



CAPER

Program Year 2010 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

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Executive Summary

The Harris County Program Year 2010 (PY10) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is the third year of the annual performance report which describes progress made in the PY10 from March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011 toward the goals set forth in the PY 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan. During PY10, Harris County expended \$14,530,629 in Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Shelter Grant Funds on over 340 projects. Highlights of performance accomplishments according to specific need categories include:

Housing

Assisted 161 homebuyers with direct homeownership assistance. Rehabilitated 25 owner-occupied housing units and abated 16 lead contaminated housing units occupied by low-income persons. Constructed 23 new affordable housing units, 10 of which were rental units.

Homelessness

Assisted 9,848 homeless individuals and families with shelter and supportive services utilizing ESG and 117 homeless individuals utilizing CDBG funds.

Successfully collaborated with the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County and the City of Houston on the submission of the PY10 Continuum of Care grant application, which was awarded \$18,748,416 for 29 applicants and 49 programs.

Public Services

Assisted 7,537 low-income persons with health services, youth and senior services, child care, employment services, and services for abused and neglected children.

Public Facilities and Infrastructure

Served 30,680 low-income persons in 10 infrastructure projects and 2,471 persons served in 3 public facilities projects.

Clearance

Assisted local communities by clearing 34 abandoned homes that contributed to slum and blight in the county.

HCCSD has also received Federal Economic Recovery & Stimulus Funds through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These grant funds help to stabilize and/or stimulate the local economy. The following is a summary of the accomplishments of the specific recovery programs administered by HCCSD during PY2010:

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) – HPRP expended \$1,903,598 and assisted 355 households with financial assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, and data collection and evaluation.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) - NSP expended \$8,465,889 for the acquisition of 82 single-family, vacant, foreclosed homes of which 29 were acquired in PY2010. The program sold 55 homes during PY2010 to eligible NSP homebuyers of which 32 were acquired in PY2009 and the remaining 23 during PY2010. The program also has an obligation of \$4,000,000 for the

construction of an 88-unit multi-family senior citizens LEED Platinum rental development, which is in progress.

Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) – CDBG-R expended \$2,626,388 on three projects for the modernization of infrastructure within WCID No. 36's District in Precinct 2 through the replacement and rehabilitation of portions of the existing gravity wastewater system in the district.

As indicated by program accomplishments, Harris County continued to make strides in promoting affordable housing and providing a suitable living environment for its low-income citizens during PY10.

In regard to the administration of U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement funds, Harris County Community Services Department has worked diligently to comply with HUD regulations and monitoring guidelines. The county will continue to work with HUD to increase the efficient use of federal funds to serve low-income persons.