



CDBG Program  
Annual Action Plan  
Fair Housing Plan

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# What is CDBG?



- Community Development Block Grant - 1974
- Federal program funded through non-competitive grants to cities, counties & states
- Purpose is to reduce poverty and its effects and develop viable communities by:
  - Providing decent housing
  - Creating a suitable living environment
  - Expanding economic opportunities

# Consolidated Plan



5-Year Plan designed to:

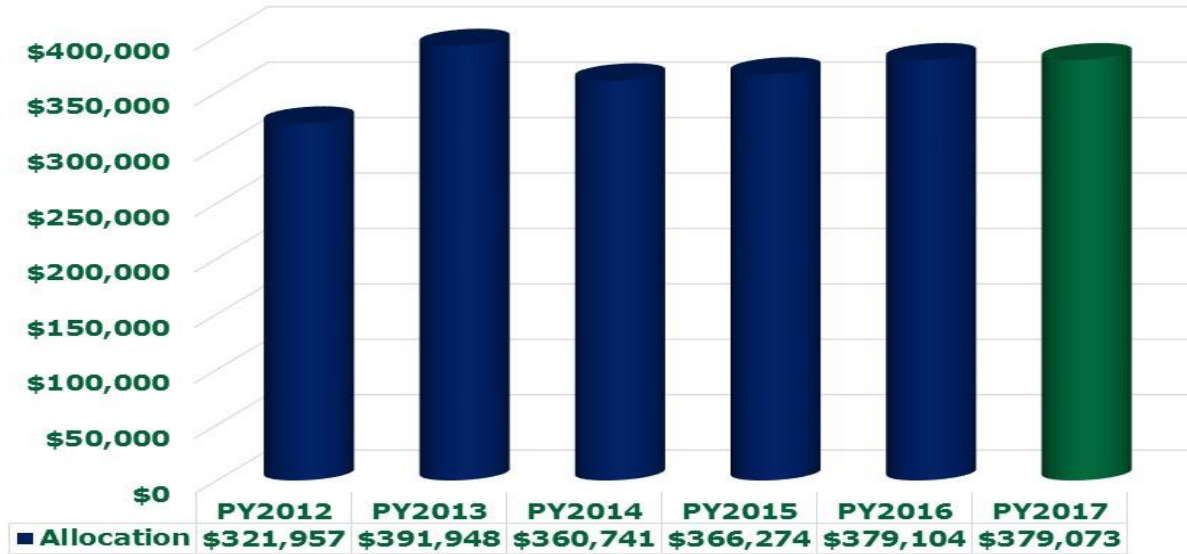
- Assess affordable housing and community development needs
- Market conditions, and
- Allow for data-driven, place-based funding decisions.
- Serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding for the CDBG resources.

# Annual Action Plan



- Summary of the actions, activities, and resources that will be used to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan
- Process includes input from stakeholders and residents through surveys, public hearings, stakeholder forums and a funding application process for the distribution of CDBG funds
- The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is responsible for reviewing applications and making funding recommendations

# New Braunfels Allocations



# National Objectives



All programs must meet a HUD National Objective

- Benefit Low- Moderate-Income persons/households
- Aid in the prevention/elimination of slum and blight
- Meet an Urgent Need – Disaster Relief

## **CDBG Eligibility**

- Residents whose household income is equal to or less than 80% of the area's household median income for that household size
- Census Block Groups where 49.63% or more households are low- to moderate-income
- Presumed benefit/limited clientele

# 2017 HUD Income Limits



## Household Size

## 80% AMI

<b>1-Person Household</b>	<b>\$35,600</b>
<b>2-Person Household</b>	<b>\$40,650</b>
<b>3-Person Household</b>	<b>\$45,750</b>
<b>4-Person Household</b>	<b>\$50,800</b>
<b>5-Person Household</b>	<b>\$54,900</b>
<b>6-Person Household</b>	<b>\$58,950</b>
<b>7-Person Household</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>
<b>&gt;= 8-Person Household</b>	<b>\$67,100</b>

# Funding Recommendations



The CDAC has reviewed applications, conducted agency presentations and makes the following funding recommendations:

## **Public Services**

- CASA - \$16,500
- Family Life Center - \$10,000
- San Antonio Food Bank - \$5,000
- Senior Center Meals on Wheels - \$15,361
- STEPS - \$10,000

## **Housing**

- Habitat for Humanity - \$8,500
- Senior Center Minor Home Repair - \$100,000

## **Public Facilities**

- Comal Co. Crisis Center - \$85,000
- Solms Park - \$35,000
- Westside Community Ctr. - \$17,897

**CDBG Program Admin** - \$75,815

***CDBG PY2017 allocations  
for CONB are \$379,073***





# Fair Housing Plan

# Purpose & Intent



- All grantees receiving federal funds must further the purposes of the Fair Housing Act and related federal Acts.
- To further affirmative actions, grantees must:
  - Analyze the fair housing landscape in their communities
  - Set fair housing priorities and goals
  - Act to address priorities and achieve goals
  - Monitor progress toward meeting the goals

# Protected Classes



Discriminated in housing cannot occur because of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- National Origin
- Disability
- Familial Status
- HUD's housing program are open to all eligible individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status (September 2016)

# Impediments & Planned Actions



1. Lack of awareness of fair housing rights
  - Continue to maintain a Fair Housing Officer to assist with complaints
  - Include a fair housing component in CDBG public hearings and meetings
  - Conduct at least one fair housing activity during Fair Housing Month
2. Shortage of affordable housing
  - Coordinate with NB Housing Authority to enhance accessibility to affordable housing
  - Review all Low Income Housing Tax Credit applications
  - Continue home repair program for elderly low-income homeowners
3. Enhance living conditions through public improvements
  - Focus CDBG on facility/parks improvements in low-mod areas

# Impediments & Planned Actions



4. Code violations in low-mod and minority neighborhoods
  - Continue code enforcement activities
5. Lack of financial independence & job opportunities
  - Support rent/utility assistance programs
  - Investigate possibility of a Section 108 Loan for economic development