)

PROJECT NAME:	(12) CHDO SET ASIDE - 15% - BAHC ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES
FUNDING:	\$171,462 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	HOME funds will be used for Single-Family Housing development in Brownsville by the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corp. (Total HOME allocation is \$1,143,079) 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 development.
ELIGIBILITY:	Construction of Housing 570.201(m)

PROJECT NAME:	(14A) BOOT CAMP ELDERLY HOUSING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
FUNDING:	\$157,310 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	HOME funds will be used to fund the Cameron County Juvenile Detention Program , Boot Camp Elderly Housing Replacement Program. The project will provide training for the youth currently at the facility as well as build affordable housing for qualified elderly Brownsville residents.
ELIGIBILITY:	Construction of Housing 570.201(m)

PROJECT NAME:	(21H) HOME-ADMINISTRATION
FUNDING:	\$114,307 (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

PROJECT NAME:	(12) CHICORY COURT STREAM LP, LOW-INCOME MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENTS
FUNDING:	\$100,00 (HOME)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	HOME funds will be used as matching fund to close the financing gap needed to develop a Multi-family 100-unit apartment complex for low-income families under 60% of the Median Family Income.
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:

<u>HOME Investment Per Unit</u>	<u>Minimum Period of Affordability</u>
Under \$15,000	5 Years
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10 Years
Over \$40,000	15 Years
Rental: New Construction or Acquisition of Newly Constructed Housing	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 2011-2012. 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 Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

For PY 2011-2012, 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 50 families or first-time homebuyers to become homeowners through the Affordable Housing and Down Payment Assistance programs funded with HOME funds. City staff estimates that at least 95% of these will be minority households.

HOMELESS**Specific Homeless Prevention Elements**

1. *Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.*
2. *Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.*
3. *Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.*
4. *Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.*
5. *Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.*

Program Year 2 Action Plan Special Needs response:**I. Sources of Funds**

The City of Brownsville, during fiscal year 2011-2012, 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) and any other funds received through a competitive grant process. 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 diabetes and supplies;
- Provide a "home away from home" for families of serious ill children who receive medical care away from home;
- 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 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 \$143,968 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 the 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 2011-2012, 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:

- **The Good Neighbor Settlement House** - Day drop-in services for lunch, showers, change of clothes to homeless men, women, and children. (ESG)
- **The Bishop Enrique San Pedro OZANAM Center** – 24-hour, 365 days a year, Emergency shelter services to homeless men, women and children. (ESG)
- **Catholic Charities of the RGV-** Provide short-term rental assistance, rental and utilities deposits, utility assistance, moving cost, and case management. (ESG)
- **Consumer Credit Counseling of South Texas** - provide confidential financial guidance, free consumer credit counseling services, educational resources, and debt management assistance. (CDBG)
- **Friendship of Women, Inc.** - Emergency shelter services for individuals involved in family violence and sexual assault. (CDBG)

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

Map 3A shows the location of each ESG-funded project and the following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its ESG funds for PY 2011/2012:

- PROJECT NAME: (05Q) **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE RGV**
 FUNDING: \$36,388 (ESG)
 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 570.204
- PROJECT NAME: (05) **GOOD NEIGHBOR SETTLEMENT HOUSE**
 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:** (21A) **ESG GRANT ADMINISTRATION**
FUNDING: \$ 7,198 (ESG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to fund the administration of the ESG program.
ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 570.206
- **PROJECT NAME:** (05G) **FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN, INC.**
FUNDING: \$10,000 (CDBG)
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:** (05) **CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING**
FUNDING: \$10,000 (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: PUBLIC SERVICES 570.201(C)

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. Point-in-time homeless population estimated for Brownsville: 1,123 (Texas Homeless Network, 2010), estimates are representative of the population on any single day during the year.

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 2011-2012, 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 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.

As an entitlement community the City of Brownsville received \$1,347,839 for the HPRP.

The HUD 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.

As an Entitlement Community, the City of Brownsville received a total of \$1,347,839 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) to enhance and augment the City’s efforts to aide the Homeless and those at risk of imminent homelessness. The City will be entering the third and final year of this three year contract. For PY 2011-2012 we expect to expend the projected remaining \$510,000.00.

The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program, has been sub-contracted to four area agencies to help disburse the Grant award within Brownsville and surrounding communities. HPRP coverage areas are shown in the map which follows this brief. These four sub-contractors disburse Financial Assistance and provide Case Management. The following descriptions illustrate the City’s planned use of the HPRP Entitlement funds for PY 2011-2012:

- **Project Name:** **HPRP Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley**
Funding: \$168,000.00
Project Description: HPRP funds are to be used to provide

 - 1.) Financial assistance, including short- to medium- term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility payments and moving cost for the homeless and for low income households at risk of homelessness;
 - 2.) Housing Stabilization Services including Case Management, housing search and placement and outreach and engagement services. HPRP funds will be used for Case Manager and ancillary staff salaries/benefits.

Eligibility: SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- **Project Name:** **HPRP Good Neighbor Settlement House, Inc.**
Funding: \$160,000.00
Project Description: HPRP funds are to be used to provide

 - 1.) Financial assistance, including short- to medium- term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility payments and moving cost for the homeless and low income households at risk of homelessness;
 - 2.) Housing Stabilization Services including Case Management, housing search and placement and outreach and engagement services. HPRP funds will be used for Case Manager and ancillary staff salaries/benefits.

Eligibility: SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- **Project Name:** **HPRP Ozanam Center**
Funding: \$103,000.00
Project Description: HPRP funds are to be used to provide
 - 1.) Financial assistance, including short- to medium- term rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, utility payments and moving cost for the homeless and low income households at risk of homelessness;
 - 2.) Housing Stabilization Services including Case Management, housing search and placement and outreach and engagement services. HPRP funds will be used for Case Manager and ancillary staff salaries/benefits.
Eligibility: SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS, RELOCATION, GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- **Project Name:** **HPRP Consumer Credit Counseling**
Funding: \$44,000.00
Project Description: HPRP funds are to be used to fund salaries/benefits of Credit Counselors that 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

Exhibit 5 below shows the HPRP Service Area (see next page).

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.

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 2 Action Plan ESG response:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

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

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

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

Program Year 2 Action Plan Community Development response:

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, rehabilitation and preservation activities, 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 - \$570.201(c)

During PY 2011/2012, 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, presumed by HUD to be low/mod income (LMI), 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 2011-2012 include the improvement of the Oliveira Park Gym roof repairs and roadway improvements, a Sidewalk Crew for the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks within a CDBG eligible area, and the reconstruction of selected eligible streets within the City Limits of Brownsville and CDBG eligible areas. The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its CDBG funds:

PROJECT NAME:	(03K) STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ENGINEERING)
FUNDING:	\$ 1,018,688 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to improve as many streets in CDBG eligible areas in Brownsville that have been listed in the 37 th CDBG Year Priority List of streets by the Engineering Department and those that have been recommended by the Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee. 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 availability. Reconstruction and overlay improvements of these streets will provide safer driving conditions, help prevent accidents, alleviate flooding, and help provide for a better quality of life. This project will serve approximately 5,000 people.
ELIGIBILITY:	STREET IMPROVEMENTS 570.201 (c)
PROJECT NAME:	(03F) OLIVEIRA PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PARKS)
FUNDING:	\$ 150,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	CDBG funds have been allocated to fund the park's gym roof repairs and the roadway & parking improvements. This project will improve one public facility in the city of Brownsville and benefit approximately 3,666 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES 570.201 (c)
PROJECT NAME:	(03L) SIDEWALK CREW & IMPROVEMENTS (COB - PUBLIC WORKS)
FUNDING:	\$ 487,118 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	This project will fund the salaries of three Maintenance Worker I, two Equipment Operator I, and one Equipment Operator II; the yearly rental of two 14-yard dump trucks, a a backhoe with extended-hoe, a walk-behind vibratory compactor, a walk behind saw, and other associated rental fees; and the construction materials for the sidewalks improvements of approximately 6 miles of work (5,280 lf.) This project will improve approximately 6 miles of sidewaks in Brownsville's CDBG eligible areas & benefit approximately 2,000 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	SIDEWALKS 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. Additionally, the commencement of these proposed projects will be contingent on funding availability, project and site specific eligibility, and environmental clearance.

B. Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities - §570.202(a)(3)

The City of Brownsville will use CDBG funds to provide rehabilitation and preservation activities. A large number of the historic buildings in Downtown Brownsville have equally historic facades that have been long destroyed, altered, and/or covered. Since 2008, Downtown Revitalization has become a major initiative demanded by the citizens of Brownsville. Hence, the City of Brownsville has agreed that certain tools and programs facilitating and incentivizing businesses to relocate into the Downtown area will serve as the best catalyst for downtown revitalization. This project will assist in providing an instrument that will further economic development in Downtown Brownsville and protect its historic landmarks.

PROJECT NAME: (14E) **DOWNTOWN FACADE IMPROVEMENTS
(COB – Comprehensive Planning Division)**

FUNDING: \$100,000 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will offer a 50% rebate on all façade improvement costs – not to exceed \$10,000 – to building owners. The owner of the building will have to provide a 1:1 match. The funding allocated for this project will provide at least ten grants to building owners to assist in their building’s façade improvements.

ELIGIBILITY: REHABILITATION: PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY-OWNED
COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL 570.202

C. Planning Activities - §570.205(a)(3)(iii)&(ix) and (4)(i)

The City of Brownsville will use CDBG funds for its Planning activities. Specifically, it will use these funds for the planning and design of the future of Market Square to further downtown revitalization and assist in forming a cultural and entertainment business environment in Brownsville’s Historic Downtown District. The design will include (1) the removal of two unsightly buildings and a parking lot in order to create Cathedral Plaza – a public space that will greatly enhance and reframe the façade of the oldest church and only cathedral in the Rio Grande Valley; (2) establish historically correct streetscape design criteria for Adams Street, which will be the location of the planned entertainment businesses spurred by economic incentives offered by the recently adopted Entertainment District Ordinance; and (3) redesign Market Square which currently portrays a dirty chaotic urban bus depot.

PROJECT NAME: (20) **PLANNING&DESIGN: FUTURE OF MARKET SQ.
(COB – Comprehensive Planning Division)**

FUNDING: \$150,000 (CDBG)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Design professionals with proven expertise and verifiable success in similar projects will be contracted to produce specific plans and drawings resulting in the final design of selected public improvements identified and envisioned as catalytic projects by the City’s strategic plan, Imagine Brownsville, for the revitalization of Downtown Brownsville.

ELIGIBILITY: PLANNING 570.205

D. Public Services (Social Services) - §570.201(e)

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. MAP 3A shows the location of each project funded with CDBG for FY 2011-2012. The following descriptions illustrate the City's planned use of its CDBG funds for its social services:

PROJECT NAME: (05A) **SENIOR HOME DELIVERED LUNCH MEALS (AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC.)**
FUNDING: \$11,368 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: These funds will pay for approximately 2,296 hot meals for 9 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: \$15,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to reimburse Mobile Lab expenses for equipment maintenance, 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) **BCHC GLUCOMETER PROGRAM (BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER)**
FUNDING: \$ 24,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to purchase glucose monitoring supplies (lancets and test strips) to make them available at an affordable price to approximately 5,185 diabetic patients who do not have medical insurance.
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 three full-time staff – a Speech Therapists, a Physical Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist. This project will serve approximately 220 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY: HANDICAPPED SERVICES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05N) CASA, CHILD ADVOCATES (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES – CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties, Inc.)
FUNDING:	\$54,200 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund partial salary and benefits of the full-time Program Director and the salary and benefits for one full-time Caseworker; and a portion of its operating budget (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 85-100 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN 570.201 (e)
PROJECT NAME:	(05) 1st TIME HOMEBUYERS/FINANCIAL LITERACY (Greenpath, Inc.)
FUNDING:	\$ 10,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to reimburse a portion of the program's operations (Counselor's salary, office supplies, printing & publications, travel & training expenses, equipment maintenance, and rent). The project will serve approximately 250 individuals or 100 households.
ELIGIBILITY:	PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)
PROJECT NAME:	(05M) DENTISTS WHO CARE (DENTISTS WHO CARE, INC.)
FUNDING:	\$ 10,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used for Equipment Maintenance of the Mobile Dental Unit to be able to provide dental services to eligible students in Brownsville. Treatments include x-ray, oral exam, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants, and possible extensive dental treatment. Beneficiaries include low-income students with no medicaid, no CHIPS, or no dental insurance.
ELIGIBILITY:	HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)
PROJECT NAME:	(05G) CHILDREN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTER- VENTION PROGRAM (FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN, INC.)
FUNDING:	\$10,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funding will be used for Essential Services and Operations expenses incurred by the Friendship of Women, Inc. for the Children's Domestic Violence Intervention Program at the Shelter. This project will serve approximately 400 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	BATTERED AND ABUSED SPOUSES 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME:	(05D) IN-SCHOOL GIRL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER SOUTH TEXAS)
FUNDING:	\$ 10,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund the registration of at least 600 individuals, which will include supplies (books and handbooks), and the purchase of badges, patches and certificates. This program teaches tangible real life skills such as first-aid, nutrition, managing money, etc.
ELIGIBILITY:	YOUTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)
PROJECT NAME:	(05) RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY
FUNDING:	\$ 40,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to fund a portion of the program's budget operations, such as salaries, telephone, office supplies, insurance & bonds, and utilities. This project will serve approximately 440 individuals or 100 households from Brownsville. This will provide a "home-away-from-home" for families of critically ill children who are receiving medical care at local hospitals.
ELIGIBILITY:	PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)
PROJECT NAME:	(05) TELESCOPE TRAVELS (COB - SOUTHMOST BRANCH LIBRARY)
FUNDING:	\$ 50,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to purchase a Telescope System by the City of Brownsville Southmost Branch Library. This system would allow for the output of the telescope images be viewed to LCD monitors so that children and adults can see the images without having to look into the eye piece, accommodating proper view regardless of height or other type of barriers. This purchase will benefit approximately 5,000 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	PUBLIC SERVICES (General) 570.201 (e)
PROJECT NAME:	(05M) SUNSHINE HAVEN, INC.
FUNDING:	\$ 35,000 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used for a portion of the Program's budget operations, such as partial salaries for full-time Caregivers, telephone, & utilities expenses. The center is expected to serve approximately 70-200 individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	HEALTH SERVICES 570.201 (e)
PROJECT NAME:	(05N) "AT RISK" PREVENTION PROGRAM (TIP OF TEXAS FAMILY OUTREACH)
FUNDING:	\$ 60,310 (CDBG)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Funds will be used to pay for a portion of the Program's budget operations, such as partial salaries & benefits for the Administrative Assistant, 2 Caseworkers, & 1 Parent Educator; professional fees, telephone expenses, office supplies, printing & publications, travel, training, and utilities. This project will serve about 650 households.
ELIGIBILITY:	ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN 570.201 (e)

PROJECT NAME: (05) **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROG. (UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN CAMERON COUNTY)**
 FUNDING: \$ 25,000 (CDBG)
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to fund partial salary and SS&Medicare expenses for a the EITC Coordinator and 3 EITC Site Workers (Part-time positions), which will enable to provide the service longer evening hours and additional days. This project will serve approximately 933 individuals.
 ELIGIBILITY: PUBLIC SERVICES (GENERAL) 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).

E. Planning and Administration - §570.206

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: \$ 555,170 (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

F. Other - §570.202

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 and other program housing or neighborhood inspections. Also included in this activity involves the clearance or demolition of buildings and improvements, or the movement of structures to other sites. 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: \$227,000 (CDBG)
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding will be used to pay the debt service for the Linear 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. Since the kick-off of this program, it has been able to rehabilitate 20 homes; and expect to assist another 10 this current year (2010-2011).

Additionally, the City of Brownsville funded (2009) the Cameron County Juvenile Probation Department (CCJPD) to run its Building Trades Project, with 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. In this case, they are building homes (2 or 3 bedroom homes) for the Homeowner Elderly Replacement HOME Program. 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 and the Dolly Housing is preparing to begin construction this month.

Antipoverty Strategy

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

Program Year 2 Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy response:

With 33.5% of the Brownsville families living below poverty (U.S. Census–January 2010 American Community Survey), the City of Brownsville’s Anti-Poverty Strategy continues to focus on the most vulnerable population: extremely low-income households (incomes between 0-30 percent of the median family income); those

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

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

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

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

The 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 2011/2012, 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 administering 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.*

Program Year 2 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;
- 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 PY2011-2012 One-Year Action Plan:

A. Elderly and Frail Elderly

For PY2011-2012, 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 \$11,368.

B. Severe Mental Illness

- For PY 2011-2012, no specific programs were funded to assist people with severe mental illnesses.

C. Developmentally Disabled/Physically Disabled

For PY 2011/2012, 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 2011-2012, no specific programs were funded to assist people with severe mental illnesses.

E. Persons with AIDS and related diseases:

- For PY 2011-2012, no specific programs were funded to assist people with severe mental illnesses.

F. Victims of Domestic Violence

- For PY 2011/2012, the City will provide CDBG funding in the amount of \$10,000 to Friendship of Women, Inc.

G. Veterans

- For PY 2011-2012, no specific programs were funded to assist people with severe mental illnesses.

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 2011/2012, the City will provide CDBG funding to the following agencies, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) (\$54,200); Moody Clinic (\$90,000); Tip Of Texas Family Outreach -Success with Parenting (\$60,310); and Dentist Who Care, Inc. (\$10,000) Girl Scouts - Tip of Texas Council (\$10,000).

- 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.
- 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.
- Dentist Who Care will provide free dental care to students of Brownsville ISD and whose families are of low income, through the DWC Mobile Dental Unit and Valley Smiles Coupons.

