



2015 - 2016

# CAPER

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT



## I. General Information

### A. Executive Summary

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a summary of the progress made by the City of Arlington to achieve the goals identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the Program Year 2015 Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year plan that establishes objectives for the City's use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan is an annual plan that defines goals and strategies for the use of these funds in support of Consolidated Plan objectives. Program Year 2015 (PY2015) is the first year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

CDBG, HOME and ESG funds received during PY2015 ( July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) enabled the City of Arlington to improve housing, strengthen neighborhoods, and provide necessary services for low- and moderate-income residents. The City is pleased to report significant accomplishments in meeting performance objectives, which are highlighted below.

#### Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Highlights

- Construction of 5 affordable homes of which 3 were completed in the NRSA using HOME funds. These new, energy star certified homes were purchased by eligible first-time home buyers.
- Code compliance completed 3,964 inspections at 2,185 unduplicated properties in the NRSA as part of a comprehensive revitalization strategy to improve neighborhoods and increase public health and safety. 4,166 violation notices were issued with 1,725 violations corrected by property owner. During PY15, 62 violations were corrected with other sources of funds including the use of City General funds in the NRSA.
- Adult Literacy classes were provided by Water from the Rock, a Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO) in the NRSA. In PY15, 61 students attended GED or ESL classes, 48 clients participated in a job readiness program, 5 passed the GED exam, and 482 clients were provided with food pantry services.
- Nine hundred twenty two participants (394 adults and 528 youth) received GED, ESL, technology and youth literacy training from Arlington Public Library.
- Senior Citizens Services provided transportation Monday through Friday to seniors living in the Central Arlington target area, which allowed otherwise-isolated seniors access to daily programs and nutritious meals, as well as necessary grocery and pharmacy trips. In PY2015, 825 one-way trips were provided to 296 seniors.



## Affordable Housing Highlights

- Housing rehabilitation grants were provided to 72 low- to moderate-income households to address emergency conditions and/or to improve substandard housing conditions, which 33 were elderly and/or persons with disabilities. Twenty-three households received full rehabilitation, 44 received emergency repairs, and 12 households received Architectural Barrier Removal grants to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- The Arlington Homebuyers' Assistance Program (AHAP) provided funds for down-payment and closing costs to help 17 families buy their first home. Homebuyers received a minimum of ten hours of education and counseling before the purchase to ensure a successful transition to homeownership. An additional 112 individuals received a variety of housing counseling services in addition to classes on pre-purchase, budgeting, home maintenance, financial literacy/budget and credit counseling classes, and foreclosure prevention. A total of 380 households attended home buyer orientation and/or training sessions.
- Temporary rental assistance was provided to 51 low-income households through the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. Families in the program were provided case management and support services by one of several non-profit organizations that focus on helping families achieve self-sufficiency.

## Homeless Services Highlights

- Emergency shelter: Temporary shelter was provided to 1,845 homeless individuals last year at the Arlington Life Shelter, Salvation Army, and Safe Haven. The total served included 653 children (35%) and 1,192 adults (65%).
- The City of Arlington participated in the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, which received \$12,916,368 in competitive Continuum of Care funds to provide a continuum of homeless services in Tarrant County.
- In PY2015, 20 households consisting of 68 individuals were rapidly rehoused by Safe Haven of Tarrant County and Center for Transforming Lives.
- The City utilized state funding for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) to help prevent homelessness through, temporary rental assistance and support services to 66 households.

## Highlighted Services for Persons with Special Needs

- Senior Citizen Services provided 11,506 meals to 296 seniors. Meals on Wheels delivered 3,025 hot meals to the homes of 32 seniors and persons with disabilities during the program year.
- AIDS Outreach Center provided HIV testing and risk reduction counseling services to 217 persons.
- Recovery Resource Council provided substance abuse counseling and referrals to 198 individuals.
- Advocates for Special People provided day habilitation services for 86 adults with physical and mental disabilities.

- Twelve (12) households received architectural barrier removal for persons with disabilities and senior citizens through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- Rental vouchers were provided to 136 households through the Arlington Housing Authority programs including Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Supportive Housing and Shelter plus Care (SPC). One hundred thirty-six households also received case management designed to coordinate housing and services for homeless persons with disabilities.

