

2010 ACTION PLAN AND CPMP TOOL

CITY OF CONROE, TX

ORIGINAL



“CDBG has made an impact on this community. Providing a home for a family is an opportunity to change their destiny.”

Webb K. Melder, Mayor

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NANCY S. MIKESKA, CDBG COORDINATOR





FIRST Program Year Action Plan

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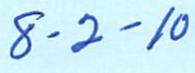
The CPMP First Annual Action Plan includes the SF 424 and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

SF 424

Complete the fillable fields (blue cells) in the table below. The other items are pre-filled with values from the Grantee Information Worksheet.

Date Submitted 08/12/2010	Applicant Identifier B-10-MC-48-0038	Type of Submission	
Date Received by state	State Identifier	Application	Pre-application
Date Received by HUD	Federal Identifier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
		<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction
Applicant Information			
City of Conroe		TX481158 CONROE	
300 W. Davis Suite 535		Organizational DUNS 02-148-9661	
P. O. Box 3066		Organizational Unit CDBG	
Conroe	Texas	Department CDBG Administration	
77305	Country U.S.A.	Division CDBG Administration	
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		County of Montgomery	
74-6000555		Program Year Start Date (10/10))	
Applicant Type:		Specify Other Type if necessary:	
Local Government: City		Specify Other Type	
Program Funding		U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
Community Development Block Grant		14.218 Entitlement Grant	
CDBG Project Titles: Housing, Public Service, Administration, Section 108 Repayment, Revitalization		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s): Incorporated areas of the City of Conroe, TX.	
\$CDBG Grant Amount \$627,822.00	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged \$0		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged \$0	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds \$1,131,146		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged \$202,000	
\$Anticipated Program Income \$0		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s) \$1,333,146			

Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME	
HOME Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s)	
\$HOME Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)			
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS		14.241 HOPWA	
HOPWA Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s)	
\$HOPWA Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s)			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program		14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s)	
\$ESG Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)			
Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?	
Applicant Districts 8	Project Districts 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on DATE
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review

Person to be contacted regarding this application		
First Name Nancy	Middle Initial S.	Last Name Mikeska
Title CDBG Coordinator	Phone 936/522-3063	Fax 936/522-3064
eMail nmikeska@cityofconroe.org	Grantee Website www.cityofconroe.org	Other Contact
Signature of Authorized Representative  Webb K. Melder, Mayor		Date Signed 



CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

- This certification does not apply.
 This certification is applicable.

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

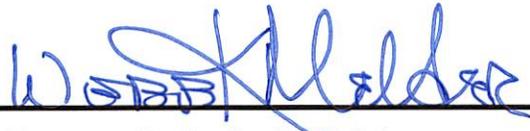
Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



Signature/Authorized Official

08/11/2010

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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

11. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
12. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2010, 2011, 2012, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
13. Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

14. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
15. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities, which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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General Questions/Information

Resources

Federal Resources

In this part, the federal resources expected to be available to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan are identified. These resources include grant funds and program income. During FY 2010, The City of Conroe expects to receive a total of \$627,822 in Community Development Block Grant Funds, from HUD in formula entitlement funds. The following table shows the amount of funds expected from each entitlement grant.

Table 2: Source of Program Funds, City of Conroe, Texas, 2010.

CDBG	\$627,822
HOME	\$0.00
ADDI	\$0.00
ESG	\$0.00
Total	\$627,822

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funding Sources Table Narrative

The Funding Sources Table is required by HUD. This Table was revised with the release of HUD’s Community 2020 Community Planning Software during FY 1998. The Funding Sources form provides information on the grantee’s current fiscal year formula grants. This may consist of grants from one or more of the following CPD programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)
- American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

The form also includes any reallocated funds from any of these programs’ grants. For the purpose of the CDBG program only, the form requires that the grantee report prior year program income and reprogrammed prior years’ funds. CDBG prior year program income represents income that has accrued to the grantee during the previous program year, which has not been programmed or included in the grantee’s prior reports on funding sources. CDBG reprogrammed prior years’ funds represent commitments made in whole, or in part, to a particular activity or activities, but then are recommitted, in whole or in part, to another activity or activities.

The form requires that the grantee also report a total for its estimated program income that it will receive from one or more of the formula grants, including the CDBG, HOME, ESG, ADDI, and HOPWA programs during the Working Plan Year. The grantee also must report the total allocations it received under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee fund. To facilitate public understanding of housing and community development planning decisions at the local level, the form has been developed to reflect not only the total funds available or the proposed projects through the above six (6) CPD programs, but also to reflect the “other funds” that

authorities as specified in 24 *CFR* Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.

12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 *USC* 11362) to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.

13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

Place Name	Street	City	County	State	Zip
Conroe City Tower	300 West Davis Suite 535	Conroe	Montgomery	TX	77301

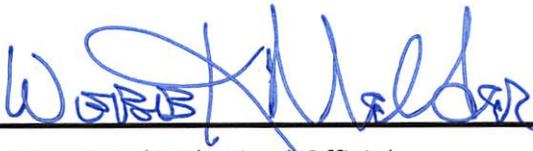
7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal

criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:

- a. All "direct charge" employees;
- b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
- c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
2. Citizen Participation Plan
3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan



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Narrative Responses

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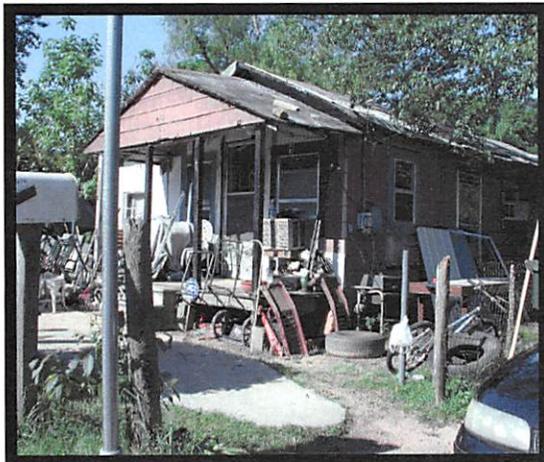
Executive Summary

Program Year 1 Action Plan Executive Summary:

The 2010 Annual Action Plan for the City of Conroe, TX sets out the activities to be undertaken by the City utilizing CDBG funds. The activities to be undertaken include: 1) Rehabilitation/Relocation/Reconstruction, 2) Public Services, 3) 108 Loan Repayment, 4) Administration, 5) Downtown Revitalization and 6) Program Delivery of the Housing Program. The activities were selected with the assistance of public input and considering the needs that were prioritized during the City’s New Five Year Consolidated Planning Process which began in January 2010.

1) Housing Rehabilitation/Relocation/Reconstruction Program

This activity is prioritized in order to improve the inventory of affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for low-to moderate-income citizens. Additionally, because the City is working in a specific target area, the Housing Program is also creating long term neighborhood improvements to areas that at one time were left to deteriorate and/or collapse.



← Before

A permanent, decent, safe, and sanitary home for Betty Jones, a disabled client.

After →



MISSION: SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!

Objective #2 - Decent Housing

Outcome #2 - Affordability

Outcome Statement: During the 2010 grant cycle, the City will use \$316,817 in CDBG funds to provide demolition and reconstruction activities with temporary relocation assistance, when

necessary, for at least two (2) qualified homeowners in the City’s identified target areas, as designated and approved by City Council, in the incorporated area of the City of Conroe, for the purpose of making affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary, housing available to low-income citizens. This project provides affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

2) Public Services – Community-Wide Clean-Up Project

This activity is prioritized in order to enhance the public services in the designated low-income housing target areas. In the interest of safe and sanitary environmental concerns, this project will provide for a Community Clean-Up Project to pick-up and haul trash and debris from the low-income housing target area. The project will benefit an entire low-income area, which includes seniors, adults, children, and the disabled, who are typically, in this area, minority and very low-income. The City deems it important to assist in providing a healthy home and neighborhood environment. These funds will provide an opportunity for a better quality of life.



Debris piled on side of road in the CDBG Housing Target Area.

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The City will use City staff and equipment to complete an annual or bi-annual Community-Wide Clean-Up Project in Dugan and Madeley Quarter.

MISSION: PROVIDE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- Objective #1 - Suitable Living Environment
- Outcome # 1 - Availability/Accessibility

Outcome Statement: During the 2010 grant cycle, or over several grant cycles, the City will use \$10,000 in CDBG funds to provide a Community-Wide Clean-Up Program for two low-income areas, designated as the City’s Housing Target Areas. The City will utilize City staff to collect and haul debris, trash, and garbage from the area, thereby creating a more suitable living environment and more viable and healthy community. The project will enhance the

quality of life for not only the children and senior citizens living in the neighborhood, but for all residents.

3) Section 108 Repayment and Downtown Revitalization Activities

These two activities are prioritized in order to honor the City’s commitment to retire the debt on the 108 Guaranteed Loan proceeds that were used to revitalize and enhance downtown buildings to encourage downtown area growth and maintenance. The City will also, in 2010, utilize CDBG funds for one downtown building façade. The revitalization of our downtown has played a role in reducing crime downtown, promoting downtown businesses, which create jobs, and enhancing the downtown visitor population. Additionally, the revitalization has saved historical buildings and a part of Conroe’s history. A dollar figure cannot be placed upon the value of preserving the history of our City. However, the City values it enough to put thousands of City general fund dollars into restoration and revitalization along with utilizing the 108 and CDBG Funds.



← Before

The Corner building had been many things before it fell into disrepair.

Today it is a favorite local pub where people gather after work to relax.

After →



MISSION: SAVE OUR DOWNTOWN!

Objective #3 - Creating Economic Opportunities
Outcome # 3 - Sustainability

Outcome Statement: During the 2010 grant cycle, the City will use \$113,440 in CDBG funds for the repayment of principal and interest due on the Section 108 Guaranteed Loan proceeds used to rehabilitate commercial facades on downtown buildings to assist businesses in a targeted downtown area, for the purpose of developing and sustaining economic opportunities in the area. During the 2010 grant cycle, the City will use \$52,000 in CDBG funds to rehabilitate a commercial facade on a downtown building to assist businesses in a targeted downtown area, for the purpose of developing and sustaining economic opportunities in the area. Though the 108 Repayment will continue, during the 2010 grant cycle the façade program will be completed. These projects provide sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities and preserving the history of our downtown.

Program Goal Summary

This submission marks the first year of the City's new Five Year Consolidated Plan. The fifth year of the City's previous Consolidated Plan is not yet completed. Under the Housing Rehabilitation/Relocation/Reconstruction Program, there were 2 houses completed in the latter part of the 2007 Plan Year and 4 more were completed by the end of the 2008 cycle. During the 2009 Program Year the City has qualified multiple housing clients and at this writing has a contract pending with 8 housing clients. By the end of Program Year 2009, the City will have more than met the goal of constructing 15 houses in the Housing Target Area during the Five Year Plan timeframe. The City submitted an Amendment to their 2009 Action Plan removing the Oscar Johnson Center from the Action Plan. The funds were transferred to housing for the purpose of covering additional costs of the program. The past performance of the City of Conroe's CDBG Program, has demonstrated consistent meeting of goals and objectives. The City has been in compliance and found to have grant capacity continually for the history of the Program through prior Five Year Plans and Annual Action Plans.

Public Input Summary

City CDBG staff and the CDBG Advisory Committee published in the local newspaper and posted notices of all public meetings at the City of Conroe Recreation Center, the Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center and the City Hall public bulletin boards. A Spanish Interpreter was available, when needed, at all public meetings for the convenience of the public. Any person with special needs or disabilities was provided accommodations, to meet their specific need. Citizens were given the opportunity to voice their comments publicly and address the Committee. The public was also encouraged to submit their comments in writing and/or to speak in confidence directly with CDBG Coordinator, Nancy Mikeska. Verbal comments were received from the Director of the Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center, the Mayor, the Downtown Director, and a local businessman. All of these comments were positive toward the projects the Advisory Committee had prioritized. There were no comments submitted in writing. Comments, where appropriate, are used as part of the City's strategy for placing priority on proposed goals and objectives that are ultimately presented to City Council for their approval. Projects are selected based on criterion that includes, but is not limited to: funding available, priority need, number to be served, location in Target Area, gap in service need, credible proposal, and the accountability of the manner of implementation.

Citizens To Be Served

For the purpose of this Annual Action Plan, low- to moderate-income concentration is defined as an area where at least 51% or greater concentration of persons have incomes of 80% or less of the HUD annual family median income. For the purpose of this plan, minority concentration is defined as an area where at least 51% of the population is racial and/or ethnic concentration.

CDBG Administration

The CDBG Office is located in the City Tower, where many City offices are located, including the Office of the Mayor and the City Council Chambers. The specific office address is 300 West Davis, Suite 535, Conroe, Texas 77301 and the mailing address is City Of Conroe, Nancy Mikeska, CDBG Coordinator, P.O. Box 3066 Conroe, Texas 77305. The CDBG Coordinator, Nancy S. Mikeska, is the CDBG contact person and designated HUD liaison for the City of Conroe. Ms. Mikeska is responsible for the administration of the program and the accountability of the funding, with support from CDBG staff and City staff at many levels.

General Questions/Information

Resources

Federal Resources

In this part, the federal resources expected to be available to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan are identified. These resources include grant funds and program income. During FY 2010, The City of Conroe expects to receive a total of \$627,822 in Community Development Block Grant Funds, from HUD in formula entitlement funds. The following table shows the amount of funds expected from each entitlement grant.

Table 2: Source of Program Funds, City of Conroe, Texas, 2010.

CDBG	\$627,822
HOME	\$0.00
ADDI 06	\$0.00
ESG	\$0.00
Total	\$627,822

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funding Sources Table Narrative

The Funding Sources Table is required by HUD. This Table was revised with the release of HUD’s Community 2020 Community Planning Software during FY 1998. The Funding Sources form provides information on the grantee’s current fiscal year formula grants. This may consist of grants from one or more of the following CPD programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)
- American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

The form also includes any reallocated funds from any of these programs’ grants. For the purpose of the CDBG program only, the form requires that the grantee report prior year program income and reprogrammed prior years’ funds. CDBG prior year program income represents income that has accrued to the grantee during the previous program year, which has not been programmed or included in the grantee’s prior reports on funding sources. CDBG reprogrammed prior years’ funds represent commitments made in whole, or in part, to a particular activity or activities, but then are recommitted, in whole or in part, to another activity or activities.

The form requires that the grantee also report a total for its estimated program income that it will receive from one or more of the formula grants, including the CDBG, HOME, ESG, ADDI, and HOPWA programs during the Working Plan Year. The grantee also must report the total allocations it received under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee fund. To facilitate public understanding of housing and community development planning decisions at the local level, the form has been developed to reflect not only the total funds available or the proposed projects through the above five (5) CPD programs, but also to reflect the “other funds” that

are available for these projects. "Other Funds" is a memo entry and is not included in the Total Funding Sources.

The entitlement grant amount listed in the Funding Sources Table includes \$627,822 in Program Year CDBG Program funds. The Table also allows the City to describe sources of program income. For the period from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011, the City of Conroe does not expect any program income from its CDBG Program.

Funding Sources

Entitlement Grant (includes reallocated funds)		
CDBG	\$627,822	
ESG	\$0	
HOME	\$0	
ADDI 2006	\$0	
HOPWA	\$0	
Total		\$627,822
Prior Years' Program Income NOT previously programmed or reported		
CDBG	\$0	
ESG	\$0	
HOME	\$0	
HOPWA	\$0	
Total		\$0
Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds		
CDBG	\$0	
ESG	\$0	
HOME	\$0	
HOPWA	\$0	
Total		\$0
Total Estimated Program Income		\$0
Section 108 Loan Guarantee Fund		\$0
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES		\$627,822
Other Funds		\$0
Submitted Proposed Projects		\$627,822
Totals		
Unsubmitted Proposed Projects		\$0
Totals		

Other Resources

In this part, the resources from private and non-federal public sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the Plan are identified. This part also explains how Federal funds will leverage those additional resources, including a description of how matching requirements of the HUD programs will be satisfied.

PROPOSED LEVERAGED RESOURCES FROM PRIVATE, FEDERAL, AND NON-FEDERAL SOURCES

Additional Federal Funds (Collaborative)	Received From	Local Funds	City Funds to Supplement	State Funds	Funds Used For	Grantee Funds	Funds Used For
		44,346	Supplements salary and benefits, travel and training			150,000	108 Re-Payment to assist in the elimination of slum and blight
		8,800	CDBG Office Space-Provided by City			52,000	Downtown Revitalization of Muse Building
		50,000	Tri-County				
		18,000	Friendship Center				
		1,000,000	Oscar Johnson, Jr. Community Center Facility and Staff PS to provide educational programs for L/M/I persons & Public Facility				
		10,000	City Staff and Equipment for Community Clean Up				
		1,131,146				202,000	
						TOTAL	1,333,146

Support of Applications By Other Entities Table Narrative

This section also includes the Support of Applications By Other Entities Table. This Table was not included in the CPMP Tool nor HUD’s Community 2020 Community Planning Software from Program Year 1998. It is included as part of the City’s Program Year 2010 Consolidated Annual Action Plan to provide continuity between the City’s Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Consolidated Action Plans required by HUD.

This Table is divided into two (2) parts, A and B. Part A includes formula/entitlement programs while Part B lists the competitive programs that other entities may apply to for funds. The City of Conroe plans to support all applications by other entities. It should be noted that no applications are expected for Public Housing MROP or the Hope 1 Programs since they supply funds to public housing projects and the City does not have any public housing.

**U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
CPD Consolidated Plan
Support of Applications by Other Entities Report**

Funding Source	Support Application by Others
PART A	
<u>Formula Programs</u>	
ESG	Y
Public Housing Comprehensive Grant	Y
PART B	
<u>Competitive Programs</u>	
HOPE 1,2,3,	Y
ESG	Y
Supportive Housing	Y
HOPWA	Y
Safe Havens	Y
Rural Homeless Housing	Y
Sec. 202 Elderly	Y
Sec. 811 Handicapped	Y
Moderate Rehab SRO	Y
Rental Vouchers	Y
Rental Certificates	Y
Public Housing Development	Y
LIHTC	Y

Geographic Description of Area

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year.

Program Year One Action Plan General Questions Response:

The City of Conroe's service area includes all areas within the incorporated city limits with priority given to the areas of low- to moderate-income and minority concentration which surrounds the downtown area and just east of the downtown area. The downtown area is geographically located just southeast of the crossroads of IH 45 and SH 105. The downtown area of the City of Conroe has been designated as a slum and blighted area by the City Council. The City has prioritized two low- to moderate-income minority areas just east of downtown and to the north and south. These areas known as Dugan, (to the south) and the Madeley Quarter, (10th Street, to the north), have been designated as CDBG Housing Target Areas because of the number of houses in deteriorating condition and the concentration of minority low-income persons. At this writing, the Housing Program only operates in those two specific and designated areas. Additionally, the social service funding, designated to the Community-Wide Clean-Up Project, will provide trash and debris clean-up and haul services in the designated Housing Target Areas. The Community-Wide Clean-Up Project is a low-moderate income area (LMA) designated activity, as confirmed by Census tract data. The funding is designated into these two target areas to assist in bringing these areas into an appropriate living environment, and to improve the affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing stock in the community where there is a concentration of low-income citizens. See maps attached for the target areas and minority concentration. These areas have been so neglected, for so long, that it is the City's intent to continue the Program operating in these areas for some time.

City of Conroe Basis for Funding Allocation

2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.

Program Year 1 Action Plan General Questions Response:

Due to the aging housing stock of these areas surrounding downtown Conroe, the priority for targeting these areas is not only obvious, but has been well documented during the Five Year Planning Process. The City of Conroe was incorporated in December 1904 and is the county seat of Montgomery County. The oldest sections of the City are within 1½ miles around the immediate downtown business district and the courthouse. The areas of the most concentration of minorities are on the east and south sides of the immediate downtown area. The areas of the lowest income concentration surround the downtown area. Within these target areas, are pockets of extremely low-income citizens, who are unable financially and in some cases, physically to repair their homes. Many of the homes are too dilapidated to be reasonably repaired. The basis used for the allocating of funds, took all of these factors into account. The Housing Target Areas and the Community Clean-Up Project are both located in the most economically disadvantaged areas of the City. The City has prioritized utilizing funds where they are most needed.

Actions to Address Obstacles for Underserved

3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

Program Year 1 Action Plan General Questions Response:

The primary obstacle in meeting underserved needs is the amount of available funds and leveraging of those funds. Every service provider, every agency, every program and every governmental agency is struggling with limited budgets making it a challenge to sustain the programs, much less meet all the needs. Therefore, some needs are not met because of choices to fund one set of priority needs vs. another. In attempting to meet the underserved needs, the City will continue the Housing Rehabilitation/Relocation/Reconstruction Program; the City will sponsor a Community-Wide Clean-Up and Outreach Project, which will provide more education about environmentally sound practices and recycling, as well as, improve the sanitary and environmental conditions for the entire low-income community, which includes children, adults, seniors and disabled citizens; and the City will continue the 108 Loan Program to revitalize the downtown area by meeting the goal of the 108 Loan repayment and revitalizing one building in downtown Conroe.

During Program Year 2010, the City will continue to gather information and data on the needs of Conroe residents. In addition, the City will explore additional program funding opportunities and continue to work closely with local social service providers in maximizing the available services. The City will continue to develop the capacity of non-profit organizations to meet the underserved needs of Conroe residents. The City will continue to encourage the development of new non-profits and encourage non-profits from the City of Houston, Harris County, and/or Montgomery County to provide assistance to Conroe residents.

The most vocal underserved need brought forth during the annual planning process and public hearings was a concern for low-income families living in near poverty. The cost of assisting families with housing, health care, children and youth programs, and basic necessities is overwhelming. Consistent with the City of Conroe's Community Development and Housing Consolidated Five Year Plan, the City is committed to addressing the need of this underserved population of citizens. In 2010, and with future CDBG funds, the City intends to prioritize housing for low-income citizens who qualify for assistance. The City will continue to fund the Oscar Johnson, Jr., Community Center and its programs through the City general fund. The Center provides programs and tutorials for children and youth in the low-income target areas.

Another underserved need discussed during the planning process was flooding and drainage issues. City staff has identified drainage/flooding problems affecting the low lying areas in the City. The costs associated with improvements to flood prone areas are very high and beyond the City's reach at this time. The City will pursue all joint efforts with other sources to study and possibly apply for federal funding to alleviate the situation. The City has undertaken a drainage capital project, in the housing target areas utilizing City general fund dollars.