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

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

Various resources exist to address the identified housing and supportive service needs of non-homeless special needs populations. Two major sources of federal funding assist the City of Brownsville in its efforts to address their housing and supportive service needs for the non-homeless special needs population: Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CDBG Program funds a variety of housing and community development activities, including housing rehabilitation, acquisition, and predevelopment costs; public facilities and improvements; clearance and demolition; public services; and planning and administration. The HOME Program funds a variety of eligible affordable housing activities, including new construction, rental rehab, and homeownership assistance, (both direct and indirect), as well as administration for its HOME programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

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 2 Action Plan HOPWA response:

The City of Brownsville does not receive HOPWA – NOT APPLICABLE.

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 2 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

The City of Brownsville does not receive HOPWA – NOT APPLICABLE.

Other Narrative

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

TWDB & CDBG - Villanueva Sewer Line Project

The Villanueva Sewer Line Project is in the process of being finalized by the end of 2011. This project will bring sewer service to a historically underserved community located just off past the intersection of Highway 281 and Alton Gloor Boulevard. The monies for this project have been a combination of CDBG and a grant from the Texas Water Development Board. These monies have been used for acquisition of the sewer easement.

CDBG-R- West Brownsville Storm Water Treatment Improvements

This project involves the construction of Phase II of the Garden Park Pumping Station. The Project will alleviate flooding in the West Brownsville neighborhoods from W. Elizabeth Street to W. 16th Street. Construction involves the installation of pumps, filtration system, and generators.

TDHCA – Dolly Housing

This project involves the reconstruction of homes that were damaged by Hurricane Dolly. The grant is being provided by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs. It is currently being procured and expected to begin construction within the next two months.

WAP-ARRA/TDHCA – Weatherization Program

This project is being funded from the Department of Energy via the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs. **Attachment 4** provides additional information on this program.

Project Sheets

Grantee Name: **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Description:		IDIS Project #:	UOG Code:	TX480726 BROWNSVILLE		
PFI - 2011/2012 Streets - The City of Brownsville has allocated \$1,018,688 of CDBG funds to improve streets in Brownsville that are located in the CDBG eligible areas that have been listed in the 37th CDBG Year Priority List of streets by the Engineering Department. Target areas have been identified for overlay Improvements and/or reconstruction. 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:		Priority Need Category				
City-wide Project; CDBG Eligible Areas in Brownsville, Texas.		Select one:		Infrastructure ▼		
Explanation:						
Expected Completion Date:		Reconstruction and overlay improvements of streets identified will provide safer driving conditions, help prevent accidents, and help provide for a better quality of life. Eligibility will also be a factor for street improvements.				
9/30/2012						
Objective Category						
<input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity						
Outcome Categories		Specific Objectives				
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability		1 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed	5,000		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway				Underway
		Complete				Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway				Underway
		Complete				Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway				Underway
		Complete				Complete
Proposed Outcome		Performance Measure		Actual Outcome		
Improved 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.	\$1,359,285		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount
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		Actual Units				Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units				Actual Units
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$1,018,688		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount
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	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units				Actual Units

Project Name: Oliveira Park Improvements 2011-2012 - COB Parks Department					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
PFI - The City of Brownsville allocated \$150,000 of CDBG funds to assist with the Oliveira Park's gym roof repairs and the roadway & parking improvements. Patchwork done throughout the years have now caused the roads to become uneven and have now become a safety hazard for pedestrians, baby strollers, bicycles, motorcycles, wheelchairs, and vehicles alike. The roadway improvements and roof repairs will provide a safe facility for families to enjoy; hence providing a better quality of life.					
Location:	Priority Need Category				
104 El Paso Rd. Brownsville, Texas 78520 Census Tract #128.00 Block Group #1 & 2 L/M 63.5%	Select one: Infrastructure				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: The park was constructed in 1974. One of the most frequented park, year-round activities include: youth & adult sports leagues, sports' tournaments, after school & summer recreation programs, public functions, recreational swimming, tennis, and related events; located in low-income/CDBG area.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve 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	3,666	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Improved access to park and improved facility.	Roadway and Parking improvements and gymnasium roof repairs done.				
03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c)		Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes		Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes		Matrix Codes			
Program Year 1	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		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	
Program Year 2	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$150,000	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	
3	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.

Project Name: Sidewalks Improvements Crew 2011-2012 - COB Public Works Dept.					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
PFI - The City of Brownsville allocated \$487,118 of CDBG funds for sidewalks improvements within the CDBG eligible area in Brownsville, TX. This funding will pay for a Sidewalk Crew of 3 Workers and 3 Equipment Operators; equipment rental for a year; and construction materials that will improve 6 miles (5,280 lf) of sidewalks. The crew will be temporary hired staff for approximately 12 months.					
Location:	Priority Need Category				
City-wide Project; CDBG Eligible Areas In Brownsville, Texas.	Select one: Infrastructure				
Expected Completion Date:	Explanation:				
9/30/2012	This project will improve the accessibility/availability to sidewalks in the CDBG (low/mod) eligible areas; and will eliminate the need of citizens walking on the city streets; hence, minimizing the number of pedestrian accidents. Furthermore, children and adults will all benefit and have safer walking areas.				
Objective Category	Specific Objectives				
<input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	1. Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons				
Outcome Categories	2.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	3.				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	5000	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 Accessibility/ Availability of Sidewalks	Sidewalks improved or constructed				
03L Sidewalks 570.201(c)	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 1	CDBG	Proposed Amt.		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
Program Year 2	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$487,118.00	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
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	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Downtown Façade Improvements - 2011-2012 COB Comp Planning				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE			
RPA- The City of Brownsville allocated \$100,000 of CDBG funds for the Downtown Façade Improvements. This program will offer a 50% rebate on all façade improvement costs - not to exceed \$10,000 - to eligible applicants. Each applicant will provide a match equal to the amount of the grant. The funding will provide a maximum of ten \$10,000 grants to eligible applicants; grants may be funded a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$10,000, based on eligibility and funding available.				
Location: Downtown Boundary Brownsville, Texas.	Priority Need Category Select one: Economic Development ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: Many historic buildings in Downtown Brownsville have historic facades that have been destroyed, altered, and/or covered. Since 2008, Downtown Revitalization has become a major initiative demanded by the citizens of Brownsville. Hence, this program will help in the on-going downtown revitalization effort.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons ▼ 2. ▼ 3. ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	08 Businesses ▼	Proposed 10	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		
Rehabilitated&Preserved at least 10 businesses'	# of Grants provided and # of Downtown facades improved			
14E Rehab; Publicly or Privately-Owned Commercial/Indu 570.2I ▼	Matrix Codes	▼		
Matrix Codes	▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes	▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	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
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$100,000.00	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: Market Square Planning & Design - 2011-2012 COB Comp Planning					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
PA- The City of Brownsville allocated \$150,000 of CDBG funds for the Planning & Design of the Future of Market Square project. Design professionals with proven expertise and verifiable success in similar projects will be contracted to produce specific plans and drawings resulting in the final design of selected public improvements identified and envisioned as catalytic projects by the City's strategic plan, Imagine Brownsville, for the revitalization of Downtown.					
Location: Downtown Boundary Brownsville, Texas.	Priority Need Category Select one: Economic Development ▼				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: This plan will help form a cultural & entertainment business environment in Brownsville's Historic Downtown District. Specific components of the design include: removal of 2 unsightly buildings & a parking lot to create "Cathedral Plaza" -a public place that will enhance & reframe the facade of the oldest church & only cathedral in the RGV; establish historically correct streetscape design criteria; redesign Brownsville's historic Mercado (MktSq.), etc.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼				
Project-level Accomplishments	Other ▼	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			
A year-round historic, cultural, & artistic Downtown	# of Jobs Created and # of Business Opportunities Crtd.				
20 Planning 570.205 ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.		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	
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$150,000.00	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: Senior Home-Delivered Lunch Meals 2011/2012 - Amigos Del Valle, Inc.					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: Amigos Del Valle, Inc. was allocated \$11,368 of CDBG funds to pay for approximately 2,296 hot noon meals for at least 9 unduplicated elderly individuals in Brownsville, through its home-delivered meal program. (\$11,368 CDBG funds / \$4.95 service costs per meal = 2,296 total meal / 250 service days = 9 total seniors/beneficiaries) [Limited Clientele: Elderly Persons are presumed to be LMI persons]					
Location: City-wide project; Brownsville, Texas.	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: The cost of each meal provided is \$4.95 and will be provided during a 250-day cycle for FY2011-2012. Beneficiaries are homebound & are 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 located at 2575 Russell Drive in Brownsville, Texas 78520.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons				
	2.				
	3.				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	9	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 nutritional 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
Program Year 2	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$11,368	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: Mobile Learning Lab 2011/2012 - Brownsville Adult Literacy Council, Inc.					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The Brownsville Adult Literacy Council, Inc. was allocated \$15,000 in CDBG funds to reimburse the expense incurred of gasoline and oil and equipment maintenance to operate the Mobile Lab vehicle here in Brownsville, Texas.					
Location: City-wide project. Brownsville, Texas.	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: The Mobile Learning Lab uses multi-media technology to deliver educational programs (ABE/GED/ESL, keyboarding, developmental reading, career assessments, life/work skills) to remote areas throughout the city of Brownsville, Texas.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2. Improve 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.	\$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
Program Year 2	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
3	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.

Project Name: BCHC Glucometer Program 2011/2012 - Bro. Community Health Center		
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 - test strips and lancets - to make them available at an affordable price (sliding scale based on income, using HUD Income guidelines) to approximately 5,185 diabetic patients who do not have medical insurance.		
Location: Bro. Community Health Clinic 191 E. Price Rd. Brownsville, Texas 78521	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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 and lancets to diabetic patients who do not have medical insurance.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives 1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2. Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons 3.	
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability		
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People Proposed 5,185 Underway Complete Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	
	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	
	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome
Lower cost of diabetic supplies.	# of 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 Actual Amount Fund Source: Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units	Fund Source: Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Fund Source: Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units
Program Year 2	CDBG Proposed Amt. \$24,000 Actual Amount Fund Source: Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units	Fund Source: Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Fund Source: Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units Accompl. Type: Proposed Units Actual Units

Project Name: Rehabilitation Services for Children 2011/2012 - Moody Clinic						
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE					
SS: The City of Brownsville 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 a Speech Therapists, a Physical Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist. The requested amount will assist with providing therapy sessions for children who have no other source for intervention.						
Location:	Priority Need Category					
1901 E. 22nd Street Brownsville, Texas 78521	Select one: Public Services ▼					
Explanation:						
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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. Children who attend therapy sessions have a variety of diagnosed disabilities, including cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, autism, and developmental delays. These services will help maximize the potential of children with special needs.					
Objective Category	Specific Objectives					
<input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼					
Outcome Categories						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability						
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 220		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	# of individuals assisted					
05B Handicapped Services 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	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		
Program Year 2	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		
3	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	

Project Name: CASA, Child Advocates 2011/2012 - Court Appointed Special Advocates					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$54,200 of CDBG funds to CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties, Inc. for its program. Funds will pay for partial salary & benefits of the Program Director and the salary and benefits of 1 full-time caseworker; and partial telephone, office supplies, and rent expenses.					
Location:	Priority Need Category				
1175 W. Price Rd., Suite 3 Brownsville, TX 78520	Select one: Public Services ▼				
Explanation:					
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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 system. CASA provides an independent voice by recommending placement for abused and neglected children whose cases are currently in the court system. CASA finds permanent homes to those children.				
Objective Category	Specific Objectives				
<input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼				
Outcome Categories					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability					
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	
Program Year 2	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt. \$54,200		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: 1st Time Homebuyers Financial Literacy 2011/2012 - Greenpath, Inc.					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$10,000 to Consumer Credit Counseling Service of South Texas to assist in the partial payment of the Counselor's salary. This funding will allow the participants receiving down payment assistance and closing costs to participate in the First-time Homebuyer's Class offered by CCCS. (CCCS of South Texas was acquired by Greenpath, Inc.)					
Location: 634 E. Levee St., #2 Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: Greenpath, Inc. will provide Pre- and Post- individual (face-to-face) housing Counseling sessions, yielding a plan of action to accomplish goals, 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.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	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
Program Year 2	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.	\$10,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Dentists Who Care 2011/2012						
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE					
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$10,000 of CDBG funds to Dentists Who Care, Inc. to pay for the Mobile Dental Unit Maintenance expenses incurred during the FY 2011-2012. Free dental care is offered to students of Brownsville ISD and whose families are of low-income through the DWC Mobile Dental Unit and Valley Smiles Coupons.						
Location: City-Wide Brownsville, Texas	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼					
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: The program will provide eligible students with access to free dental services, such as x-rays, oral exams, dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, and possible extensive dental treatments. These beneficiaries come from low-income families and have no medicaid, CHIPS, or dental insurance. HUD income guidelines are followed. These services are worth up to \$170 each per student.					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons ▼ 3					
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 75	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 & Enhanced quality of life for low-income children in the RGV	# of Students assisted					
05M Health Services 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.		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	
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$10,000		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	

Project Name: Children's Domestic Violence Intervention Program 2011/2012 - FOW, Inc.					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$10,000 of CDBG funds for Friendship of Women, Inc. These funds will pay for partial salary of the Children's Program Coordinator.					
Location: Brownsville, Texas	Priority Need Category Select one: Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: The Children's Program provides 24-hour emergency shelter, crisis intervention, child advocacy, case management, educational services, support groups & counseling, safety planning, and prevention educational activities to children who temporarily reside at the shelter due to family violence and/or sexual assault.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼ 3 ▼				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed	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 ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Program Year 1	ESG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$53,732	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	
Program Year 2	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$10,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Girl Assistance Program 2011/2012 - Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas			
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE		
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$10,000 of CDBG funds to the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas for its Girl Scouts In-School Girl Assistance Program in FY 2011-2012. This project will fund the registration fee of at least 600 individuals and will include activity supplies and the purchase of badges, patches, and certificates.			
Location: Brownsville, Texas	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services		
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: 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. The Girl Scouts program builds courage, confidence, and character in girls. Girl Scouts will learn first aid, nutrition, money management, strong values, decision-making skills, and respect for others.		
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives 1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons 3		
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability			
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People Proposed 600 Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	
	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	
	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: Proposed Underway Complete	
	05D Youth Services 570.201(e)	Matrix Codes	
	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	
	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	
	Program Year 1	CDBG Fund Source: Accompl. Type: Accompl. Type:	Proposed Amt. \$5,430 Actual Amount Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Proposed Units Actual Units Proposed Units Actual Units
	Program Year 2	CDBG Fund Source: Accompl. Type: Accompl. Type:	Proposed Amt. \$10,000 Actual Amount Proposed Amt. Actual Amount Proposed Units Actual Units Proposed Units Actual Units
	Proposed Outcome		Performance Measure
Greater opportunities to participate in program		# of individuals enrolled in the Girl Scouts program	

Project Name: Ronald McDonald House 2011/2012					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$40,000 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; a portion of the telephone expenses, office supplies, utilities, and Insurance & Bonds expenses.					
Location: 1720 Treasure Hills Blvd. Harlingen, Texas 78550 (Beneficiaries will be Brownsville residents)	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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, due to specialized pediatric services that are not available in Brownsville. There are 3 available sites that are located in Harlingen (2) and Edinburg (1).				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	440	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
Program Year 2	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$40,000	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: Telescope Travels 2001/2012 - Southmost Branch Library				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE			
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$50,000 of CDBG funds for the Telescope Travels project that will be administered by the Southmost Branch Library. The purchase of the telescope system will allow children and adults to view the output of the telescope images on LCD monitors instead of struggling to reach and see through the eye piece of the telescope.				
Location: Southmost Public Library 4320 Southmost Rd Brownsville, TX 78521	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: The addition of the Telescope Travels system will provide stability of the program, avoiding borrowing and depending on the availability of the volunteers bringing in their own telescope. It will also provide better viewing access and will be available to families in a low-income area.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives 1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2. Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼ 3. ▼			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 5,000	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. \$68,230	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
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$50,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Project Name: Sunshine Haven Inc. - 2011/2012					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$35,000 of CDBG to the Sunshine Haven, Inc. These funds will help pay for the salaries and benefits of three full-time Caregivers and four part-time Caregivers.					
Location: Brownsville, Texas	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: Sunshine Haven provides 24-hour end-of-life care to terminally ill individuals who cannot be cared for at home. The program provides housing and 24/7 nursing care at no cost to low-income patients.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2. Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons 3.				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	70	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.				
OSM 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
Program Year 2	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	\$35,000	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: "At Risk" Prevention Program 2011/2012 - Tip of TX Family Outreach					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$60,310 of CDBG funds 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; a portion of the contracted services, telephone expenses, office supplies, and utilities.					
Location: 455 E. Levee Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: Tip of Texas provides educational supportive services to low to moderate, "at risk" families for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. This program will strengthen families through Casework, Parenting Classes, Educational Programs, Youth Programs, and Referral services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼ 3 ▼				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed 1,625	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. \$27,252	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	
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$60,310	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units		Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units		Actual Units	

Project Name: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program 2011/2012 - United Way					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$25,000 of CDBG funds to the United Way of Southern Cameron County for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. These funds will pay for the salaries & partial benefits expenses for 3 Part-time EITC Site Workers and partial salary for the Part-time EITC Coordinator .					
Location: 634 E. Levee Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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. Assisting families access these tax credits helps increase the amount of money returned to our community and increases sales tax revenue that impacts the lives of those individuals as well as the community. 5 new volunteer tax prepares & 1 paid part-time site coordinator will be added.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons 2 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	933	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
Program Year 2	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
3	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.

