

DATES TO REMEMBER

RFP Available: Monday, May 5, 2008

RFP Conferences

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

CDBG (General) 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

HOME 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

CDBG (Public Services) 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Thursday, May 22, 2008

CDBG (Public Services) 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

ESG 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

All conferences will be held at:

8410 Lantern Point

Houston, Texas

RFP Technical Assistance Days:

May 27-30, 2008



Please call for an appointment beginning

May 19, 2008

RFP Deadline: Monday, June 9, 2008

Five (5) sealed copies of application due:

By 2:00 PM (CST)

Harris County Purchasing Department

1001 Preston, Suite 670 (6th floor)

Houston, Texas 77002

Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD)
Office of Housing and Community Development
8410 Lantern Point Dr.
Houston, Texas 77054

Notice of Funding Availability Program Year 2009 Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG, HOME and ESG



Harris County Community Services Department



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Request for Proposals Workshops

WHAT IS THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PROCESS?

Harris County has initiated the Program Year 2009, March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2010, RFP process for community development, homeless, and housing projects. Through the competitive RFP application process, this department is responsible for distributing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants Program funds.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Local government entities and non-profit organizations that provide basic community improvements and services to low-income persons and non-profit or for-profit organizations interested in the development of affordable housing in the Harris County service area are eligible to apply for funding. The Harris County service area includes the unincorporated portions of Harris County and cities that have signed a cooperative agreement with the County. *Baytown, Houston, and Pasadena are not within the Harris County service area.*

IMPORTANT NOTE

Attendance at the Workshops is included in the scoring of the applications and therefore encouraged. In addition, the applications will utilize a new format that will be discussed in detail during the Application Review portion of each funding type.

The RFP will be available on May 5, 2008. To download and get general information, visit our website at www.csd.hctx.net. Please contact Development Staff at rfp@csd.hctx.net or (713) 578-2030 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) GENERAL PROJECTS

Eligible Activities

- ◆ Land or Existing Structure Acquisition
- ◆ Infrastructure
- ◆ Public Facilities and Improvements
- ◆ Special Activities by CBDOs

The CDBG General Projects Workshop will be:

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

1:30 – 3:00 PM Program Information

3:00 – 4:30 PM Application Review

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICES

Eligible Activities

- ◆ Child Care
- ◆ Youth Development
- ◆ Recreation Programs
- ◆ Education Programs
- ◆ Job Training Programs
- ◆ Services for Senior Citizens and Disabled
- ◆ Health Care Programs
- ◆ Homeless Service Programs

The CDBG Public Services Workshops will be:

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

1:30 – 3:00 PM Programmatic Information

3:00 – 4:30 PM Application Review

and

Thursday, May 22, 2008

9:00 – 10:30 AM Program Information

10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Application Review

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS (ESG)

Eligible Activities

- ◆ Renovation, major rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters or transitional housing
- ◆ Essential services including services concerned with employment, health, drug abuse, and education
- ◆ Operating costs such as maintenance, insurance, rent, security, and other costs associated with maintaining beds or units in the shelter
- ◆ Homeless prevention activities (short-term subsidies to defray mortgage/rent or utility arrearages)

The ESG Workshop will be:

Thursday, May 22, 2008

1:30 – 3:00 PM Program Information

3:00 – 4:30 PM Application Review

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)

Eligible Activities

- ◆ Homebuyer Activities: New construction of homes for homebuyers
- ◆ Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: Financial assistance for rent, security deposits, and under certain conditions, utility deposits
- ◆ Rental Housing: Affordable rental housing may be acquired or constructed

The HOME Workshop will be:

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

9:00 – 10:30 AM Program Information

10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Application Review