

History of Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs

Description of CPD Programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The CDBG program was enacted in 1974 under the Housing and Community Development Act or HCDA. Prior to this point in time, there were numerous federal programs which addressed community development issues. Activities under CDBG may address needs such as infrastructure, economic development projects, public facilities installation, community centers, housing rehabilitation, public services, clearance/acquisition, microenterprise assistance, code enforcement, homeowner assistance, etc.

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program is the only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. The goal of the HOPWA program is to provide a stable living environment for households who are experiencing a financial crisis as a result of issues arising from their HIV/AIDS condition. HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. These include, but are not limited to, the acquisition; rehabilitation; or new construction of housing units; costs for facility operations; rental assistance; and short-term payments to prevent homelessness. An essential component in providing housing assistance for this targeted special needs population is the coordination and delivery of support services. Consequently, HOPWA funds also may be used for services including (but not limited to) assessment and case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, nutritional services, job training and placement assistance, and assistance with daily living.

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program or HOME) is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Authorized under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the purpose of the program is to expand the supply of decent, safe, affordable housing and strengthen public-private housing partnerships between units of general local governments, public housing authorities, nonprofits, and for profit entities.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The Emergency Solutions Grants program, formerly the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (originally authorized under the 1987 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act), is a grant that awards funds to private nonprofit organizations, cities, and counties to provide the services necessary to help persons that are at-risk of homelessness or homeless quickly regain stability in permanent housing.

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, revising the Emergency Shelter Grants Program in significant ways and renaming it the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The ESG Interim Rule took effect on January 4, 2012. The change in the program's name, from Emergency Shelter Grants to Emergency Solutions Grants, reflects the change in the program's focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

This newest CPD program is actually called Housing Trust Fund by HUD but because TDHCA already runs a state funded Housing Trust Fund program the HUD program is referred to as National Housing Trust Fund or NHTF. NHTF provides grants to states to produce and preserve affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households. The NHTF was established under Title I of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. HUD published the proposed HTF Formula Rule on December 4, 2009 and the HTF Proposed Program Rule on October 29, 2010. On January 30, 2015, HUD published an Interim Program Rule and began making HTF in the summer of 2016. The legislation creating NHTF established that the dedicated funding source for the Housing Trust Fund would be contributions from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. These two entities were to annually set aside .042 cents for each dollar of the unpaid principal balance of their new business purchases to be allocated to the Housing Trust Fund and the Capital Magnet Fund.

Timeline

Pre 1991:

CDBG – At Texas Department of Commerce

HOME & ESG – At Texas Department of Housing

1991:

CDBG, HOME & ESG – All moved to TDHCA due to the creation of combining the Texas Department of Housing and the then separate Texas Department of Community Affairs with the CDBG program which was then under the Texas Department of Commerce

1992:

HOPWA – first allocation of HOPWA issued and directed, by the Governor, to be administered by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and continues to be administered by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) which is a Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) agency

2002:

CDBG – Legislatively transferred to the newly created Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA)

2006:

CDBG-DR – TDHCA designated, by the Governor, as lead agency for Disaster Relief (DR) funds related to Hurricanes Rita, Katrina and Ike. The ORCA program under TDRA administered non-housing funds in agreement with TDHCA.

2009:

CDBG – ORCA renamed, by legislature, to Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA)

CDBG-DR – TDHCA and TDRA continue to collaborate to distribute DR funds

ESG – The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, revising the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) in significant ways and renaming it the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program.

2011:

CDBG-DR – CDBG Disaster Recovery Programs were legislatively transferred to the Texas General Land Office (GLO)

CDBG – TDRA is legislatively transferred to be the Office of Rural Affairs at the Texas Department of Agriculture

2016:

NHTF – Governor designates TDHCA to operate Housing Trust Fund dollars allocated by the Federal Government, TDHCA calls this National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) to not confuse it with the state level Texas Housing Trust Fund (THTF) allocation also run by TDHCA.