Project Name: Emergency Assistance Program 2011/2012 - Catholic Charities of the RGV					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
ESG/SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$36,388 of CDBG funds to Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley for its Emergency Assistance Program. These funds will pay for partial salary and benefits for one Full-time Essential Case Worker.					
Location: 955 W. Price Rd. Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: The program will provide emergency assistance (utilities & rent), including other related information and referrals; and guidance to families to be self-sufficient.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. Improve the services for low/mod income persons				
	2.				
	3.				
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People	Proposed	1,140	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 living conditions; Homeless Prevention	# of individuals served				
05Q Subsistence Payments 570.204	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 1	ESG	Proposed Amt.	50	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
Program Year 2	ESG	Proposed Amt.	\$36,388	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: Basic Needs 2011/2012 - Good Neighbor Settlement House, Inc.				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE			
ESG/SS: The City of Brownsville allocated \$39,900 to the Good Neighbor Settlement House, Inc. for its Basic Needs program. These funds will partially pay for operations costs for delivery of Essential Services: Partial salaries and benefits for 3 Full-time staff - Administrative Assistant, Program Coordinator, Essential Service Clerk/Cook; and partial payment of utilities expenses.				
Location: 1254 E. Tyler Street Brownsville, Texas 78520	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives 1 Improve quality / increase quantity of neighborhood facilities for low-income persons ▼ 2 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 3			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability				
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			
05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 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
Program Year 2	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

Project Name: Ozanam Emergency Shelter 2011/2012 - 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 its Ozanam Emergency 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	Priority Need Category Select one: Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼			
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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.			
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve quality / increase quantity of 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 ▼		
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
Program Year 2	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

Project Name: BAHC Energy Efficient Homes 2011/2012 (CHDO)					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
HOME/CHDO/New Construction/SingleFamily: The City of Brownsville allocated the minimum 15% CHDO Set Aside HOME funds in the amount of \$171,462 to the Brownsville Affordable Homeownership Corporation for its Energy Efficient Homes program, an eligible CHDO project. These funds will pay to acquire at least 10 lots and provide gap assistance to eligible first-time homebuyers.					
Location:	Priority Need Category				
City-Wide Project; Brownsville, Texas	Select one: Owner Occupied Housing				
Explanation:					
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	BAHC will purchase at least 10 lots to build energy efficient, yet affordable house units for eligible first-time homebuyers. Energy Efficient homes will allow families to experience low utility costs, low maintenance costs, improved durability and comfort, and increased property values.				
Objective Category	Specific Objectives				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	1 Increase the availability of affordable owner housing 2 Improve the quality of owner housing 3 Improve access to affordable owner housing				
Outcome Categories					
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability					
Project-level Accomplishments	10 Housing Units	Proposed	10	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.	\$718,925	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
Program Year 2	HOME	Proposed Amt.	\$171,462	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: Boot Camp Elderly Housing Replacement Project 2011/2012 - CCJJD					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
HOME/Reconstruction/Single-Family Homeowner/Elderly: The City of Brownsville allocated \$157,310 of HOME funds to the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department for its Boot Camp Elderly Housing Replacement Project. These funds will pay for the construction of 3 homes, including demolition, permits, materials, labor, etc. for a turn-key submittal housing unit.					
Location: City-Wide Project; Brownsville, Texas	Priority Need Category Select one: Owner Occupied Housing				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: This program will build 3 housing units that will be energy efficient and wind certified, for eligible elderly homeowners. It will also provide job training to youth attending the Cameron County Juvenile Detention Center, while producing affordable housing units to the residents of Brownsville.				
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 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	3	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.		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	
Program Year 2	HOME	Proposed Amt.	\$157,310	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: Champion Homes at Canyon Creek 2011/2012 - Chicory Court Stream, LP					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
HOME/New Construction/Multi-Family/Rental: The City of Brownsville allocated \$100,000 of HOME funds to Chicory Court Stream, LP for its Champion Homes at Canyon Creek project. These funds will be used to assist in closing the financing gap needed to construct the 100-unit apartment complex.					
Location: Champlon Homes at Canyon Creek 1700 N. Minnesota Avenue Brownsville, Texas 78521	Priority Need Category Select one: Rental Housing				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: This is a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit project that will employ green building initiatives that will provide energy costs low for operations & for residents. The residential units will be marketed to families earning 30%-60% of the area median income. It will also provide family supportive services, such as adult education, homebuyer education, counseling services, credit education, health & nutrition, and ESL classes at no additional cost to residents.				
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the quality of affordable rental housing 2 Improve access to affordable rental housing 3 Increase the supply of affordable rental housing				
Project-level Accomplishments	10 Housing Units	Proposed	100	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome		Performance Measure		Actual Outcome	
To provide safe, decent, & affordable rental 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.	\$0	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
Program Year 2	HOME	Proposed Amt.	\$100,000	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units

Project Name: Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program 2011/2012 - COB P&CDD					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE				
HOME: The City of Brownsville allocated \$600,000 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:	Priority Need Category				
City-Wide project. Brownsville, Texas	Select one: Owner Occupied Housing				
Explanation:					
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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% or below, 60% or below, and 80% or below of the median family income as determined by HUD (Part 5).				
Objective Category	Specific Objectives				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	1 Increase the availability of affordable owner housing 2 Improve access to affordable owner housing 3				
Outcome Categories					
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability					
Project-level Accomplishments	10 Housing Units	Proposed	50	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed 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.	\$600,000	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
Program Year 2	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		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
3	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.

Project Name: HOME Grant Administration 2011/2012 - COB Planning & C.D. Dept.		
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	Priority Need Category Select one: Planning/Administration ▼	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation: Eligible administrative and planning costs include expenditures for salaries, wages, and related costs of staff persons responsible for HOME program administration. Other costs include goods and services necessary for administration, providing public information, fair housing activities, indirect cost allocation, etc.	
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 2 3	
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
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	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
Proposed Outcome Effective & Efficient administration of Program	Performance Measure Worked accomplished and Monitoring Conducted	Actual Outcome
21H HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (subject to 5% cap) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
Program Year 1	HOME ▼ Proposed Amt. \$129,550 Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units
Program Year 2	HOME ▼ Proposed Amt. \$114,307 Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units
3	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.

Project Name: ESG Grant Administration 2011/2012 - COB Planning & C.D. Dept.						
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE					
ESG: The City of Brownsville allocated 5% maximum of the total ESG annual allocation. These funds will be used for Grant Administration - eligible and reasonable planning & administrative costs, such as program management, coordination, planning, monitoring, and evaluation activities.						
Location:	Priority Need Category					
City of Brownsville Planning & C.D. Department 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Select one: Planning/Administration ▼					
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	Explanation:					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Eligible administrative and planning costs include expenditures for salaries, wages, and related costs of staff persons responsible for the ESG program administration. Other costs include goods and services necessary for administration, providing public information, fair housing activities, indirect cost allocation, etc.					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	Specific Objectives					
	1. <input type="text"/> ▼					
	2. <input type="text"/> ▼					
	3. <input type="text"/> ▼					
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				
Effective & Efficient administration of Program	Worked accomplished and Monitoring Conducted					
21A General Program Administration 570.206 ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Program Year 1	ESG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$0	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		
Program Year 2	ESG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$7,198	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		
3	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	

Project Name: CDBG Planning & Admin 2011/2012 - COB Planning & Community Dev. Dept.		
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE	
CDBG funds in the amount of \$555,170 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	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. <input type="text"/> 2. <input type="text"/> 3. <input type="text"/>	
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed
	<input type="text"/> Underway	<input type="text"/> Underway
	<input type="text"/> Complete	<input type="text"/> Complete
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed
	<input type="text"/> Underway	<input type="text"/> Underway
	<input type="text"/> Complete	<input type="text"/> Complete
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed
	<input type="text"/> Underway	<input type="text"/> Underway
	<input type="text"/> Complete	<input type="text"/> Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome
21A General Program Administration 570.206	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes
Program Year 1	CDBG <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. \$572,783	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/> Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/> Actual Units
Program Year 2	CDBG <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. \$555,170	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/> Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units
	<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/> Actual Units

Project Name: Finance/Accounting 2011/2012				
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:	Priority Need Category			
Finance Department City of Brownsville	Select one: Planning/Administration ▼			
Explanation:				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	These funds will be used to fund the accounting person in the Finance Department of the City of Brownsville.			
Objective Category	Specific Objectives			
<input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	1. _____ ▼			
	2. _____ ▼			
	3. _____ ▼			
Outcome Categories				
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability				
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 ▼		
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
	Proposed Units		Proposed Units	
	Actual Units		Actual Units	
	Proposed Units		Proposed Units	
	Actual Units		Actual Units	
Program Year 2	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt. \$38,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Proposed Units		Proposed Units	
	Actual Units		Actual Units	
	Proposed Units		Proposed Units	
	Actual Units		Actual Units	
3	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.

Project Name: Code Enforcement 2011/2012 - COB Planning & Community Devel. Dept.			
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, such as clearance and demolition.			
Location:	Priority Need Category		
City of Brownsville Planning & C.D. Department 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Select one: Planning/Administraton		
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011	Explanation: Code Enforcement salaries and activities, including clearance and demolition activities.		
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives		
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. <input type="text"/> 2. <input type="text"/> 3. <input type="text"/>		
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People <input type="text"/> Proposed 3	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed
	<input type="text"/>	Underway	Underway
	<input type="text"/>	Complete	Complete
	10 Housing Units <input type="text"/> Proposed 10	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed
	<input type="text"/>	Underway	Underway
	<input type="text"/>	Complete	Complete
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed
	<input type="text"/>	Underway	Underway
	<input type="text"/>	Complete	Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome	
15 Code Enforcement 570.202(c)	Matrix Codes		
04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)	Matrix Codes		
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes		
Program Year 1	CDBG <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. \$195,000	Fund Source: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/>	Actual Amount
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/>	Actual Amount
Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units	
<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/>	Actual Units	
Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units	
<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/>	Actual Units	
Program Year 2	CDBG <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. \$195,000	Fund Source: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/>	Actual Amount
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Amt.
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount	<input type="text"/>	Actual Amount
Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units	
<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/>	Actual Units	
Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/>	Proposed Units	
<input type="text"/> Actual Units	<input type="text"/>	Actual Units	

Project Name: Section 108 Linear Park Loan - 2011/2012		
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX480726 BROWNSVILLE	
The City of Brownsville has allocated an additional \$227,000 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 ▼	
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2012	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.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼	
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Proposed Outcome Multi-use Park	
	Performance Measure payment of loan	
	Actual Outcome	
	19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼ Proposed Amt. \$227,000 Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units
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Program Year 2	CDBG ▼ Proposed Amt. \$227,000 Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt. Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Units Actual Units
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3	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.

Tables for Action Plan

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

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

Source: 2000 Census

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

Table 2: Racial/Ethnic Minority Concentration by Census Tract

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

Source: 2000 Census

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

TABLE 3B ANNUAL HOUSING COMPLETION GOALS					
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)	Annual Expected Number Completed	Resources used during the period			
		CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
Acquisition of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Production of new units	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Rehabilitation of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Rental Goals	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE OWNER HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Acquisition of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Production of new units	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Rehabilitation of existing units	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Homebuyer Assistance	50	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Owner Goals	63	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Homeless		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Homeless		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Needs		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Affordable Housing	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL HOUSING GOALS					
Annual Rental Housing Goal	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Owner Housing Goal	63	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Annual Housing Goal	163	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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Housing Needs Table Housing Needs - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data Housing Problems		Grantee:														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	
		Only complete blue sections. Do NOT type in sections other than blue.																	3-5 Year Quantities					
		Current % of Households	Current Number of Households	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4*		Year 5*		Multi-Year					% of Goal	% 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	5								0	####	H	Y	C,H		0			
			Cost Burden > 30%	56.8	855	200	100									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	30.4	458	50	50									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
	Renter	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	2160															N				
			With Any Housing Problems	80.9	1747	3	3									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	68.9	1488	1	1									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	52.5	1134	4	4									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
	Renter	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1523															N				
			With Any Housing Problems	94.6	1441	10	5									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	72.2	1100	5	5									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	57.9	882	6	5									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
	Renter	All other hshld	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	397															N				
			With Any Housing Problems	78.6	312	20	10									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	66.7	265	3	3									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	49.4	196	8	5									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
	Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	910															N				
			With Any Housing Problems	61.5	560	1	1									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	60.7	552	4	2									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	32.1	292	8	4									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
	Owner	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	922															N				
			With Any Housing Problems	71.1	656	0	0									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	68.5	632	2	1									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	47.5	438	4	2									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
	Owner	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	689															N				
			With Any Housing Problems	92.5	637	4	2									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden > 30%	60.7	418	3	3									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
			Cost Burden >50%	36.0	248	1	1									0	####	H	Y	C,H				
Owner	All other hshld	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	173															N					
		With Any Housing Problems	53.8	93	0	0									0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		Cost Burden > 30%	51.4	89	0	0									0	####	H	Y	C,H					
		Cost Burden >50%	44.5	77	0	0									0	####	H	Y	C,H					

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Household Income >30 to <=50% MFI																			
		Percentage	Count																
Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	450													100%	N	
		With Any Housing Problems	50.4	227	1	1													0
		Cost Burden > 30%	47.8	215	1	1													
		Cost Burden >50%	17.8	80	1	1													
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1313															N
		With Any Housing Problems	75.1	986	10	5													
		Cost Burden > 30%	51.0	670	3	2													
		Cost Burden >50%	11.5	151	3	2													
	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	774															N
		With Any Housing Problems	89.9	696	0	0													
		Cost Burden > 30%	32.7	253	0	0													
		Cost Burden >50%	4.7	36	0	0													
All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	184															N	
	With Any Housing Problems	69.6	128	0	0														
	Cost Burden > 30%	67.4	124	0	0														
	Cost Burden >50%	29.9	55	0	0														
Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	924														N	
		With Any Housing Problems	35.6	329	2	1													
		Cost Burden > 30%	30.4	281	3	2													
		Cost Burden >50%	14.8	137	2	1													
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1096															N
		With Any Housing Problems	61.7	676	6	3													
		Cost Burden > 30%	51.5	564	8	4													
		Cost Burden >50%	31.1	341	20	10													
	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1029															N
		With Any Housing Problems	67.4	694	20	10													
		Cost Burden > 30%	36.1	371	5	2													
		Cost Burden >50%	10.5	108	10	5													
All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	57															N	
	With Any Housing Problems	78.9	45	10	5														
	Cost Burden > 30%	78.9	45	15	10														
	Cost Burden >50%	64.9	37	1	1														

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		Household Income >50 to <=80% MFI																			
		100%																			
Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	177														100%	N		
		With Any Housing Problems	53.7	95	5	5													0		
		Cost Burden > 30%	41.2	73	2	2													0		
			Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	1	1												0		
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1156																N	
		With Any Housing Problems	48.7	563	1	1															
		Cost Burden > 30%	20.9	242	0	0															
			Cost Burden >50%	0.9	10	1	1														
	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	861																N	
		With Any Housing Problems	78.6	677	0	0															
		Cost Burden > 30%	9.1	78	0	0															
			Cost Burden >50%	0.5	4	0	0														
All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	256																N		
	With Any Housing Problems	60.2	154	1	1																
	Cost Burden > 30%	57.0	146	1	1																
		Cost Burden >50%	9.8	25	1	1															
Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	885															N		
		With Any Housing Problems	16.9	150	4	2															
		Cost Burden > 30%	15.8	140	4	2															
			Cost Burden >50%	4.6	41	4	2														
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1809																N	
		With Any Housing Problems	48.1	870	8	4															
		Cost Burden > 30%	37.8	684	7	4															
			Cost Burden >50%	4.2	76	8	4														
	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1639																N	
		With Any Housing Problems	65.8	1078	5	5															
		Cost Burden > 30%	19.8	325	1	1															
			Cost Burden >50%	3.5	57	3	3														
All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	105																N		
	With Any Housing Problems	45.7	48	10	5																
	Cost Burden > 30%	41.9	44	1	1																
		Cost Burden >50%	9.5	10	1	1															
Total Any Housing Problem				129	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		Total Disabled	0		
Total 215 Renter				350		221												Tot. Elderly	2221	Total Lead Hazard	0
Total 215 Owner				193		104												Tot. Sm. Related	11928	Total Renters	16428
Total 215				543	0	325	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		Tot. Lg. Related	9104	Total Owners	11842