The third underserved need addressed in the planning process was transportation. However, since undertaking a public transportation project involves an exorbitant amount of funds, the City will only address access to social assistance programs on a case by case basis. All federal transportation funding will be studied for possible future City involvement.

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.
2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Managing the Process Response:

The consolidated planning process was coordinated under the direction of the Mayor and City Council, the City Administrator, the Assistant City Administrator, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coordinator and the CDBG Advisory Committee appointed by Council. The CDBG Advisory Committee (Committee) consists of a racial and ethnic cross-section of Conroe citizens. Members of the Committee are also involved in public education, the work sector, and community development activities.

Nancy S. Mikeska is responsible for administering all programs covered by the Plan. She is assisted by and receives support from CDBG staff, and other City Departments. The Public Works Department, the CDBG Advisory Committee, various non-profits organizations, the Downtown Façade Advisory Committee, and various City Departments are responsible for carrying out activities and programs covered by the Plan.

The CDBG Citizen's Advisory Committee played a major role in the development of the Five Year Plan and the 2010 Annual Action Plan. After reviewing prior Plans, prior CAPERS, attending public hearings, listening to citizens' comments and proposals, as well as, reviewing proposed projects, the Committee, through the CDBG Coordinator, submitted their recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

The Plan submission was coordinated under the direction of Nancy S. Mikeska, the CDBG Coordinator. Although the City is the lead agency in writing the Plan, it was developed through consultation, coordination, and collaboration with the Montgomery County Housing Authority, Montgomery County Homeless Coalition, Montgomery County United Way, the Montgomery County Committee on Aging, the Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center and other social service agencies to determine gaps in services. This involvement led to the assessment of housing and homeless needs as well as public service and non-housing community development needs. Through this process the City enhanced coordination between many public and private housing sources as well as, social service and health care providers. The City is working diligently to enhance coordination with the Housing Authority. The City approved a downpayment assistance program to operate within the City that will assist housing voucher clients to get into permanent homes. The City will be a partner in this program. The City partnered with the Montgomery County Women's Center to assist with their Transitional Housing facility for victims of domestic violence. The facility is located in Conroe, Texas and is operating today to serve women and children in need.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.
3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Citizen Participation Response:

Nancy S. Mikeska and the CDBG Advisory Committee, published in the local newspaper, and posted notices of all public meetings. Notices were posted at the City of Conroe Recreation Center, the Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center and the City Hall public bulletin board. A Spanish Interpreter was available at all public meetings for the convenience of the public. Any person with special needs or disabilities was provided accommodations, to meet their specific need. Citizens were given the opportunity to voice their comments publicly and to address the Committee. Lists of national objectives, eligible activities, and prior annual funding were distributed at each public meeting. Any proposed project for funding under the Annual Action Plan was also presented to the public and the Committee during these public meetings. There was a time at each meeting for a *Question and Answer Session*. The public was encouraged to submit their comments in writing and/or to speak directly with CDBG Coordinator, Nancy Mikeska in confidence. Comments were received from the Director of the Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center, the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City, a City Councilman, the City Administrator, the Downtown Manager, and a local business person. There were no comments submitted in writing. All comments were accepted and reviewed by the CDBG Staff, and, if appropriate, considered as part of the strategy for placing priority on proposed goals and objectives as presented to Council.

Each year to greater encourage the public to participate in the planning process, and to expand public awareness, the CDBG staff holds public awareness activities for National CDBG Week. CDBG staff literally walks the target neighborhoods, visiting with citizens and leaving program information. The Mayor and Council host an event such as, a free hotdog party, for the entire target area neighborhood, where hurricane Ike recovery information, housing information, fire safety information and other resources are provided. These types of activities have generated so much involvement with the Community that the Conroe CDBG Department received a National Award from the National Community Development Association. Conroe CDBG received the prestigious 2008 John A. Sasso Award and the Audrey Nelson Award in 2009. There are more than 1,200 entitlements and Conroe was thrilled to be recognized as one of the outstanding programs in both 2008 and 2009. In 2010, the Conroe CDBG Department received a National Award of Merit from the National Association Housing and Redevelopment Officials. National Awards bring public awareness to the CDBG Program and to the City. It is an honor for the City's CDBG Department to be nationally recognized.

The City is committed to keeping citizens involved with the program and to welcoming new ideas to the process.

Copies of all notices, and a copy of the funding recommendations including citizens' comments, if any, and project requests are included in the Year 1 additional file folder of the CPMP Tool. In summary, there were no negative comments received regarding the proposed use of funds or the 2010 Plan that was a part of the public review. At this writing there were no written comments submitted.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Institutional Structure Response:

The City of Conroe Community Development Block Grant Department under the direction of CDBG Coordinator, Nancy S. Mikeska, is responsible for administering the Programs and Activities set out in the 2010 Annual Action Plan. Several entities will assist the City in carrying out the different aspects of the Plan. The Public Works Department will assist in carrying out the public services portion of the plan by assisting in a Community-Wide Clean-Up Project for the low-income housing target areas. The Public Works Department will provide trash pick-up, haul, and disposal of debris and garbage left in the neighborhood. The Montgomery County Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, the City of Conroe, the Montgomery County Housing Finance Corporation, private developers, and local banks will provide the development and the financing for affordable housing. This will be accomplished through the City's Affordable Housing Program, Low-income Housing Tax Credits, the Community Reinvestment Act, Section 8 Housing Vouchers, Habitat's Sweat Equity Program, and First-time Home Buyers Assistance Program. The Montgomery County Homeless Coalition will assist in carrying out the Plan by administering the Continuum of Care and ESG Grants, overseeing the Homeless Management Information System and coordinating service providers to the homeless population. Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County will assist in carrying out the Plan by providing affordable housing throughout the City. And, particularly, during 2007, Habitat received a SHOP grant award and acquired property to construct multi-units of single family affordable housing. The City is collaborating with Montgomery County Habitat, to assist in a number of ways, such as; with the environmental review, and engineering. The Friendship Center will also help carry out the Plan by providing transportation for the elderly and disabled to needed services throughout the City and by providing meals-on-wheels to help with the nutritional needs of the elderly and disabled shut-ins. Montgomery County Emergency Assistance will assist with the Plan by providing emergency assistance for families in need of prescriptions, emergency short-term utility assistance, food, clothing, and short-term monthly rental and mortgage assistance.

The institutional structure of public, non-profit, and private organizations described throughout this plan do a good job of meeting the needs of families and individuals in Conroe. Lack of funding for servicing those in need, is the largest gap in the institutional structure. Other gaps include; lack of communication between those in need and the service providers, transportation to those services, and the coordination of service providers. The City will continue to work with the Consortium of Community Assistance Projects in the coordination of service providers. The City will continue to provide technical assistance to providers as requested.

The City of Conroe does not have any public housing or a public housing agency. The Montgomery County Housing Authority is a quasi-governmental entity and administers the Section 8 voucher program throughout Montgomery County, including, here in the City. Although the City is not responsible for the Housing Authority, the City does have a cooperative agreement with the Montgomery County Housing Authority to allow them to operate and issue vouchers within the City of Conroe's incorporated areas. The City supports the Housing Authorities' mission and works closely with them.

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Monitoring Response:

The City of Conroe has in place written *Monitoring Practices Policy and Plan* where detailed monitoring procedures are noted. The following is intended as a general summary of practices.

The Conroe Monitoring Plan will consist of three reviews:

1. Internal Review of City Programs - Record keeping requirements for CDBG programs, and all forms used for program implementation constitute legal instruments. Forms, such as contracts, will be approved by the CDBG Coordinator and/or the City Attorney prior to their use.

All other forms necessary for program use will be developed by staff and approved by the CDBG Coordinator. The City staff will maintain accurate and complete files as required by HUD on each participant and recipient of assistance. In addition, the CDBG Coordinator, or staff, will conduct periodic reviews to determine compliance with all program requirements.

Activities that provide any type of housing assistance will be monitored for compliance with the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity laws. Conroe has developed a strategy to monitor efforts to affirmatively further fair housing. Conroe will use that strategy in monitoring all subrecipients involved in housing activities.

Conroe will also review projects for compliance with Section 504 (Handicapped Accessibility), Lead-Based Paint, Housing Quality Standards, Davis-Bacon Labor Standards, and other rules as appropriate.

Conroe shall meet all requirements set forth by the Office of Management and Budget and shall comply with the requirements and standards of OMB Circular Nos. A-87 and A-128, and with the applicable sections of 24 CFR Part 85. An audit will be conducted annually to ensure that CDBG funds are used in accordance with program requirements.

2. Subrecipient Monitoring - Monitoring subrecipients provides a basis for assessing a program's operations and identifying problems. A secondary goal of monitoring is to obtain ongoing data for use in determining program achievement. Evaluations will summarize monitoring findings and program goals and measure progress toward those goals during the provision of services. All subrecipients will be monitored at least once per year.

Conroe accepts responsibility for the overall CDBG Performance and Plan compliance, including the performance of its subrecipients. Although it should be noted that at this time, there are no subrecipients that are not City governed. Clear record keeping requirements for subrecipients are essential for grant accountability. Responsibility for maintaining many of the records is assigned to the subrecipient. This includes responsibility for documenting activities with special requirements, such as necessary determinations, income certifications, or written agreements with beneficiaries, where applicable.

Conroe serves as Grantee and may contract with subrecipient organizations to provide services to low-income citizens. The contracts, where applicable, detail the services to be provided and a concise statement of conditions, requirements, and performance criteria. The City Attorney and/or the CDBG Coordinator will approve all contracts prior to execution.

3. Review of Other Entities' Compliance with Strategic Plan Strategies - Conroe shall meet all HUD requirements for Consolidated Plan compliance and will review all relevant funding proposals for consistency with Consolidated Plan strategies.

Actions to Ensure Compliance Timeliness of Expenditures:

The City of Conroe, as stated above, states that the City will conduct internal reviews, monitoring on site and at desk reviews of subrecipients and projects, and will assess other entities' consistency, or inconsistencies, with the 2010 Plan.

The City further states that it will comply with Federal Regulations, Guidelines, and requests from HUD. Included in that intent to comply with regulations, the City of Conroe will ensure timeliness and other program compliance by performing periodic internal self checks as to various regulations. Before an expenditure is approved, the expenditure is checked against program compliance, and is deemed an appropriate, reasonable, and necessary expense.

Because the expenditures are made out of City funds, and then reimbursed to the City through the Federal CDBG funds, it is easy to observe the compliance of timeliness for reimbursement draws. The CDBG Coordinator, Nancy S. Mikeska, runs periodic timeliness reports and tracks the progress of the draw activity. Those draw reports are run at a minimum, on a quarterly basis along with the SF 272 Financial Report.

The internal checks are validated by ongoing training on HUD Regulations Guidelines, input from HUD Representatives and legal review.

Projects progress after internal review of compliance at every phase. From Environmental Clearance to Housing Standards, the projects are continually monitored throughout the year by the CDBG Coordinator, CDBG staff and qualified City staff.

The best way to ensure timeliness is to select projects that are ready to begin, or to anticipate a late starting project and accommodate it through the other projects. The planning process is critical to ensuring timeliness. The City of Conroe considers the start date of the project, and the potential for delays as part of the criterion for project selection.

Actions To Ensure Long Term Compliance with Housing Codes:

As stated above “Activities that provide any type of housing assistance will be monitored for compliance with the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity laws. Conroe has developed a strategy to monitor efforts to affirmatively further fair housing. Conroe will use that strategy in monitoring all subrecipients involved in housing activities. Conroe will also review projects for compliance with Section 504 (Handicapped Accessibility), Lead-Based Paint, Housing Quality Standards, Davis-Bacon Labor Standards, and other rules and laws as appropriate.” Further, the City ensures Quality Housing Standards on a long term basis throughout the program year by ongoing inspection and monitoring. Because the City has constructed relocation housing with CDBG funds only in specific target areas, monitoring the housing projects on an ongoing basis is simplified. Although staff is in the target area continually, citizens living in the target areas routinely call the CDBG Office or come to City Council to report a problem. As stated previously, the City relies on the CDBG Coordinator, CDBG Staff, and other City Department Staff with expertise in the housing industry, to ensure compliance with City Housing Codes and Ordinances.

The City Chief Building Official and City Building Inspectors, as well as Code Enforcement Officers, are involved with housing and construction inspections and offer guidance throughout the project. They assist with housing designs and plan reviews. Building Inspectors provide monitoring for quality construction, sustainability, code violations, and safety concerns. The housing projects are continuously monitored from the planning phase through construction and throughout the life of the housing project. Each City Building Inspector and the Chief Building Official hold various licenses demonstrating their capability to ensure long term compliance with building codes as well as ensure a quality project. These ongoing inspections assist the homeowner to be self-sufficient and maintain a quality home environment.

Lead-Based Paint

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families.

Program Year One Action Plan Lead-Based Paint Response:

According to the 2006-2008 American Community Estimates 3-Year Survey United States Census, there are approximately 8,061 housing units at risk for containing lead-based paint within the City limits of Conroe. These are units that were built prior to 1978. Of these 8,061 units, it is estimated that 19% are occupied by extremely low-income families, 17% by very low-income families and 17% by low-income families. These numbers are consistent with the historical trend of houses at risk for containing lead-based paint. This statistical data, though accurate with federal data, does not reflect continued yearly removal of housing structures through the City's CDBG Program and the City's Code Enforcement Program that may contain lead-based paint.

In 2000, the City of Conroe adopted the lead-based paint regulation in 24CFR Part 35. The City also follows HUD guidelines and policies regarding lead-based paint requirements by activities.

Since the City is operating the Housing Rehabilitation/Relocation/Reconstruction Program only in specific low-income Target Areas, the City's Program is directly assisting low-income families to eliminate lead-based paint.

The City will distribute information on the hazards of lead-based paint, in English, and in Spanish, to recipients of housing related services and coordinate its efforts with other organizations in the community.

The City will also eliminate lead-based paint hazards by the demolition of older substandard housing in the Reconstruction Housing Program and by lead-based paint abatement in the Downtown Façade Program. The City will complete environmental reviews on projects and activities and will maintain accurate environmental review records.

The City has in place, a written lead-based paint Policy that sets out the City's detailed guidelines for addressing community education about the dangers of lead-based paint, and other lead-based paint concerns. CDBG staff attended in July of 2010, specific lead-based paint training.

When the 2000-2004 Consolidated Action Plan, was adopted by the City, the City adopted the lead-based paint regulation in 24CFR Part 35. The City also follows the HUD guidelines and policies regarding lead-based paint requirements by activities.

The City is addressing lead-based paint one housing unit at a time. Since our program is limited to relocation units, meaning, the home is torn down and reconstructed typically on the same site, the City is eliminating homes containing lead-based paint and replacing them with new homes that are lead free. During Program Year 2010, the City will construct a minimum of two (2) lead free homes for low-income citizens. Over time, this will make a tremendous difference in the quality of our affordable housing stock.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

*Please also refer to the Housing Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Specific Objectives Response:

Decent Housing /2010 and Five Year Goals

Priority: Create decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing, and make it available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income Homeowners. Improve the quality of owner housing.

Objective #1: Expand and Preserve the Existing Housing Stock

HUD Objective #2 - Decent Housing

Outcome #2 - Affordability

Outcome Statement: During the 2010 grant cycle, the City will use \$316,817 in CDBG funds to provide demolition, and reconstruction activities with temporary relocation assistance, when necessary, for at least two (2) qualified homeowners in the City's target areas, as designated and approved by City Council, in the incorporated area of the City of Conroe, for the purpose of making affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary, housing available to low-income citizens. This project provides affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

For the purposes of this Plan, Decent Housing may include assisting homeless persons to obtain appropriate housing; assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless; retention, and expansion of, affordable housing stock; as well as, increasing the availability of permanent housing in standard condition and at an affordable cost to low-income families, particularly to minorities deemed disadvantaged. This assistance will be provided free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Decent Housing may also include increasing the supply of supportive housing which combines structural features and services needed to enable persons with special needs, including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, to live with dignity and independence; and providing housing affordable to low-income persons accessible to job opportunities.

The City of Conroe remains committed to not only expanding the inventory of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing available to low-income residents, but also is committed to increasing the economic vitality of the community by concentrating efforts in targeted areas. The City further supports, through CDBG dollars and/or general funds dollars, programs that increase education levels, create jobs and assist businesses creating jobs for low-income persons, enhance the quality of life and encourage self-sufficiency for low-income residents. The City's goal is not only to improve the quality of life for low-income citizens, but help children to develop their maximum potential and leave the poverty environment.

The City of Conroe will focus on the designated low-income and extremely low-income target areas in order to have the greatest effect in the community. Analysis, Public Hearings, reports, and the Citizens Advisory Committee previously supported and continue to support the need to provide rehabilitation/relocation assistance to extremely low- and low-income homeowners in the target areas. Many of these households are elderly or single parent families that, although the home may be debt free, do not have adequate income to meet repair needs and therefore, over time, the home becomes no longer suitable for repair. This forced property neglect reduces the stock of affordable housing by making the home not livable, and at a time sooner rather than later, the homeowner will be homeless.

2010 Year Goals:

- ◆ Provide a rehabilitation/relocation/reconstruction grant to at least two (2) extremely low- or very low- or low-income households in the low-income Target Areas, with priority given to families with children, the elderly, and disabled citizens.

Five Year Goals:

- ◆ Provide a rehabilitation/relocation/reconstruction grant to at least ten (10) extremely low- very low- or low-income households, in the Target Areas, with priority given to families with children, elderly, and disabled.

The City's owner-occupied oldest housing stock within the lowest of income neighborhoods has been the City's priority since 1998. To address this need, the City will reconstruct a minimum of two (2) houses during the 2010 Program Year and in each of the subsequent program years. These will be determined by evaluating each housing rehabilitation application for feasibility to rehabilitate. If it is determined not feasible to rehabilitate, the application will be forwarded to the Optional Relocation/Reconstruction Housing Program. Factors to determine feasibility include, cost of rehabilitation to bring the substandard house up to adopted City of Conroe building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and all other City codes; cost effectiveness of rehabilitation; and value after rehabilitation. Under the Optional Relocation/Reconstruction Program, the substandard house will be demolished and reconstructed with some limited homeowner options as to location. The homeowner can choose to rebuild on the same lot as the house was located before demolition, rebuild on another lot they might own in a different location within the City, or choose to move to a City owned lot and trade lots with the City. The latter has been used on several occasions to move the homeowner out of the floodway or floodplain to higher ground. The City has not had a rehabilitation project since 1998 due to the deteriorating housing stock in these housing target areas. Therefore, beginning with the City's 2009 Plan, the City no longer offers a stand-alone housing rehabilitation program. The City plans to target the most severe houses that are not feasible to rehabilitate and move those clients to the relocation program. This plan accomplishes two goals. First, the City will commit funding to assist homeowners who are in greater need. Second, relocation housing, because it is decent, safe, sanitary, affordable, and new construction, will dramatically assist in improving the housing stock. With the cut in funding the past several years the City has experienced, and the increase in construction costs, it is more reasonable to reconstruct houses rather than to rehabilitate them. The City remains committed to long term accomplishments for the low-income target neighborhoods and new structures have greater impact on bringing a community as a whole, up to standard. The reconstruction activities will expand the inventory of decent, safe, affordable, owner-occupied housing available to low-income homeowners. In Program Year 2010, the CDBG program will use \$316,817 in CDBG funds to provide demolition and reconstruction activities with temporary relocation assistance, when necessary, for at least two (2) qualified homeowners in the City Council designated, and HUD approved, Housing Target Areas of the City for the purpose of making housing affordable to these households.

The City will look to Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity to also build owner-occupied affordable housing during the next several plan years. Habitat for Humanity is very active in the City of Conroe. Since coming into Montgomery County in 1989, they have built 56 new homes within the City, with 1 home currently under construction. This accomplishment assists in expanding the inventory of decent, safe, and sanitary, affordable housing for low-income residents. Most of those houses are within the City's Housing Target Areas of the City. The City has a good working relationship with Habitat and will continue to work with them on clearing clouded titles to available properties, demolition of substandard housing, and their ReStore project. For the past three plan years, the City has obtained a Solid Waste and Recycling Grant through H-GAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council) for the Habitat for Humanity ReStore shop to recycle used or new building materials to offer for sale back to the public to help those with limited resources maintain their homes at affordable prices. This initiative continues to be a pass-through grant to Habitat for equipment and materials to maintain the shop and the grant funded a Habitat for Humanity box truck to pick up and

deliver materials to and from their ReStore shop along with funding for a driver for the acquired truck. The City is also a collaborative partner with Habitat on a Habitat for Humanity subdivision development, named Cedar Creek, within the City limits, for approximately 85 housing units. Habitat has completed a total of 11 homes, in the subdivision, five of which were in Program Year 2009, with 1 currently under construction. All 11 affordable homes are owner occupied. The City provided environmental and consultation expenses, expertise in environmental clearance and documentation, engineering review, and a reduction in utility hook-up fees, as well as, other means of assistance to Habitat in order to further affordable housing opportunities.

The City will continue to maintain a list of homeowners on the Housing Program waiting list to provide to the United Way and other groups for organizations who come into the City to do small repair projects in the summer. Groups like the Methodist Army and other church youth groups do repairs such as scraping and painting, sheetrock repair, and wheelchair ramps. In 2009, 7 households inside the City of Conroe received this type of assistance and there are 10 currently on the waiting list. The CDBG Coordinator is always looking for new and innovative ways to grow the City's assistance program. The United Way is bringing a new energy efficiency program to the City of Conroe. Low-income homeowners can qualify for energy efficient upgrades to their home. Insulation, light bulbs, ceiling fans, window screens, and the many other energy efficient options, can be provided at no cost to the homeowner. It is a great way to save our resources and lower expenses for low-income homeowners.

The City does not have a first-time homebuyers program or a downpayment assistance program at this writing. However, the City does have an agreement with the Montgomery County Housing Finance Corporation to operate within the City. They provide a first-time homebuyers assistance program with mortgages at affordable interest rates. Additionally, the City Council has supported a downpayment assistance program for disabled persons, sponsored through the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Disabled persons or families with a disabled family member living with them, can qualify for up to \$25,000 in downpayment assistance.

