

Resources Available

The Harris County Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) has grown to become an organization funded almost exclusively through federal entitlement funds from a variety of grants including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) funds. In addition to the county's HUD program, many other public and private agencies and other county departments offer services to low-income persons and, in many cases, complement community development efforts.

Federal Entitlement Resources

Harris County receives funds through four major formula grants issued by HUD: CDBG, HOME, ESG and ADDI. The City of Houston's Department of Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for Harris County's Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) allocation. Harris County anticipates receiving approximately \$16,441,397 in CDBG, HOME, ESG and ADDI funds and \$60,354 in program income for Program Year 2006. See Appendix B for Source of Program Income for PY2006.

Figure 1: Anticipated PY2006 Entitlement Funds Allocation

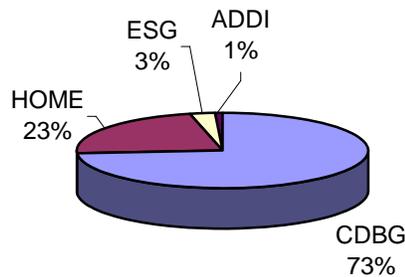


Table 2 provides a numerical representation of the changes in funding over the past five years.

Table 2: Harris County Entitlement Funds, PY2001 to PY2006

Program Year	CDBG	HOME	ESG	ADDI	TOTAL
PY2001	\$11,532,000	\$3,182,000	\$398,000	N/A	\$15,112,000
PY2002	\$11,303,000	\$3,165,000	\$392,000	N/A	\$14,860,000
PY2003	\$12,822,000	\$3,893,168	\$387,000	\$200,305	\$17,302,473
PY2004	\$12,729,000	\$3,878,760	\$469,021	\$236,366	\$17,313,147
PY2005	\$12,131,506	\$3,709,549	\$465,561	\$134,781	\$16,441,397
*PY2006	\$12,131,506	\$3,709,549	\$465,561	\$134,781	\$16,441,397

* Allocation amounts pertaining to Program Year 2006 are estimates and will not be confirmed until the information is released from HUD (Housing and Urban Development Department).

Table 3: Harris County PY2006 Funding Sources

Entitlement Grant, includes reallocated funds	
CDBG	\$12,131,506
HOME	\$3,709,549
ESG	\$465,561
HOPWA	\$0
ADDI	\$134,781
Total Entitlement Grants	\$16,441,397
Prior Years' Program Income NOT previously programmed or reported	
CDBG	\$0
HOME	\$0
ESG	\$0
HOPWA	\$0
Total	\$0
Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds	
CDBG	\$0
HOME	\$0
ESG	\$0
HOPWA	\$0
Total	\$0
Total Estimated Program Income	
CDBG Subtotal	\$80,946
HOME Subtotal	\$7,503
Total Estimated Program Income	\$88,449
Section 108 Loan Guarantee Fund	
	\$0
Total	\$0
Total Funding Sources	\$16,529,843
Proposed Projects	50

As an urban county, Harris County receives funds to cover all of unincorporated Harris County in addition to fifteen smaller cities within the county that agree to allow services within their jurisdiction. There are four entitlement jurisdictions within Harris County that receive HUD funds: Harris County and the Cities of Houston, Pasadena, and Baytown. Cumulatively, these jurisdictions will receive over \$80 million in CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA and ADDI entitlement funds. The portion received by Harris County accounts for less than 20 percent of those funds. The City of Houston, on the other hand, represents 74 percent of the combined funds.

Largely, as a result of their proximity to Harris County and the region's significant growth, Fort Bend County, Brazoria County, and Montgomery County have also been designated as urban counties. In comparison to Houston and Harris County, the entitlement funds available to these counties remain small, but they play an important role in addressing regional community revitalization.

Table 4: Entitlement Funds Throughout the Area, PY2005

	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	ADDI	TOTAL
<i>Harris County</i>	\$12,131,506	\$3,709,549	\$465,561	\$0	\$134,781	\$16,441,397
Houston	\$34,244,067	\$14,061,162	\$1,324,356	\$9,669,000	\$533,749	\$59,832,334
Pasadena	\$2,208,470	\$812,471	\$85,474	\$0	\$0	\$3,106,415
Baytown	\$948,143	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$948,143
League City	\$306,761	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$306,761
Missouri City	\$322,371	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322,371
Sugar Land	\$372,122	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$372,122
Galveston	\$1,650,142	\$590,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,240,192
Fort Bend Cty	\$2,062,963	\$558,022	\$0	\$0	\$17,166	\$2,638,151
Brazoria Cty	\$2,215,316	\$703,237	\$85,189	\$0	\$27,401	\$3,031,143
Montgomery Cty	\$1,987,356	\$519,571	\$0	\$0	\$17,198	\$2,524,125
Total	\$58,449,217	\$20,954,062	\$1,960,580	\$9,669,000	\$730,295	\$91,763,154

Other Resources - Federal

In an effort to further its pursuit of decent, affordable housing, a suitable living environment, economic opportunities and overall improvement in quality of life for low-income persons throughout the service area, Harris County CEDD continues to pursue competitive grants which complement the department's entitlement resources.

Continuum of Care

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, Inc., in conjunction with Harris County and the City of Houston, produces Harris County's Continuum of Care, which details the evolving network of comprehensive housing and services available to the homeless in Harris County. The Continuum of Care describes a pathway enabling homeless individuals and/or families to access emergency shelter; move into transitional housing; receive supportive services and find permanent supportive housing or live independently in market housing.

In HUD's FY2005 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Competition, Harris County, the Coalition for the Homeless, and the City of Houston requested \$21,006,729 in funding from HUD's Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Shelter Plus Care (S+C) and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program (SRO). This request represented 30 organizations with 63 projects to assist homeless individuals and families. CEDD administers 15 of those projects, receiving \$3.5 million in funding. These organizations will provide single room occupancy units, transitional housing, permanent housing for people with disabilities, and supportive services, including case management, literacy/education training, employment skills training, preventive health care, transportation, and substance abuse counseling.

Other Resources - Non-Federal

State Funding

Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) provide a financial incentive to developers to build affordable rental units for low-income families and individuals. At the time the PY2006 Annual Action Plan was submitted to HUD, CEDD had received notice from 11 developers of their intent to construct a total of 1725 affordable rental housing units in 14 developments within the Harris County service area.

Other Sources of Funding

County Resources. CEDD represents only one of the many departments within Harris County working to improve the quality of life for all Harris County residents, including those low-income individuals and families within Harris County's HUD service area. In fact, the majority of county departments work toward improving quality of life and enhancing community revitalization. Even without the use of HUD funds, the county's many departments serve families through prevention, investigation, protective services, and treatment of sexually abused children. At the same time, they serve thousands of persons in education, health, public services, and public safety -- all priorities of the Consolidated Plan. Furthermore, infrastructure and civic enrichment are always priorities with over 5,000 road miles maintained by Harris County precincts as well as 121 parks and community centers.

Analysis of PY2006 grant expenditures in the major areas of the PY2003-2007 Consolidated Plan, such as housing, public facilities, infrastructure, youth services and health, indicate that activities implemented in other county departments complement those funded through CEDD. For example, the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department spends a large amount of its annual budget providing health services such as immunization, prenatal care, and pediatric health care.