### Community Development Highlights



- Public Services programs were funded with the maximum amount allowed – 15 percent of the CDBG allocation. Nineteen non-profit organizations, the City Parks & Recreation Department, and the Public Library provided services to approximately 11,991 persons. Organizations offered services such as transportation, job skills training, child care, meals for seniors, tutoring and mentoring for youth, dental health services, and case management for persons with HIV/AIDS.
- The United Way of Arlington hosted a “Report to the Community” which examined the Arlington ISD students who are served through on-site and off-site childcare providers. United Way Arlington assists the City in identifying priority community needs and coordinating plans and programs to improve lives in Arlington. The report will be used to guide the use of future grant funding in meeting the needs of Arlington students and what they do before and after, weekends and during summer and holiday breaks.
- United Way – Arlington facilitated the Financial Stability Partnership and Arlington Resource Sharing Group, which successfully increased community awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and financial literacy programs. A total of 3,020 Arlington tax returns were prepared at five Arlington VITA sites by Foundation Communities and volunteers yielding \$5,521,154 in tax refunds. The programs claimed a total of \$2,026,836 in Earned Income Tax Credit for 932 residents receiving tax preparation assistance. A total of \$1,289,836 in Child Tax Credits was received and \$196,977 dollars were saved at tax time with savings bonds and split tax returns.
- Youth services included dental health education, day camps, one-on-one mentoring, computer classes, educational tutoring, health and life skills training, and after-school programming. Over 9,019 low-income Arlington youth benefited from these programs.
- New York Corridor Neighborhood Infrastructure project from Abram to Park Row: Design of this street and sidewalk project was completed in PY15 with City general funds. CDBG funds will be used in PY16 for a portion of the improved pedestrian infrastructure along the corridor. Planned improvements are based on a Council-approved neighborhood plan.
- East Arlington Streets Phase III on Barton Drive from Sherry to Kent Streets was substantially completed.

## Fair Housing Activities

According to the 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City of Arlington must address five potential impediments to fair housing. The identified impediments included: 1) increased awareness, 2) outreach and education, 3) limited supply of affordable housing, 4) lack of widely publicized complaints and enforcement structure, 5) government policies, and 6) awareness of potential discrimination.

Fair Housing progress to address impediments during Program Year 2015 consisted of the following:

1. The City of Arlington launched an aggressive Fair Housing awareness, outreach and education marketing campaign which included seminars, newsletters, brochures, public service announcements and social media marketing to Arlington residents.
2. Two Fair Housing training seminars were conducted during the month of August 2015. The Arlington Board of Realtors hosted a fair housing seminar for its membership. The seminar was facilitated by the City of Arlington Fair Housing Officer. This seminar addressed increased awareness, outreach and education to the real estate community on fair housing laws, discrimination, enforcement and equal access to housing for all people. A second seminar was hosted in conjunction with U.S. Congressman Marc Veasey's Grant Writing Workshop at the Grand Prairie Veteran's Memorial Community Room. Over 125 constituents attended this event and received outreach and educational materials on fair housing laws and enforcement.
3. The City added to the supply of affordable housing by using community resources and local, state, and federal resources to build new affordable single family homes, repair older housing stock, provide homeless prevention rental resources, provide housing assistance vouchers for very low-income Arlington residents.
4. The City of Arlington Fair Housing Officer received 13 inquiries and/or complaints. All inquiries and/or complaints were referred to other fair housing providers such the Texas Tenant's Association for inquiries relating to landlord and tenant disputes, fair housing advocates and Legal Aid services.
5. On April 26, 2016, Mayor W. Jeff Williams declared April as National Fair Housing Month in the City of Arlington. The City commemorated Fair Housing month by hosting activities to enhance awareness of fair housing rights, highlight HUD's fair housing enforcement efforts, and emphasize the importance of ending housing discrimination for all Arlington residents.
6. The City of Arlington hosted a Fair Housing Symposium "Fostering Inclusive Communities & Strategies for Promoting Fair Housing Choice" on April 27, 2016. This event consisted of a panel discussion of fair housing experts featuring Garry Sweeney, HUD Fort Worth Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Center Regional Director. Over 60 attendees were provided information on fair housing laws, complaint and enforcement procedures and awareness of potential discrimination..