The City will look to the Montgomery County Housing Authority to help with affordable rental property through the Section 8 Housing Voucher program. The City will also continue to support Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects, when funding allows and as they are presented, to increase affordable rental property.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.
2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Public Housing Strategy Response:

The City of Conroe does not have any Public Housing.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing Response:**Actions To Remove Barriers To Affordable Housing**

What is a *Barrier to Affordable Housing*? As defined by the Consolidated Plan regulations, a *barrier to affordable housing* is a public policy, such as land use controls, property taxes, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limits, and other policies that prevent the equal access to housing by all economic groups. Since cost reduction opportunities in housing can also be found in areas other than public policy, the Community Development Block Grant Department chose to look at all potential barriers. To distinguish a barrier to affordable housing from an impediment to fair housing choice, is to think of a barrier as not unlawful necessarily (i.e., the lack of affordable housing stock, in and of itself, is a barrier to affordable housing).

Analysis of Barriers

The Community Development Block Grant Department is committed to helping reduce barriers to affordable housing. Despite the City's incredible population growth and growing housing demands, the local market is not responding to the needs of lower-income households to the degree needed. The inventory of affordable housing continues to deteriorate, while the production rate of new affordable housing units cannot keep up with demand.

As the lead agency for housing and community development in the City of Conroe, the Community Development Block Grant Department is making a significant effort to identify housing problems and reshape its policies and programs for the coming years. The Community Development Block Grant Department sponsored town hall public meetings, individual interviews, and utilized the City of Conroe CDBG Advisory Committee as part of the Consolidated Plan development. Participants in these meetings identified several issues that are barriers to affordable housing.

Comments from these meetings reveal a variety of barriers to affordable housing in the City of Conroe as well as around Montgomery County. The two primary barriers to accessing affordable housing are:

- Lack of funds.
- Lack of affordable housing.

Other barriers may include:

- Approval process and fees.
- Zoning Requirements.
- Land use controls.
- Citizen opposition (the “Not In My Back Yard,” or NIMBY syndrome).
- Lack of political constituency.
- Lack of knowledge of available programs and resources.
- Resource fragmentation and scarcity.
- Housing acquisition finance requirements.
- Lack of financial resources by housing providers.
- Lack of coordination of resources.

Primary Barriers: Lack of Funds and Lack of Affordable Housing

Since affordable housing is becoming more difficult to find, in the City of Conroe, many low-income households must pay more than they should for a home, or live in less-than-desired conditions.

What is a Housing Cost Burden?

When a household pays more than 30 percent of its income on housing and utilities, HUD considers the household to be experiencing a cost burden. When a household pays more than 50 percent of its income on housing, the household experiences a severe cost burden.

The most discussed barrier to affordable housing is cost. The reality is that if a citizen has money, they can purchase any home they wish. This is not always an obvious barrier, but nonetheless a barrier to those who have little funds available for housing. As in other cities, the most obvious barrier to affordable housing is the high cost of property, construction, and downpayment and closing costs. The City will continue to seek additional grants and other opportunities to further our housing initiative.

When appropriate, the City also will provide any available information from the Texas Commission on Human Rights to residents. This commission is responsible for enforcing Fair Housing provisions in the State of Texas.

The City of Conroe recognizes some barriers and other issues related to the development of affordable housing and proposes to:

- ◆ Analyze and eliminate housing discrimination in the City

A barrier to affordable housing identified in Conroe is the lack of financing resources for affordable housing construction and mortgages. Low- to moderate-income families cannot afford current housing prices and mortgages without income assistance or mortgage or rent payment assistance. There is also a lack of interest by builders to build lower priced housing.

However, this is slowly changing with low interest rates and an upswing of the economy. The City, however, works with the builders, developers and homeowners, and is very flexible, in their attempts to create affordable housing. Public policy in the City is conducive to keeping down the cost of housing.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).
2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.
3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:
 - a. Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.
 - b. Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
 - c. State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
 - d. Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.
 - e. Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.
 - f. State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:
 - a. Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.
 - b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.
 - c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.

Program Year 1 Action Plan HOME/ADDI Response:

The City of Conroe is not receiving a direct allocation of HOME or ADDI funds.

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

*Please also refer to the Homeless Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.

1. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.
2. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.
3. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
4. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Special Needs Response:

The City of Conroe does not receive ESG or Continuum of Care funds. However, the City will provide assistance, through general fund dollars to the homeless through the Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center.

Member agencies of the Montgomery County Homeless Coalition (MCHC) are developing, managing, and coordinating the Continuum of Care initiative in this area. The City supports the MCHC. The MCHC has served as the lead agency and coordinating mechanism of this multi-agency collaborative process since 1999. The Coalition's mission is to coordinate activities and work with member agencies and other community stakeholders to assess and prioritize the needs of the homeless, develop strategic plans to manage the needs, and identify and secure resources to address the needs. No other agency manages this function. The MCHC collaborates and works with many partners, including the City to ensure there are no overlapping or duplicative efforts.

Within the City of Conroe, there are numerous agencies who are working hard to assist homeless citizens and to prevent homelessness when possible. Although the City provides little social service funding for these initiatives, the City is supportive of this effort and

encourages collaboration and partnerships where appropriate. Provided below is a brief summary of some of the activities provided by various agencies that operate within the City of Conroe to assist in specific homeless prevention and homelessness initiatives.

The Salvation Army Community Center, located in the City of Conroe, provides emergency shelter for up to 16 women and 20 men and has two family units that sleep 6 people and contain private bathrooms and are used for women and their children. The Salvation Army center primarily assists people who are in immediate need and distress. The Center is the only nightly stay facility in Montgomery County for adult women and men. The Salvation Army also provides up to 3 bags of groceries every 30 days, non-narcotic prescription assistance with a \$25.00 limit, diapers and formula every 30 days, clothing for children when available, help with rent if they have received an eviction notice, and help with utilities, excluding telephone, if they have received a disconnect notice. They also can help defray the cost of a bus ticket if there is an emergency and the ticket is for one-way only. Though this year they had not had to turn citizens in need away, in past this has been an unfortunate reality. The Shelter is currently sheltering 32 people, and at times has homeless people sleeping in the TV room and on cots, couches, and mattresses on the floor. They offer hot meals for breakfast and dinner every day.

The Montgomery County Women's Center is a private, non-profit organization, serving victims of family violence and sexual assault or abuse from primarily the Montgomery County, North Harris County and Liberty County areas since 1982. The Center operates under three primary program areas: The Shelter for Battered Women, which is located in the City of Conroe, Family Violence Outreach, and the Rape Crisis Program. All program services are free of charge. A staff of typically 59 full-time and/or part-time employees provides total agency services. The Montgomery County Women's Center has operated its shelter for more than twenty years. Shelter services are usually available for a maximum of 60 days for a maximum of 60 women and children. Services include shelter, food, personal care needs, clothing, prescriptions, counseling, therapy, support and life skills groups, childcare, transportation, case management, and household goods. During calendar year 2009, the Shelter housed more than 649 women and children and provided more than 16,849 bed days of service. Montgomery County Women's Center also provided the following services in 2009: approximately 11,171 hotline calls, 560 clients counseled, 93 clients accompanied to police or to school, 1070 legal advisory services, and 265 advocacy services. To have access to the shelter, residents must be victims of family violence or sexual abuse and must agree to obey shelter house rules and to participate in the cooking/cleaning chores of the facility. The only restriction is that male children 18 and over cannot live at the shelter; however, they can be housed in alternate motel arrangements. The Montgomery County Women's Center offers a 24-hour hotline, making the shelter accessible 24-hours a day, non-residential counseling in four locations in their coverage area, seven support/therapy groups, advocacy, and legal services. The Center also has a resale shop and warehouse for goods available to their clients.

The Montgomery County Women's Center, undertook a project called the Reaching Pines, Transitional Housing Facility and it was completed in the 2009 Program Year. This facility for the first time in Conroe, provides transitional housing to qualified women and their children, who are leaving the Shelter, and need assistance, with long term housing in order to continue their growth of independence. All of the participants in this transitional housing program are homeless and are coming out of the Battered Women's Shelter. The facility was funded partially from Montgomery County HOME dollars and is located in the City of Conroe. In 2009 this facility provided transitional housing for 4 woman and their 7 children, who left the Battered Women's Shelter and needed longer term housing assistance in order to continue their growth.

Montgomery County Youth Services has a strong over 30-year history of providing a continuum of quality child and youth centered programs to run-away, homeless and other "at-risk" youth in Montgomery County. Montgomery County Youth Services is a non-profit organization that employs a staff of 28 full-time employees, and 12 part-time staff, has seven office sites, and provides direct and indirect services to over 7,408 youth and families annually. MCYS operates two distinct programs, Counseling and Outreach Services and Shelter Services, which complement one another and collaborate closely to provide a continuum of care for homeless youth and their families. Under Shelter Services, MCYS operates the Fairway Home Transitional Living Program. The Fairway Home includes a staff of 10 full-time and 4 part-time, has 12 beds for school age youth ages 16 to 19 and provided safe and stable housing for 17 unduplicated youth in 2009. Fairway Home provides life skill training in banking, job, money management, domestic skills, and anger management. In October 2005, MCYS opened BridgeWay Youth Shelter, an Emergency Placement Shelter for youth ages 10-17 in a separate facility located on the same property as the Fairway Home. BridgeWay Home currently shares the staff of the Fair Home. BridgeWay Home has beds for 13 youth. During 2009 Program Year they served approximately 87 youth. In the month of June 2010, The Fairway Home and BridgeWay combined, provided services for 15 youth.

Family Promise, formerly, Montgomery County Interfaith Hospitality Network (MCIHN) is a faith-based non-profit organization that was established in 2000 to help with the growing needs of homeless families in the county. Up to 5 families with a maximum of 16 members in Family Promise Programs are housed in 14 area host churches and 3 support churches during the night, for a week at a time on a rotating basis. The church provides sleeping accommodations and a "hospitality room" where clients relax, socialize, do homework or watch television. The host congregation provides an evening meal, breakfast and a bag lunch, if needed. Although the program is coordinated through the efforts of 17 different churches and is based on Christian principles, there is no effort to proselytize the homeless clients and it does not discriminate against any person seeking emergency shelter on the basis of religion. Family Promise maintains a Day Care Center that now provides a place for families to coordinate support services, obtain employment counseling, and care for their children until day-care funding is available. Family Promise provides clothing vouchers with the help of Conroe Agencies, such as: Montgomery County Emergency Assistance, The Conroe Assistance League, and Creative Outreach. This non-traditional home environment also gives families in the program opportunities to help each other with babysitting services, transportation and support. Also available is a gas voucher program, vehicle donation program, and household furnishing program, that provides much needed items when a family moves from the shelter to transitional or permanent housing, to set up housekeeping. The vehicle donation program has volunteers that can take an unused vehicle that needs some repair and make it a viable mode of transportation for a family that is in need of transportation to work when they move away from the shelter environment. Over 35 vehicles have been donated to Family Promise since the vehicle program's inception. In 2009 Family Promise provided services for more than 24 families, and reports indicated that those numbers equated to a total of 118 individuals including 83 children. Further, 24 families received aftercare services, 11,667 meals were served, and 3,889 bed-nights were provided with a total of 21,394 volunteer hours.

Through the Montgomery County Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care, Montgomery County Emergency Assistance (MCEA) received \$101,753 for the Continuum of Care "Permanent Housing for Homeless Persons with Disabilities" Program. This program supports 7 families, all of which have a household adult who is disabled. Statistics show approximately 50% the family members assisted are male, and 50% are female. These families come predominantly from transitional housing, and are "at risk" of becoming homeless. MCEA also received \$27,331 for the Continuum of Care Transitional Housing Program. These funds are providing

Program Goal Summary

This submission marks the first year of the City's new Five Year Consolidated Plan. The fifth year of the City's previous Consolidated Plan is not yet completed. Under the Housing Rehabilitation/Relocation/Reconstruction Program, there were 2 houses completed in the latter part of the 2007 Plan Year and 4 more were completed by the end of the 2008 cycle. During the 2009 Program Year the City has qualified multiple housing clients and at this writing has a contract pending with 8 housing clients. By the end of Program Year 2009, the City will have more than met the goal of constructing 15 houses in the Housing Target Area during the Five Year Plan timeframe. The City submitted an Amendment to their 2009 Action Plan removing the Oscar Johnson Center from the Action Plan. The funds were transferred to housing for the purpose of covering additional costs of the program. The past performance of the City of Conroe's CDBG Program, has demonstrated consistent meeting of goals and objectives. The City has been in compliance and found to have grant capacity continually for the history of the Program through prior Five Year Plans and Annual Action Plans.

Public Input Summary

City CDBG staff and the CDBG Advisory Committee published in the local newspaper and posted notices of all public meetings at the City of Conroe Recreation Center, the Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center and the City Hall public bulletin boards. A Spanish Interpreter was available, when needed, at all public meetings for the convenience of the public. Any person with special needs or disabilities was provided accommodations, to meet their specific need. Citizens were given the opportunity to voice their comments publicly and address the Committee. The public was also encouraged to submit their comments in writing and/or to speak in confidence directly with CDBG Coordinator, Nancy Mikeska. Verbal comments were received from the Director of the Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center, the Mayor, the Downtown Director, and a local businessman. All of these comments were positive toward the projects the Advisory Committee had prioritized. There were no comments submitted in writing. Comments, where appropriate, are used as part of the City's strategy for placing priority on proposed goals and objectives that are ultimately presented to City Council for their approval. Projects are selected based on criterion that includes, but is not limited to: funding available, priority need, number to be served, location in Target Area, gap in service need, credible proposal, and the accountability of the manner of implementation.

Citizens To Be Served

For the purpose of this Annual Action Plan, low- to moderate-income concentration is defined as an area where at least 51% or greater concentration of persons have incomes of 80% or less of the HUD annual family median income. For the purpose of this plan, minority concentration is defined as an area where at least 51% of the population is racial and/or ethnic concentration.

CDBG Administration

The CDBG Office is located in the City Tower, where many City offices are located, including the Office of the Mayor and the City Council Chambers. The specific office address is 300 West Davis, Suite 535, Conroe, Texas 77301 and the mailing address is City Of Conroe, Nancy Mikeska, CDBG Coordinator, P.O. Box 3066 Conroe, Texas 77305. The CDBG Coordinator, Nancy S. Mikeska, is the CDBG contact person and designated HUD liaison for the City of Conroe. Ms. Mikeska is responsible for the administration of the program and the accountability of the funding, with support from CDBG staff and City staff at many levels.

transitional housing (stays up to 24 months allowable) for 2 families. All of these families come from emergency shelters and were previously homeless. Both projects utilize supportive services provided by:

- Montgomery County Emergency Assistance
 - Case management, emergency financial aid, life skills training
- Montgomery County Housing Authority
 - Housing management, screening
- Montgomery County Women's Center
 - Screening, case management, life skills training
- Tri-County MH/MR
 - Mental health services
- Family Services
 - Counseling services
- Volunteers of America
 - Substance abuse screening and counseling
- The Friendship Center
 - Transportation, in-home support
- Family Promise
 - Screening, case management, life-skills training
- Department of Human Services
 - Planning activities and benefits
- Brazos Valley Community Action Association
 - Weatherization and energy conservation

Montgomery County Emergency Assistance (MCEA) is a private non-profit entity created in 1981 to serve residents of Montgomery County who are experiencing an unexpected financial need or crisis that increases expenses or reduces income. MCEA is based in Conroe and operates five offices to fully serve the entire county; Conroe, New Caney, Magnolia, The Woodlands, and Willis; with a sixth office anticipated in 2011.

MCEA assisted a reported 3,732 unduplicated households in calendar year 2009, representing 8,080 unduplicated individuals, providing help with rent, utilities, food, prescription medications, child care and clothing. In addition to providing emergency financial assistance, MCEA also operates a food pantry and resale shop. Approximately 72% of MCEA clients are female and about 2/3rd of their clients fall under the poverty level for Conroe.

Tri-County MHMR has assisted in meeting the needs of the mental health and mental retardation population of Montgomery, Walker and Liberty counties since 1983. Tri-County offers a system of care, provides rehabilitation, case management, crisis intervention, medication services, maintenance day programming, and hospitalization. Tri-County has more than 350 employees. Services include development of a rehabilitation treatment plan mutually agreed upon with subsequent skills training in areas such as budgeting, home maintenance, nutrition and other self-maintenance, self-care skills, as well as application for benefits. In 2009 Tri-County served more than 6,600 individuals, including 3,806 children, of which a portion received services due to a mental illness diagnosis and approximately 500 persons were assessed or received services for mental retardation.

Tri-County MHMR recently added a licensed Counselor to provide Children Crisis Outpatient Services. It is anticipated that approximately 120 children per year will be served by this position.

In order to provide employment opportunities for individuals with mental retardation Tri-County implemented a sheltered work program in 2008. Through contracts with area businesses the Center is able to offer many individuals with mental retardation the opportunity to learn vocational skills, complete contracted tasks, and earn their first paychecks. This new program is a win win for everyone. Area businesses are pleased with the products produced and the individuals Tri-County serves are proud of their earnings.

A recent survey showed 28% of the individuals receiving services were homeless or in danger of homelessness, or living in unsafe or unstable housing.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, located in Conroe, provides a clothes closet, food pantry, rental assistance, utility payments and transportation assistance for the homeless, individuals, and families in need. St. Vincent de Paul Society began providing services in 1986. In 2009, they served more than 39,309 individuals, which represents 13,650 families. Homeless citizens receive a bag of food every week, as they have no means to store food. St. Vincent de Paul has more than 100 volunteers, all serving the homeless and hungry in Conroe.

City Funded Homeless Prevention Elements:

The Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center provides educational and recreational programs for the homeless youth from the Salvation Army Center and Family Promise in their after-school and summer day-camp programs. Though CDBG provided funds for the Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center during the previous Five Year Plan, City general fund revenues are now funding the Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center. The City continues to support the programs and have supported the Center for many years. The Center is located in one of the City's designated low-income housing target areas. The Center is providing services annually, to approximately 57,703 youth and adults, of which approximately 286 are considered to be homeless.

The City's CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation/Relocation/Reconstruction Program will prevent homelessness by providing housing for qualified citizens. Under this initiative, the City demolishes substandard housing and replaces it with quality decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing. The original houses are too dilapidated to rehabilitate and are demolished and reconstructed. The City proposes to complete a minimum of 2 houses this year, and a total of 10 over the current Five Year Plan timeframe.

There is no doubt, that this activity assists in the prevention of homelessness, as the homeowners would, at some point in the near future, be forced out of the substandard structure, and no doubt, end up homeless. Housing recipients include the elderly, frail elderly, single parents, persons with disabilities, and consisting of primarily minority households in Housing Target Areas within the city limits of Conroe.

The Strategic Plan to End Chronic Homelessness by the year 2012 started as a collaborative effort between the City of Conroe, Montgomery County, the Homeless Coalition, other partners, and the Coalition's member agencies. The effort quickly frizzled when there was no clear directive from HUD as to how Homelessness was to be ended. Though the City took the lead in forming this collaborative initiative with the Mayor issuing a proclamation and sending a letter to the County Judge asking for the County to join the City and the Montgomery County Homeless Coalition in this effort, no funding was available to continue the initiative. The Montgomery County Homeless Coalition is active and submits a Continuum of Care application periodically. The Homeless Coalition has worked to develop a chronic homeless strategy based on two resources: HUD's *Strategies for Reducing Chronic Homelessness* and

the National Alliance to End Homelessness' *Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness*.

The Montgomery County Homeless Coalition through the Continuum of Care initiative is working toward a goal of providing the discharge coordination policy for the discharge of persons from foster or other youth facilities, correctional programs, health care facilities and institutions in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. The Homeless Coalition is working toward a community-wide discharge policy and has protocol implemented in mental health care, protocol in development for health care, and opened initial discussion with foster care, but has had no success with correctional institutions. The Coalition will continue dialogue with all facilities to raise their awareness for the need of a discharge policy and work toward implementation with each facility.

Though the City supports this initiative and the mission of the Montgomery County Homeless Coalition, the Coalition is not part of City government.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Program Year 1 Action Plan ESG Response:

The City of Conroe does not receive ESG money.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.
2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Community Development Response:**Suitable Living Environment / Improving and Expanding Social Services****2010 and Five Year Goals**

Priority: Enhance the living environment of extremely low-income, low-, and moderate-income households.

Objective #2: Improving and Enhancing the Living Environment

HUD Objective #1 - Suitable Living Environment

Outcome #1 - Availability/Accessibility

Outcome Statement: During the 2010 grant cycle, or over several grant cycles, the City will use \$10,000 in CDBG funds to provide a Community-Wide Clean-Up Program for two low-income areas, designated as the City's CDBG Housing Target Areas, and confirmed by Census Tract as an LMA. The City will utilize City staff to collect and haul debris, trash, and garbage from the area, thereby creating a more suitable living environment and more viable and healthy community. The project will enhance the quality of life for not only the children and senior citizens living in the neighborhood, but for all residents.

A suitable living environment means improving the safety and viability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services; reducing the isolation of income groups within a community or geographical area through the spatial deconcentration of housing opportunities for persons of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods; restoring and preserving properties of special historic, architectural, or aesthetic value, and conservation of energy resources.

The improvement and enhancement of the living environment entails several different components for meeting the needs of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households. The main components of this strategy are expansion of social services and improving accessibility for low-income participants. This activity will improve the living environment by clearing debris, trash, weeds, and garbage from the low-income target areas.

Objective #3: Improving and Expanding Social Services

There are several social service agencies within the City and each provides much needed services. However, there are gaps in service especially in the low-income and extremely low-income areas, (or target areas). The statistical data gathered from social service providers is a good indicator of the needs that local non-profits and local governments are trying to address throughout the City. As the population of the City rapidly increased, the demand for services has also increased, and social service providers are struggling to meet the demand for services. The City prioritizes improving and expanding the programs to allow citizens who would typically go underserved to get services.

Funding a Clean-Up Project will improve and expand services to these low-income target areas by providing services that typically this neighborhood would not be able to afford. The cost of disposing of debris, garbage, trash and junk is many times outside what a low-income family can afford.

2010 Year Goals:

- ◆ Improve/Expand services provided by providing a Community Wide Clean-Up Project where City staff will pick up and haul trash, debris, junk, and garbage from the low-income Housing Target Areas, for approximately 1,500 citizens.

