Texas Department of Agriculture

Office of Rural Affairs

Sid Miller, Commissioner
CDBG Replaced 8 Programs!

- Urban Renewal
- Open Space
- Neighborhood Development
- Neighborhood Facilities
- Public Facilities
- Historic Preservation
- Model Cities
- Water and Sewer Grants

Replaced with “Block Grant” that provided flexibility in funding:
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Disasters
CDBG Primary Objective

• Development of viable “urban” communities by providing:
  • Decent Housing
  • A suitable living environment; and
  • Expanding economic opportunities

• The primary beneficiaries of the program are persons of low/moderate income.
All proposed CDBG activities must meet either:

1. Principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons;

2. Aid in the elimination of slums or blight; or

3. Meet other community development needs of particular urgency which represent an immediate threat to the health and safety of residents of the community
Eligible Applicants

- Cities < 50,000 in population
- Counties < 200,000 in population
Ineligible Activities

• Construction of buildings and facilities used for the general conduct of government (e.g. city halls, courthouses, etc.);

• New housing construction, except under very limited circumstances;

• The financing of political activities;

• Purchases of construction equipment (generally);

• Income payments, such as housing allowances; and

• Most operation and maintenance expenses
“Block Grant”

- CDBG funds are granted to Texas as a “block grant” based on a HUD formula.
  - Based on population and poverty
  - Flexibility
State CDBG Program in Texas

- Largest “State CDBG” program in the nation (based on dollars granted)

- Serves:
  - 1,015 cities
  - 244 counties
State CDBG – Fund Allocation

FY11 Allocation: $66,604,737
Community Development (CD) Fund

• Finances many different activities, although most funds are for Water / Waste Water - Public Facilities

• Largest Fund Category in TXCDBG

• Applications are taken every two years. Applications are ranked for two years of TxCDBG funding.
State CDBG – Example

State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Awards in: **Stratford, Texas**

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**CDBG Total:** $499,525
Regional Review Committees

• One Regional Review Committee (RRC) in each of the 24 COG regions.

• RRC members establish regional priorities and the RRC’s application scoring factors.

• The TxCDBG state staff (TDRA) score is only 10% of the RRC total score.
## Scoring

### 2011 Preliminary Funding Recommendations - CAPCO

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**Funds Available:**
- Total Requested: $1,517,917
- Additional Funding: $132,083
Colonia Fund

- Colonia Construction Fund – generally water/sewer/septic tanks/service connections.

- Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program Fund

- Colonia Planning Fund

- Colonia Self-Help Centers Fund (2.5%) – Administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) through an Inter-Agency Agreement with TDA
Disaster / Urgent Need Fund

• Federal Declarations – TxCDBG funds the county or city’s source of funds for the FEMA required 25% match.

• State Declarations – TxCDBG is the only source of disaster relief assistance for eligible counties & cities.
Small Towns Environment Program

- “Self-Help” Fund – driven by local community volunteers performing work on the project.
Planning and Capacity Building Fund

• Provides funds for cities and counties to prepare planning activities that assess local needs, develop strategies to address local needs, & build or improve local capacity.
State CDBG – Another Example!

In 2011, funds awarded to the 5 regions that include High Ground communities totaled nearly $12 million in 44 communities that benefitted over 60,000 residents.
Thank you!

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