7. On May 17, 2016 the City of Arlington hosted a Non-Profit Housing Provider Roundtable to address collaborative efforts to spur affordable housing development and government policies as it relates to creating and sustaining affordable housing for Arlington residents.
8. On June 7, 2016 Mayor W. Jeff Williams declared June as National Homeownership Month in the City of Arlington. The City celebrated Homeownership month by hosting several activities throughout the month of June in order to highlight affordable housing programs, opportunities and accomplishments to Arlington residents. Such activities included a departmental Open House for city employees highlighting various homeownership opportunities, information booths at the annual Employee Appreciation picnic and Homeownership Night at UT Arlington College Park Center with the WNBA Dallas Wings.
9. The City hosted its inaugural Homeownership Fair on June 25, 2016 at the Arlington Convention Center. 448 participants attended the event to learn about the home buying process and how to maintain their home in the City of Arlington.

### **Progress Meeting Consolidated Plan Objectives**

Overall, the City concluded the first year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with strong performances in all areas of housing and community development. Table 1 on the following page provides a summary of progress attained toward each Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan objective.

## Summary of PY15 Action Plan Objectives

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OBJECTIVE	ANNUAL GOALS			FIVE-YEAR GOALS		
	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual To Date	%
<b>Affordable Housing</b>						
1 Homebuyer's Assistance to Households	28	17	61%	140	17	12%
2 Housing Rehabilitation to Households	50	72	144%	250	72	29%
3 Rental Assistance to Households	40	51	128%	200	51	26%
4 Homebuyer Education	10	12	120%			
5 Fair Housing Seminars	2	2	100%			
6 Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction (CHDO)	2	5	250%	5	5	100%
<b>Homeless Services</b>						
7 Emergency Shelter for Homeless	1,500	1,845	123%			
8 Case Management & Support Services (unduplicated)	1,000	1,176	118%			
9 Case Management -- Transitional and Permanent Housing	150	370	247%			
10 Homeless Prevention (households)	20	66	330%			
11 Rapid Rehousing (households)	12	20	167%	75	20	27%
<b>Services for Persons with Special Needs</b>						
12 Housing Rehabilitation for Elderly and/or Disabled	15	33	220%	125	33	26%
13 Meals and Case Management for Elderly and Disabled	200	328	164%			
14 Transportation for Elderly and Disabled	80	296	370%			
15 Day Habilitation for Persons with Disabilities	50	86	172%			
16 Case Management for Persons with HIV/AIDS	100	217	217%			
17 Case Management for Persons with Mental Health Problems/Substance Abuse	103	198	192%			
<b>Other Community Development</b>						
18 Youth Services	1,500	9,019	601%			
19 Transportation for Low-Income and Homeless Persons excluding seniors (to jobs, training, health and social services)	300	359	120%			
20 Victim Services	75	99	132%			
21 Literacy/ESL	1,000	1,031	103%			
22 Foster Child Advocacy Services	30	31	103%			
23 Health Services	8,000	8,647	108%			
24 Neighborhood Infrastructure Projects	2	1	50%	5	1	20%
<b>Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)*</b>						
25 Housing Units Reconstructed and Occupied	1	3	300%	10	3	30%
26 Code Compliance (households)	1,000	2,185	219%	5,000	2,185	44%
27 Water From The Rock (CDBO)	95	109	115%			
<b>Anti-Poverty Strategy</b>						
28 Child Care	24	24	100%			
29 VITA/Financial Stability/Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach/Tax Refund Assistance	2000	3,020	151%			
30 Credit Repair	10	12	120%			

a. *Explanation of goals where progress was not made or activities are falling behind schedule*

Arlington Homebuyer’s Assistance Program (AHAP) assisted 17 households to purchase their first home, which was 61 percent of the goal. This activity was below the projected goal due to a seller’s housing market and increased sale prices. The City is working with Tarrant County Housing Partnership and a host of other housing professionals and organizations to expand awareness of the program and work together to increase the number of potential buyers that are able to purchase their first home.