Five Year Goals:

- ◆ Improve/Expand and/or continue services provided by providing a Community Wide Clean Up Project where City staff will pick up and haul trash, debris, junk, and garbage from the low-income Housing Target Areas, for approximately 1,500 citizens.

The City has prioritized two low- to moderate-income minority areas just east of downtown and to the north and south. These areas known as Dugan, (to the south) and The Madeley Quarter, (10th Street, to the north), have been designated as CDBG Housing Target Areas because of the number of houses in deteriorating condition and the concentration of minority low-income persons. At this writing, the CDBG Housing Program only operates in those two specific and designated areas. Additionally, the social service funding, designated to the Community-Wide Clean-Up Project, will provide trash and debris clean-up and haul services in the designated Housing Target Areas. The Community-Wide Clean-Up Project area is a low-moderate income area (LMA) designated activity, as confirmed by Census Tract data. The funding is designated into these two target areas to assist in bringing these areas into an appropriate living environment, and to improve the affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing stock in the community where there is a concentration of low-income citizens. See maps attached for the CDBG Housing Target Areas low-income and minority concentration. These areas have been neglected, for so long, that it is the City's intent to continue the Program operating in these areas for some time.

The cost of debris haul is many times outside what a typical low-income family can afford. Large items and environmentally concerning items, such as, tires, paint, refrigerators, and the like are not only costly to dispose of but many residents lack the knowledge of where to dispose of the items. Many of the residents in these Target Areas are seniors and persons with disabilities. They specifically need assistance with disposing of heavy trash or environmentally concerning items.

Trash and debris needing to be hauled away ends up piled along the side of roads near where children play barefoot. Water stands where the debris is piled, causing mosquito problems and an unpleasant smell. The issue can become so overwhelming that it becomes a health and safety issue for the entire community.

A Community Wide Clean-Up Project will provide the assistance needed, funding related to the collection and disposal, and will enhance the neighborhood and provide a safer and more sanitary improved living environment.

Economic Development / 2010 and Five Year Goals

Priority: Create Economic opportunities, eliminate slum and blight, and restore and preserve historical buildings to enhance the downtown environment. Economic Opportunity.

Objective #4: Create Economic Opportunities

HUD Objective #3 – Creating Economic Opportunities

Outcome #3 – Sustainability

Outcome Statement: During the 2010 grant cycle, the City will use \$113,440 in CDBG funds for the repayment of principal and interest due on the Section 108 Guaranteed Loan proceeds used to rehabilitate commercial facades on downtown buildings to assist businesses in a targeted downtown area, and will provide \$52,000 in funding for the revitalization of one (1) downtown building façade, for the purpose of developing and sustaining economic opportunities in the area. During the 2010 grant cycle the façade program will be completed. This project provides sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

The City of Conroe City Council and the CDBG Advisory Committee recognize the importance of the downtown business district as the heart of Conroe. They also recognize that an economically viable downtown area will benefit all citizens. The City applied for Section 108 Loan Guarantee Funds to facilitate the revitalization of the central business district. The City was awarded \$1,850,000 in funds to be re-paid from future CDBG funds at the rate of approximately \$150,000 per year for 20 years. Because this area is a blighted and deteriorating area and is located in an area where the population meets low and moderate income guidelines, this activity meets the HUD National Objectives 570.208 (a)(1) benefiting low and moderate income persons on an area basis. The Facade Improvement Program provides incentives in the form of forgivable loans to encourage downtown property owners to be involved in this effort to correct code enforcement issues; improve the aesthetics of the downtown area; and provide more accessible goods and services to citizens of the surrounding neighborhoods and the citizens of Conroe and Montgomery County. By improving the buildings and aesthetics of downtown Conroe, it will help attract more retail business and present job opportunities for people from all walks of life. The City will commit approximately \$150,000 of its CDBG funding, annually each year for the five year period for a total of approximately \$750,000 to apply to payment of principal and interest of the Section 108 indebtedness.

Consistent with the City's commitment to repay the funds, the 2010 Action Plan will fund \$113,000 for the repayment of the Section 108 indebtedness. The 2010 Action Plan will fund \$52,000 for the revitalization of one (1) building façade in the Downtown Target Area.

2010 Year Goals:

- ◆ Meet planned repayment goal \$150,000 in debt retirement on the 108 Loan Principal. Complete 1 building under the façade program.
- ◆ Revitalize one building façade in Downtown Low-Income Target Area utilizing \$52,000 of CDBG funding.

Five Year Goals:

- ◆ Meet planned repayment schedule of \$750,000 in debt retirement on the 108 Loan Principal. Complete façade program for downtown businesses.
- ◆ Revitalize one building façade in Downtown Low-Income Target Area utilizing \$52,000 of CDBG funding.

Also, please see the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook and the Project Map in the Year 1 Additional Files.

CDBG Administration:

The CDBG Office is located in the Conroe Tower, where many City offices are located, including the Office of the Mayor and the City Council Chambers. The specific office address is 300 West Davis, Suite 535, Conroe, Texas 77301. The mailing address is City of Conroe, Nancy S. Mikeska, CDBG Coordinator, P.O. Box 3066 Conroe, TX 77305. The CDBG Coordinator, Nancy S. Mikeska is the CDBG contact person and designated HUD liaison for the City of Conroe. Ms. Mikeska is responsible for the administration of the program and the accountability of the funding, with support from CDBG staff and City staff at many levels.

CDBG funds will also be used to fund the salaries and related benefits of staff and the general administrative costs of overhead to facilitate the use of entitlement funds over each year during the 5 year period. The City of Conroe City Council has the philosophy that the more assistance the City can provide, the more grant funds can go to benefit the community. Therefore, the City of Conroe General Fund Revenues will continue to support a portion of the CDBG General Fund budget. The amount of this support is decided on an annual basis based on annual entitlement funds received from HUD, as well as program and department needs.

For the 2010 program year, the CDBG General Fund Administration budget is approximately \$170,000. The City will commit \$44,436 in General Funds Revenue to cover a portion of the cost of the CDBG program delivery over the \$125,564, which is the 20% administration and planning cap. This commitment of precious General Fund dollars demonstrates the City of Conroe's strong desire to provide a quality CDBG program.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Program Year One Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy Response:

The City of Conroe has adopted the following Antipoverty Strategy:

- Expand the inventory of safe, decent, affordable shelter available to low-income residents.
- Fund public service activities that enhance the quality of life and educate and encourage self-sufficiency for low-income residents.

- Create jobs for low-income residents. Provide assistance to businesses that create jobs for low-income persons.

All of these strategies are discussed throughout this Action Plan as to how the City will address each strategy and how other appropriate public and private agencies will enhance and expand the City's efforts to prevent poverty and assist those living at poverty levels to experience a relief from poverty conditions. The City will continue to analyze existing information and data to identify the problems and needs facing poverty-level families in the City. The City will encourage existing networks of social service providers to expand their efforts to coordinate referrals and services to address the needs of poverty-level families. In addition, the City will encourage local social service providers to establish and expand case management systems for poverty-level families. The primary project funded by the City to address poverty prevention is the housing program, which provides an opportunity for affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing and prevents families from slipping into, or further into, poverty.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Specific Objectives Response:

At this time, the City does not receive specific special needs funding from a federal source. However, the following information is provided because the City does recognize and support in many ways initiatives to assist various special needs programs.

HIV/AIDS

The Family Service Center provides counseling and support services for families and individuals coping with AIDS. They provide individual, couples, and family counseling. Fees are based on ability to pay and they accept Medicaid and Medicare.

St. Hope Foundation's Conroe clinic only provides services to persons infected with HIV and AIDS. In 2009, they served more than 169 unduplicated patients/clients with ultrasounds, blood-work, partners testing, HIV care, transportation to other Doctors, and Doctor and/or Dentist referrals. St. Hope has a full pantry and provides groceries on Wednesdays. They also help patients with paperwork to receive help with prescriptions through the State program.

Domestic Violence

The Montgomery County Women's Center is a private, nonprofit agency, which provides crisis support services and shelter to victims of family violence or sexual assault and abuse. The Center is an emergency shelter for the homeless and is more particularly described under the Homeless Strategic Plan section. They also provide rape crisis counseling for non-residential women and cell phones for 911 calling under Project Even. Family Violence Outreach and the Rape Crisis Program are part of The Women Center's non-residential counseling and advocacy program for victims of family violence that provides counseling and support group services in the City of Conroe. The Women's Center also provides transitional housing for women needing longer term assistance with housing in order to continue their growth to independency, in their Reaching Pines facility.

Disabled and Mentally Retarded

Tri-County MHMR Service is also more fully described under the Homeless Strategic Plan section. Tri-County offers assessment, case management, screening and referral, counseling, therapy, training, community living skills program, respite services, short-term inpatient care in community psychiatric hospitals in crisis situations, family support, psychosocial rehabilitation, medication, and substance abuse treatment services. Tri-County also offers work site programs, which provide training in a structured setting designed to prepare mentally retarded or mentally ill individuals for work.

Bridgewood Farms is a non-profit organization that provides adult education for the mentally retarded. Approximately 140 clients are enrolled in adult education, ceramics, horticulture, greenhouse, pre-vocational training and ability learning programs. They also provide a monthly dance for clients to socialize. Many of their hand-made items are sold nationwide to help support these programs.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Montgomery/Walker Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse strives to offer drug and alcohol counseling to ex-offenders and offenders from the Department of Criminal Justice.

The Conroe Club is the coordinator of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Al-Anon, and Narcotics Anonymous (NA). The Conroe Club offers counseling services and group sessions to recovering alcohol and narcotic drugs abusers. AA holds session three times per day Monday through Sunday (7 days a week). AA has approximately 450 active and regular members. Narcotics Anonymous provides sessions three times a day Monday through Sunday (7 days a week). NA has more than 325 active and regular members. Al-Anon offers sessions three times per week and has more than 20 active and regular members. Al-Teen is a program for 9 years old and older, youth, that meets twice a week and offers an opportunity for youth with alcohol related issues to receive specific age appropriate assistance. There are approximately 20 teens participating in Al-Teens.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2008 nationally, there were 37,261 driving fatalities, of which 11,773 drivers had been alcohol impaired. Further 2,739 of the alcohol impaired fatalities were drivers between the ages of 15 to 20 which is about 23 %, with 276 of these from Texas. Teenagers are involved in 3 times as many fatal alcohol related crashes as older drivers. According to the Center of Disease Control, in 2009, an estimated 41.8% of youth consumed alcohol, (more than just a few sips). Statistics have shown that Nationwide, it is estimated that in 2008, 1,280 juveniles were arrested for murder, 3,340 for forcible rape, and 56,000 for aggravated assault. In 2008 of students in grades 7 through 12, 72.5 % had ever used alcohol and 41.8 % had drunk alcohol in the last

Project Name Administration		
Description:	IDIS Project #: 1 UOG Code: TX481158 CONROE The City of Conroe will provide the administration and coordination of the 2008 Community Development Block Grant program.	
Location: 300 W. Davis, Suite 535, Conroe, Texas 77301	Priority Need Category Select one: Planning/Administration ▼ Explanation: Reasonable costs and expenditures to administer the program with current staff and some outside resources.	
Completion Date: 9/30/2011	Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	Specific Objectives 1 2 3	
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed Underway Complete
	Proposed Outcome N/A	
	Performance Measure N/A	
	Actual Outcome N/A	
	21A General Program Administration 570.206 Matrix Codes ▼	
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Program Year 1	CDBG ▼ posed Amt. 125,564	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.
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Program Year 2	CDBG ▼ posed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼ Proposed Amt.
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Program Year 3	CDBG	▼ posed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Program Year 4	CDBG	▼ posed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Program Year 5	Fund Source:	▼ posed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Project Name: Section 108 Loan Guarantee Repayment					
Description:	IDIS Project #: 2 UOG Code: TX481158 CONROE				
Repay Section 108 Loan Guarantee assistance in the amount of \$1,850,000 at the rate of \$150,000 per year for 20 years from future CDBG funds. Funds will be drawn under one of two national objectives; 570.208(a)(1) benefitting low and moderate income persons on an area basis, or 570.208(b)(1) prevention or elimination of slum and blight on an area basis as approved by HUD on a loan by loan basis.					
Location: 300 West Davis, Suite 535 and a 9 block designated target area in downtown Conroe, TX.	Priority Need Category Select one: Economic Development				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011	Explanation: The City of Conroe will provide monies in the form of forgivable loans to property owners in the 9 block area around the downtown square for façade improvements, correction of code violations, handicapped accessibility, historical preservation and abatement of hazardous substances.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons 2 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	08 Businesses	Proposed	10	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete	10		Complete
	13 Jobs	Proposed	10	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete	10		Complete
	01 People	Proposed	100	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete	100		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Provide Economic Opportunity Through	Number of commercial façadetreatment/business	10 Commercial Buildings have received façade renovations			
19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes				
Program Year 1	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	113,441	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
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Program Year 2	CDBG	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
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Program Year 4	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Program Year 5	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Project Name: Housing Relocation and Reconstruction					
Description:	IDIS Project #: 3 UOG Code: TX481158 CONROE				
The City will reconstruct single-family owner-occupied houses, when appropriate, in the low to moderate income target areas of the City and provide temporary relocation assistance on a case by case basis.					
Location: Ct: 693900 BG: 1 Cty 48339 Ct: 693100 BG: 1, 2, 3, 4 Cty 48339	Priority Need Category Select one: Owner Occupied Housing				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011	Explanation: The City of Conroe will provide forgivable loans to homeowners in the Housing Target areas of the City to demolish and reconstruct their homes that are too debilitated to rehabilitate. These homeowners will be temporarily relocated on an as needed basis.				
Objective Category <input checked="" type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the quality of owner housing 2 3				
Project-level Accomplishments	10 Housing Units	Proposed	10	Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type:	Proposed		Accompl. Type:	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Affordability for the purpose of providing	Number of Households assisted	___ Houses completed and ___ Underway			
14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes	Matrix Codes			
Program Year 1	CDBG	Proposed Amt.	316,817	Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	CDBG	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	10 Housing Units	Proposed Units	2	Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
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Program Year 2	CDBG	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source:	Proposed Amt.
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	10 Housing Units	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	Proposed Units
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Program Year 3	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	10 Housing Units	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units	
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Program Year 4	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Program Year 5	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.	
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount	
	10 Housing Units	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units	
			Actual Units					Actual Units	
Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			
		Actual Units				Actual Units			

Project Name: Cost Of Housing Rehabilitation		
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX481158 CONROE	
The City of Conroe will provide reasonable costs for the administration of the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Program. Reasonable costs for expenditures directly related to the housing program.		
Location: 300 West Davis, Suite 535, Conroe, Texas 77301	Priority Need Category Select one: Other <input type="text"/>	
Completion Date 9/30/2011	Explanation: During the 2010, the City of Conroe will use \$10,000 in CDBG funds to facilitate the CDBG Housing Relocation Program. The City of Conroe will provide reasonable costs for the administration of the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Relocation Program. Reasonable costs for expenditures directly related to the housing program, include, but are not limited to: staff, title searches, title determinations, and property surveys.	
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives	
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 <input type="text"/> 2 <input type="text"/> 3 <input type="text"/>	
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed 1 <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Underway <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Complete <input type="text"/>
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome
N/A	N/A	N/A
14H Rehabilitation Administration 570.202 <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	Matrix Codes <input type="text"/>	
Program Year 1	CDBG <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. 10,000	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/>	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>
	04 Households <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>
Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>	
Program Year 2	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/>	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>
	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/>	Fund Source: <input type="text"/> Proposed Amt. <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Amount <input type="text"/>
	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>
Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>	Accompl. Type: <input type="text"/> Proposed Units <input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Actual Units <input type="text"/>	

Program Year 3	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
Program Year 4	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Other ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
Program Year 5	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	

Project Name: Downtown Revitalization				
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX481158 CONROE			
Provide funds to at least one building owner in the 9 block area around the downtown square for facade improvements, correction of code violations, handicapped accessibility, historical preservation and abatement of hazardous substances. This designated area is a Census Tract confirmed low-income area (LMA) and the projects qualifies under national objective; 570.208(a)(1) benefitting low and moderate income persons on an area basis.				
Location:	Priority Need Category			
300 West Davis, Suite 535 and a 9 block designated target area in downtown Conroe, TX.	Select one: Economic Development ▼			
Expected Completion Date:	Explanation:			
9/30/2011	The City of Conroe will provide monies in the form of forgivable loans to property owners in the 9 block area around the downtown square for façade improvements, correction of code violations, handicapped accessibility, historical preservation and abatement of hazardous substances.			
Objective Category	Specific Objectives			
<input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	1 Improve economic opportunities for low-income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼			
Outcome Categories				
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability				
Project-level Accomplishments	08 Businesses ▼	Proposed 1	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	13 Jobs ▼	Proposed 1	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
	01 People ▼	Proposed 25	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway		Underway
		Complete		Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
Provide Economic Opportunity Through	Number of commercial façadetreatment/business	_ Commercial Buildings have received façade renovations		
14E Rehab; Publicly or Privately-Owned Commercial/Indu 570.2 ▼	Matrix Codes	▼		
Matrix Codes	▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes	▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. 52,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units 1	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units

Program Year 3	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount						Actual Amount	
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			
			Actual Units				Actual Units			
Program Year 4	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount						Actual Amount	
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			
			Actual Units				Actual Units			
Program Year 5	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount						Actual Amount	
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			
			Actual Units				Actual Units			

Project Name: Community-Wide Clean-Up Project					
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: TX4811158 CONROE				
The City of Conroe will fund a Community-Wide Clean-Up Project to pick-up and haul trash and debris from the designated low-income CDBG Housing Target Areas. The project will benefit an entire low-income area, which includes seniors, adults, children, and the disabled, who are typically, in this area, minority and very low-income.					
Location: Ct: 693100 BG: 1, 2, 3, 4 Cty 48339100 Ct: 693900 BG: 1, 2, 3, 4 Cty 48339100	Priority Need Category Select one: Public Services ▼ Explanation:				
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2011	Funding a Clean-Up Project will improve and expand services to these low-income target areas by providing services that typically this neighborhood would not be able to afford. The cost of disposing of debris, garbage, trash and junk is many times outside what a low-income family can afford.				
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives				
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1 Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2 ▼ 3 ▼				
Project-level Accomplishments	Other ▼	Proposed	1	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	01 People ▼	Proposed	50	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed
		Underway			Underway
		Complete			Complete
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome			
Enhance Suitable Living Environment through	Cleaned Benefit Area	1 Clean-Up Project - 1 Area Cleaned-Up 50 Persons			
05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼			
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	10,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	01 People ▼	Proposed Units	50	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
	Actual Units			Actual Units	
Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount
	01 People ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units			Actual Units
Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
	Actual Units			Actual Units	

Program Year 3	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount						Actual Amount	
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	01 People	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 4	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	01 People	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 5	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	01 People	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		

Section 108 Projects Worksheet

Grantee Name **City of Conroe**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION					FINANCIAL DATA							ELIGIBILITY AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVE	
Grantee Name	ST	Section 108 Project Number	Project Name	EDI or BEDI Grant Number (if applicable)	108 Loan Amount	108 Amount Advanced Through 9/30/06	108 Project Amount (for multiple projects)	EDI or BEDI Grant Amount	Other CDBG	Total CDBG Assistance (Columns F+I+J)	Have EDI or BEDI funds been drawn (Y/N)	National Objective Code	IDIS Matrix Code
ABILENE	TX	B-94-MC-48-0001			7,000,000	2,393,000				7,000,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
AUSTIN	TX	B-01-MC-48-0500			6,030,000	5,240,000				6,030,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
AUSTIN	TX	B-94-MC-48-0500-A			9,035,000	7,930,000				9,035,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
CONROE	TX	B-01-MC-48-0038	Façade Program		1,850,000	1,850,000				1,850,000		LMA ▼	14E Rehab: Publicly or Privately-Owned Commercial/Industrial ▼
DALLAS	TX	B-93-MC-48-0009			25,000,000	25,000,000				25,000,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
DALLAS	TX	B-94-MC-48-0009			25,000,000	24,480,000				25,000,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
HOUSTON	TX	B-94-MC-48-0018			#####	28,085,000				#####		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
PROVO	UT	B-00-MC-49-0003			3,500,000	3,500,000				3,500,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
WEST VALLEY	UT	B-01-MC-49-0006			3,400,000	3,297,000				3,400,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
CHESAPEAKE	VA	B-95-MC-51-0010			6,830,000	3,820,000				6,830,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
FAIRFAX COUNT	VA	B-95-UC-51-0001			1,000,000	567,000				1,000,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
LYNCHBURG	VA	B-00-MC-51-0014			3,200,000	2,222,000				3,200,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
RICHMOND	VA	B-92-MC-51-0019			15,000,000	9,350,000				15,000,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
BURLINGTON	VT	B-02-MC-50-0001			3,755,000	2,295,000				3,755,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
PORT TOWNSE	WA	B-01-DC-53-0001			1,000,000	1,000,000				1,000,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
SEATTLE	WA	B-02-MC-53-0005			15,500,000	9,316,000				15,500,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
TACOMA	WA	B-95-MC-53-0007			7,500,000	5,680,000				7,500,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
YAKIMA	WA	B-02-MC-53-0008			4,000,000	3,310,000				4,000,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
HUNTINGTON	WV	B-01-MC-54-0002			1,600,000	1,600,000				1,600,000		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
										0		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼
										0		NOC: ▼	Section 108 Matrix Codes ▼

TABLE 3B ANNUAL HOUSING COMPLETION GOALS

ANNUAL AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)	Annual Expected Number Completed	Resources used during the period			
		CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
Acquisition of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Production of new units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rehabilitation of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Rental Goals		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE OWNER HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Acquisition of existing units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Production of new units		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rehabilitation of existing units	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homebuyer Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Owner Goals	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS (SEC. 215)					
Homeless		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Homeless	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Needs	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Affordable Housing	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNUAL HOUSING GOALS					
Annual Rental Housing Goal		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Owner Housing Goal	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Annual Housing Goal	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For the purpose of identification of annual goals, an assisted household is one that will receive benefits through the investment of Federal funds, either alone or in conjunction with the investment of other public or private funds.



Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
DH-2 Affordability of Decent Housing							
DH-2 (1)	Specific Objective Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing for 10 owner-occupied units over the next 5 years by reconstruction when rehab is not feasible in specific housing target areas of the City..	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #1				#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2					#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3					#DIV/0!
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL				0	#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #1 CDBG	Performance Indicator #2	2010	2	0	0%
		Source of Funds #2		2011	2	0	0%
		Source of Funds #3		2012	2	0	0%
				2013	2	0	0%
				2014	2	0	0%
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL				10	0	0%
	Specific Annual Objective Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing for at least 2 owner-occupied units per year for 5 years through reconstruction when rehab is not feasible in specific housing target areas of the City.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2005			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #2		2006			#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #3		2007			#DIV/0!
				2008			#DIV/0!
				2009			#DIV/0!
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0	#DIV/0!	



Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed		
SL-3 Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment									
SL-3 (1)	Specific Objective A Community-Wide Clean-Up Project that would be an annual or bi-annual event in the Housing Target Areas. An in-house type project where CDBG funding is paying for the disposal costs of the debris. We recommend CDBG funding in the amount of \$10,000, which may used over several grant cycles or until funds are no longer available.	Source of Funds #1 CDBG	Performance Indicator #1	2010	1		0%		
		Source of Funds #2		2011			#DIV/0!		
		Source of Funds #3		2012			#DIV/0!		
				2013			#DIV/0!		
			2014			#DIV/0!			
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0	#DIV/0!
		Specific Annual Objective A Community Wide Clean Up Project that would be an annual or bi-annual event in the Housing Target Areas. An in-house type project where CDBG funding is paying for the disposal costs of the debris. CDBG funding in the amount of \$10,000, which may be used over several grant cycles or until funds are no longer available.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #2				#DIV/0!	
			Source of Funds #2					#DIV/0!	
			Source of Funds #3					#DIV/0!	
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0	#DIV/0!	
	Source of Funds #1		Performance Indicator #3				#DIV/0!		
	Source of Funds #2						#DIV/0!		
	Source of Funds #3					#DIV/0!			
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0	#DIV/0!	



Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed	
EO-3 Sustainability of Economic Opportunity								
EO-3 (1)	Specific Objective Repayment of principal and interest due on the Section 108 Guarantee Loan proceeds used to rehabilitate commercial facades on downtown buildings to assist businesses in a targeted area for the purpose of developing and sustaining economic opportunities in the area.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #1	2010			#DIV/0!	
				2011			#DIV/0!	
		Source of Funds #2		2012			#DIV/0!	
				2013			#DIV/0!	
		Source of Funds #3		2014			#DIV/0!	
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0	#DIV/0!
		Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #2	2010			#DIV/0!	
				2011			#DIV/0!	
		Source of Funds #2		2012			#DIV/0!	
		2013				#DIV/0!		
	Source of Funds #3	2014				#DIV/0!		
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0	#DIV/0!	
	Specific Annual Objective Repayment of principal and interest due on the Section 108 Guarantee Loan proceeds used to rehabilitate commercial facades on downtown buildings to assist businesses in a targeted area for the purpose of developing and sustaining economic opportunities in the area at the rate of \$160,000 per year.	Source of Funds #1 CDBG	Performance Indicator #3	2010	1	0	0%	
				2011	1	0	0%	
		Source of Funds #2		2012	1	0	0%	
				2013	1	0	0%	
		Source of Funds #3		2014	1	0	0%	
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0	#DIV/0!



Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed		
EO-3 Sustainability of Economic Opportunity									
EO-3 (2)	Specific Objective-Assist at least one additional business owner with façade assistance funding, in the amount of \$52,000. These funds are the residual 108 Loan Proceeds that are now reflected in the CDBG Budget and were previously committed to downtown revitalization.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #1	2010			#DIV/0!		
				2011			#DIV/0!		
		Source of Funds #2		2012			#DIV/0!		
				2013			#DIV/0!		
		Source of Funds #3		2014			#DIV/0!		
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0	#DIV/0!	
		Source of Funds #1		Performance Indicator #2	2010			#DIV/0!	
					2011			#DIV/0!	
		Source of Funds #2			2012			#DIV/0!	
		2013				#DIV/0!			
	Source of Funds #3	2014				#DIV/0!			
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0	#DIV/0!	
	Specific Objective-Assist at least one additional business owner with façade assistance funding, in the amount of \$52,000. These funds are the residual 108 Loan Proceeds that are now reflected in the CDBG Budget and were previously committed to downtown revitalization.	Source of Funds #1 CDBG	Performance Indicator #3		2010	1		0%	
					2011	1		0%	
		Source of Funds #2			2012	1		0%	
				2013	1		0%		
		Source of Funds #3		2014	1		0%		
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0	#DIV/0!	

Housing Needs Table		Grantee: City of Conroe														Priority Need?	Plan to Fund?	Fund Source	Households with a Disabled Member		Disproportionate Racial/Ethnic Need?	# of Households in lead-Hazard Housing	Total Low Income HIV/AIDS Population				
		Only complete blue sections. Do NOT type in sections other than blue.																	% HSHLD	# HSHLD							
		Current % of Households	Current Number of Households	3-5 Year Quantities																				% of Goal			
Year 1				Year 2		Year 3		Year 4*		Year 5*		Cumulative															
		Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual												
Household Income <=30% MFI	Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		100%	353										0	0	####	L	N		100%	2200	No	2819	2	
			Any housing problems		66.3	234										0	0	####	L	N		43.6	959				
			Cost Burden > 30%		66.3	234										0	0	####	L	N							
			Cost Burden >50%		49.3	174										0	0	####	L	N							
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		100%	534										0	0	####	L	N						No		
		With Any Housing Problems		75.7	404										0	0	####	L	N								
		Cost Burden > 30%		66.3	354										0	0	####	L	N								
		Cost Burden >50%		54.3	290										0	0	####	L	N								
	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		100%	227										0	0	####	L	N						Yes		
		With Any Housing Problems		93.8	213										0	0	####	L	N								
		Cost Burden > 30%		67.4	153										0	0	####	L	N								
		Cost Burden >50%		23.8	54										0	0	####	L	N								
	All other hshld	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		100%	399										0	0	####	L	N						No		
		With Any Housing Problems		79.9	319										0	0	####	L	N								
		Cost Burden > 30%		78.9	315										0	0	####	L	N								
		Cost Burden >50%		62.7	250										0	0	####	L	N								
	Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		100%	244									1	1	1	1	1	5	0	0%	H	Y	C		
			With Any Housing Problems		61.1	149										0	0	####	H	N							
			Cost Burden > 30%		57	139										0	0	####	H	N							
			Cost Burden >50%		30.7	75										0	0	####	H	N							
Small Related		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		100%	183										1	1	1	1	0	1	5	0	0%	H	Y	C	No
		With Any Housing Problems		83.6	153										0	0	####	H	N								
		Cost Burden > 30%		78.1	143										0	0	####	H	N								
		Cost Burden >50%		62.3	114										0	0	####	H	N								
related		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		100%	82										0	0	####	M	N						No		
		With Any Housing Problems		95.1	78										0	0	####	M	N								

		Household Income >50 to <=80% MFI																									
Owner	Large F	Cost Burden > 30%	36.3	74											0	0	####	M	N								
		Cost Burden >50%	4.9	10												0	0	####	M	N							
	All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	100																				Yes			
		With Any Housing Problems	70	70												0	0	####	M	N							
		Cost Burden > 30%	70	70												0	0	####	M	N							
		Cost Burden >50%	55	55												0	0	####	M	N							
	Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	193																			100%	806	No	2548
			With Any Housing Problems	61.7	119												0	0	####	L	N			16.6	134		
			Cost Burden > 30%	61.7	119												0	0	####	L	N						
			Cost Burden >50%	25.9	50												0	0	####	L	N						
		Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	584																						No
			With Any Housing Problems	40.1	234												0	0	####	L	N						
			Cost Burden > 30%	16.1	94												0	0	####	L	N						
			Cost Burden >50%	2.6	15												0	0	####	L	N						
Large Related		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	217																						No	
		With Any Housing Problems	84.3	183												0	0	####	L	N							
		Cost Burden > 30%	3.7	8												0	0	####	L	N							
		Cost Burden >50%	1.8	4												0	0	####	L	N							
All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	445																						No		
	With Any Housing Problems	29.2	130												0	0	####	L	N								
	Cost Burden > 30%	22.5	100												0	0	####	L	N								
	Cost Burden >50%	0	0												0	0	####	L	N								
Owner related	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	254																					No		
		With Any Housing Problems	15.4	39												0	0	####	L	N							
		Cost Burden > 30%	15.4	39												0	0	####	L	N							
		Cost Burden >50%	3.9	10												0	0	####	L	N							
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	515																						No	
		With Any Housing Problems	48.5	250												0	0	####	L	N							
		Cost Burden > 30%	28.2	145												0	0	####	L	N							
	related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	285																						No	
		With Any Housing Problems	57.9	165												0	0	####	L	N							

All other household	Large F	Cost Burden > 30%	12.3	35										0	0	####	L	N			
		Cost Burden > 50%	0	0											0	0	####	L	N		
All other household	Large F	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	135																	
		With Any Housing Problems	48.1	65											0	0	####	L	N		
		Cost Burden > 30%	48.1	65											0	0	####	L	N		
All other household	Large F	Cost Burden > 50%	11.1	15										0	0	####	L	N			
		Total Any Housing Problem		4166	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	10	0					
		Total 215 Renter														0					
All other household	Large F	Total 215 Owner													0						
		Total 215			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					

City of Conroe Housing and Community Development Activities		Needs	Current	Gap	5-Year Quantities										% of Goal	Priority Need	Dollars to Address	Plan to Fund? Y/N	Fund Source		
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5							Cumulative	
					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual						Goal	Actual
01 Acquisition of Real Property 570.201		0	0	0										0	0	##					
02 Disposition 570.201(b)		0	0	0										0	0	##					
Public Facilities and Improvements	03 Public Facilities and Improvements	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03A Senior Centers 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03B Handicapped Centers 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03C Homeless Facilities (not operating)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03D Youth Centers 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03E Neighborhood Facilities 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03G Parking Facilities 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03H Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03I Flood Drain Improvements 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03J Water/Sewer Improvements 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03L Sidewalks 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03M Child Care Centers 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03N Tree Planting 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	03O Fire Stations/Equipment 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
03P Health Facilities 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##						
03Q Abused and Neglected Children Facilities	0	0	0										0	0	##						
03R Asbestos Removal 570.201(c)	0	0	0										0	0	##						
03S Facilities for AIDS Patients (not operating)	0	0	0										0	0	##						
03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AID	0	0	0										0	0	##						
04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(c)		10	0	10			0	0						0	0	##	H		N		
04A Clean-up of Contaminated Sites 570.201(c)		0	0	0										0	0	##					
Services	05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05A Senior Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05B Handicapped Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05C Legal Services 570.201(E)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05D Youth Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05E Transportation Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05F Substance Abuse Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05G Battered and Abused Spouses Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05H Employment Training 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05I Crime Awareness 570.201(e)	0	0	0										0	0	##					
	05J Fair Housing Activities (if CDBG, t	0	0	0										0	0	##					

Public	05K Tenant/Landlord Counseling 570.201(e)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05L Child Care Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	##				
	05M Health Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05O Mental Health Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05P Screening for Lead-Based Paint/Lead	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05Q Subsistence Payments 570.204	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05R Homeownership Assistance (not including 570.201)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05S Rental Housing Subsidies (if HOME, not 570.201)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	05T Security Deposits (if HOME, not 570.201)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	06 Interim Assistance 570.201(f)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	07 Urban Renewal Completion 570.201(g)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
	08 Relocation 570.201(i)	0	0	0								0	0	##				
09 Loss of Rental Income 570.201(j)	0	0	0								0	0	##					
10 Removal of Architectural Barriers 570.201(k)	0	0	0								0	0	##					
11 Privately Owned Utilities 570.201(l)	0	0	0								0	0	##					
12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m)	0	0	0								0	0	##					
13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n)	0	0	0								0	0	##					
14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202(a)	61	#	51	2	5	2	4	2	2	0	2	10	#	##	H	820,000	Y	C
14B Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
14C Public Housing Modernization 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
14D Rehab; Other Publicly-Owned Residential 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
14E Rehab; Publicly or Privately-Owned Residential 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
14F Energy Efficiency Improvements 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
14G Acquisition - for Rehabilitation 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
14H Rehabilitation Administration 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
14I Lead-Based/Lead Hazard Test/Abatement 570.202(a)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
15 Code Enforcement 570.202(c)	1	0	1	3								0	0	##	H		N	
16A Residential Historic Preservation 570.202(d)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
16B Non-Residential Historic Preservation 570.202(d)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
17A CI Land Acquisition/Disposition 570.202(e)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
17B CI Infrastructure Development 570.202(e)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
17C CI Building Acquisition, Construction, or Rehabilitation 570.202(e)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
17D Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements 570.202(e)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to Individuals 570.202(f)	7	5	2	1	3	2		1		1		1	0%	##	H	52000	Y	C
18B ED Technical Assistance 570.202(f)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance 570.202(f)	5	0	5	3								0	0	##	L		N	
19A HOME Admin/Planning Costs of Project 570.202(g)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
19B HOME CHDO Operating Costs (not including 570.202(g)) 570.202(g)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
19C CDBG Non-profit Organization Capacity Building 570.202(h)	2	0	2	3								0	0	##	H		N	
19D CDBG Assistance to Institutes of Higher Education 570.202(h)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
19E CDBG Operation and Repair of Federally Owned Buildings 570.202(h)	0	0	0	3								0	0	##				
19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loans 570.202(i)	18	2	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	#	##	H	800,000	Y	C

	19G Unplanned Repayment of Section	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	19H State CDBG Technical Assistance	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	20 Planning 570.205	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	21A General Program Administration	5	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	##	H	500,000	Y	C
	21B Indirect Costs 570.206	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	21E Submissions or Applications for F	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	21F HOME Rental Subsidy Payments (0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	21G HOME Security Deposits (subject	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	21H HOME Admin/Planning Costs of P	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	21I HOME CHDO Operating Expenses	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	22 Unprogrammed Funds	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
HOPWA	31J Facility based housing – developm	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	31K Facility based housing - operation	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	31G Short term rent mortgage utility	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	31F Tenant based rental assistance	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	31E Supportive service	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	31I Housing information services	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	31H Resource identification	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	31B Administration - grantee	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
31D Administration - project sponsor	0	0	0	3							0	0	##					
CDBG	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Rental assistance	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Production of new owner units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Homeownership assistance	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
HOME	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Rental assistance	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Production of new owner units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Homeownership assistance	0	0	0	3							0	0	##				
	Totals	109	#	92	5	3	4	8	4	5	4	3	4	21	#	##		



**CITY OF CONROE, TEXAS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY NEEDS AND
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FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE
2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

To build and strengthen new partnerships with State and local governments, and the private sector, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a single consolidated submission for the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other grant programs.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to require the City to state in one document its plan to pursue certain goals for the City of Conroe. The Consolidated Plan will serve the following functions:

- 1.) A planning document for the City, which builds on a participatory process,
- 2.) An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs,
- 3.) A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs, and
- 4.) An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance.

The City's new Five Year Consolidated Plan will cover the timeframe October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015. The City's 2010 CDBG Action Plan will cover the timeframe October 01, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

National Objectives for CDBG activities include, but are not limited to: 1) to provide benefits to low and moderate income persons; 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blighting conditions; and 3) meet urgent needs that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community which are of recent origin. Each activity funded shall meet one of these National Objectives and not less than 70 percent of the funds expended shall support activities benefiting low and moderate income persons. Types of eligible activities include: 1) the acquisition and disposition of

real property; 2) public facilities and improvements; 3) code enforcement, demolition and clearance activities; 4) public services; 5) relocation assistance; 6) removal of architectural barriers; 7) rehabilitation and preservation activities; 8) economic development activities; 9) special activities by sub-recipients; 10) home ownership assistance; 11) planning and capacity building; 12) housing rehabilitation and relocation; and 13) administrative costs.

The City of Conroe CDBG Department, pursuant to CDBG and HUD guidelines, will hold the first of three (3) Public Hearings on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. to receive citizen comments and input in identifying housing, community development, and social service needs for the CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan, and the 2010 Annual Action Plan. The Public Hearing will be held at the City of Conroe Activity Center, located at 1202 Callahan Avenue, Conroe, TX. For directions to the site, call the CDBG Office at (936) 522 3060.

The City of Conroe CDBG Department, pursuant to CDBG and HUD guidelines, will hold the second of three (3) Public Hearings on Wednesday, March 03, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. to receive citizen comments and input in identifying housing, community development, and social service needs for the CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan, and the 2010 Annual Action Plan. The Public Hearing will be held at the Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center, located at 100 Park Place, Conroe, TX. For directions to the site, call the CDBG Office at (936) 522 3060.

The City of Conroe CDBG Department, pursuant to CDBG and HUD guidelines, will hold the third and final Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. to receive citizen comments and input in identifying housing, community development, and social service needs for the CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan, and the 2010 Annual Action Plan. The Public Hearing will be held at The Conroe Tower/City Hall, located at 300 West Davis, First Floor, in Council Chambers, Conroe, TX. For directions to the site, call the CDBG Office at (936) 522 3060.

At the final hearing, on March 17th all projects to be considered for funding for the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan, must have a representative in attendance, must provide a written proposal, and must be prepared to answer questions from the public.

Conroe City Council, The Conroe CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee, and CDBG staff, will utilize these public hearings as tools to evaluate and prioritize the needs in the City of Conroe. The Public is encouraged to accept this opportunity to attend the hearings and provide input as to how CDBG dollars should be utilized in Conroe for the next five years. In the current Five Year Consolidated Plan (Programs Years 2004 through 2009), the City primarily focused on affordable housing.

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$574,949 through the HUD CDBG Entitlement Program to fund eligible activities for the 2010 Program Year. These activities must meet the HUD CDBG Program National Objectives.

The public is encouraged to attend the Public Hearings and/or submit written comments to Nancy S. Mikeska, City of Conroe, CDBG Coordinator, P.O. Box 3066 Conroe, Texas 77305.

Handicapped and non-English speaking persons that wish to attend a Public Hearing should contact Marla J. Porter, City Secretary, at (936) 522-3011 by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 18, 2010, for the February 24th hearing; by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 25th for the March 3rd hearing; or by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2010 for the March 17th hearing; so that accommodations can be made for interpretive services or other assistance.

In order for a project to be considered for 2010 funding, it must be presented at the Public Hearing on March 17th at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall. If you would like to present a project for 2010 consideration, would like to discuss a City of Conroe community need, or for general information, please call Nancy S. Mikeska, City of Conroe CDBG Coordinator at (936) 522-3060. Persons wishing to present a project must schedule a time to appear at the hearing. Presenters must bring a written proposal which includes the amount of funding requested, provide adequate documentation of the proposed need, and be prepared to answer questions regarding the proposed use of CDBG funds. Presenting at the Public Hearing does not guarantee funding dollars.



*Community Development
Block Grant Administration*

CITY OF CONROE

TO: SCOTT PERRY
OSCAR JOHNSON CENTER

FROM: NANCY S. MIKESKA
CDBG COORDINATOR

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2010

RE: POSTING FOR CDBG NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING
FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2010-2014
2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

In an attempt to reach as many citizens as possible, please post the attached notice on an easily accessible bulletin board for the public to view. The notice may be removed after March 17, 2010.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Conroe City Council, The Conroe CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee, and CDBG staff, will utilize these public hearings as tools to evaluate and prioritize the needs in the City of Conroe. The Public is encouraged to accept this opportunity to attend the hearings and provide input as to how CDBG dollars should be utilized in Conroe for the next five years. In the current Five Year Consolidated Plan (Programs Years 2004 through 2009), the City primarily focused on affordable housing.

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**City Of Conroe
Community Development Block Grant Department
2010 Consolidated Five Year Plan and Action Plan
Public Hearing/Needs Assessment
Conroe Activity Center
Wednesday, February 24, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

I. Introduction

To build and strengthen new partnerships with state and local governments and the private sector, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a single consolidated submission for the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Programs.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider the needs assessment of the Community and to obtain public input in regard to the prioritization of those needs. Additionally, the meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to hear presentations from social service providers and citizens seeking to be Subrecipients of Community Development Block Grant funds for the grant cycle 2010, or who would like to present a known need they have recognized in the City of Conroe as part of the City's needs assessment process. The public may address the priorities they feel the City should address through the Community Development Block Grant Funds during the next five year period. Additionally, the CDBG Department staff and Advisory Council will receive comments from the public regarding social service programs, housing and Community Development needs, including priority non-housing Community Development needs; and the development of proposed activities. Further, staff will receive comments from the public regarding the program performance in the City of Conroe or any other issues related to the CDBG Department that is of interest to the public.

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**CITY OF CONROE
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HEARING NUMBER THREE: MARCH 17, 2010 6:00 P.M.
300 W. DAVIS, CONROE TOWER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**CITY OF CONROE
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**PUBLIC HEARING/NEEDS ASSESSMENT
HEARING NUMBER ONE: FEBRUARY 24, 2010 6:00 P.M.
CONROE ACTIVITY CENTER**

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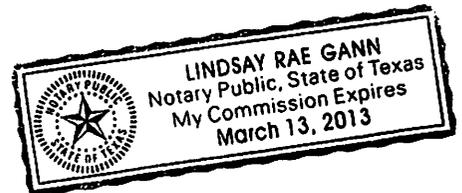
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The public is encouraged to attend the Public Hearings and or submit written comments to Nancy S. Mikeska, City of Conroe, CDBG Coordinator, P.O. Box 3066 Conroe, Texas 77305.

Handicapped and non-English speaking persons that wish to attend a Public Hearing should contact Marla J. Porter, City Secretary, at (936) 522-3011 by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 18, 2010, for the February 24th hearing; by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 25th for the March 3rd hearing, or by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2010 for the March 17th hearing; so that accommodations can be made for interpretive services or other assistance

In order for a project to be considered for 2010 funding, it must be presented at the Public Hearing on March 17th at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall. If you would like to present a project for 2010 consideration, would like to discuss a City of Conroe community need, or for general information, please call Nancy S. Mikeska, City of Conroe CDBG Coordinator at (936) 522-3060. Persons wishing to present a project must schedule a time to appear at the hearing. Presenters must bring a written proposal which includes the amount of funding requested, provide adequate documentation of the proposed need, and be prepared to answer questions regarding the proposed use of CDBG funds. Presenting at the Public Hearing does not guarantee funding dollars.