Housing and Community Development Activities				5-Year Quantities														
				Needs	Current	Gap	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Cumulative	
							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	0	
	03A Senior Centers 570.201(c)				5	3	2	0		0						0	0	
	03B Handicapped Centers 570.201(c)				2	1	1	285		0						285	0	
	03C Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 570.201(c)				5	2	3	1		0						1	0	
	03D Youth Centers 570.201(c)				6	4	2	1		0						1	0	
	03E Neighborhood Facilities 570.201(c)				4	3	1	0		0						0	0	
	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c)				30	5	25	1		1						2	0	
	03G Parking Facilities 570.201(c)				15	11	4	0		0						0	0	
	03H Solid Waste Disposal Improvements 570.201(c)				2	1	1	2		0						2	0	
	03I Flood Drain Improvements 570.201(c)				25	10	15	2		0						2	0	
	03J Water/Sewer Improvements 570.201(c)				9000	0	9000	2		0						2	0	
	03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)				###	0	###	###		5000						###	0	
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	03N Tree Planting 570.201(c)				5	0	5	0		0						0	0	
	03O Fire Stations/Equipment 570.201(c)				5	0	5	0		0						0	0	
	03P Health Facilities 570.201(c)				0	0	0	0		0						0	0	
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04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)				0	0	0	1		5						6	0		
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	05F Substance Abuse Services 570.201(e)				5000	0	5000	0		0						0	0	
	05G Battered and Abused Spouses 570.201(e)				3000	0	3000	400		400						800	0	
	05H Employment Training 570.201(e)				6000	0	6000	300		300						600	0	
	05I Crime Awareness 570.201(e)				0	0	0	0		0						0	0	
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	05L Child Care Services 570.201(e)				1500	0	1500	0		0						0	0	
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	31K Facility based housing - operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31G Short term rent mortgage utility payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31F Tenant based rental assistance	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31E Supportive service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31I Housing information services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31H Resource identification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31B Administration - grantee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31D Administration - project sponsor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CDBG	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rental assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Production of new owner units	100	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	100	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Homeownership assistance	50	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOME	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rental assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Production of new owner units	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	15	0	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Homeownership assistance	120	0	120	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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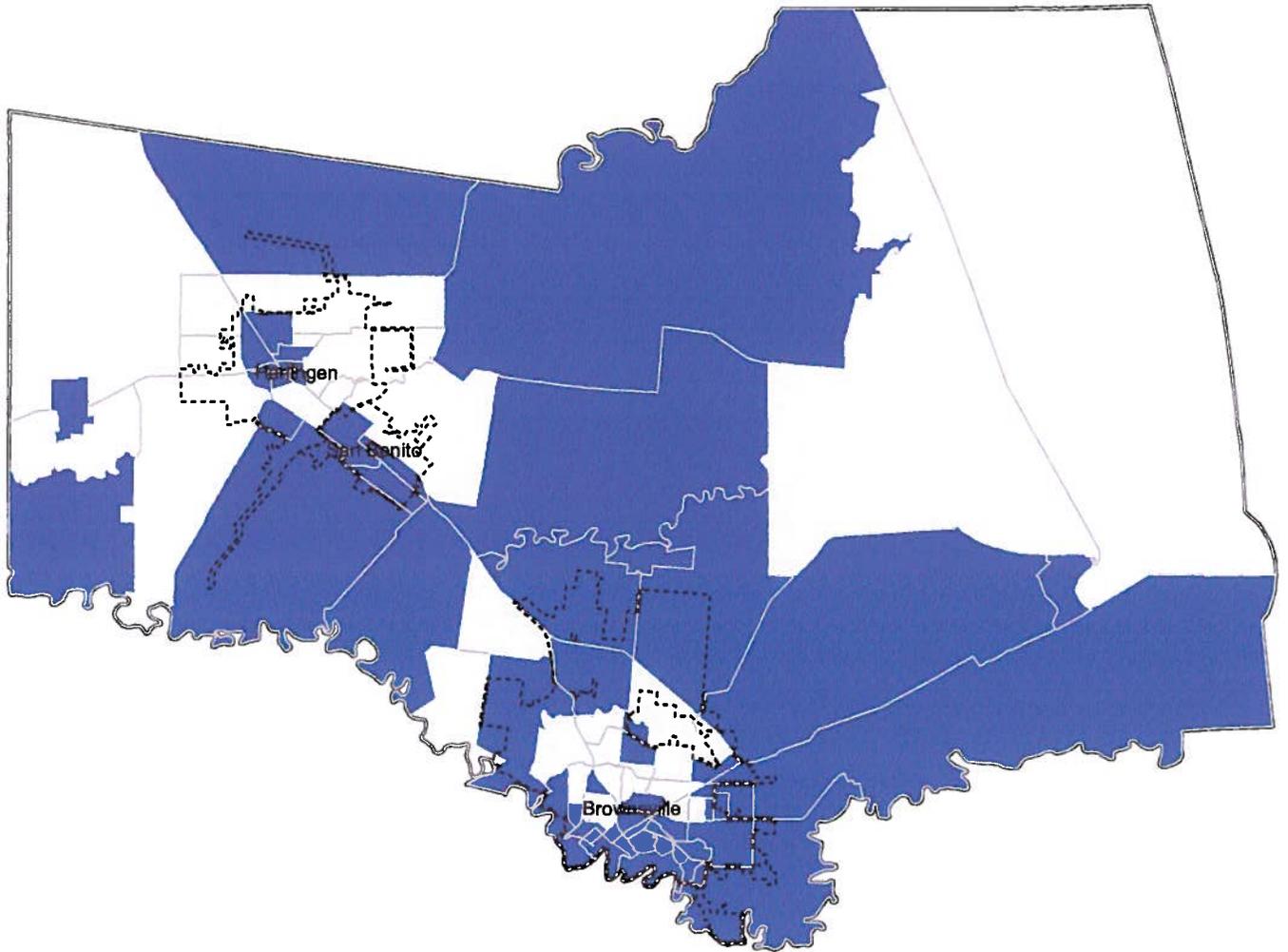
Maps

Map 1A:

Areas of Concentration for
Low- and Moderate-Income Population
for Cameron County

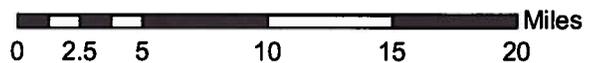
Areas of Concentration for Low- and Moderate-Income Population

Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities Consolidated Plan



Legend

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



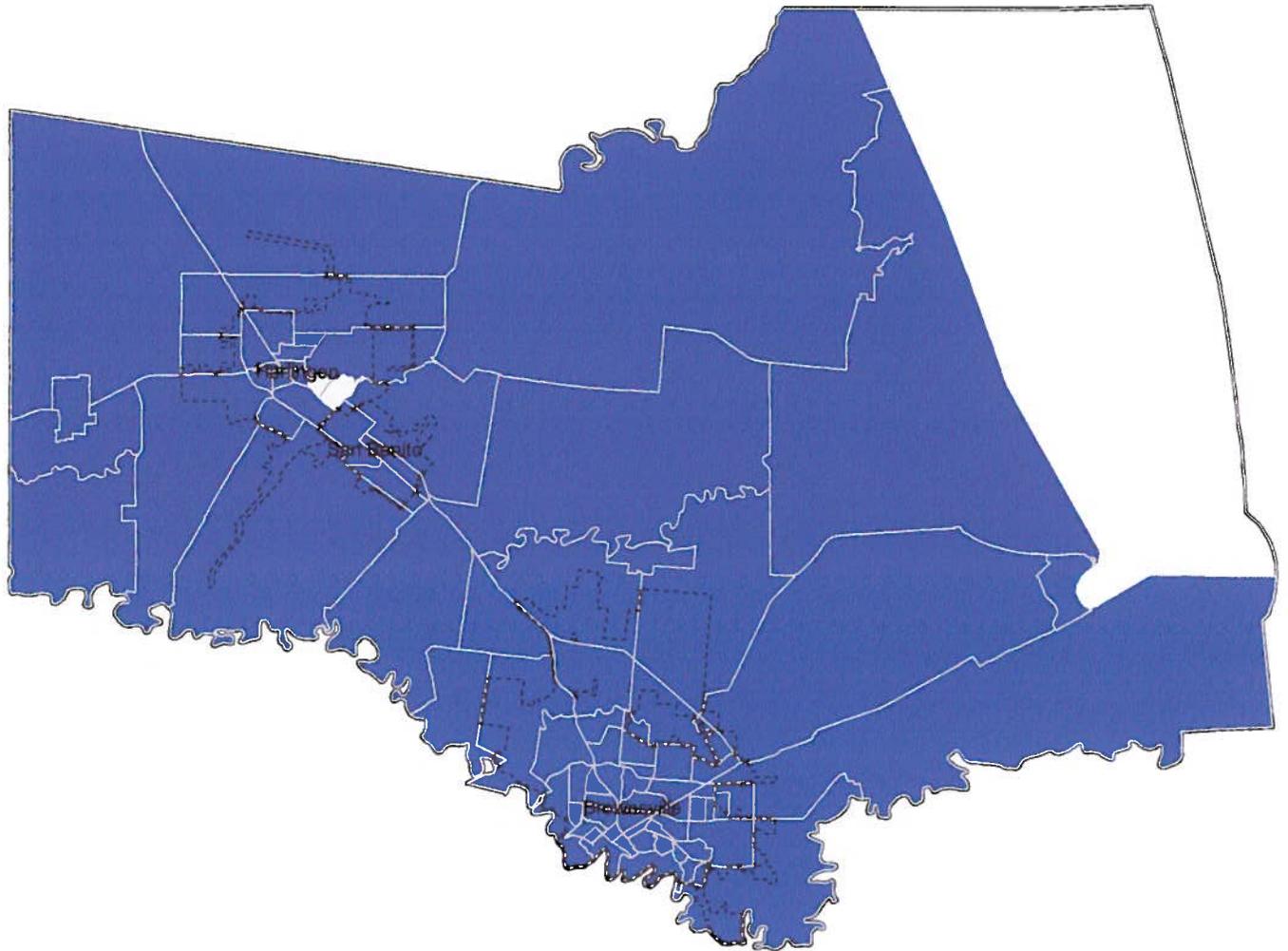
* Note: Low Mod Population has income below 80% of Median Family Income
Source: 2000 Census TIGER/Line Data, 2000 Census, HUD, ICF Consulting

Map 2A:

Areas of Concentration for
Hispanic/Latino Population
for Cameron County

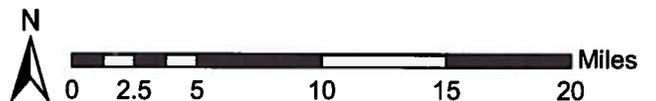
Areas of Concentration for Hispanic/Latino Population

Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities Consolidated Plan



Legend

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

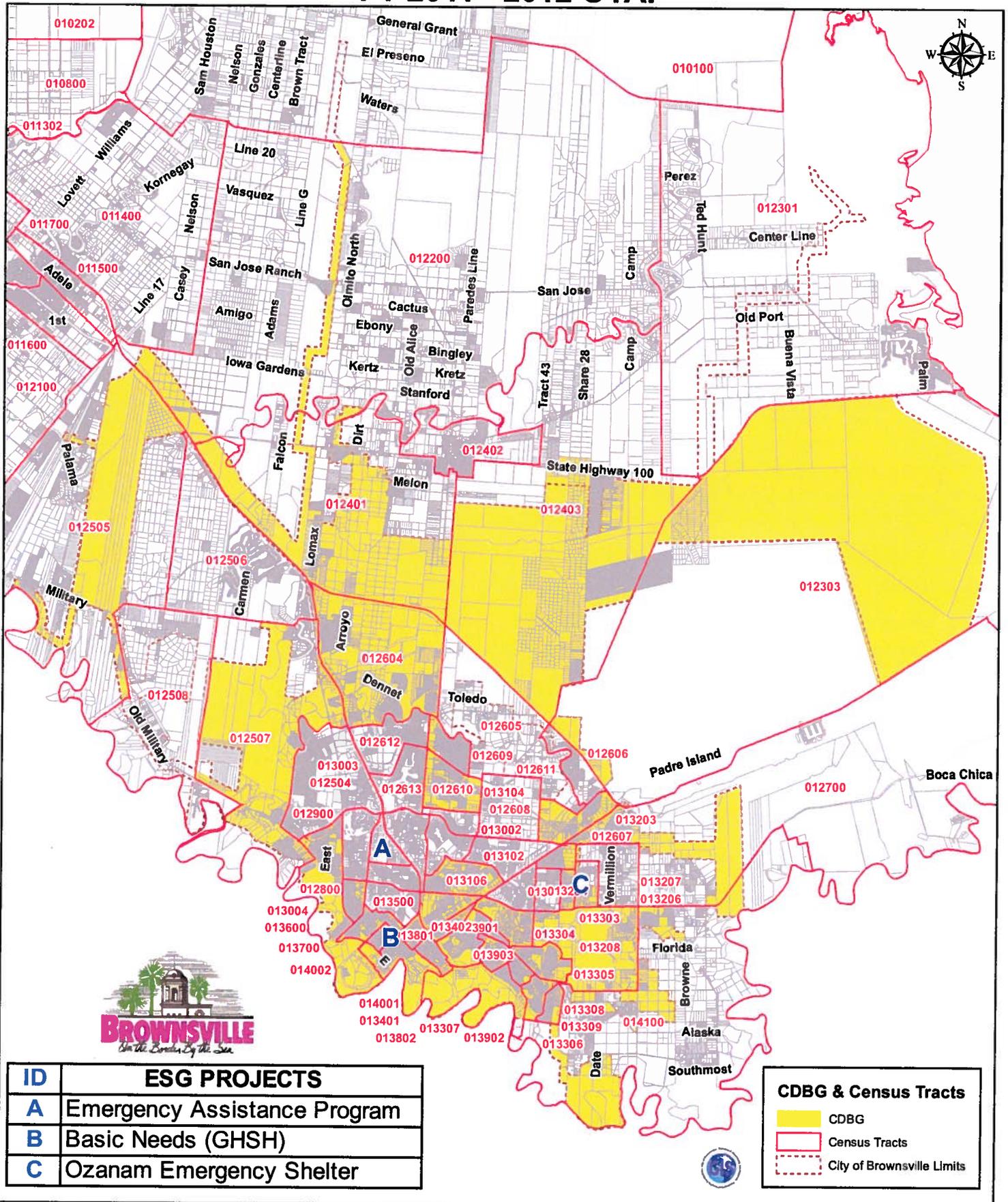


* Note: Census Tracts with greater than 51% of the population as Hispanic/Latino
Source: 2000 Census TIGER/Line Data, 2000 Census, ICF Consulting

Map 3A:

Social Services
(CDBG and ESG)

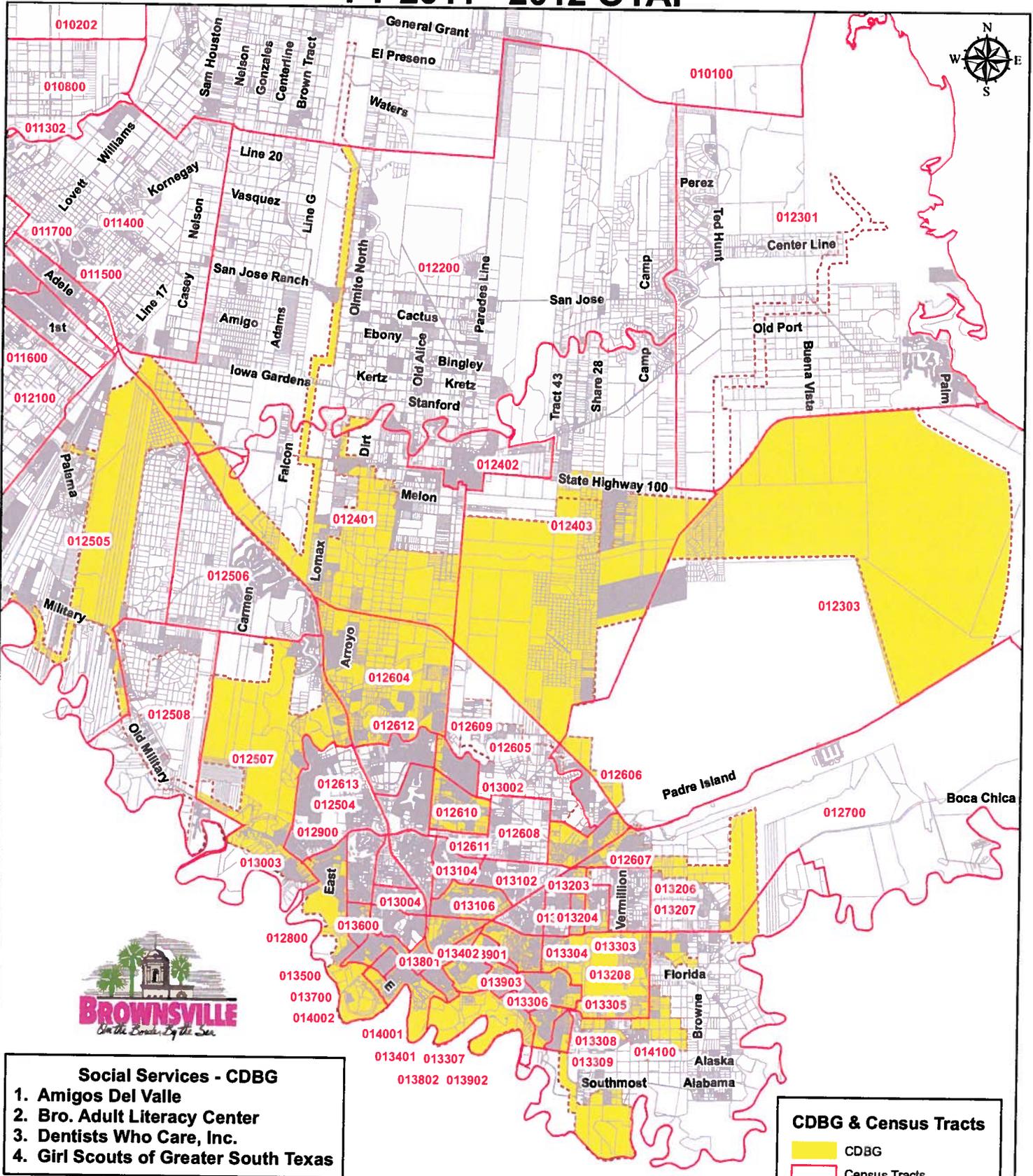
CITY - WIDE PROJECTS CDBG Eligible Area Map Emergency Shelter Program (ESG) FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP



ID	ESG PROJECTS
A	Emergency Assistance Program
B	Basic Needs (GHS)
C	Ozanam Emergency Shelter

CDBG & Census Tracts	
	CDBG
	Census Tracts
	City of Brownsville Limits

CITY - WIDE PROJECTS CDBG Eligible Area Map Public Services - Social Services FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP



- Social Services - CDBG**
1. Amigos Del Valle
 2. Bro. Adult Literacy Center
 3. Dentists Who Care, Inc.
 4. Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas

NOTE: The location of these projects' offices are not labeled because they provide services in City Wide eligible areas.

