



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**



**City of Brownsville  
Notice of Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2012– 2014 One Year Action Plans  
COMMENT PERIOD: February 17, 2015 through March 26, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Brownsville (City) is considering a Substantial Amendment to the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 One Year Action Plan (October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2015). The City is an Entitlement City in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Public Notice and Public Hearings are required for Substantial Amendments to our One Year Action Plan. As per the City's Citizen Participation Plan and 24 CFR Part 91, a Substantial Amendment is required when there is a change in the use of CDBG funds from one activity to another of 20% or more, and/or when an activity is added or eliminated from the One Year Action Plan.

**Proposed Changes:**

- 1. Decrease:** Due to the delay in procuring construction services for the Southmost Community Center (Dome) and the substantial increase in the cost of construction, the City is proposing to re-allocate Phase II and Phase III funding to Sports Park Community Center (Dome) Phase II in the amount of \$1,078,305. Additional leveraged funds became available for the Villa Nueva Sewer Improvements Phase III project.
- 2. Increase:** The listed projects are in need of additional funding due to a change in the project scope, including but not limited to size, amenities and/or quality of materials.

Project Name / IDIS Activity	Funding Amount	Change	New Funding Amt.
Southmost Community Center (Dome) Phase I (#2226)	\$232,820	<b>-\$232,820</b>	Canceled
Southmost Community Center (Dome) Phase II (#2278)	\$684,330	<b>-\$684,330</b>	Canceled
Southmost Community Center (Dome) Phase III (#2333)	\$393,975	<b>-\$393,975</b>	Canceled
Villa Nueva Sewer Improvements Phase III (#2332)	\$350,000	<b>-\$286,932.87</b>	\$63,067.13
Project Name/ IDIS Activity	Current Budget	Change	New Funding Amt.
Sports Park Community Center (Dome) Phase II (#2279)	\$685,000	<b>+\$1,122,311.00</b>	\$1,807,311.
Southmost Hike and Bike Trail Phase II (#2280)	\$584,500	<b>+\$172,055.9</b>	\$756,55.9
Central Fire Station Rehabilitation (#2227)	\$100,000	<b>+\$143,690.97</b>	\$243,690.97
Boot Camp Elderly Replacement Program (#2277)	\$50,000	<b>+\$122,000</b>	\$172,000

- 3. Cancel:** Youth Homeless Resource Center (IDIS #2240 and 2281).
- 4. Add:** Brownsville Community Resource Center. The facility may house local organizations that offer resources to the community.

A full description of the proposed Substantial Amendment may be reviewed on-line at <http://grants.cob.us> and 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 Road, Brownsville, TX
- Westside Community Network Center, 1763 U.S. Highway 281, Brownsville, TX
- Brownsville Housing Authority, 24 Elm Street, Brownsville, TX

**COMMENT PERIOD:** The City is accepting written comments on this proposed Substantial Amendment for a 30-day period beginning **Tuesday, February 17, 2015 and ending at 5:00p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015**. Any interested party may submit their written comments to Ms. Marina Zolezzi, Director of Grant Management & Community Development Department, RE: Substantial Amendment Public Input, 1034 E. Levee Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brownsville, TX 78520; Phone: (956) 548-6167; e-mail: [mzolezzi@cob.us](mailto:mzolezzi@cob.us); fax: (956) 548-6161.

**Public Hearings:** In addition to the 30-day comment period, (2) two Public Hearings on the proposed change will take place:

- **March 4, 2015 (6pm):** Southmost Community Network Center  
2900 Southmost Road, Brownsville, TX
- **April 7, 2015 (6pm):** Brownsville City Commission Meeting  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 1001 E. Elizabeth Street (Commission Chambers)

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