- a. Area Benefit Activities: An activity, the benefits of which are available to all the residents of an area, where at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the residents are low-income according to HUD. [Note: Area must be primarily residential in character.] or
 - b. Limited Clientele Activities: An activity which benefits a limited clientele, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of whom are low-income persons according to HUD;
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or
 3. Meet other urgent Community Development needs having a particular immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

III. Eligible Activities

CDBG funds may be used to carry out a wide range of Community Development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services. Funds may be used for the activities listed below:

- *Acquisition.* Acquisition in whole or in part of real property. Examples: Purchase of land easements, right-of-ways and buildings. This authority is subject to the limitation at 24 CFR 570.207(a)(1) which would preclude the acquisition cost attributable to a building to be used for the general conduct of government and 24 CFR 570.207(a)(3) which would preclude the acquisition of property to be used for political activities.
- *Public facilities and improvements.* Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation (including removal of architectural barriers to accessibility) or installation of public facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government) and improvements. Public Facilities and improvements include, but are not limited: Shelters for the Homeless, Water and Sewer Facilities, Flood and Drainage Improvements, Fire Protection Facilities/Equipment, Community, Senior, and Health Centers, Parking, Streets, Curbs, Gutters, and Sidewalks, Parks, and Playgrounds.
- *Clearance activities.* Demolition of buildings and improvements; removal of demolition products (rubble) and other debris; physical removal of environmental contaminants or treatment of such contaminants to render them harmless; and movement of structures to other sites.
- *Public services.* Provision of public services (including labor, supplies, materials and other costs), provided that the following criteria is met. The public service must be either: (1) a new service; or (2) a quantifiable increase in the level of a service above that which has been provided by



or on behalf of the unit of general local government within the prior twelve (12) months. This requirement is intended to prevent the substitution of CDBG funds for recent support of public services by local or State funds. [Note: The amount of CDBG funds used for public services can not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of each entitlement area's grant.]

- *Privately owned utilities.* CDBG funds may be used to acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or install the distribution lines and facilities of privately owned utilities. A privately-owned utility may be defined as a publicly-regulated service which is provided through the use of physical distribution lines to private properties and that is owned and operated by a non-public entity. Utilities include, but are not necessarily limited to, natural gas, electricity, telephone, water, sewer, and television cable services.
- *Construction of housing.* CDBG funds may be used only as last resort housing according to the provisions set forth in 24 CFR part 42 (Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition For Federal and Federally Assisted Programs) or when carried out by an entity that has received funding through a Housing Development Grant. [Note: Other than these two situations, new housing construction is ineligible under the CDBG Program, unless carried out under the authority of the basic eligibility category, 570.204(a), "Special Activities by CBDOs."]
- *Code enforcement.* CDBG funds may be used for code enforcement only in deteriorating or deteriorated areas where such enforcement, together with public or private improvements, rehabilitation, or services to be provided, may be expected to arrest the decline of the area. Code enforcement involves the payment of salaries and overhead costs directly related to the enforcement of state and/or local codes.
- *Homeownership assistance.* CDBG funds may be used to provide financial assistance to low- and very low-income households to assist them in the purchase of a home.
- *Microenterprise assistance.* Microenterprise means a business having five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the business. CDBG funds may be used to facilitate economic development through the establishment, stabilization and expansion of microenterprises including the provision of technical assistance to new or existing microenterprises or to persons developing a microenterprise, and general support to owners of microenterprises and persons developing microenterprises.
- *Planning and capacity building.* CDBG funds may be used for studies, analysis, data gathering, preparation of plans, and identification of actions that will implement plans.
- *Rehabilitation.* Costs of rehabilitation for residential (whether privately or publicly owned), commercial/industrial and other property such as



non-profit owned, nonresidential buildings and improvements that are not considered to be public facilities or improvements under 24 CFR 570.201(c). Eligible types of assistance include: costs of labor, materials, supplies and other expenses required for rehabilitation; financing; refinancing; property acquisition; security devices; insurance; conservation; water and sewer; tools; barrier removal; landscaping, sidewalks, and driveways; renovation of closed buildings; historic preservation; lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; rehabilitation services; and businesses in residences. [Note: Commercial or industrial property, but where such property is owned by a for-profit, rehabilitation under this category is limited to exterior improvements of the building and the correction of code violations.]

- *Special economic development.* CDBG funds may be used by a non-profit Subrecipient for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or installation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures and other related real property equipment and improvements. CDBG funds may be used to provide assistance to private for-profit entities for an activity determined to be appropriate to carry out an economic development project. This assistance may include, but is not limited to grants; loans; loan guarantees; interest supplements; technical assistance; or any other form except for those described as ineligible in 24 CFR 570.207(a), such as political activities. Economic development services in connection with the above subcategories, including outreach efforts to market available forms of assistance; screening of applicants; reviewing and underwriting applications for assistance; preparation of agreements; management of assisted activities; and the screening, referral, and placement of applicants for employment opportunities generated by CDBG-eligible economic development activities. The costs of providing necessary job training for persons filling those positions also may be provided. [Note: All activities under the category of Special Economic Development Activities at 24 CFR 570.203 must meet the level of public benefit as defined by HUD. The level of public benefit to be derived from the activity must be appropriate given the amount of CDBG assistance being provided given HUD standards.]
- *Special activities by Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDOs).* CDBG funds may be provided to qualified CBDOs to carry out neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, or energy conservation projects.
- *Other Miscellaneous Other Activities.*

Payment of the non-federal share. Payments for non-federal share of funding is available only for activities which are otherwise eligible for CDBG assistance. It should be noted that the authority to use CDBG funds for the non-federal share of another program does not override any specific restrictions against the use that may be contained in the statute or regulations of that program.



Urban renewal completion. Costs of completing an urban renewal project funded under Title 1 of the Housing Act of 1949.

Technical assistance. The use of CDBG funds to increase the capacity of public or non-profit entities to carry out eligible neighborhood revitalization or economic development activities.

Assistance to institutions of higher education. CDBG funds may be used to provide assistance to an institution of higher education (i.e., secondary schools or higher) when the grantee determines that such an institution has demonstrated a capacity to carry out activities that fall under one or more of the basic eligible activities under the CDBG Program.

Housing services. CDBG funds may be used to pay costs in support of activities eligible for funding under the HOME Program. This includes services such as housing counseling in connection with tenant-based rental assistance and affordable housing projects, energy auditing, preparation of work specifications, loan processing, inspections, tenant selection, management of tenant-based rental assistance, and other services related to assisting owners, tenants, contractors, and other entities participating or seeking to participate in the HOME Program.

Reconstruction. Reconstruction is generally defined as meaning the rebuilding of a structure on the same site in substantially the same manner. Deviations from the original design are permitted for reasons of safety or if otherwise impractical. The structure to be reconstructed may be residential or nonresidential, and either publicly- or privately-owned.

In Rem. CDBG funds can be used for housing units acquired through tax foreclosure proceedings. Specifically, essential repairs and payment of operating expenses needed to maintain the habitability of housing units acquired through tax foreclosure proceedings in order to prevent abandonment and deterioration of such housing in primarily low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Handicapped Accessibility. Projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the accessibility or mobility of elderly or handicapped persons.

IV. Ineligible Activities

The general rule is that any activity that is not authorized in the CDBG program regulations is ineligible for CDBG funding. The following outlines specific activities that may not be assisted with CDBG funds:

- Buildings or portions thereof used for the general conduct of government;
- General government expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of the unit of general local government;



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- Purchase of equipment. Generally, the purchase of construction equipment is ineligible. Also, furnishings and personal property such as the purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings or other personal property not an integral structural fixture;
- Operating and maintenance expenses. Generally, any expense associated with repairing, operating, or maintaining public facilities, improvements and services is ineligible;
- New housing construction. Activities in support of the development of low- and very low-income housing, including clearance, site assemblage, provision of site improvements and provisions of public improvements and certain housing pre-construction costs set forth in 570.206(g), are not considered as activities to subsidize or assist new construction. CDBG funds may not be used for the construction of new permanent residential structures or for any program to subsidize or assist such new construction, except as noted under eligible activities.
- Income payments. The general rule is that CDBG funds may not be used for income payments. Income payments means a series of subsistence-type grant payments made to an individual or family for items such as food, clothing, housing (rent or mortgage), or utilities.



PROGRAM DISTRIBUTIONS

1994 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Water System Improvements	\$228,070
(2) Sewer Improvements - Decker and Gilmore Streets	\$ 81,930
(3) Housing Rehabilitation - 5 units	\$115,000
(4) Homebuyer Assistance - 1 unit	\$ 5,000
(5) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$480,000

1995 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Sewer System Improvements - Royal College Street	\$351,000
(2) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(3) Public Services - 3 grants	\$ 50,000
(4) Housing Rehabilitation - 3 units	\$ 75,000
(5) Homebuyer Assistance - 5 units	\$ 25,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
TOTAL	\$556,000

1996 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Sewer System Improvements	\$237,000
(2) Water Improvements	\$100,000
(3) Public Service Grants	\$ 50,000
(4) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(5) Housing Rehabilitation	\$100,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
TOTAL	\$542,000

1997 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Service Grants	\$ 55,000
(2) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(3) Housing - Demolition and Reconstruction	\$125,000
(4) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(5) Park Improvements	\$145,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
TOTAL	\$535,000

1998 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(2) Housing - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$315,000
(3) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) General Administration	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
TOTAL	\$525,000

1999 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(2) Housing - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$319,000
(3) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) General Administration	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
TOTAL	\$529,000

2000 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 50,000
(2) Housing - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$280,000
(3) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) General Administration	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
TOTAL	\$530,000

2001 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 50,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$234,000
(3) Housing – Code Enforcement	\$ 43,000
(4) Housing – Demolition and Clearance	\$ 30,000
(5) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(6) Administration	\$ 50,000
TOTAL	\$557,000

2002 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 50,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$214,000
(3) Housing – Code Enforcement	\$ 45,000
(4) Housing – Demolition and Clearance	\$ 30,000
(5) Section 108 Repayment – Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(6) Administration	\$ 50,000
 TOTAL	 \$539,000

2003 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center	\$100,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$316,000
(3) Section 108 Repayment – Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) Housing – Demolition and Clearance	\$ 10,000
(5) Administration	\$ 92,000
 TOTAL	 \$668,000

2004 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center	\$ 90,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$325,000
(3) Section 108 Repayment – Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) Administration	\$ 91,000
 TOTAL	 \$656,000

2005 CDBG PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center	\$ 90,973
b. Metropolitan Child Development Center	\$ 0
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$267,549
(3) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(4) Administration and Planning	\$114,630
 TOTAL	 \$623,152

2006 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 56,760
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$227,323
(3) Demolition and Clearance	\$ 20,000
(4) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(5) Administration and Planning	\$113,520
TOTAL	\$567,603

2007 CDBG PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 86,053
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$222,898
(3) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(4) Public Facilities	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 0
(5) Administration and Planning	\$114,737
TOTAL	\$573,688

2008 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 67,514
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$223,000
(3) Cost of Housing Program Delivery	\$ 10,000
(4) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(5) Administration and Planning	\$112,628
TOTAL	\$563,142

SUPPLEMENTL FUNDING 2008 CDBG-R \$152,954

(1) City Fire Department	\$ 10,000
(2) Administration and Planning	\$ 15,295
(3) Housing Program - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$127,659
TOTAL	\$152,954

2009 CDBG PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 0
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$299,960
(3) Cost of Housing Program Delivery	\$ 10,000
(4) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(5) Administration and Planning	\$114,989
TOTAL	\$574,949



CITY OF CONROE – FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Conroe Fire Department is respectfully requesting through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, to purchase Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) and associated items. I have listed several options of funding for your review and consideration.

Option 1

- Purchase hardware (mounting equipment for 15 units) is \$17,000
- Purchase 13 Toughbook CF-30 Computers \$ 62,000
- Purchase first year expenses for air cards \$7,000

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Paul D. Sims

Assistant Fire Chief



**CITY OF CONROE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
NANCY S. MIKESKA, COORDINATOR**

**PUBLIC HEARING/NEEDS ASSESSMENT
HEARING NUMBER THREE: MARCH 17, 2010 6:00 P.M.
300 W. DAVIS, CONROE TOWER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN
OCTOBER 01, 2010 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND
2010 ACTION PLAN**

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

The Hearing began with an Introduction of the CDBG Program by Ms. Mikeska. Attendees were provided a handout style Introduction Sheet and were allowed to ask questions at any time during the presentation. The funding source for CDBG was discussed as well as the City's previous funding, projects, and accomplishments. One presenter presented needs and projects for consideration. Questions were allowed and asked during all presentations.

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The Hearing was closed at 8:00.



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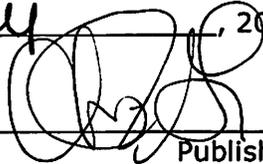
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Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State. Christa Grimes, Representative for James Hobson, Publisher of the Conroe Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Montgomery, State of Texas. Who being duly sworn, states under oath that the report of Legal Notices, a true copy of which is hereto annexed was published in said newspapers in its issue(s) of the

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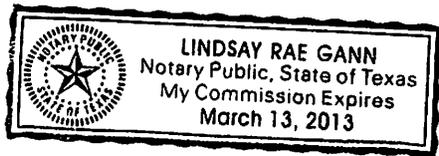
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of May, 2010.



Notary Public

My commission expires on _____





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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)...GRANTING HOPE



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(3) Housing Rehabilitation - 5 units	\$115,000
(4) Homebuyer Assistance - 1 unit	\$ 5,000
(5) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$480,000

1995 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Sewer System Improvements - Royal College Street	\$351,000
(2) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(3) Public Services - 3 grants	\$ 50,000
(4) Housing Rehabilitation - 3 units	\$ 75,000
(5) Homebuyer Assistance - 5 units	\$ 25,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$556,000

1996 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Sewer System Improvements	\$237,000
(2) Water Improvements	\$100,000
(3) Public Service Grants	\$ 50,000
(4) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(5) Housing Rehabilitation	\$100,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$542,000

1997 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Service Grants	\$ 55,000
(2) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(3) Housing - Demolition and Reconstruction	\$125,000
(4) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(5) Park Improvements	\$145,000
(6) General Administration	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$535,000

1998 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(2) Housing - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$315,000
(3) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) General Administration	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
TOTAL	\$525,000

1999 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 25,000
(2) Housing - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$319,000
(3) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) General Administration	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
TOTAL	\$529,000

2000 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services - Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 50,000
(2) Housing - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$280,000
(3) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) General Administration	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
TOTAL	\$530,000

2001 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 50,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$234,000
(3) Housing – Code Enforcement	\$ 43,000
(4) Housing – Demolition and Clearance	\$ 30,000
(5) Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(6) Administration	\$ 50,000
TOTAL	\$557,000

2002 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center Director	\$ 50,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$214,000
(3) Housing – Code Enforcement	\$ 45,000
(4) Housing – Demolition and Clearance	\$ 30,000
(5) Section 108 Repayment – Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(6) Administration	\$ 50,000
 TOTAL	 \$539,000

2003 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center	\$100,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$316,000
(3) Section 108 Repayment – Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) Housing – Demolition and Clearance	\$ 10,000
(5) Administration	\$ 92,000
 TOTAL	 \$668,000

2004 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services – Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center	\$ 90,000
(2) Housing – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$325,000
(3) Section 108 Repayment – Downtown Revitalization	\$150,000
(4) Administration	\$ 91,000
 TOTAL	 \$656,000

2005 CDBG PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center	\$ 90,973
b. Metropolitan Child Development Center	\$ 0
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$267,549
(3) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(4) Administration and Planning	\$114,630
 TOTAL	 \$623,152

2006 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 56,760
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$227,323
(3) Demolition and Clearance	\$ 20,000
(4) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(5) Administration and Planning	\$113,520
 TOTAL	 \$567,603

2007 CDBG PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 86,053
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$222,898
(3) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(4) Public Facilities	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 0
(5) Administration and Planning	\$114,737
 TOTAL	 \$573,688

2008 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 67,514
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$223,000
(3) Cost of Housing Program Delivery	\$ 10,000
(4) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(5) Administration and Planning	\$112,628
 TOTAL	 \$563,142

SUPPLEMENTL FUNDING 2008 CDBG-R \$152,954

(1) City Fire Department	\$ 10,000
(2) Administration and Planning	\$ 15,295
(3) Housing Program - Relocation and Reconstruction	\$127,659
TOTAL	\$152,954

2009 CDBG PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 0
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$299,960
(3) Cost of Housing Program Delivery	\$ 10,000
(4) Section 108 Repayment	\$150,000
(5) Administration and Planning	\$114,989
TOTAL	\$574,949

2010 CDBG PROGRAM

(1) Public Services	
a. Oscar Johnson J. Community Center	\$ 0.00
(2) Housing Program – Relocation and Reconstruction	\$ 316,817.12
(3) Cost of Housing Program Delivery	\$ 10,000.00
(4) Community Clean-Up Project	\$ 10,000.00
(5) Downtown Revitalization	\$ 52,000.00
(4) Section 108 Repayment	\$ 113,440.88
(5) Administration and Planning	\$ 125,564.00
TOTAL	\$627,822.00



CITY OF CONROE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOCUS

This Five Year Plan Focus is developed for the purpose of informing the Public of the priorities that the City will carry-out during the next five years with regard to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

In 2008, Council appointed a CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee to aid with assessing community needs related to the CDBG Program. The Committee acts as the eyes and ears of the community and provides input on a variety of issues. One of their duties is to assist in setting the goals and objectives for the CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan, which is a requirement by HUD, and is due this year. Our new Five Year Consolidated Plan will cover the time frame October 01, 2010 through September 30, 2015. Our Plan is highly important to the City, as it will set forth our CDBG road map for the next five years.

The CDBG Committee members are as follows: Jimmy Johnson, C.K. Ray, Morris Straughan, Annie Burnett, Bertha Wheaton, Sandy Flynn, Rev. Pete Rucker, J.D. Dixon, Ruth Warren, Cathy Silva, and Glenda Harris. They are a diverse and credible group. These members take their duties very serious, and have put great thought and discussion into the below recommendations.

We have conducted three Public Hearings, held in three separate locations, in different parts of the City. We held a Public Hearing at the Activity Center on Callahan, near Candy Cane Park, at the Oscar Johnson Jr., Community Center in Dugan, and held the final hearing in Council Chambers.

The Committee has heard presentations and has toured the Housing Target Areas and visited with citizens living in Conroe. They have discussed many issues and provide the following recommendations, as to the City's new Five Year Consolidated Plan.

2010-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan

- Expand the inventory of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing to low-income residents, by focusing primarily on and prioritizing housing projects.

In order to provide decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing to as many low-income citizens/families as possible, and to improve the living environment of low-income citizens, the Committee recommends that CDBG's number one priority be housing. The

Committee believes that the Housing Program not only provides shelter for those most in need, but removes blighted, dilapidated existing structures from the neighborhood, thereby providing neighborhood revitalization as well as housing. The Committee noted that if we continue on course with funding from HUD, we should be able to build a minimum of 2 houses a year, or a minimum of 10 houses for the Five Year Plan timeframe. Of course, as funding permits, the Committee would like staff to increase the number of houses completed during each annual cycle.

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The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee recognizes great progress in the Housing Target Areas. The Committee feels that the City has an obligation to the poorest of the poor and that housing is a critical need. The Committee recommends the Housing Program to be a priority focus and to continue in the two target areas known as Dugan and the Madeley Quarter. The Committee recommends that if funding permits, or if housing clients are no longer available during the five year period, that CDBG staff continue expanding the target area.

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Because the Committee feels the future of the City of Conroe rests in its youth, the Oscar Johnson, Jr., Community Center has received the only Public Service CDBG allocation, for several years. Though the Committee feels strongly about our youth, they recommend no longer supplementing the OJJCC budget through the CDBG Program. The CDBG allocation for OJJCC was relatively small and because OJJCC has received a substantial City General Fund Budget, removing the Program from the CDBG Budget will not in any manner cause a reduction in programming or services at OJJCC. Additionally, when OJJCC first began utilizing CDBG funds, the Programs were offered at no cost. Today the Programs do charge for services and OJJCC has now created a stable revenue stream that helps to defray some cost. That revenue stream could be recognized by HUD as *Program Income* which requires documentation far more burdensome and staff intensive than the small portion of CDBG funds is worth. Therefore, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommends that OJJCC be removed from the CDBG Program and the funding be left for the priority activity of housing.

- Provide for a Community Wide, Area Benefit, Clean Project

The Committee recommends a Community wide Clean Up Project that would be an annual or bi-annual event in the Housing Target Areas. The Committee recommends an in-house type project where CDBG funding is paying for the disposal costs of the debris. The Committee recommends CDBG funding in the amount \$10,000, which may be used over several cycles.

- Continue Downtown Revitalization

The Committee would like you to know they recognize the importance of our downtown business district as the heart of Conroe. By continuing the downtown revitalization initiative and the façade program, they recognize that an economically viable downtown

area will benefit all citizens especially the low- to moderate-income areas surrounding the downtown area. By providing assistance to downtown property owners and businesses, the Façade Program will also create jobs for a variety of citizens. Therefore, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommends that the City continue to set aside the 108 Loan payment, approximately \$160,000 annually, to repay the 108 Loan debt. Additionally, the Committee recommends assisting at least one additional business owner with façade assistance funding, in the amount of \$52,000. These funds are the residual 108 Loan Proceeds that are now reflected in the CDBG Budget and were previously committed to downtown revitalization.

- Continue City General Fund Support of CDBG

The City's General Fund revenues have always shared in the cost of funding the Administration of the CDBG Program. The philosophy being that the more the City could provide for the program, the more the benefit is to our community. The Citizens Advisory Committee has visited this concept and believes it has been successful. The Committee recommends that the Council continue this philosophy, and continue assisting with CDBG Administration during the next five years.

2010 Annual Action Plan

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City that our 2010 allocation of CDBG Entitlement Funds is \$627,822. With these funds, we will carry out the first year of our new Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as referenced above. Please keep in mind that there are caps, based on our annual allocation, for Administration and Planning at 20% and 15% for Public Service programs. This year for your consideration, I am providing a summary of the Committees recommendations.

Three projects were presented and discussed either during the Public Hearings, or the Advisory meeting. They consisted of the following: (1) funding an upgrade in communication equipment, or partial upgrade, for the Conroe Fire Department; 2) funding a downtown façade for one business owner; and 3) an annual or bi-annual clean up project in Dugan and Madeley Quarter.