CDBG & Census Tracts

- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- City of Brownsville Limits





City of Brownsville Public Services Social Services FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP CDBG Projects

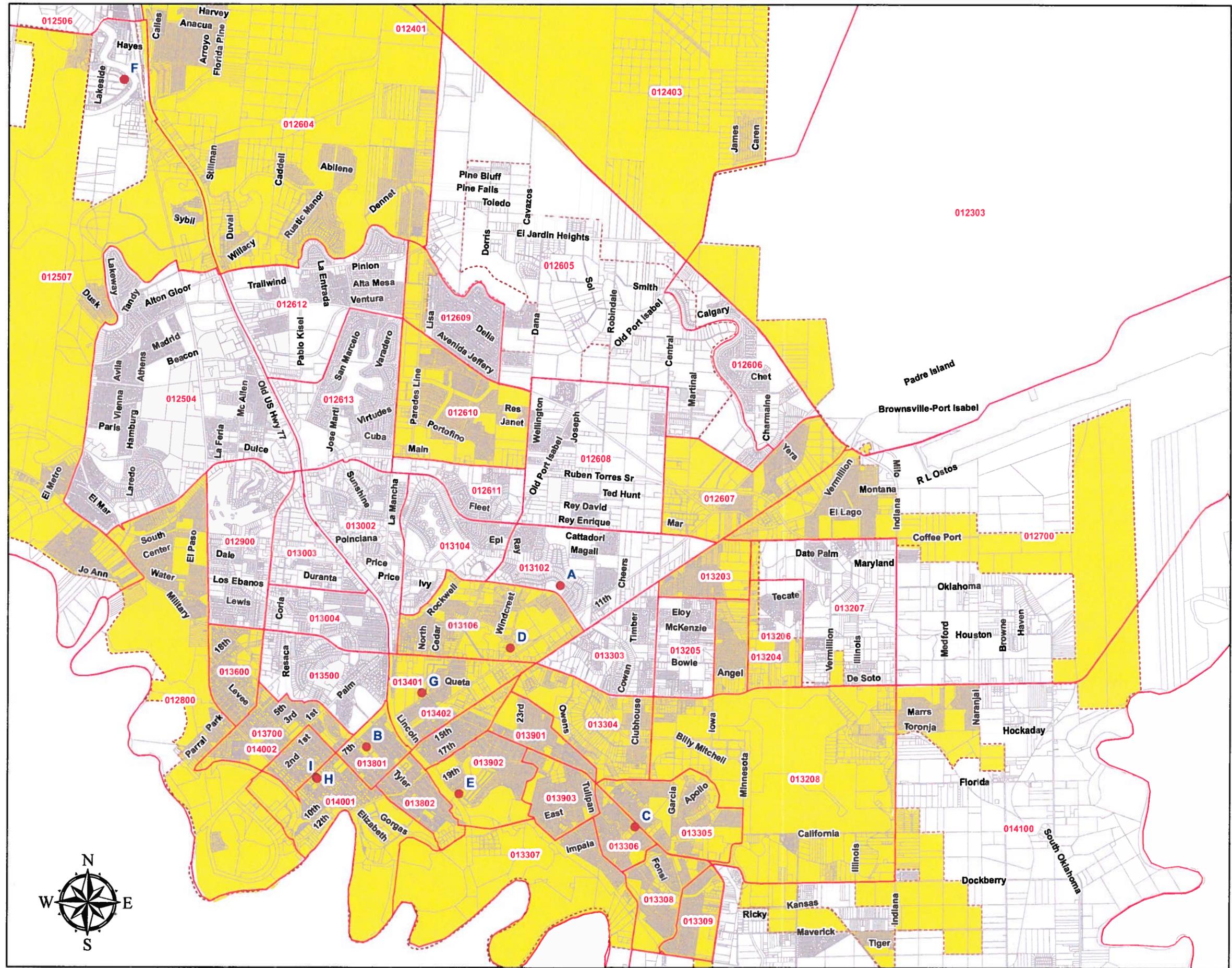
ID	NAME	ADDRESS
A	Brownsville Community Health Clinic	191 E. Price Rd.
B	CASA	847 E. Harrison St.
C	Southmost Public Library	4320 Southmost Rd.
D	Friendship of Women	PO BOX 3112
E	Moody Clinic	1901 E 22nd St.
F	Sunshine Haven	7105 W Lakeside Blvd.
G	Tip of Texas Family Outreach	164 Oak St.
H	United Way	634 E Levee St.
I	Consumer Credit Counseling Serv.	634 E Levee St.

The following Project has an office outside of Brownsville, but service Brownsville residents:

Ronald McDonald House	1720 Treasure Hills B Harlingen, TX
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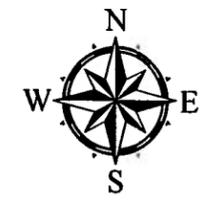
CDBG Eligible Area & Census Tracts

- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- City of Brownsville Limits



Map 3B:

Streets



City of Brownsville Streets Project FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP

ID	STREETS PROJECT	
1	HANNAH DR.	19 PALO BLANCO ST.
2	SOTO DR.	20 MANZANO ST.
3	BAYTES CIR.	21 APOLLO AVE.
4	VIDOS DR.	22 YOUNG DR.
5	KING DR.	23 NASA DR.
6	WESTERN DR.	24 SHEPARD CT.
7	EASTERN BLVD	25 GLENN
8	COFFEE PORT RD.	26 LOVELL CT.
9	W ST. CHARLES ST.	27 CERNAN CT
10	W LEVEE ST.	28 ALDRIAN CT.
11	W JEFFERSON ST.	29 ARMSTRONG CT.
12	E JEFFERSON ST.	30 GLENBROOK DR.
13	LINCOLN ST.	31 WILLOW CREEK
14	CLEVELAND ST.	32 DRUSCILLA CR.
15	E 22ND ST.	33 REINA ESTHER DR.
16	E 24TH ST.	34 RESACA LN
17	E 30TH ST.	35 ESTERO DR.
18	TULIPAN ST.	36 IOWA

CDBG Eligible Area & Census Tracts

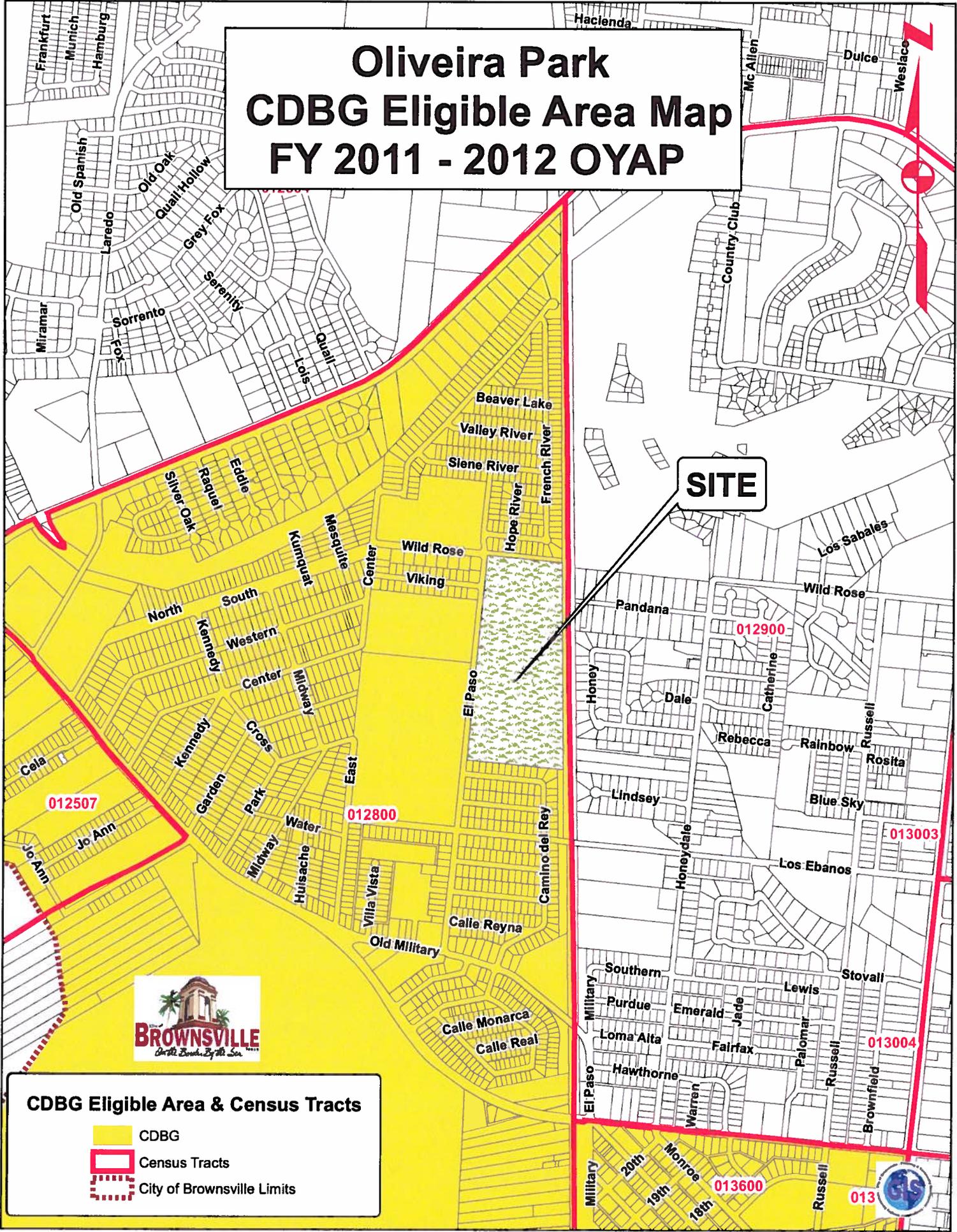
- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- Streets Project
- City of Brownsville Limits



Map 3C:

Oliveira Park Improvements

Oliveira Park CDBG Eligible Area Map FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP



CDBG Eligible Area & Census Tracts

- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- City of Brownsville Limits



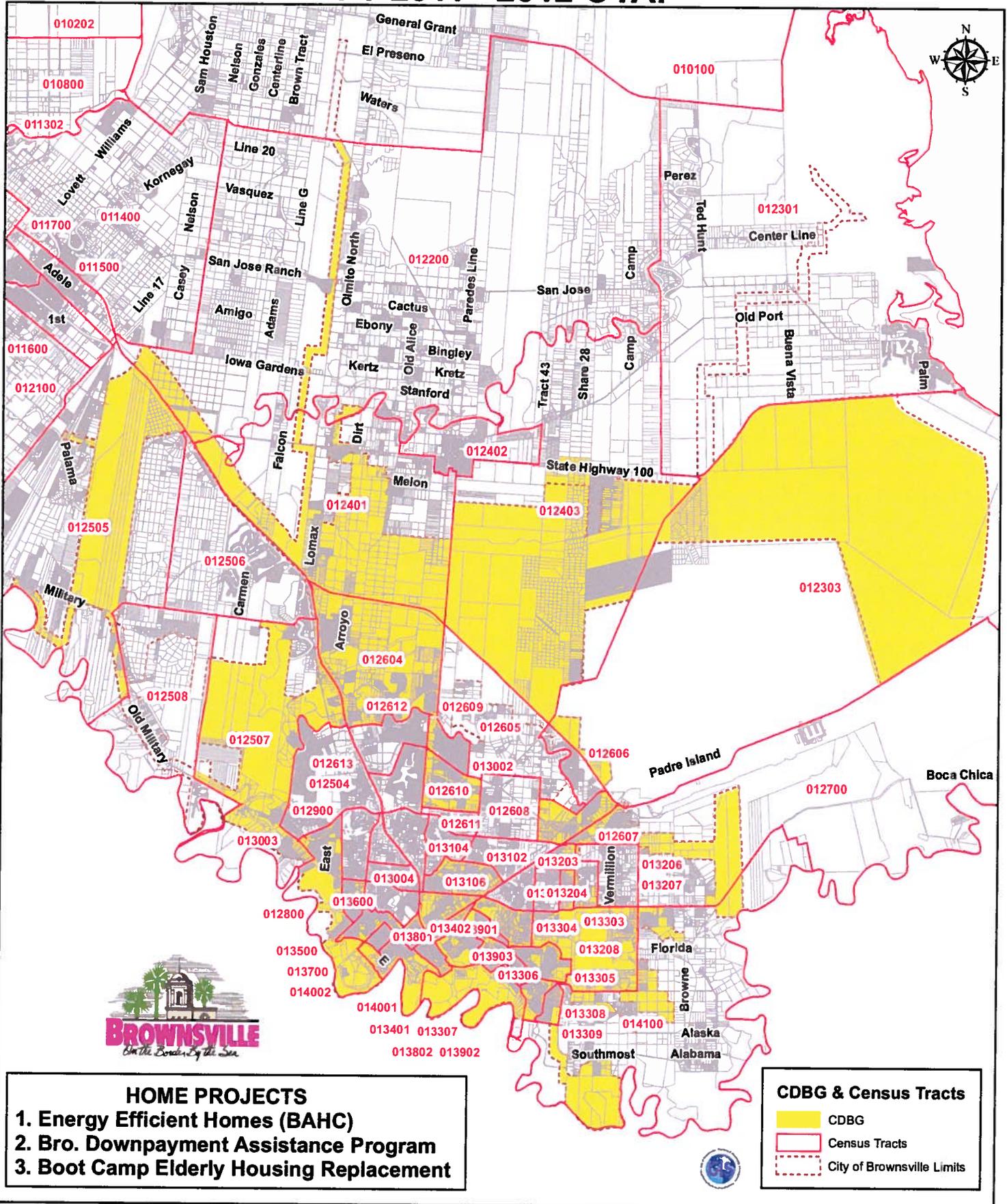
Map 3D:

City Wide Projects –

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS – Sidewalks Improvements

**HOUSING – BAHC Energy Efficient Homes,
Boot Camp Elderly Housing Replacement, and
Brownsville Down Payment Assistance Program**

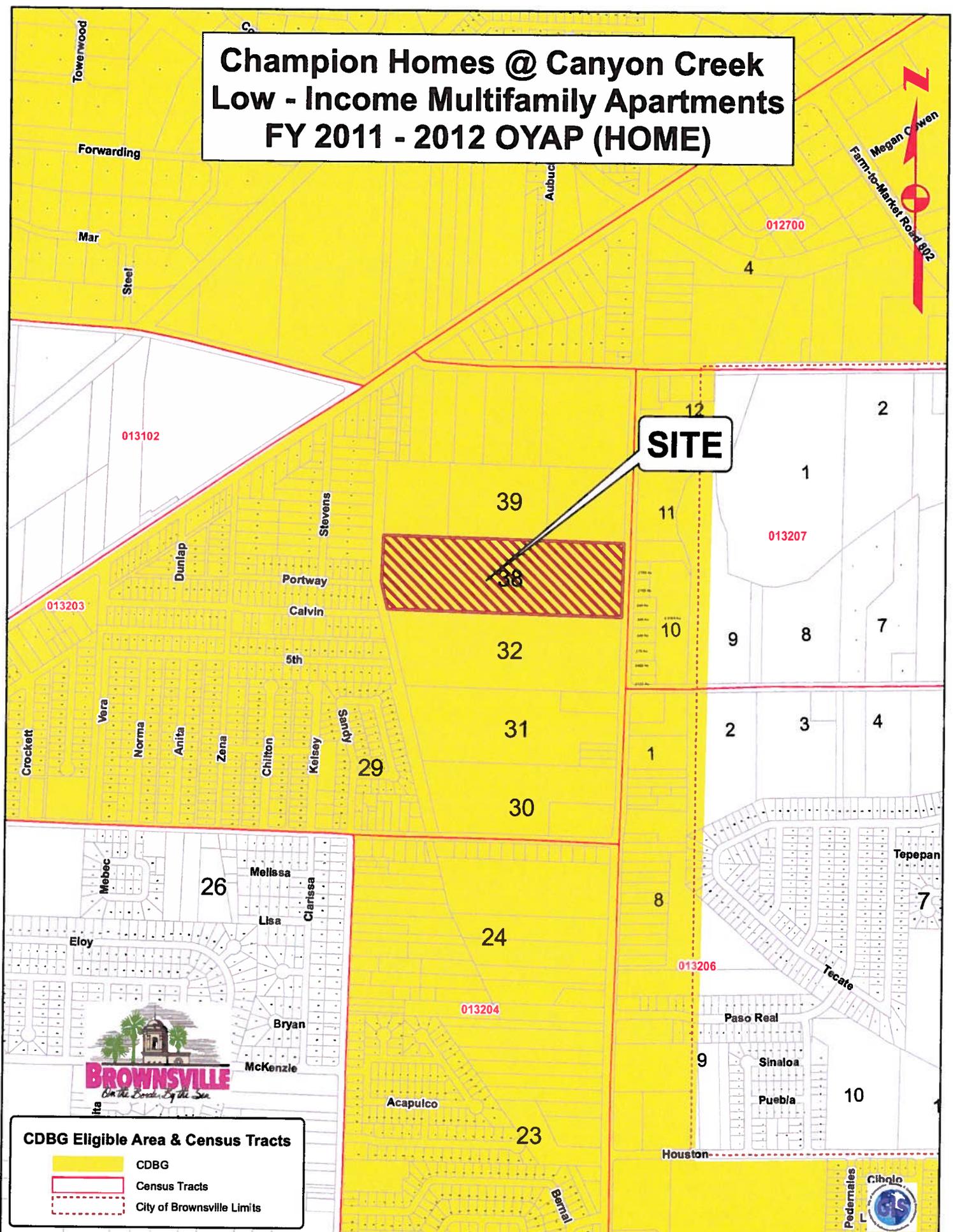
CITY - WIDE PROJECTS CDBG Eligible Area Map Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP



Map 3E:

Low-Income Multifamily Apartments

Champion Homes @ Canyon Creek Low - Income Multifamily Apartments FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP (HOME)



SITE

CDBG Eligible Area & Census Tracts

- CDBG
- Census Tracts
- City of Brownsville Limits



Map 3F:

