

SUMMARY

2008 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN

As the thirteenth annual report, the **2008 Consolidated Action Plan** is both an application for federal funds, as well as a blueprint for increasing and conserving affordable housing, increasing homeownership, assisting those with special needs and upgrading low and moderate-income neighborhoods. The 2008 Plan/federal application covers the City of Houston's Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). Funding priorities are housing, supportive services, economic development and infrastructure/neighborhood facilities. Sources of funds are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), American Dream Downpayment Initiative Grant (ADDI), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG).

The **2008 Consolidated Action Plan** also evaluates Housing and Community Development Department's (HCDD) success in achieving programs' objectives and in linking goals and objectives to performance outcomes (availability/accessibility, affordability and sustainability). The Plan documents that HCDD has exceeded numerical objectives in all categories of revitalization activities, from housing rehabilitation to homebuyer assistance to assisting extremely low-income Houstonians.

Throughout the Consolidated Plan's development process, HCDD collaborated with a variety of community stakeholders (e.g., Houston Housing Authority, etc.) about improvement strategies that would benefit the extremely-low, the low and the moderate-income Houstonians. The Department also solicited input from residents, neighborhood-based organizations, non- and for-profit agencies through extensive promotion of the Plan-development schedule and distribution of an **Information Booklet** on the Consolidated Plan. As required by federal regulations, the first of two public hearings was held on Thursday, November 7, 2007.

The Plan format and information presented are based on requirements from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The **2008 Consolidated Action Plan** contains an Executive Summary and sections that describe: Citizen Participation; Amendments to the 2007 Consolidated Action Plan; Activities to be Undertaken; Barriers to Affordable Housing; the Monitoring Process; Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction; Homelessness and Special Needs; Applications for Funding; Project Descriptions; Public Comments; and the Appendices.

The **2008 Consolidated Action Plan** describes how the \$49,994,632 in federal funds, and the estimated \$4,218,519 in program income will be used to benefit, income-eligible residents during the 34th Program Year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). The sources of federal funds are:

Community Development Block Grant	\$	29,800,527
CDBG Projected Program Income	\$	3,918,519
Emergency Shelter Grant	\$	1,326,597
HOME Investment Partnerships	\$	12,721,897
HOME Projected Program Income	\$	300,000
American Dream Down Payment Initiative	\$	107,611
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$	6,038,000
TOTAL	\$	54,213,151

Community Development Block Grant

Neighborhood Facilities Improvements	\$	8,400,000
Housing	\$	6,811,251
Public Services	\$	4,913,350
Emergency Shelter Grant (Match)	\$	700,000
Coalition for the Homeless	\$	133,415
Economic Development Assistance Program	\$	2,126,540
Dangerous Buildings Administration /Legal Department/Code Enforcement	\$	4,483,000
Program Administration	\$	6,151,490
TOTAL	\$	33,719,046

Emergency Shelter Grants

Essential Services	\$	397,979
Operations	\$	464,309
Homeless Prevention	\$	397,979
Administration	\$	66,330
TOTAL	\$	1,326,597

**HOME Investment Partnerships
(Includes American Dream Payment Initiative)**

Single-Family Down Payment/Closing, Cost Assistance New/Existing Homes	\$	5,275,000
Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation/ Remediation/New Construction	\$	1,400,000
Multi-family Acquisition/Rehabilitation/ New Construction/Relocation	\$	4,882,508
Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO Operations)	\$	300,000
Program Administration	\$	1,272,000
TOTAL	\$	13,129,508

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

Acquisition/Rehab/Conversion/Repair/Lease	\$	246,300
Operating Costs	\$	645,000
Technical Assistance/Housing Information/ Resource Identification	\$	47,000
Supportive Services	\$	1,100,000
Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance	\$	1,835,000
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$	1,560,000
Grantee Administration	\$	182,000
Sponsor Administration	\$	422,700
TOTAL	\$	6,038,000

The second public hearing on the **2008 Consolidated Action Plan** will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Former City Council Chambers (900 Bagby). A copy of the Plan will be available, free of charge, from the Housing and Community Development Department on Friday, April 4th. The Plan will also be placed on the Department's website at www.houstonhousing.org and at branch libraries. The public is invited to comment on the Plan during the 30-day review period which extends from Saturday, March 22nd through Sunday, April 20th. The Plan will be submitted to City Council for approval. Comments submitted will be included in the Consolidated Action Plan. Please contact the department if special arrangements are needed for the public hearing. For more information, contact Paulette Wagner (713.868.8441) or Brenda Scott (713.868.8484).