The Committee has the following comments concerning these three projects:

- Project #1 – The Committee supports the concept and likes the idea of the improvements to communication that the equipment upgrades for the Fire Department would accomplish. The Committee understands the benefit this could offer our citizens. However, the Committee would not prioritize funding this project over housing. Our CDBG funds are too limited to stretch to this need. The Committee felt the City should look carefully at including this upgrade for the Fire Department in the City General Fund Budget. They do not recommend the funding out of the CDBG allocation.
- Project #2 – The Committee wanted to complete their commitment to downtown revitalization that was made when we received the 1.8 million dollar HUD 108 Loan. Funding for at least one building facade, in the amount of \$52,000 would complete that commitment and close out the funding for the 108 Loan. Therefore, the Committee

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prioritized this project and recommended it to be funded, if a qualified building owner(s) were to be available.

- Project #3 – The Committee recommended funding at \$10,000 to facilitate an annual or bi-annual clean-up in Dugan. The funds are to pay dump cost of debris disposal, and/or other expenses related to the clean-up effort. The Committee recommended in-house staff to perform the clean-up, utilizing existing City equipment and personnel.

Based on the above recommendations, below is the proposed 2010 CDBG Budget by line item. I am pleased to note that the CDBG Department has received an increase in grant funding for our Program Year 2010, which covers the timeframe October 01, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

CDBG 2010 Program Year Proposed Budget:

Administration and Planning	\$ 125,564.00
Section 108 Repayment	113,440.88
Housing Program	316,817.12
Public Service Community Clean Up	10,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	52,000.00
Cost of Relocation Program Delivery	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Grant Funds	\$ 627,822.00

The CDBG Coordinator presented the above *Focus* in Open City Council Workshop on May 05th, 2010 and in Open City Council on May 06th, 2010. City Council approved the Advisory Committee's recommendations and unanimously adopted these guidelines.

The new Five Year Plan will be submitted to HUD in August 2010. The final Public Hearing will be held May 26, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers, at City Hall, located at 300 W Davis.



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April 28, 2010

To: Paul Virgadamo, City Administrator

RE: Recommendations from Meeting 4/28/10
2010 Budget

Dear Mr. Virgadamo:

Please accept our attached recommendation for the CDBG 2010 Budget. The projects were determined after careful consideration. We have viewed the CDBG Housing Target Area, and have listened to presentations on interesting initiatives. The below budget numbers are based on anticipated HUD funding. The exact amount will not be known until the agreements are signed by HUD. This budget is created for planning and grant submission purposes. It may flex to exact dollars when HUD provides their input and/or approval.

It is our recommendation that the City CDBG Program prioritize housing relocation/reconstruction in our designated Target Areas. Housing is a critical need for low-income families and the cost of a new house or of rehabilitation is far beyond what citizens in Dugan can afford.

We are recommending to not fund the Oscar Johnson Community Center, out of the CDBG dollars during the next Five-Years. The City budget includes a large set aside for Oscar Johnson, therefore this program will not be changed by removing the CDBG funded portion.

CDBG has already contributed a great deal of dollars to the downtown area and the Committee would like to honor their commitment they made during the 108 Loan Process. Because the benefit to low-income citizens through revitalization is limited at best, the Committee only recommends \$52,000 that was originally earmarked for downtown to be funded toward downtown. This funding allocation would close out the 108 Façade Program. Further, CDBG already contributes annually, over \$150,000 to the downtown revitalization by the repayment of the 108 Loan, which is a substantial commitment. The committee prioritizes this payment and recommends it for funding as well.

The City Fire Department proposed a wonderful project, and we highly recommend that you and Council consider funding the communication upgrades. However, we do not feel we can prioritize Fire Department equipment upgrades over housing for our low-income citizens.

We recommend an annual or bi-annual clean up project for the Target Areas. This limited funding of \$10,000 would make a big difference in keeping our area clean, safe and sanitary. Additionally, we recommend an in-house type project with City staff and equipment, and do not recommend funding for a project involving Walter Milo.

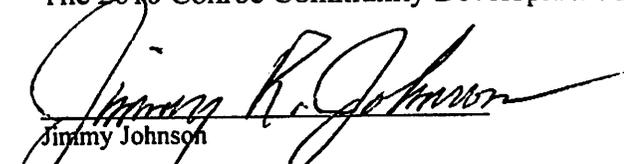
We want to make the greatest impact with our dollars, and we recommend the below budget as the most responsible and one that funds housing---our most prioritized need. We believe, housing and neighborhood revitalization are critical to improving the living environment of our citizens in the most dire need. We make the below recommendations after great consideration, discussion, and community assessment.

2010 CDBG PROGRAM

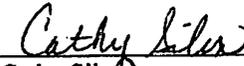
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Respectfully Submitted,

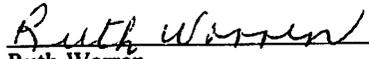
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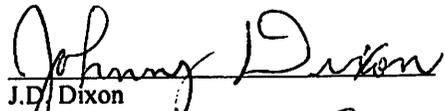
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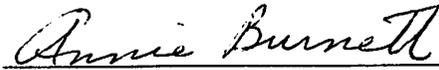

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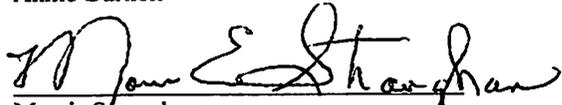

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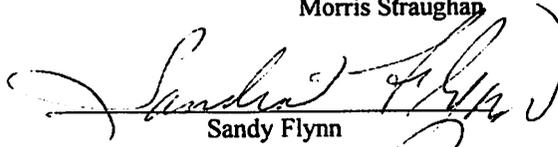
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April 28, 2010

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RE: Recommendations from Meeting 4/28/10
2010 through 2014 CDBG Consolidated Plan

Dear Mr. Virgadamo:

Please accept our attached recommendation for the new CDBG 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan.

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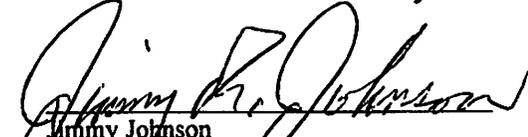
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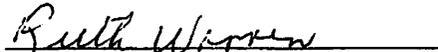
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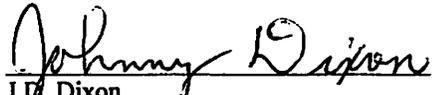

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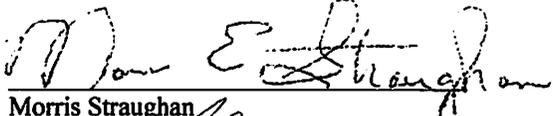

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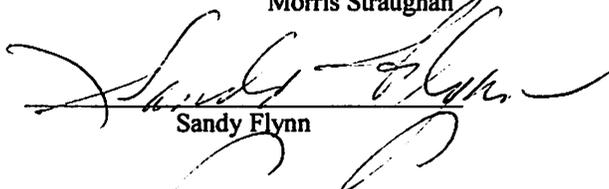
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**CITY OF CONROE
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NANCY S. MIKESKA, COORDINATOR**

**PUBLIC HEARING
STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND PROPOSED USE OF CDBG FUNDS
MAY 26, 2010 6:00 P.M.
300 W. DAVIS, CONROE TOWER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN
OCTOBER 01, 2010 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND
2010 ACTION PLAN**

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

The Hearing began with an Introduction of the CDBG Program by Ms. Mikeska. One Citizen attended the Hearing and was allowed to ask questions at any time during the presentation.

The funding source for CDBG was discussed as well as the City's previous funding, projects, and accomplishments. National Objectives were presented along with a history of the City of Conroe's funding distribution.

The CDBG Board recommendations for the Five Year Plan as well as the 2010 CDBG Projects were presented. CDBG Housing was discussed at length.

Positive comments were received from the citizen in attendance.

The Hearing was closed at 8:00.



**30 DAY REVIEW PERIOD REPORT
MAY 11, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 25, 2010**

During the thirty-day *new* Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan comment period, no written comments regarding the *new* Five Year Consolidated Plan or the 2010 Annual Action Plan were received by the City of Conroe.

Several calls were received from citizens wanting to discuss CDBG Housing Projects, as the construction of the CDBG houses was underway during this period. Community Leaders and citizens from the designated Target Areas were excited about the houses and offered encouragement for the CDBG Program.

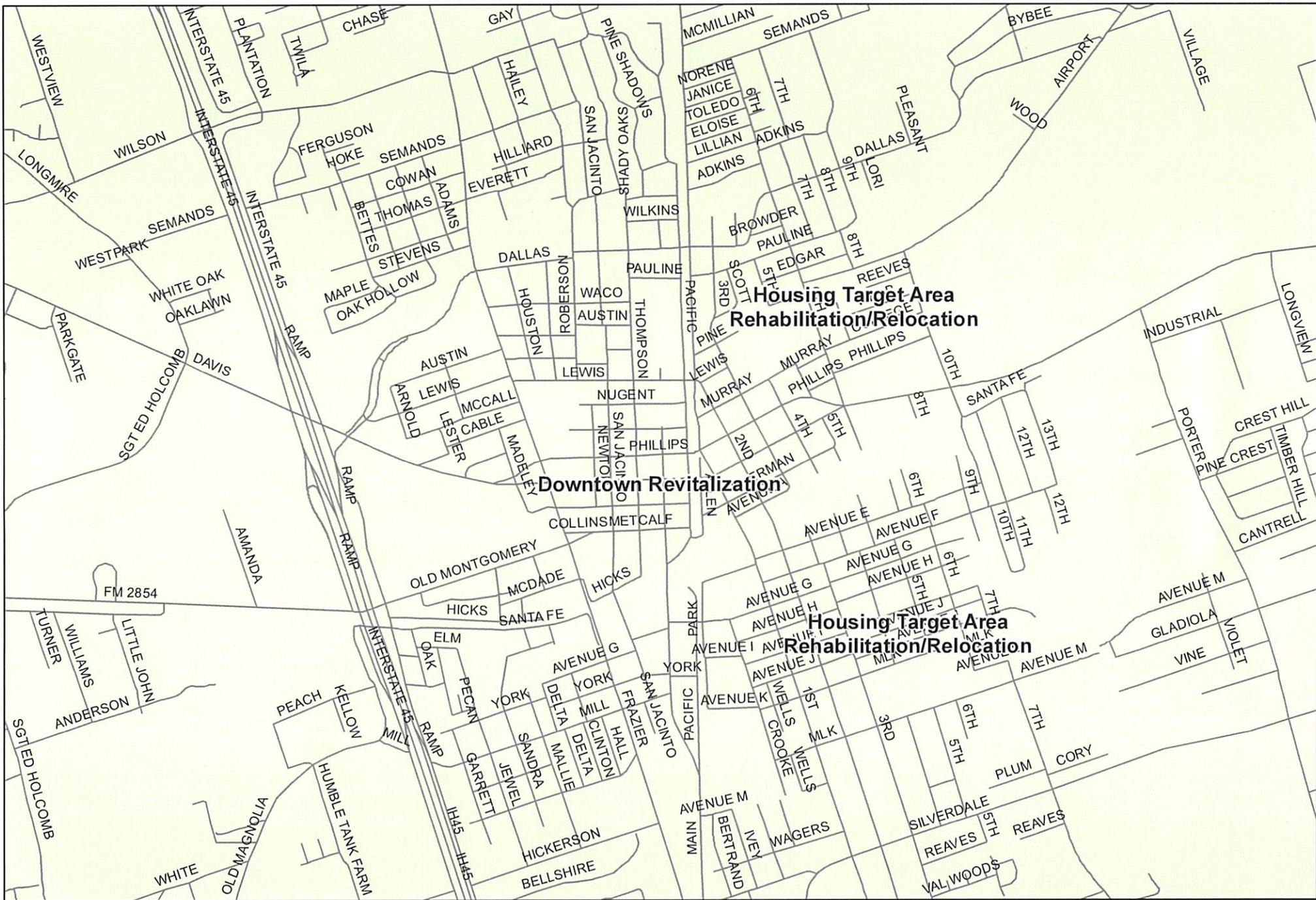
Public review comments for the new Five Year Plan and the 2010 Annual Action Plan were all verbal and were all positive primarily because the CDBG Advisory Board has focused the next five year period on housing. No negative comments were received by CDBG staff of City Officials.

There were no other comments received during this period. The Public Comment Period closed June 25, 2010.

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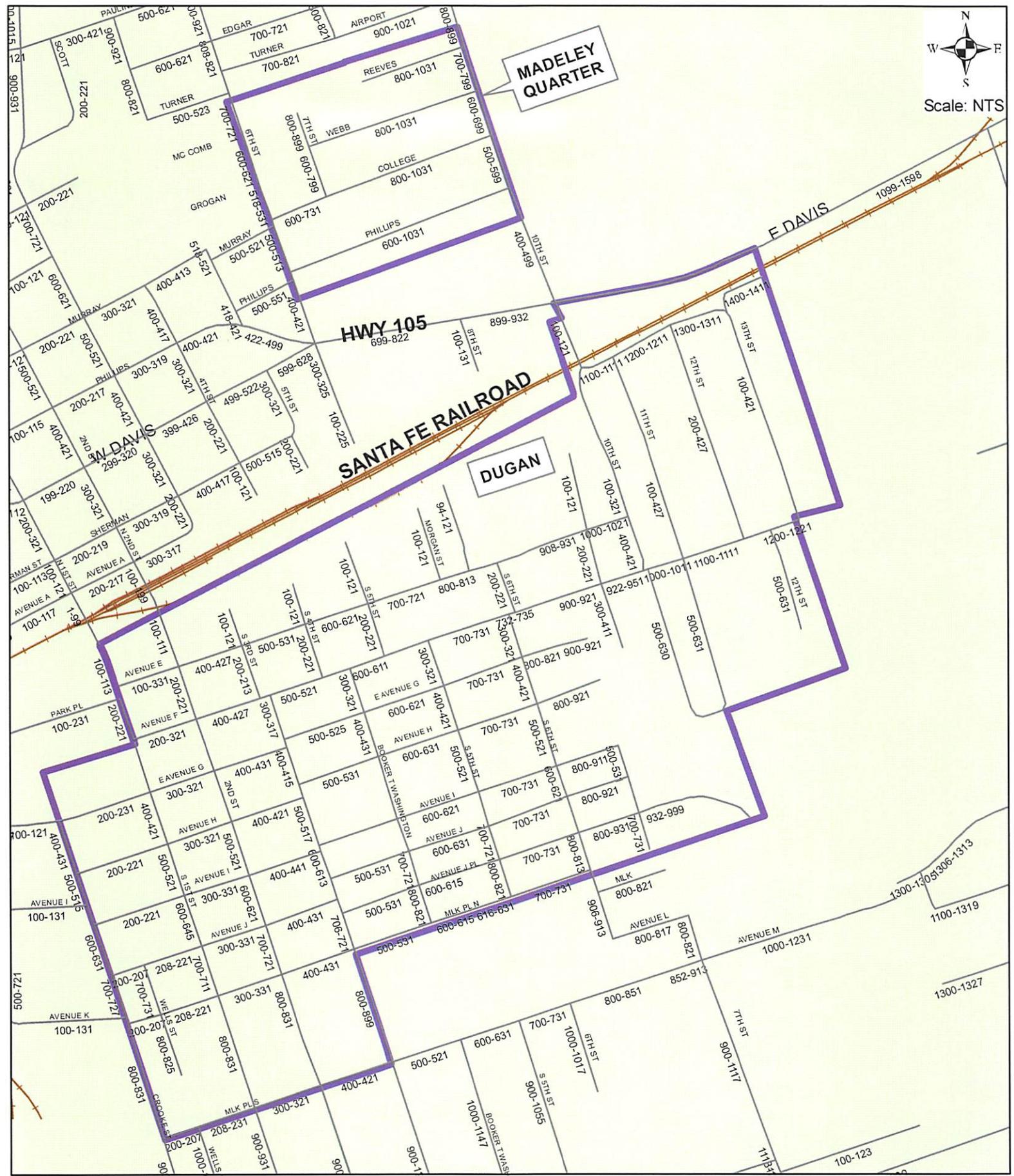
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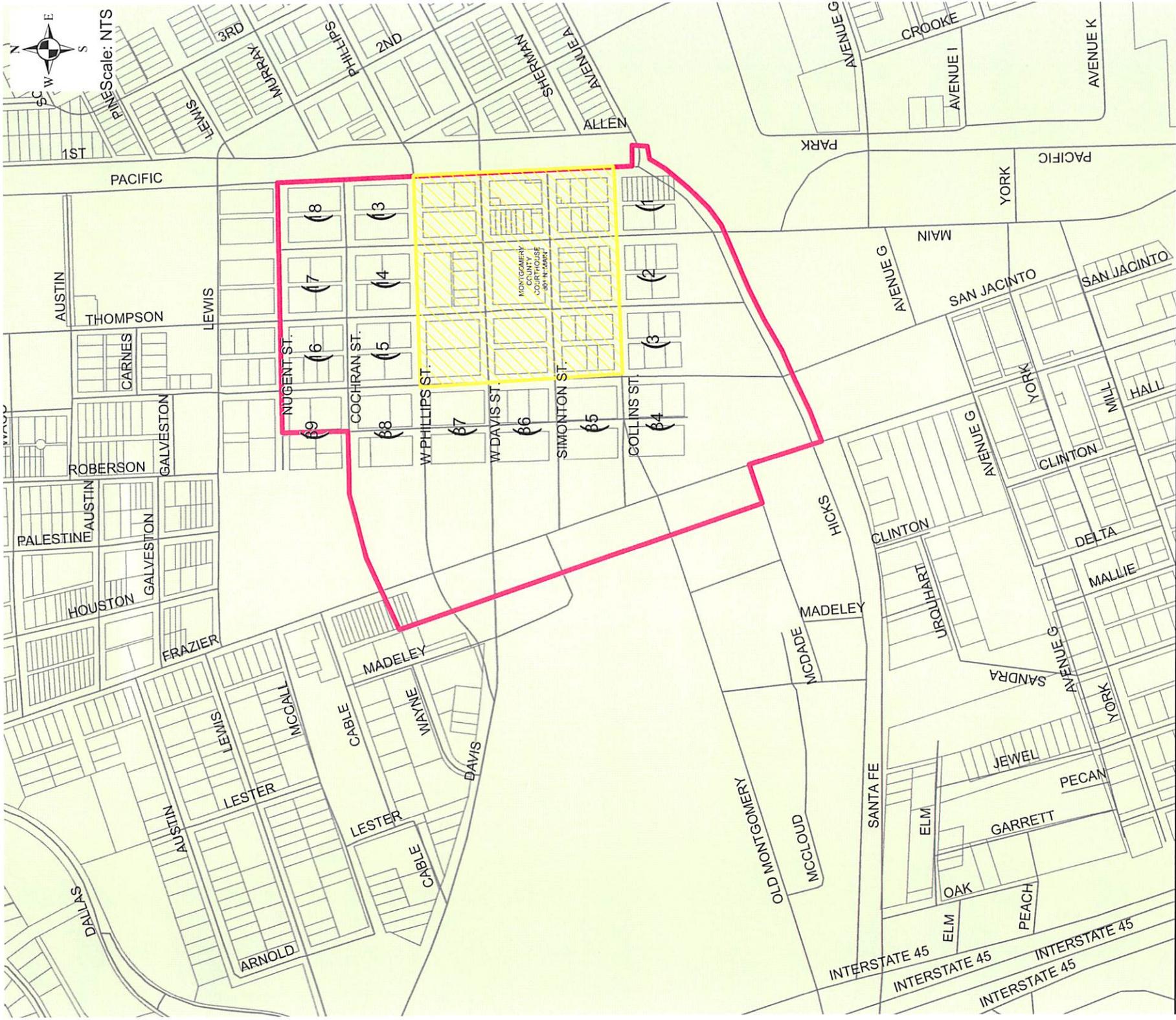
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**City of Conroe
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Target Area**