Downtown Façade Improvements

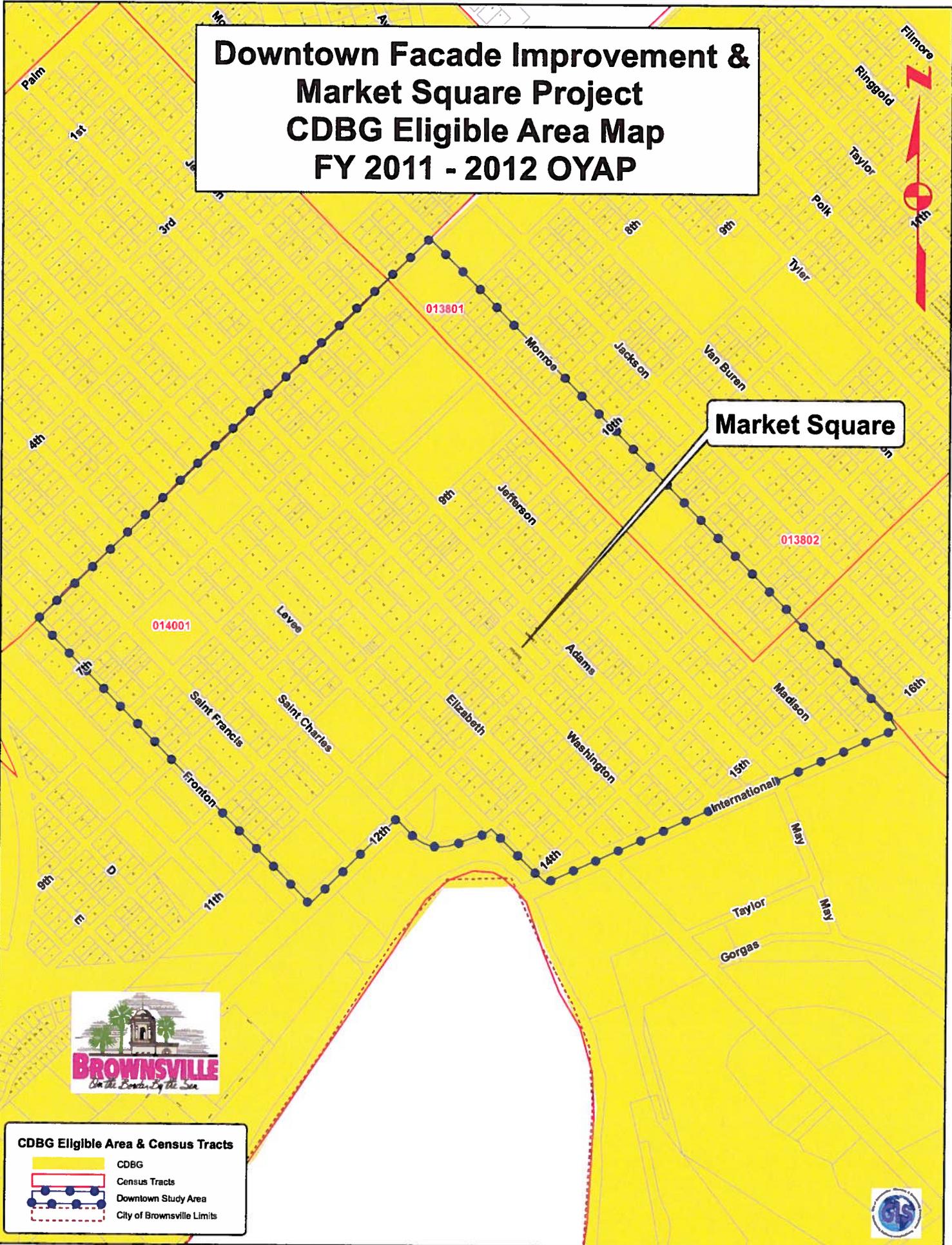
and

Planning & Design for the Future of Market Square

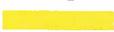
Downtown Facade Improvement & Market Square Project CDBG Eligible Area Map FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP



Market Square



CDBG Eligible Area & Census Tracts

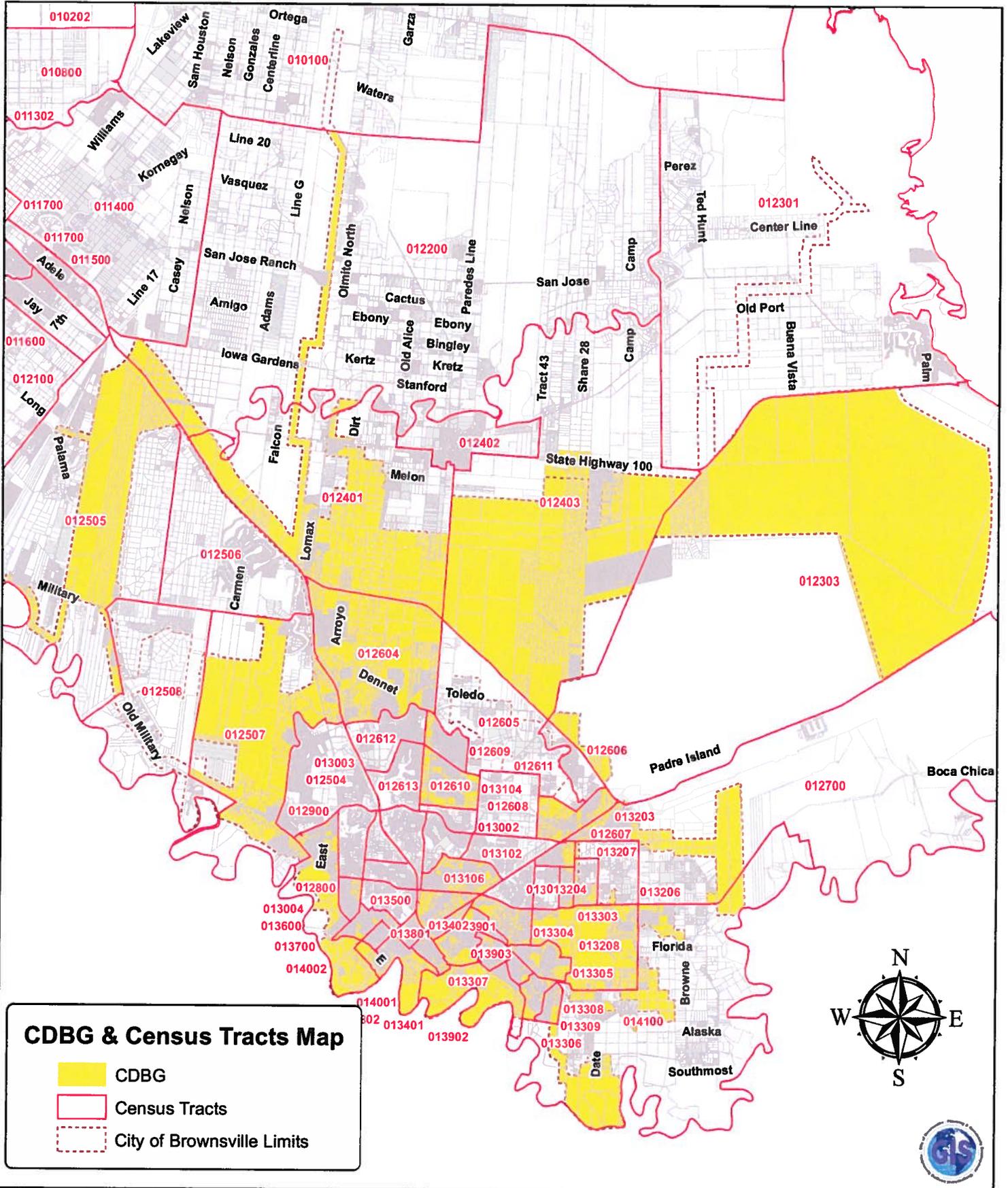
-  CDBG
-  Census Tracts
-  Downtown Study Area
-  City of Brownsville Limits



Map 4:

Low-Income Census Tracts Map

Low - Income Census Tract Map CDBG Eligible Area Map FY 2011 - 2012 OYAP



Attachment 1: Citizen Participation Plan



Planning and Community Development Department

Citizen Participation
(91.200(b))

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

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

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

Citizen and community participation in the process of developing this Three-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 of low and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in slum and blighted areas of Brownsville, as defined by HUD, and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used.

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

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

B. Citizen Advisory Committees

Committee Composition

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

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

Committee Duties and Responsibilities

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

Funding under these programs that is designated for specific purposes (including multi-year commitments, municipal public facilities projects, and specific targeted areas) in the three-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

Southmost Branch Library
4320 Southmost Road
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Brownsville Housing Authority
24 Elm Street
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Planning & Community Development Dept.
1150 E. Adams St., El Tapiz Building
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Please note that other sites might be included in the posting of notices and placement of documents for comment review, in order to broaden citizen participation.

Citizen Response Time Frame

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

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

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

D. Amendments

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

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

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

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

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

E. Performance Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

F. Access To Records

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

G. Technical Assistance

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

H. Complaints

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

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

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

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

I. Use Of The Citizen Participation Plan

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

J. Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan

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

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

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

Email Comment:

City of Brownsville Response:

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

**Attachment 2:
Summary of
One-Year Action Plan Projects
FY2011/2012**

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE
HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANTS: CDBG/ESG/HOME PROGRAMS
FY 2011-2012 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN - BUDGET

(Approved by City Commission on July 12, 2011)

AGENCY	PURPOSE	CDBG	ESG	HOME
• PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS [§ 570.201(c)]				
COB - Engineering Dept.	Streets Improvements	\$1,018,688		
COB - Parks & Rec Dept.	OliveiraPark:Gym&RoadwayImprov.	\$150,000		
COB - Public Works Dept.	Sidewalks Improvements Crew	\$487,118		
PFI SUBTOTAL <>		\$1,655,806		
• REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES [§ 570.202(a)(3)]				
COB - Comprehensive Plan.	Downtown Façade Improvements	\$100,000		
• PLANNING ACTIVITIES [§ 570.205(a)(3)(iii)&(ix),&(4)(i)]				
COB - Comprehensive Plan.	Market Square - Planning & Design	\$150,000		
PFI, RPA, & PA SUBTOTAL <>		\$1,905,806		
• PUBLIC SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES [§ 570.201(e)]				
Amigos Del Valle	Sr. Home-Delivered Lunch Meals	\$11,368		
Brownsville Adult Literacy Cl.	Mobile Learning Lab	\$15,000		
Bro.Community Health Center	BCHC Glucometer Program	\$24,000		
Bro.Society for CrippledChild.	Moody Clinic - Rehab Services	\$90,000		
CASA of Cameron & Willacy	CASA - Child Advocates	\$54,200		
Consumer Credit Counseling	1st-Time HB/Financial Literacy	\$10,000		
Dentists Who Care, Inc.	Dentists Who Care	\$10,000		
Friendship of Women, Inc.	Children's Domestic Violence Intervn.	\$10,000		
Girl Scouts of Greater S. TX	GS In-School Girl Assistance	\$10,000		
Ronald McDonald House	Ronald McDonald House Charities	\$40,000		
Southmost Branch Library	Telescope Travels	\$50,000		
Sunshine Haven, Inc.	Sunshine Haven	\$35,000		
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	"At-Risk" Prevention Program	\$60,310		
United Way of So. Cameron	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	\$25,000		
CDBG PS(SS) SUBTOTAL <>		\$444,878		
Catholic Charities of the RGV	Emergency Assistance Program		\$36,388	
Good Neighbor Settlement H.	Basic Needs		\$39,900	
TheBishopE.SanPedroOzan.	Ozanam Emergency Shelter		\$60,482	
ESG PS(SS) SUBTOTAL <>			\$136,770	
• HOUSING [HOME § 92.205]				
Bro.AffordableHomeownership	CHDO - Energy Efficient Homes			\$171,462
CameronCo.JuvenileJusticeD.	Boot Camp Elderly Housing Repl.			\$157,310
Chicory Court Stream, LP	GapFinancing-LI Family Apartments			\$100,000
COB - Planning & C.D. Dept.	Downpayment Assistance			\$600,000
HOME SUBTOTAL <>				\$1,028,772
• COMMITMENTS [§ 570.206, 570.202, 92.207]				
HOME Grant Administration	COB - HOME Admin			\$114,307
ESG Grant Administration	COB - ESG Admin		\$7,198	
CDBG Grant Administration	COB - CDBG Admin	\$555,170		
Finance-Accounting	COB - Finance - Admin	\$38,000		
Code Enforcement/Demolition	Code Enforcement/Demolition	\$195,000		
Section 108 Linear Park	COB - Loan Repayment	\$227,000		
COMMITMENTS SUBTOTAL <>		\$1,015,170	\$7,198	\$114,307
TOTAL ESTIMATED FUNDING AVAILABLE:		\$3,365,854	\$143,968	\$1,143,079

Attachment 3: Public Comments and Notices

Attachment 3.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

I. Summary of Citizens' Comments (Public Comments/Views of Plan)

During the Citizen Participation Process, the City of Brownsville conducted three public hearings and accepted public comments and views of the OYAP for FY 2011-2012.

A. Public Hearing – May 5, 2011 – Southmost Community Network Center

- Ricardo Longoria expressed his appreciation to City Staff and to the BCAC for their work in considering the needs of Brownsville and the funding allocations targeted to assist the low and moderate income beneficiaries that are recommended to the City Commission. He also spoke on how previous and current funding has helped spread the awareness of breast cancer within the community. In addition, he spoke about the proposed safety domes (Tornado/Hurricane - Storm Shelters) and mentioned that he was very much in favor of that project, because that will be a great asset to the community because it will greatly benefit the low/mod income families/individuals in Brownsville. These type of projects improve the quality of life in the city of Brownsville and will provide a better future for “our children.”
- Hugo Perez also addressed his views on the process and provided his comments on some of the proposed projects being considered for funding.

B. Public Hearing – May 11, 2011 - Westside Community Network Center

- Graciela Salinas spoke on behalf of the Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts and expressed to the BCAC the need of funding request for the Museum of Fine Arts. She mentioned that the museum was built approximately five years ago and that it has helped to change the future of children in many ways. She added that there are instructors that volunteer at the Museum to teach the children. They have experienced funding cuts due to the recent economic times, and they are requesting CDBG funding to continue operations. Unfortunately, the mortgage payment takes up most of its funding sources and thus are requesting CDBG assistance for operations.

C. Written Comment – June 19, 2011 – Hand-Delivered to Ben Medina

- Mary Elizabeth Hollmann wrote and handed a letter to Mr. Ben Medina, Jr., Director of Planning & Community Development Department to include her suggestions as part of the public comments period for the use of HUD funds, in particular CDBG funds. She noted in her letter that due to the rise of gas prices she has seen more people walk or bike to close destinations, such as to their neighborhood food stores in West Brownsville. In addition, she mentioned that there was a lack of sidewalks in that area because she sees people walking on the grass along Central Boulevard or on the parking lots of the businesses around there. Hence, she stated her suggestion was to construct sidewalks along Central Blvd., between Elizabeth Street and FM 802 and this “would greatly improve the quality of life for in residents” in that area. Following the Public Comments section is a copy of the letter from Ms. Hollmann addressing her comments and view of the plan and funding.

D. Public Hearing – June 21, 2011 – City Commission Chambers

- Jeff Johnston spoke about the Storm Shelters to clarify to the Commission some question regarding the applications for funding that he had submitted.
- Robert Uresti commented about the CDBG funding recommended for the Streets project and wanted to know if it would affect the bond issuance.
- Fernando Ruiz commented on the importance of transparency.
- Graciela Aldaco spoke on behalf of Valley Aids Council (VAC). She acknowledged to the Commission about VAC’s recent out of compliance status and briefed them on VAC’s operations; she noted the importance of the CDBG funding and requested that VAC proposal for funding be considered for funding for the 2011-2012 CDBG program year funding.
- Federico C. Fuentes spoke about his view on Family and Basic Service.
- Joe Wallace Garcia stated to the City Commission that the city streets were being damaged by large commercial trucks.

June 19, 2011

Mr. Ben Medina
City of Brownsville Planning and Community Development Department
1150 E. Adams
Brownsville, TX 78520

Dear Sir,

I would like to include my suggestions in the public comments for the use of HUD funds and CDBG funds.

As gas prices rise, more people walk or bike to close destinations. I see neighbors walking to Lopez or HEB from my neighborhood in West Brownsville. They walk along Central Boulevard on the grass, or through parking lots, because there are very few sidewalks. You can see the "trails" on both sides of the road.

I think **sidewalks** along **Central Boulevard** between Elizabeth and 802 (Ruben Torres) would greatly improve the quality of life for residents in our area.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

West Brownsville resident for over 30 years

Mary Elizabeth Hollmann

327 W. St. Charles
Brownsville, TX 78520
956-346-2897

II. Summary of 30-Day Comment Period (Public Comments/Views of Plan)

The City of Brownsville also conducted a 30-day comment period for the One-Year Action Plan for 2011-2012 from Friday, July 1, 2011 through Sunday, July 31, 2011.

No comments were received during this comment period.

The City of Brownsville informed the public of its Public Hearings and Comment Periods by publishing notices in *The Brownsville Herald* local newspaper and posting notices in various public buildings: (1) June 26, 2011; and (2) July 17, 2011. The notices also announced the availability of the document 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. City of Brownsville, Office of the City Secretary, City Plaza, 1034 E. Levee St., Brownsville, TX 78520.
3. Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, Texas 78520.
4. Southmost Branch Library, 4320 Southmost Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78521.
5. Southmost Community Network Center, 2900 Southmost Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521.
6. Westside Community Network Center, 1763 U.S. Highway 281, Brownsville, TX 78520.
7. Brownsville Housing Authority, 24 Elm St., Brownsville, Texas 78521.
8. City of Brownsville Planning & Community Development Department's website: <http://.cob.us/planning>.

Following are copies of all the notices advertised in The Brownsville Herald (local newspaper) and posted on each site (public posting) to encourage public participation.

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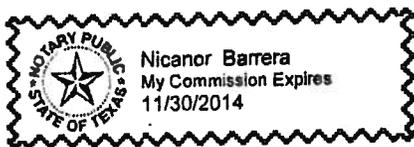
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF BROWNSVILLE
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Overall goals for the Consolidated Plan are to strengthen partnership among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, so as to enable them to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities for every citizen, particularly for low-income persons.

Application packages will be available at the Planning and Community Development Department at 1150 E. Adams, 2nd Floor, Brownsville, Texas 78520 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011 through 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011; or by downloading an application from the Department's website: <http://www.cob.us/planning/>.

The deadline to submit applications is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011. Applications received after this date and time will neither be accepted nor considered.

