



**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**



**City of Brownsville
Notice of Proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2007 - FY 2011 Annual Action Plans
COMMENT PERIOD: June 1, 2014 through July 1, 2014**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Brownsville (City) is considering a Substantial Amendment to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) FY 2007 – FY 2011 Annual Action Plans.

The City is an Entitlement Community of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD). As part of the City of Brownsville Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), public notice and public hearings are required for Substantial Amendments to the City's Annual Action Plan. As per the City's CPP and 24 CFR Part 91, 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.

Further, 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.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

1. **Increase:** Increased funding will be allocated to subrecipient TX Mayorca Villas, LP, for the development of multifamily rental housing units.

Activity Name	Current Budget	Change	New Funding Amount
Tax Credit Multifamily Rental Housing	\$0	+ \$750,000	\$750,000

**Funding is made available through HOME Entitlement Program funds, as well as Program Income generated from HOME Program activities.*

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

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 Boulevard, Brownsville, TX
- Southmost Public Library, 4320 Southmost Boulevard, 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 of Brownsville must provide for and encourage public participation, emphasizing involvement by low and moderate income people, especially those living in low and moderate income neighborhoods. Therefore, the City is accepting written comments on this proposed Substantial Amendment for a 30-day period beginning **Tuesday, June 1, 2014 and ending at 5:00 pm on July 1, 2014**. Any interested party may submit their written comments to Ms. Stephanie Reyes, Director of Grant Management & Community Development, RE: Substantial Amendment Public Input, 1034 E. Levee Street, 2nd Floor, Brownsville, TX 78520; Phone: (956) 548-6167; e-mail: stephanie.reyes@cob.us; fax: (956) 548-6161.

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

- **June 25, 2014 (6:00 pm):** **Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**
City Plaza, 2nd Floor, 1034 E. Elizabeth Street (Blue Room)
- **July 1, 2014 (6:00 pm):** **Brownsville City Commission Meeting**
City Plaza, 2nd Floor 1001 E. Elizabeth Street (Commission Chambers)

SUBMISSION: The substantial amendment will be submitted to HUD on July 2, 2014. HUD has 30 days to comment or request additional information.

The City of Brownsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the ADA Coordinator at (956) 548-6037 (voice or Relay TX). Please provide 2-3 days' notice so that proper accommodations can be provided.