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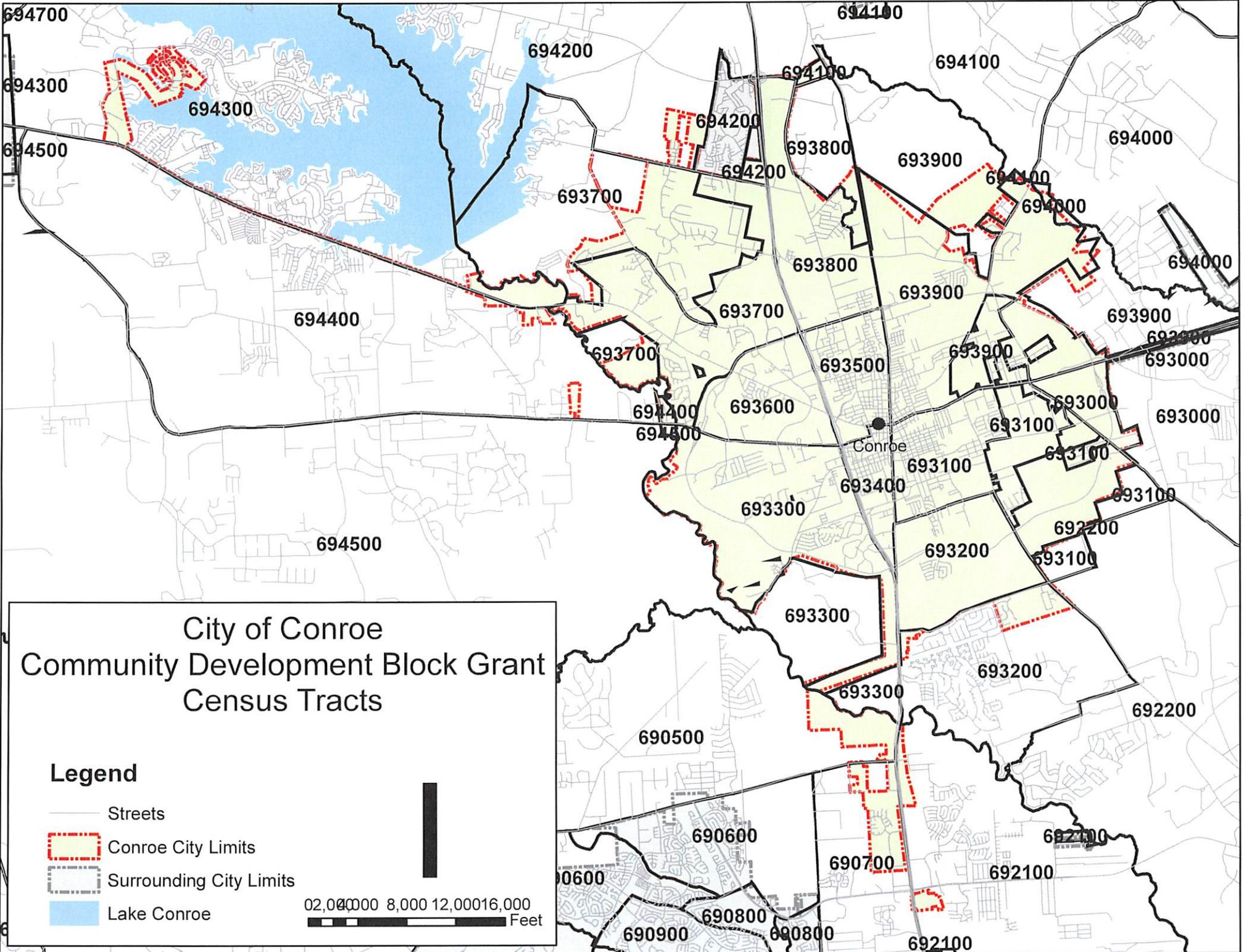
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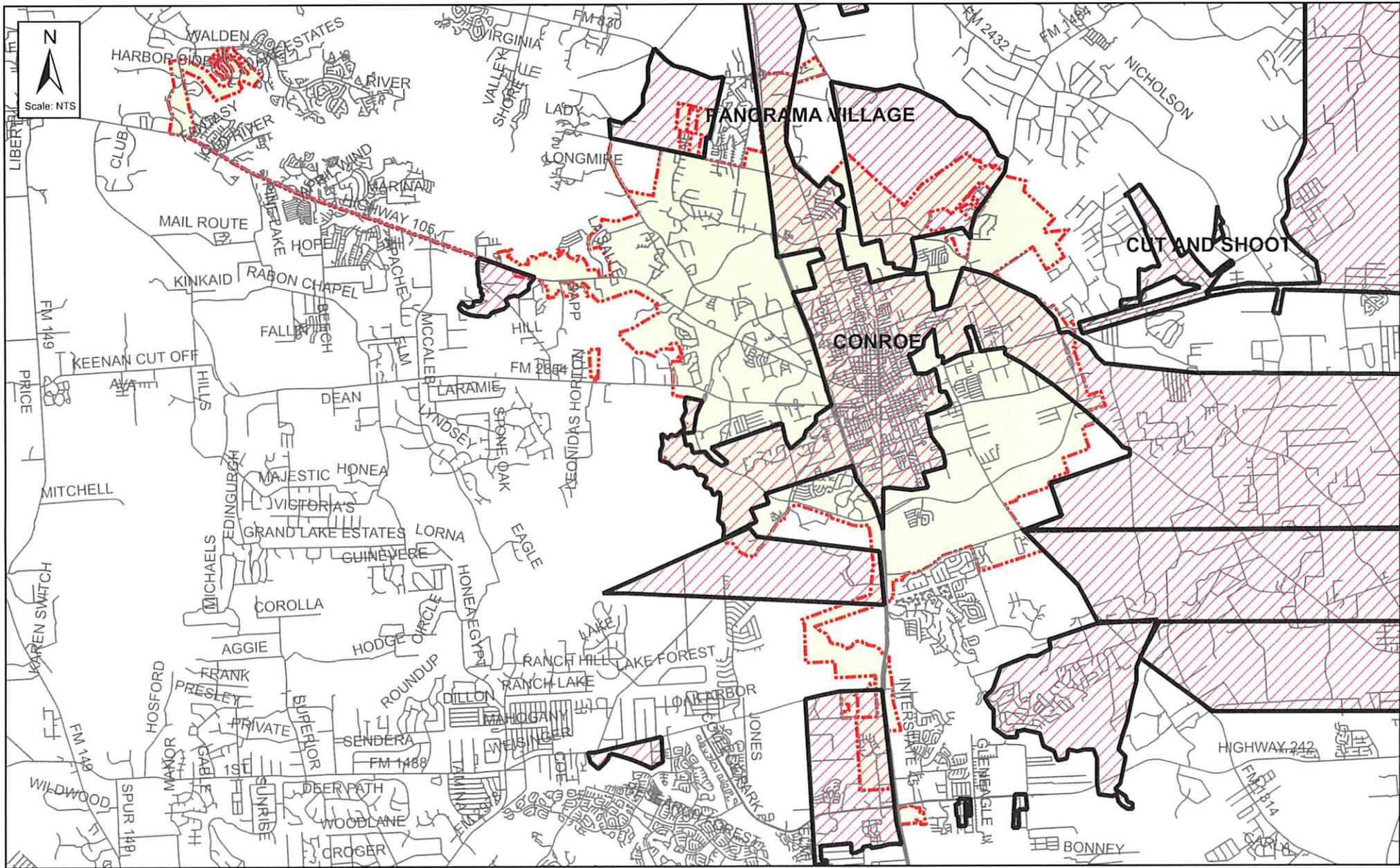
- Street Centerlines
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- Target Areas

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The City of Conroe
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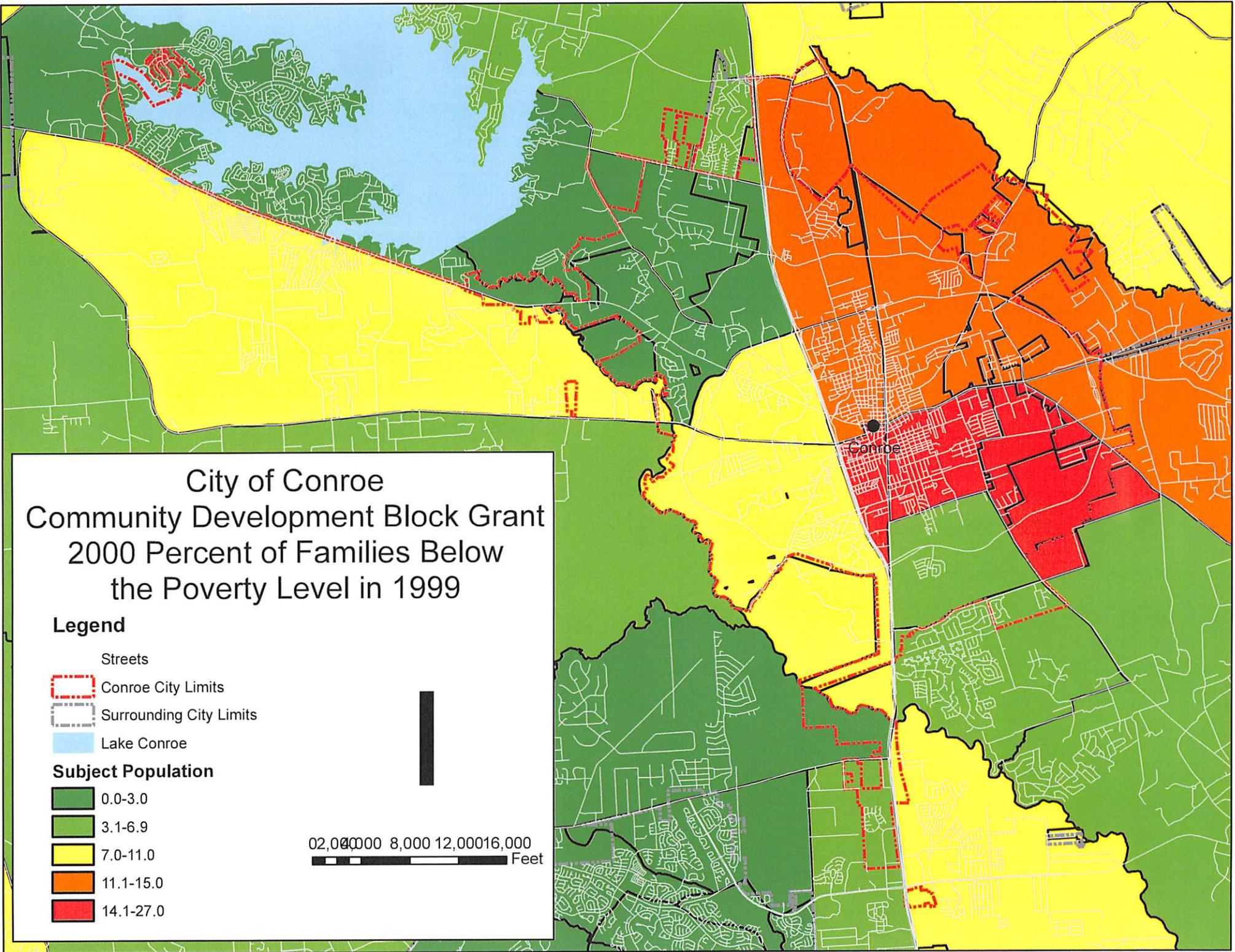
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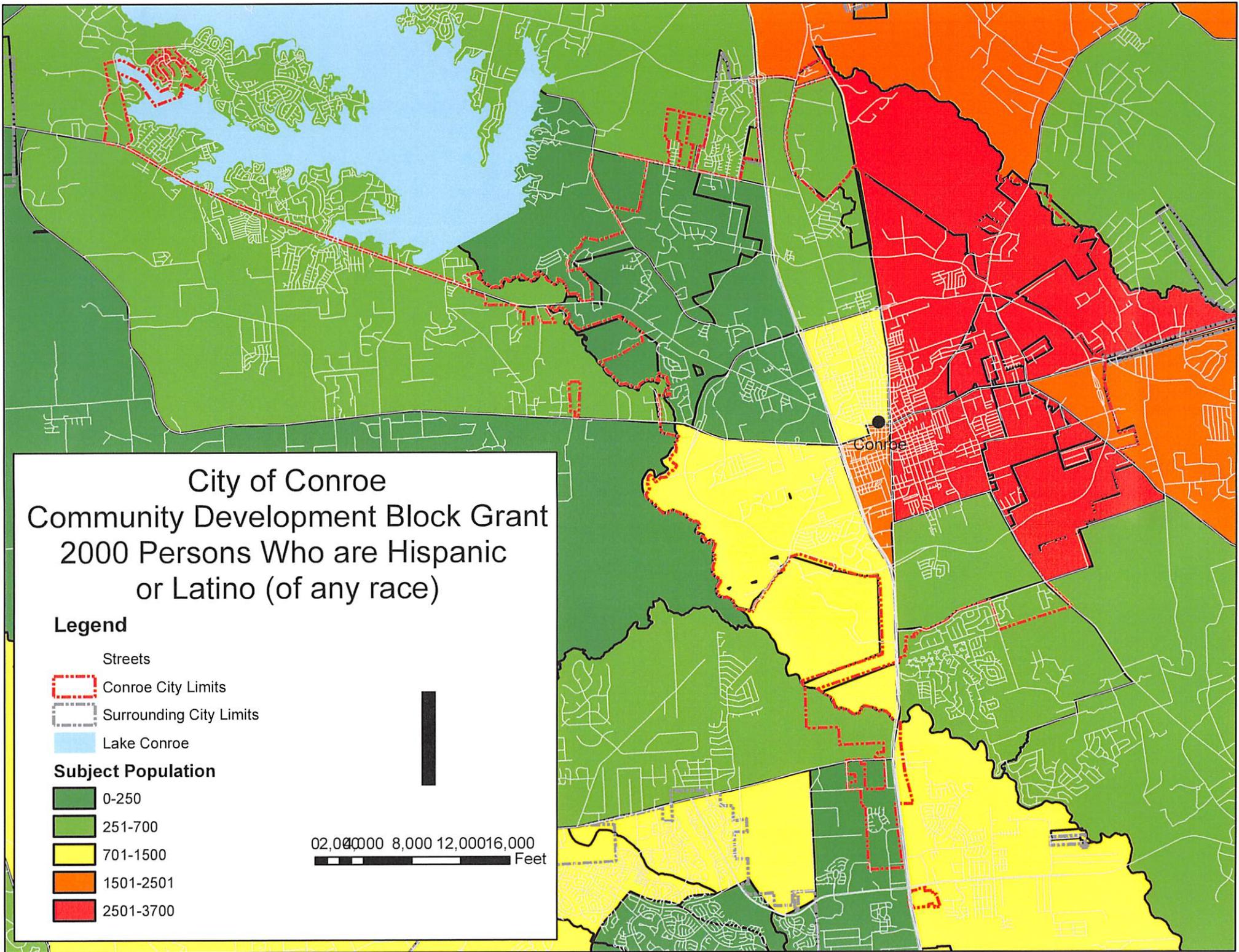
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**City of Conroe
 Community Development Block Grant
 Low & Moderate Income Areas**

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- Street Centerlines
- City Limits
- Low & Moderate Income





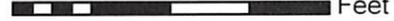
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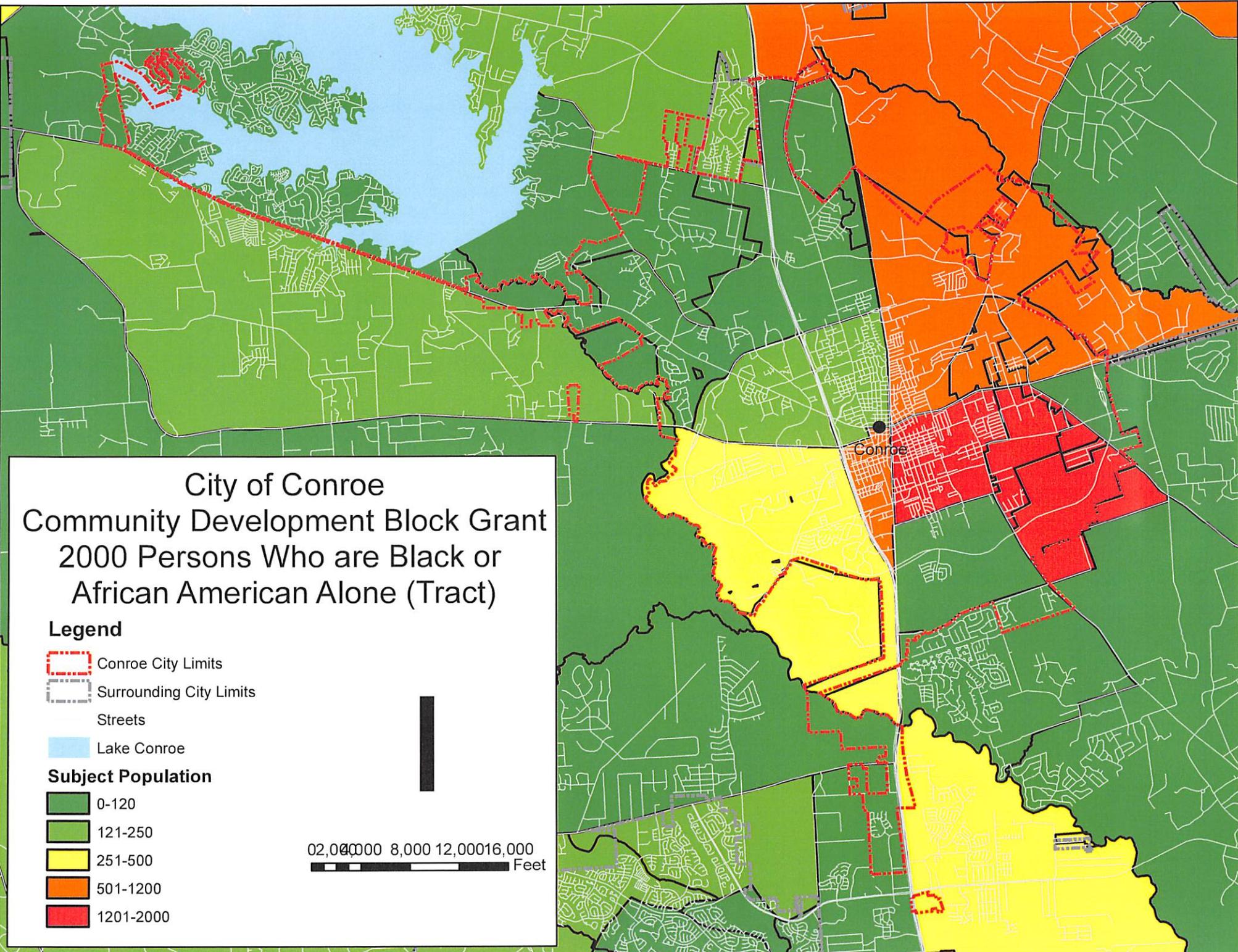
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- Streets
-  Conroe City Limits
-  Surrounding City Limits
-  Lake Conroe

Subject Population

-  0-250
-  251-700
-  701-1500
-  1501-2501
-  2501-3700

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City of Conroe Community Development Block Grant 2000 Persons Who are Black or African American Alone (Tract)

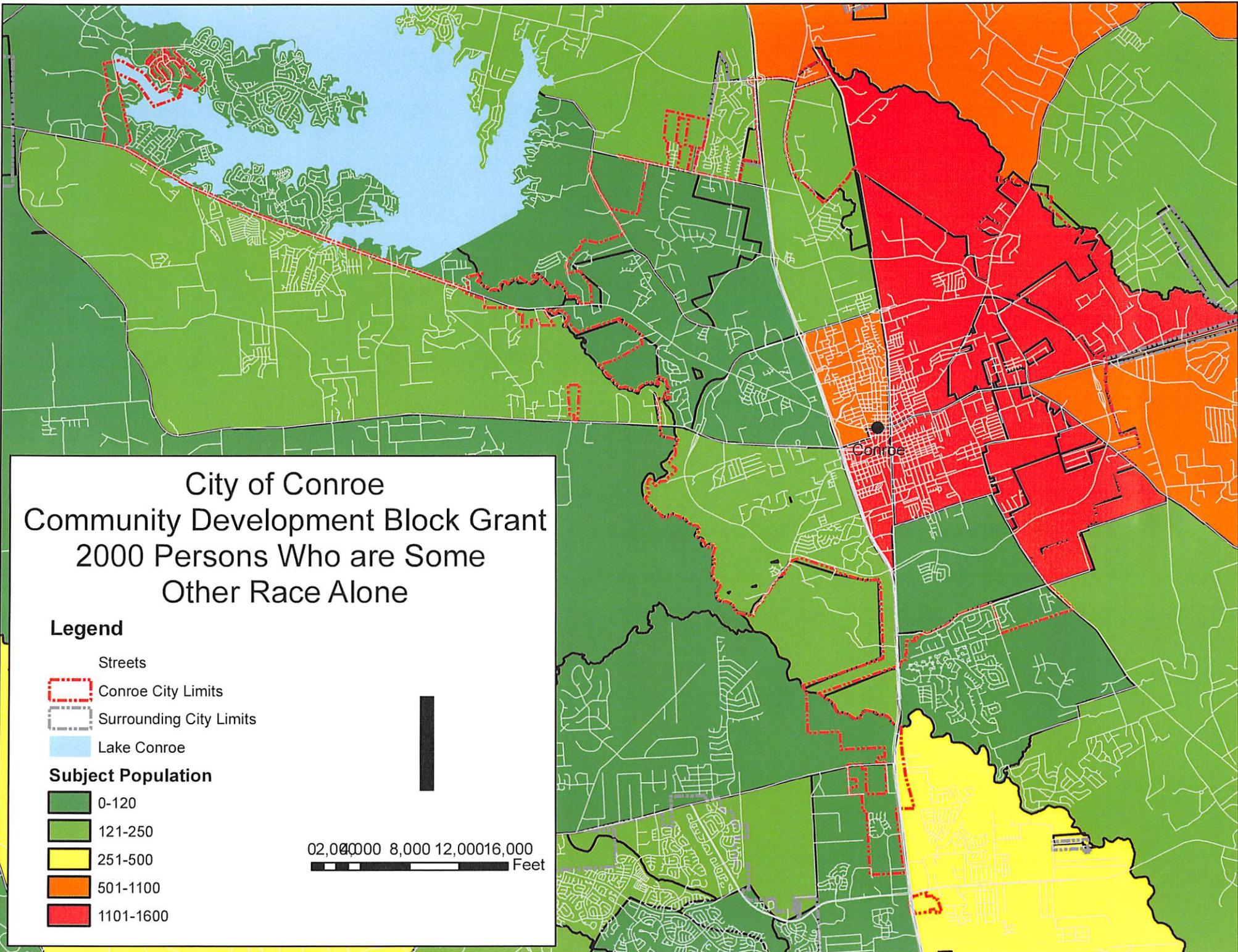
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- Conroe City Limits
- Surrounding City Limits
- Streets
- Lake Conroe

Subject Population

- 0-120
- 121-250
- 251-500
- 501-1200
- 1201-2000

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CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I.

On the 6th day of May, 2010, the City Council of the City of Conroe, Texas, consisting of the following qualified members, to-wit: **Webb Melder, Mayor; Jerry Streater, Mayor Pro Tem; Council Members Jay Ross Martin, Jim Gentry, Marsha Porter, and Toby Powell** did convene in public session in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 300 West Davis in Conroe, Texas. The roll being first called, a quorum was established, all members being present. The Meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the Meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

II.

WHEREUPON, AMONG OTHER BUSINESS transacted, the Council considered adoption of the following written Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3033-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONROE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE CDBG 2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL FORMS AND CERTIFICATIONS PERTAINING TO SUBMISSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

III.

Upon motion of Council Member Gentry, seconded by Council Member Martin, all members present voted for adoption of the Resolution, except the following: No one voted against and no one abstained. A majority of those Council Members present having voted for adoption, the presiding officer declared the Resolution passed and adopted.

IV.

A true, full and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at the Meeting is attached to and follows this Certificate.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 6th day of May, 2010.


MARLA J. PORTER, City Secretary

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONROE, TEXAS:

Section 1. The 2010 Annual Action Plan for the City of Conroe, a copy of which is to be attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. The Mayor of the City of Conroe is hereby authorized and directed to submit such plans to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and is authorized to sign all forms and certifications pertaining to the submission of such plan.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately of and from adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 6th day of May, 2010.


WEBB K. MELDER, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MARCUS L. WINBERRY, City Attorney

ATTEST:


MARLA J. PORTER, City Secretary

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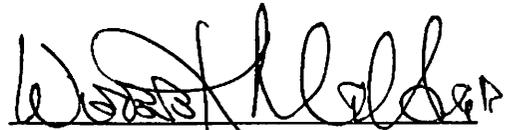
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