As part of the City of Brownsville's Consolidated Plan Process, the following scheduled Public Hearings will be available for those interested in providing input on the City's strengths and needs:

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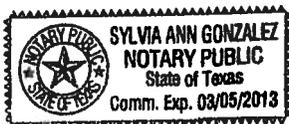
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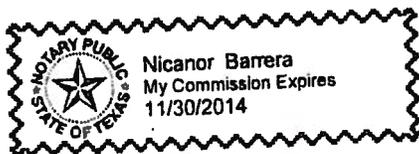
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City of Brownsville

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Request for Proposals for Weatherization Assistance Program "WAP" to provide Residential Energy Efficiency Installation Measures to Residential Homes for the Planning & Community Development Department of the City of Brownsville

Sealed, bids/proposals for Brownsville, at Purchasing Director, 1001 E. Elizabeth Street, First Floor (956) 548-6087, e

Copies of the specifications, general conditions, and bid forms may be obtained from the Purchasing Department. Plan PAP-30-0511 can be obtained for \$75.00 made payable to the City of Brownsville. For more information, contact the Purchasing Department on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Spreadsheets can be downloaded at: h

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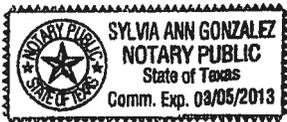
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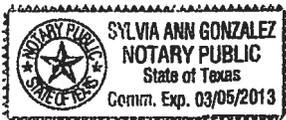
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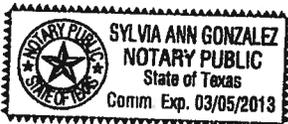
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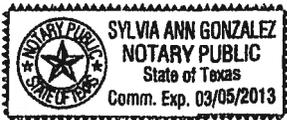
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

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Comment Period: July 1-31, 2011**

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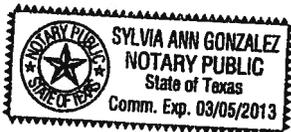
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HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANTS: CDBG/ESG/HOME PROGRAMS
FY 2011-2012 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN - BUDGET**

(Approved by City Commission on July 12, 2011)

AGENCY	PURPOSE	CDBG	ESG	HOME
* PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS [§ 570.201(c)]				
COB - Engineering Dept.	Street Improvements	\$1,018,000		
COB - Parks & Rec Dept.	Obstacle Park Cycle/Roadway Program	\$180,000		
COB - Public Works Dept.	Sidewalk Improvements Crew	\$487,118		
PFI SUBTOTAL		\$1,685,118		
* RENOVATION AND PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES [§ 570.202(e)(3)]				
COB - Comprehensive Plan.	Downtown Facade Improvements	\$100,000		
* PLANNING ACTIVITIES [§ 570.205(e)(3)(B)(i)&(4)(ii)]				
COB - Comprehensive Plan.	Market Square Planning & Design	\$150,000		
PFI, PFA & PA SUBTOTAL		\$1,935,118		
* PUBLIC SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES [§ 570.201(e)]				
America Del Norte	St. Hans-Delivered Lunch Meals	\$11,300		
Brownsville Adult Literacy Cl.	Math Learning Lab	\$15,000		
Bro. Community Health Center	BCHC Cholesterol Program	\$24,000		
Bro. Society for Crispian/Child.	Mobile Clinic - Rehab Services	\$90,000		
CASA of Cameron & Willacy	CASA Child Advocates	\$54,000		
Consumer Credit Counseling	1st-Time HR/Fraudulent Library	\$10,000		
Dentists Who Care, Inc.	Dentists Who Care	\$18,000		
Friendship of Women, Inc.	Children's Domestic Violence Interv.	\$19,000		
Girl Scouts of Greater S. TX	GS In-School Girl Activities	\$10,000		
Ronald McDonald House	Ronald McDonald House Christmas	\$40,000		
Southwest Branch Library	TeleScope Travel	\$38,000		
Suzanne Haven, Inc.	Suzanne Haven	\$36,000		
Tip of Texas Family Outreach	"At-Risk" Prevention Program	\$60,518		
United Way of So. Cameron	Welfare Income Tax Assistance	\$38,000		
CDBG PS(ES) SUBTOTAL		\$644,818		
Catholic Charities of the RGV	Emergency Assistance Program			
Good Neighbor Backstreet H.	Bank Meals			
The Bishop of San Pedro-Cam.	Occasin Emergency Shelter			
ESG PS(ES) SUBTOTAL				
* HOUSING [HOME § 92.205]				
Bro. Affordable Homeownership	CHDO - Energy Efficient Homes			\$171,482
Cameron Co. Juvenile Justice D.	Best Camp Elderly Housing Regt.			\$167,310
Clancy Court Stream, LP	Sup/Planning-LI Family Apartments			\$100,000
COB - Planning & C.D. Dept.	Development Assistance			\$600,000
HOME SUBTOTAL				\$1,038,792
* COMMITMENTS [§ 570.206, 570.202, 92.207]				
HOME Grant Administration	COB - HOME Admin.			\$114,307
ESG Grant Administration	COB - ESG Admin.		\$7,100	
CDBG Grant Administration	COB - CDBG Admin.	\$655,478		
Finance Accounting	COB - Finance - Admin.	\$38,000		
Civil Enforcement/Denial/Rev.	Civil Enforcement/Denial/Rev.	\$185,000		
Section 108 Linear Park	COB - Loan Repayment	\$277,500		
COMMITMENTS SUBTOTAL		\$1,015,778	\$7,100	\$114,307
TOTAL ESTIMATED FUNDING AVAILABLE:		\$3,305,854	\$142,968	\$1,143,079

Attachment 4: Weatherization Program (WAP-ARRA/TDHCA)



City of Brownsville

Weatherization Assistance Program

Planning & Community
Development Department



NAT-62093-1

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Weatherization Assistance Program
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Brownsville, Texas 78520
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Weatherization Program
 City of Brownsville
 Contract No: 16090000755

Projected for the years 2011-2012

(A) PROJECTIONS: Number of Contractors Needed

Projected Total Approximate Available Budget:	\$ 1,100,000.00 (If State allows City of Brownsville to continue the Program)
Projected Weatherization Cost per home:	\$ 6,500.00
Projected Budget for Weatherization only:	\$ 940,372.00
Projected Number of homes to be weatherized:	200 Units
Number of Months Available to complete:	2 Months
Projected Monthly Average of homes completed:	100 Units
Projected Weekly Average of homes completed:	25 Units
Projected Completion Period per home	2 Days
Projected Days of Work per week	50 Days
Projected Number of Days available per week	5 Days
Projected Number of Contractors needed	10 Contractors
Number of Approved Contractors	6 Contractors

NOTE: We are short 4 contractors

(E) 15375448370-01 (Administrative Cost) Projected Budget

Projected Amount Available		\$ 108,457.00
Original Budget	01 + 06	\$ 159,889.00
Money Spent as of 5/31/2011	01 + 06	\$ 51,432.00
Less Projected Cost		\$ 9,000.00
Unused Portion of Budget		\$ 99,457.00
Balance of funds Transferred to 04 Acct		\$ 99,457.00
Projected Balance At The End		\$ -

(E) 15375448370-02 (Training and Travel Cost) Projected Budget

Projected Amount Available		\$ 122,576.00
Original Budget		\$ 123,805.00
Money Spent as of 5/31/2011		\$ 1,229.00
Less Projected Cost		\$ 5,000.00
Unused Portion of Budget		\$ 117,576.00
Balance of funds Transferred to 04 Acct		\$ 117,576.00
Projected Balance At The End		\$ -

(B) PROJECTIONS: Number of In-Take Persons needed

Projected Cases per n Week	25 Units
Projected days available per week	5 Days
Projected Daily In-Take Applications processed	10 Applications
Projected time to complete the interview	1 Hr
Projected hours per day	8 Hrs
Projected Number of In-Take persons needed	1.25 Persons

(F) 15375448370-08 (Insurance Cost) Projected Budget

Projected Amount Available		\$ 15,982.00
Original Budget	\$ 15,982.00	\$ 15,982.00
Money Spent as of 5/31/2011	\$ -	\$ -
Less Projected Cost		\$ 14,000.00
Unused Portion of Budget		\$ 1,982.00
Balance of funds Transferred to 04 Acct		\$ 1,982.00
Projected Balance At The End		\$ -

(C) PROJECTIONS: Number of Neat Audit Assessors Needed

Projected Weekly Average of homes completed:	25 Units
Projected days available per week	5 Days
Projected average daily cases to be completed	5 Cases
Projected average time per case	2 Hrs
Projected hours per day	8 Hrs
Projected hours needed to complete the cases	10 Hrs
Projected Number of Neat Audit Assessors needed	1.25 Persons

(G) 15375448370-05 (Health & Safety Cost) Projected Budget

Projected Amount Available		\$ (28,146.00)
Original Budget	\$ 596,382.00	\$ (28,146.00)
Money Spent as of 5/31/2011	\$ 624,528.00	\$ -
Add: Unused Budget From 01,02,08		\$ 0
Total Projected Available Funds		\$ (28,146.00)
Less Projected Cost (Disallowed)		\$ (28,146.00)
Unused Portion of Budget		\$ -

(D) PROJECTIONS: Number of Inspectors Needed

Projected Weekly Average of homes completed:	25 Units
Projected days available per week	5 Days
Projected average daily cases to be completed	5 Cases
Projected average time per case	2 Hrs
Projected hours per day	8 Hrs
Projected hours needed to complete the cases	10 Hrs
Projected Number of Final Inspectors needed	1.25 Persons

(H) 15375448370-04 (Program Support Cost) Projected Budget

Projected Amount Available		\$ 940,372.00
Original Budget	\$ 2,385,527.00	\$ -
Money Spent as of 5/31/2011	\$ 1,445,155.00	\$ -
Add: Unused Budget From 01,02,08		\$ 219,015.00
Total Projected Available Funds		\$ 1,159,387.00
Less: In- Take Employee Cost	\$ -	\$ -
Less: NEAT AUDIT Assessment Cost	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Less: Final Inspections	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Projected Total Other Cost		\$ 18,000.00
Projected Net Available For Program Support		\$ 1,141,387.00
Projected Amount Available Per Home		\$ 5,706.94

**City of Brownsville
Weatherization Assistance Program
Weatherization Standard Operating Procedures
(WSOP)**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the City of Brownsville, Weatherization Assistance Program administered by the City's Planning and Community Development Department. This document, the Weatherization Standard Operating Procedures, will provide guidance for operating the weatherization program. It is not intended to be all inclusive, but a guide. Please contact the organization's program officer for clarification on issues not covered by the WSOP.

THE PROGRAM

The Weatherization Assistance Program is funded by a Federal Government Grant to the Department of Energy (DOE). The DOE distributed these funds to the state governments, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the State). The State then distributes the money to local governments and non-profits. Its intended use is to reduce energy consumption by installing weatherization materials and through education.

INTAKE

The intake phase of the Weatherization Assistance Program is an integral part which entails extensive public presence. It begins with public outreach and ends with the administration of the client files. Our intake personnel must be knowledgeable of the program which will enable them to answer basic questions of the program. Because of the region we are located in, intake personnel must be able to communicate in English and Spanish. Intake personnel will be responsible for taking applications, to include assistance in completing the application, enrollment of the program, review of the application, qualifying the housing unit and administration of the client files.

Application

The application is the initial step in qualifying for weatherization assistance. It can be completed by the client and brought in to the Weatherization Assistance Program office or intake personnel can assist the client if the client is not able to complete the application on their own.

Included in the application packet are the *Privacy Act Notice Statement* and the *Information Disclosure Authorization*.

The following is the *Privacy Act Notice Statement* found in the application packet:

The City of Brownsville, Planning and Community Development Department (COBPCD), requires the collection of the information listed in this form to determine an applicant's eligibility for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). All information collected is confidential. This information will be used to establish eligibility for the assistance for which the applicant is eligible and to verify the accuracy of the information furnished. Information received from an applicant or as a result of verifying and applicant's eligibility may be released to appropriate Federal,

State, and Local agencies or when relevant, to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators, and to prosecutors. Failure to provide any information may result in delay or rejection of your eligibility approval. COBPCD is authorized to ask for this information under the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

The following is the **Information Disclosure Authorization** found in the application Packet:

To whom it may concern:

I/ we hereby authorize you to release to the City of Brownsville, Planning & Community Development Department (COBPCD) (or its authorized agents) my/ our 12 month customer billing history for utilities or consumption, information to verify my/ our past and present employment earning records, bank accounts, stock holdings, and any other asset balances or pertinent information/ documents that are needed to process my/ our assistance application(s).

The information that COBPCD obtains through use of this authorization is to be used only for the purposes necessary to process my/ our assistance application(s).

A photographic or carbon copy of this authorization (being a valid copy of the signature(s) of the undersigned) may be deemed the equivalent of the original and may be used as a duplicate original.

Your prompt reply will further expedite the transaction for which this Information Disclosure Authorization was prepared.

There are twenty-five (25) blanks that need to be completed. The following are the blanks and the information that needs to be entered.

1. Project ID- ID will be issued by the organization at the time that it is submitted to the WAP office.
2. Date – it is the date the application was submitted to the WAP office.
3. First Name – client first name
4. Middle Initial – client middle initial if applicable
5. Last Name – client last name
6. Date of Birth – client date of birth (used to qualify client as elderly)
7. Occupied By – filled out to determine if the client applying is the owner or a renter.
8. Address – address of the housing unit that is to be weatherized

9. Year house was built – filled out to determine if lead safe practices need to be observed and if the unit needs to be considered historic and follow the State's historic guidelines.
10. City – enter the city the housing unit that is to be weatherized located.
11. State – enter the state the housing unit that is to be weatherized located.
12. Zip – enter the zip code the housing unit that is to be weatherized located.
13. Phone – enter the phone number where the client can be located
14. Alternate Phone – enter an alternate phone number where the client can be located.
15. Number in Household – enter the number of persons living in the housing unit that is to be weatherized.
16. Name – enter the names of the persons living in the housing unit that is to be weatherized, must be the same number as the Number in Household.
17. Relation – enter the relationship to the client of the person(s) listed.
18. Age – enter the age of the person(s) listed.
19. Gender – enter the gender of the person(s) listed.
20. Race/ Ethnicity – enter the race/ ethnicity of the person(s) listed.
21. Income – enter the income of the person(s) listed, if the person has more than one income, go to the next line and enter the second income. Do the same for other income. If any person, 18 years of age and older living in the home does not report income, please complete an income statement as proof of no income from this person.
22. Federal Income Level – this percentage will be entered by the WAP office.
23. Source - enter the source of income for each person. The following are eligible sources of income:
 - a. Employment
 - b. Medicare
 - c. Medicaid
 - d. Food stamps
 - e. Social Security Pension
 - f. SSI
 - g. SSDI
 - h. TANF
 - i. Annuities
 - j. Self Employed/ Farm
 - k. Railroad Retirement
 - l. Unemployment
 - m. Strike Benefits
 - n. Worker's Compensation
 - o. Training Stipend
 - p. Alimony
 - q. Military Family
 - r. Private Pension
 - s. Government Retirement, including Military
 - t. Dividends
 - u. Interest

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- v. Other
24. Priority – check priority boxes from the priority list. The following are the priorities:
 - a. Elderly
 - b. Disabled
 - c. Children
 - d. High Energy Consumption – determined by the WAP office
 - e. High Energy Burden – determined by the WAP office
 25. Required Documents – check the required documents box for all documents obtained from the client. The following is the list of required documents:
 - a. Identification – any government issued identification card that shows date of birth, ie. State issued driver's license or identification card.
 - b. Proof of Income – check stubs, statements for any benefits. Proof is required for all persons listed over the age of 17. If anyone over the age of 17 has no income, a statement of "No Income" will be required.
 - c. Utility Statements – must provide electrical or utility statements that show energy usage for the last 12 months.
 26. Client Signature and Date – the client must sign or place their mark on the Signature line and date the application. If client placing a mark as their signature, it must be witnessed by WAP administrative personnel. The date should be the same as the application date.
 27. Intake personnel will be providing all clients with a pamphlet furnished by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs called *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide To Renovate Right*. Information on lead based paint. Client will sign a *Receipt of Lead Safe Information* form.

Education

Throughout the weatherization process, clients are being educated in regards to the program. When clients come in to submit application, they are educated on the purpose of the program, what type of work can be done in their homes, how they can help reduce their energy consumption and if applicable, lead based paint information.

Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the program is to weatherize housing units. To weatherize a unit means to make it energy efficient and make it as comfortable as possible for the client.

Weatherization Measures

Weatherization measures mean what work will be completed to the housing unit. The two measures that will help reduce your energy usage is installation of insulation and infiltration reduction. It was determined by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs that the proper R value for insulation in the attic is R30 in the attic and R15 in the walls. This will allow for less use of energy to condition the air in the summer and winter by keeping the conditioned air conditioned for longer periods of time. Infiltration reduction consists of sealing all possible ways that conditioned air may escape the housing unit in the summer and cold air infiltrate in the winter which will require

more energy to condition air in the summer or winter. Additional measures that are mentioned are the following:

- Replacing incandescent lights to compact fluorescent lights
- Replacing energy consuming refrigerators to new energy saving refrigerators
- Replacing old shower heads to new low flow shower heads
- Replacing old water heaters
- Installing sunscreens to reduce sun exposure which lowers the heat being introduced into the housing unit
- Other measures

Lead Based Paint

Houses that were built in 1978 or older may contain lead based paint. Clients are being educated as to the dangers of the lead based paint. They are also being educated as to the steps they and the City's contractors need to take if they are to work on units that have the lead based paint. Pamphlets, approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs are being given to the clients.

Review

Once the application is submitted, it will be reviewed by intake personnel. Intake personnel will make sure that all required information is found on the application. All forms that require signatures are signed and signatures verified for validity. All eligibility documentation is on the client file (identification, proof of income and electricity/ utility statements). Finally, the reviewer must make sure that the housing unit is eligible for weatherization. The following is a list of units that are eligible:

- Single Unit (House)
- Single Unit of a multi-unit building (apartments, condominiums)
- Whole building of a multi-unit building in which 66% of the units qualify (50% of a double unit building (duplex), or a four unit building)
- Rental Property
- Mobile Homes

Once the application packet has been reviewed and accepted, they will be forwarded to a qualifying specialist.

