

**PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

The FY2005-2009 CIP for the Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) will use available funds to make repairs/improvements necessary to raise the standards of existing facilities in meeting health and safety mandates and to preserve the City's assets. The plan also provides for the redesign of interior workspace to improve efficiencies for the delivery of health and human services to the general public.

Through the department's Buildings-to-Standard Program, a survey was conducted on all of the facilities to determine building conditions, document needs, and establish priorities for improvement. Facilities that are at least 10 years old were given the highest priority. Needed improvements include foundation repairs, roof replacements, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing system upgrades, replacement of floor coverings and ceilings, and improvements to interior finishes and casework. The HDHHS Facilities-To-Standards Program is ongoing and will continue to be a departmental priority well beyond the current five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Other department CIP strategies include gearing facility improvements toward increasing operational efficiencies in Health Centers and Multi-Service Centers. Tax-supported bond funds of \$15.1 million are the primary source of funds for department projects.

The FY2005-2009 CIP includes funding for:

- Renovation of the Department's laboratory to protect basement electrical and mechanical systems.
- Renovation and rehabilitation of health/multi-service centers (Sunnyside, Riverside, Kashmere, and Fifth Ward).
- Renovation design for multi-service centers (Acres Homes and Metropolitan).
- Daycare playground improvements.
- Replacement of roofs and HVAC units at various department buildings.

New Multi-Service Centers are funded in the General Government CIP, including Southwest, Northeast and South Post Oak MSC's. The General Government program also includes funds to:

- Begin expansion of the Fifth Ward and Kashmere Multi-service Center.
- Begin expansion and renovation of the Magnolia Health and Multi-service Center.