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Projects activity has successfully completed one project. The East Arlington Street project was substantially completed and awaiting closeout documents. The other infrastructure project, New York Corridor, is currently underway with the bid process.

b. *Breakdown of grant funds by activities*

**Table 2: Program Year 2015 Priority Needs Expenditures\***

Activity	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL
Affordable Housing	\$721,440	\$627,027	-	\$1,348,468
Homelessness	\$68,190	\$151,145	\$219,313	\$438,648
Special Needs	\$42,702	\$151,000	-	\$193,702
Community Development	\$1,116,590	-	-	\$1,116,590
Central Arlington NRSA	\$179,047	\$102,371	\$80,952	\$362,371
East Arlington	\$627,859	-	-	\$627,859

\*Total activities reflect actual expenditures during Program Year 2015 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) toward broad priority categories as identified in the Consolidated Plan, and may include some duplication across categories.

**C. Reprogramming from Prior Year Resources**

**a. CDBG Reprogramming**

The City of Arlington is proposing to reprogram funding that has not been used in prior program years into PY17 Action Plan projects that need additional funding. Table 3 discusses the sources and uses of proposed CDBG reprogramming.

**Table3: Balances Available for Reprogramming–CDBG**

Activity	From	To
General Admin	\$17,163.13	
AIDS Outreach	\$236.94	
Water From the Rock	\$2,952.46	
Recovery Resource Council	\$3.00	
Senior Citizens Services – Central Arlington	\$8,027.00	
East Arlington Phase III (Barton)	\$110,000.00	
Infrastructure Project: New York Corridor		\$138,382.53
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$138,382.53</b>	<b>\$138,382.53</b>

**b. ESG and HOME reprogramming**

The City of Arlington is proposing to reprogram ESG funding that has not been used in prior program years into Rapid Rehousing and/or HMIS. Table 4 discusses the sources and uses of proposed ESG and HOME reprogramming.

**Table4: Balances Available for Reprogramming–ESG and HOME**

Activity	From	To
Safe Haven Operations (ESG)	\$483.15	
Safe Haven Rapid Rehousing (ESG)	\$20,116.33	
Center for Transforming Lives Rapid Rehousing (ESG)	\$3,293.29	
Homeless Management Information System		\$3,294.77
Center for Transforming Lives Rapid Rehousing (ESG)		\$20,598.00
<b>Total ESG:</b>	<b>\$23,892.77</b>	<b>\$23,892.77</b>
General Admin (HOME)	\$12,066.77	
Prior Year Funds (HOME)	\$124,584.76	
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation		\$136,651.53
<b>Total HOME:</b>	<b>\$136,651.53</b>	<b>\$136,651.53</b>

### **Public Hearing and Comment Period**

Each year, the CAPER provides Arlington citizens the opportunity to review the results of the City's use of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. The draft report was made available to the public on August 10, 2016, through the City of Arlington's Community Development and Planning Department, Grants Management Division, at City Hall, 101 W. Abram St., Arlington, Texas 76010. Copies of the report are also available for public review at local libraries, the City Secretary's Office, and the City website at: <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/cdp/grants/planningandreporting/>.

A 30-day public comment period began on August 10, 2016 and will end on September 12, 2016. Written comments should be submitted by email to [GrantsManagement@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:GrantsManagement@arlingtontx.gov), or fax at 817-459-6253, or by mail to:

Grants Management  
PO Box 90231, MS 01-0330  
Arlington, TX 76004-3231

Citizens are invited to attend a public hearing to comment on the report on **Monday, August 29th** at 6pm located at the Arlington City Hall, Council Briefing Room, 101 W. Abram St., Arlington, TX 76010. On September 20, 2016, The Arlington City Council will review the CAPER and comments received. The final CAPER, including all public comments will be submitted to HUD by September 28, 2016. For more information contact the Grants Management main number at 817-459-6258.

Facilities are wheelchair accessible. Contact 817-459-6258 (48 hours in advance) to make arrangements for language translation or other accommodations.