

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND REQUEST FOR CITIZEN INPUT
ON THE CITY OF MARSHALL 2014 ANNUAL PLAN
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS**

The City of Marshall will be receiving approximately \$303,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the program year beginning June 1, 2014. As required by federal regulations, CDBG funds may be used to support projects that assist low and moderate income citizens, remove slum and blight, or for urgent needs (disaster relief). Eligible activities include Affordable Housing projects, such as Housing Rehabilitation, Homebuyers Assistance, and Acquisition; Public Services; Code Enforcement; improvements to Public Facilities such as parks, streets and community centers. The 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan is the comprehensive planning document that details how the city will expend its federal funds during the five-year period. The 2014 Annual Plan will detail the proposed usage of the CDBG funds for the next year in accordance with the five-year priorities and strategies.

A public hearing to obtain citizen comments regarding community needs and priorities for affordable housing and expenditure of the 2014 grant funds will be held prior to the City submitting the 2014 Annual Plan to HUD by April 17, 2014. The hearing will provide information regarding the amount of assistance the City expects to receive (including anticipated program income) for the next fiscal year, the range of activities that are expected to be undertaken, the estimated amount of the anticipated funds that will be utilized to benefit low to moderate income persons, and the City's policy on minimizing displacement of any person. Citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing to offer input.

Information has been gathered, reviewed, and used to develop proposed priorities and activities included in the Consolidated Plan. The proposed eligible costs to be funded will provide administrative support, financial and technical assistance, and specific project costs. A maximum of 20% of the CDBG funds will be used for program administrative costs. It is anticipated that 70%-90% of the CDBG project funds will directly benefit low to moderate income persons. The City will also adhere to its policies regarding minimizing the displacement of any person by projects financed with these funds.

The proposed list of projects and proposed 2014 budget for the CDBG Program is:

Strategy/Project/Proposed Location	2014 Proposed CDBG Budget
HOUSING REHABILITATION	
Strategy: Improve the housing conditions for low and moderate income homeowners living in substandard housing and seek to reduce the instances of overcrowding for large households through the rehabilitation of owner occupied homes.	
Project: Emergency repairs or rehabilitation assistance for substandard housing occupied by low and moderate income homeowners.	
Location: Available city-wide for low and moderate income homeowners.	\$142,000

PUBLIC FACILITIES – DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES

Strategy: Clear vacant, severely deteriorated structures from low to moderate neighborhoods when rehabilitation of the unit is not possible.

Project: Demolition of severely deteriorated structures in low to moderate income neighborhoods

Location: Low to moderate income areas, as defined by U.S. Census \$70,000

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Strategy: Encourage re-investment in low to moderate income neighborhoods through enforcement of codes which will lead to improved property appearance and a decrease in the number of vacant, substandard structures.

Project: Identification of problems and enforcement of codes in low to moderate income neighborhoods.

Location: Low to moderate income areas as defined by U.S. Census \$50,000

PUBLIC SERVICES

Strategy: Participate in funding activities to meet identified public service needs that are currently not receiving funding or to fill a gap in funding

Project: Path for Improvement – After school tutoring and computer skills training for students and computer skills training for adults \$21,000

Location: 1401 Poplar

Project: Literacy Center – Literacy education for adults

Location: 700 West Houston \$10,000

Project: Boys & Girls Club – After-school program for teens

Location: 1500 Positive Place \$5,000

Project: Fan Distribution

Location: Available city-wide for low to moderate income households \$2,500

Project: Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Distribution

Location: Available city-wide for low to moderate income households \$2,500

Total Estimated Grant \$303,000

Program Income 0

Total Estimated Funds Available \$303,000

The Consolidated Plan priorities will be available for citizen review in the City of Marshall City Manager’s Office located at 401 South Alamo, Marshall, Texas 75670.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing to provide citizen comment and input regarding the proposed priorities, funding, projects, and activities. Following the public hearing and the final approval by the City Commission, the proposed 2014 Annual Plan will be submitted to HUD by April 17, 2014.

**The public hearing will be held at the following date, time, and location:
Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall at
401 South Alamo in Marshall, Texas**

This notice provides the public with a comment period that opens on March 5, 2014 and closes on April 4, 2014. Written comments regarding the Consolidated Plan and the 2014 Annual Plan, identified needs, strategies, or the proposed usage of funds should be sent to Kenneth J. “Buzz” Snyder, Acting City Manager, City of Marshall, 401 South Alamo or P.O. Box 698, Marshall, Texas 75671. Written responses will be provided if a name and return address are included. Comments may also be made in person to the City Commission at the hearing.

All public hearings are held in facilities that are wheelchair accessible and provide handicapped parking. Interpretive services for deaf or non-English speaking citizens will be available with an advance notice of 48 hours. Arrangements for such services can be made by calling the City of Marshall City Manager’s Office at 903-935-4421, or TDD at 903-935-4458.