Qualification

Once the application is reviewed and verified that it is complete, the reviewer will forward the application to the qualifier. The qualifier will check for eligibility by looking at the following:

- Wages are 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The following is a table based on the number of persons living in the housing unit:

▪ 1 person	\$21,660.00
▪ 2 persons	\$29,140.00
▪ 3 persons	\$36,620.00

- 4 persons \$44,100.00
- 5 persons \$51,580.00
- 6 persons \$59,060.00
- 7 persons \$66,540.00
- 8 persons \$74,020.00
- For every additional person add \$7,480.00 each.
- After determining if the applicant is eligible under the 200% Federal Poverty Level, the qualifier will determine which priority the client falls under. The following is the client priority list:
 - Elderly – must be over 62 years of age at or before the application date
 - Disabled – must show proof of disability
 - Children
 - High energy consumption – total energy consumption must be equal or above \$1,100.00 for the past twelve (12) months, the housing unit has high energy consumption.
 - High energy burden – if the total energy consumption is more than 11% of the total household income, the client has a high energy burden.
- If unit is 45 years or older, State historic guidelines must be followed. Letter must be sent to the Texas Historic Commission for clearance to complete the weatherization work.
- If the application is approved/ qualified for weatherization, a letter will be mailed to the client with further instructions, to include a meeting with the program manager to review weatherization measures will be completed to their home. If client agrees with the work order, the work order will be signed by the client, the program manager and the assigned contractor.
- If applications are denied, a denial letter with the reason for the denial will be mailed to client.
- Once application is qualified and documentation completed, the application will be forwarded to the administrative clerk.

Administration

The administrative portion of the Weatherization Assistance Program is very important in that it will be the official documentation of client file. The following is a listing of documents that are required to be included on the file:

- Application
- Income Statements – to include Income Declaration Form for persons living at the unit over the age of 17.
- Billing release forms
- ID (copy optional, verification required)
- Utility Bills – 12 month history (gas, electricity)
- Applicant documentation – own or rent (landlord permission)
- Landlord/ Tenant agreement (renter's only)
- Denial Letters
- Initial Assessment (with house map)
- Refrigerator form – refrigerator replacement form if to be replaced

- Appliance Assessment worksheet (refrigerator metering)
- Blower Door Data Sheet
- Attic Inspection
- Wall Inspection
- Carbon Monoxide Readings (Pre)
- Carbon Monoxide Readings (Post)
- Receipt of Lead Safe Information Form
- Evidence of lead testing (if applicable)
- Mold Form
- SHPO (if weatherizing a historic home)
- Energy Audit (Neat Print Out with SIR)
- Work Order
- Work Order Estimated Costs
- Manual J (only when a central A/C or central furnace is replaced)
- Material Receipts
- Labor invoices
- H&S costs
- Total costs
- Total Cost % difference from Work Order
- Final Inspection
- Building Weatherization Report – all blanks complete

ASSESSMENTS

Once all documentation has been reviewed and considered complete, and qualified, an administrative clerk will be issuing housing units for initial assessment to the weatherization assessors, calling for appointments for the assessor to go and conduct assessments and finally forward files to the assessors to complete the assessment.

Appointments

Once the housing units are ready for assessment, an administrative clerk will be calling the clients, at least one (1) day prior to the assessor going out to conduct the assessment, to inform the client the assessor will be going out to the client's home to conduct the assessment.

If possible, all assessments will be conducted Monday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Under certain circumstances and with management approval, assessments that need to be conducted outside the normal working hours will be allowed.

Cancelled appointments will be re-scheduled to the earliest possible time.

Assessment

The following is the process that a weatherization assessor should follow to complete the weatherization assessment:

- The assessor or the administrative clerk will contact the client to verify the appointment

- After arrival to assessment site, assessor will introduce himself to the client and conduct interview while completing the assessment form.
- Make map of the housing unit noting all features of the unit (doors, windows, garages, etc.)
- Note any issues to the home, outside and inside.
- At any time during the assessment, the assessor may discontinue the assessment if he determines that the housing unit has issues beyond the scope of work of the Weatherization Assistance Program.
- Assessor will complete the Data Collection Form, signed and dated by the assessor. The following is information required in the data collection form:
 - All walls
 - All windows
 - All doors
 - Attic information
 - Foundation information
 - Heating equipment
 - Cooling equipment
 - Water heater information
 - Refrigerator information
 - Lighting information
 - Showerhead information
 - Carbon monoxide detector information
 - Smoke detector information
 - Stove co readings information
 - Bathroom exhaust fan information
- Assessor will complete the Blower Door Form
- Assessor will complete the Attic Insulation Form, signed by the client and assessor
- Assessor will complete the Wall Insulation Form, signed by the client and assessor
- Assessor will complete the Pre-Weatherization Carbon Monoxide Form and sign
- Assessor will complete the Mold form, signed by the client and assessor
- Assessor will complete the Receipt of Lead Safe Information form, signed by client and assessor

* Note: All forms must show the date the work or assessment was completed. Assessment forms that are incomplete will be returned to the assigned assessor.

Neat Audit

The Neat Audit will determine what type of weatherization measures will be implemented to the housing unit. The NEAT Technician will review the weatherization data collection form and will determine if the form is complete. If it is determined that the form is incomplete, the assessment packet will be returned to the assigned assessor for completion.

If the data collection form is complete, the NEAT Technician will enter the information to the Weatherization Assistance Program, which will include all notations made by the assessor, to produce a NEAT Audit. The NEAT Audit will produce a recommended measures form that will include measures that have a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or higher. It will also include any manually entered measures.

Work Order

After completing the data entry for the NEAT Audit, the technician will do a final review of the audit. After determining the audit has complete and the most accurate information, a work order will be developed.

WEATHERIZATION

The next step in the process is the actual work. The contractor(s) will be called in to receive weatherization projects.

Work Order

Work orders will be given to the contractors for each weatherization project. The work order will be signed by the agency representative. The contractors will review the work order and will sign to accept the project. Either an agency representative or the contractor will review the work order with the client. If the client accepts the work on the work order, the client will sign it. If the client refuses any of the measures on the work order, the agency representative or the contractor will document the refusal, followed by client initials. Client may or may not sign the work order. The agency representative or contractor will return the work order to the agency office for proper documentation and notice to the client.

Work

Once the work order has been accepted by the client, the contractor will complete the measures in the work order. Contractor will document all issues encountered while completing the measures. Contractor will document and contact the agency office when encountering any measures not found in the work order. Contractor will be responsible for obtaining all permits required to complete the weatherization work. Copies of all permitting documentation must be provided to the weatherization office.

Work will be assigned on a one for one method. Contractors will receive one project home and will be required to fully complete the work with proper final certification. In cases where the client is not able to be contacted, the contractor will return to the Weatherization Assistance Program office to return incomplete project and be assigned a new project.

Final

On completion of the weatherization work, the contractor will notify the agency in writing, requesting a final inspection and is required to provide a certificate of compliance of 10 CFR 440, Attachment A. The agency will assign an assessor to complete a final inspection.

Request for Final Inspection

The contractor has the option of calling in the request for final inspection or to submit the request for final inspection in writing to include a copy of the work order with any documentation for additional work completed. If contractor calls for the final inspection, the contractor will provide the written request for final inspection, to include a copy of the work order with any documentation for additional work completed at the time of the inspection. Assessor will compare the final inspection order and the contractor's work order to determine additional measures documented by the contractor. The Assessor will conduct the final inspection and will make the determination as to whether the unit passed inspection or if additional work needs to be done.

Assignment/ Appointment for Final Inspection

Once the contractor has contacted the agency's office to request a final inspection, an assessor will be assigned to conduct the final inspection. If the contractor requests a final inspection after completing the measures, an administrative clerk will be developing a final inspection order using the unit's initial work order and any additional work authorized and noted on the initial work order. The administrative clerk will then set up an appointment with the client, contractor and the assessor to go and conduct the final inspection. Appointments will be made at least one (1) day prior to the final inspection.

Call Back

Once the assessor completes the final inspection and determines that the unit requires additional work, a Call Back Work Order will be developed. The **Final** process will be repeated as many times as there are call backs.

PAYMENT

Payment to contractors will be made after the project has been completed and final inspection has passed, including call back orders.

Invoicing

Invoices will only be accepted after the final inspection has been completed and passed. Invoices must include the following:

- Client reference number
- Client name
- Project address
- Description of materials used and for what purpose
- Material unit cost
- Quantity of the material used
- Labor costs (if applicable)
- Certificate of compliance of 10 CFR 440, Attachment A to include all materials used.

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Purchase Orders

Prior to conducting any work, a purchase order must be in place. Requests for purchase orders are made to the City's Purchasing and Contracting Department.

Request for Payment

To request payment of an invoice, the Weatherization office must prepare a payment apron with information of the project, the contractor invoice, and copies of all backup information.

Deadline to request a payment is on Tuesday's at 3:00 p.m.

Payment

The City of Brownsville has up to 30 days to make payments. Unless directed, all payments will be mailed from the City's Finance Department to the Payee address on file at that department. The Weatherization office may make a HOLD AT OFFICE request and all payment checks will be held at the Weatherization office.

EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT

Vehicles

The City of Brownsville, Planning & Community Development Department Director will designate vehicles to be used by the Weatherization Assistance Program. The following are procedures to be followed for the use of such vehicles:

1. The Director of the Planning & Community Development Department will identify which vehicles are to be used by the Weatherization Assistance Program.
2. The Weatherization Assistance Program Manager will assign the vehicles to Weatherization Assistance Program employees.
3. The Weatherization Assistance Program employees will inspect the vehicles prior to taking responsibility of the vehicles.
 - If the vehicle has no issues, Weatherization Assistance Program employees will sign transfer document stating that the employee is now responsible for the vehicle.
 - If the vehicle has issues, the Weatherization Assistance Program employee will notify the Weatherization Assistance Program Manager of such issues. The Weatherization Assistance Program Manager will make a report to the Department Director outlining the issues. The Department Director should correct the issues or designate another vehicle for use by the Weatherization Assistance Program.
4. Vehicles assigned to the Weatherization Assistance Program will be restricted for Weatherization Assistance Program use only.
5. Vehicles may be requested by employees not assigned by the Weatherization Assistance Program. The following is the procedure for requesting the use of Program vehicles by employees other than Program employees:
 - Formal request to the Program Manager. Request should include the following:
 - Name
 - Employee Number
 - Date

- Reason for request
- Signature of requestor and immediate supervisor
- Inspection by responsible Program employee and the requestor
- Signature of the transfer document by the requestor
- When returning the vehicle to the Program employee responsible for the vehicle, Sub-section 3 of Section Vehicles of Chapter: Equipment Management will be followed.

Weatherization Equipment

The City of Brownsville, Weatherization Assistance Program has procured equipment to conduct support of the Weatherization assistance Program.

Inventory

All equipment procured by the City of Brownsville Weatherization Assistance Program will be inventoried in the following manner:

- Type of equipment
- Brand of Equipment
- Amount
- Serial Number
- Assign inventory reference number

Equipment Issue

Program employees will sign an equipment issue form which will include the following:

- Name of Program Employee
- Employee Number
- List of equipment to be issued
 - o Type
 - o Brand
 - o Reference Number
- Wording stating that the program employee will be responsible for the equipment.
- Signature of the program employee
- Date of issuance

Safeguarding Equipment

The program employee will be responsible for safeguarding all weatherization equipment issued to him, including the weatherization vehicle. All equipment will need to be stored in a secure place, i.e. the department offices. The weatherization vehicle may be parked at one of the City's secure parking lots.

Rentals

The City of Brownsville has procured specialized weatherization equipment that may at times need to be used by someone other than a Program or a City employee. At these times, the Weatherization Assistance Program Manager has the option of denying the use of program equipment or authorizing the use of the program equipment. In such case that the Program Manager authorizes the use of the equipment, a fee schedule needs to be developed in order to compensate the Program for the use of the equipment by someone

other than a Program or City employee. An authorized leasing/ rental agreement will be developed that outlines the leasing/ rental terms and signed by the lessor and the lessee.

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**WEATHERIZATION STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
AUTHORIZATION**

This Weatherization Standard Operating Procedures is not all inclusive. Situations may arise that are not covered by the WSOP. In cases where situations are not covered by the WSOP, management will consult with the Weatherization Assistance Program Officer from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The Weatherization Standard Operating Procedures are not official until the program manager has signed below.

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Signature

Date

**CERTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF
WEATHERIZATION STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

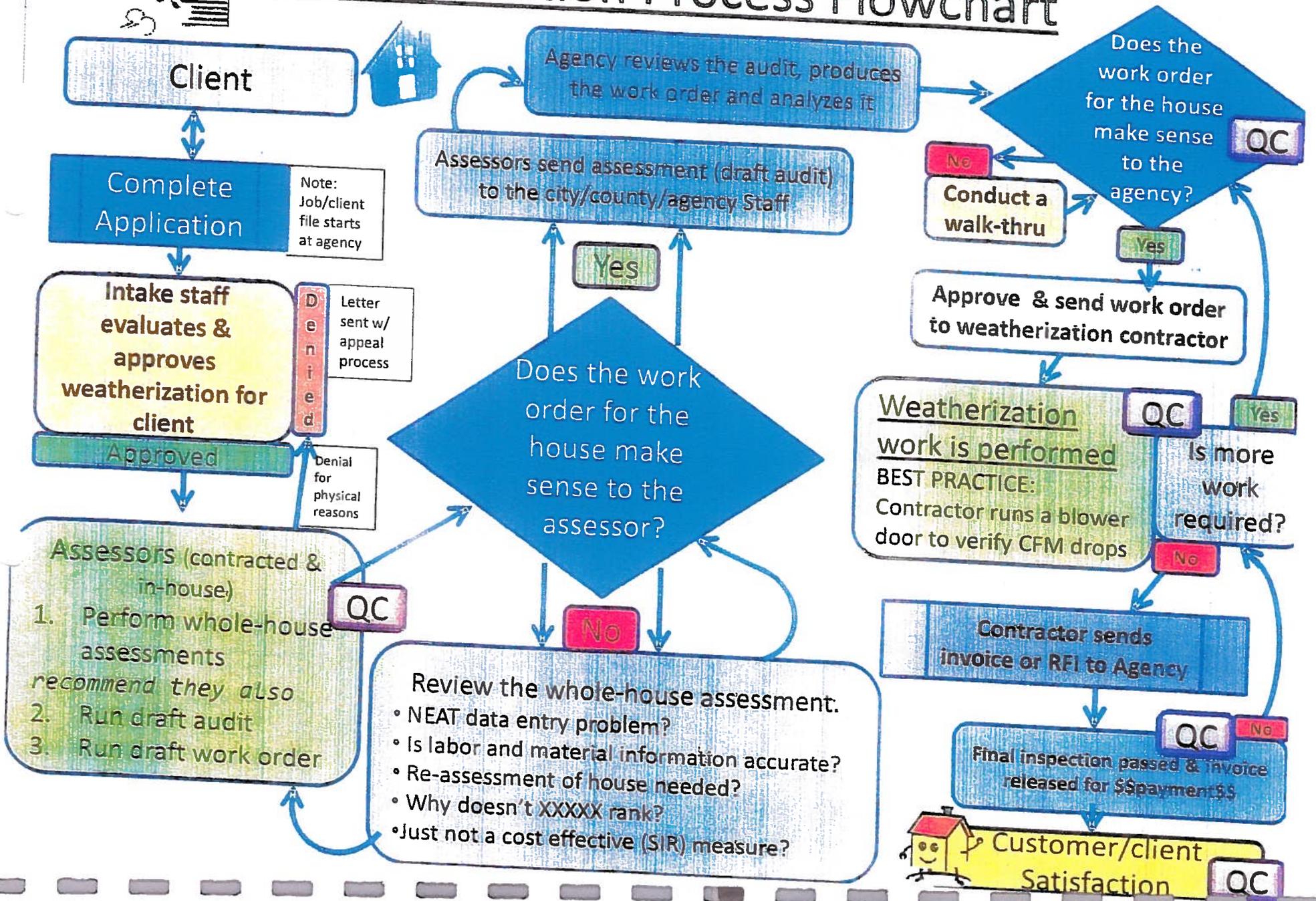
I, _____, affirm that I have received a copy
of the City of Brownsville, Weatherization Standard Operating Procedures.

Signature

Date

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Weatherization Process Flowchart



Whole-House Assessment Process decision-tree to assist subrecipients in determining whether use of the NEAT program or the Priority List should be used in particular situations to maximize the value to our clients and best expend allocated funds.

Income Qualification

Conduct a whole-house assessment*

Based on assessment results, choose the process that best serves the client

NEAT/MHEA

Use considerations:

- Completeness is a priority
- Time is not as critical
- Maximizes holistic, efficient result for home
- Maximizes quality expenditures
- Effective application of weatherization science
- Maximizes energy savings for our clients

Priority List

Use considerations:

- Max time efficiency
- Multiple dwellings (repetitive)
- High confidence (experience) in whole-house assessments

*= TDHCA recommends use of the assessment checklist available in the NEAT program or the assessment blank form on the TDHCA website. Other assessment forms are also available on TDHCA assessment criteria.

**= Applies only to those agencies that currently use Easy II; it is an older system.

Whole-House Assessments Best Practice

Observations:

- Exclusive or habitual use of the 'Priority List' for facilitating house assessments may result in:
 - Using the Priority List in lieu of a valid, complete whole-house assessment to evaluate dwellings for the WAP program. This is causing omissions, inconsistencies, and unnecessarily narrowing the scope of the assessment. The NEAT program or the Priority List is NOT a checklist for assessment and should be used AFTER a complete whole house assessment to help determine what improvements are within the scope of the program (ranks with an SIR ≥ 1 , etc.).
 - Missed opportunities to increase the energy savings for our clients.
 - Overemphasis or under-emphasis on some aspects of the house which could be better addressed after a whole-house assessment and a complete evaluation.
 - Failure to identify inefficiencies or deficiencies requiring additional work.
- What follows is a decision-tree to assist subrecipients in determining whether use of the NEAT program or the Priority List should be used in particular situations to maximize the value to our clients and best expend allocated funds.

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