

# Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program Overview and Status

City of Dallas, Texas



# Road Map

- Background
- Purpose
- Funding
- Applicant Screening Process
- Applicant Results
- Program Process
- Forecast



# Background

- City operates a Rental Assistance Program
- Supported by ESG, HOPWA, and private dollars
- Provides rental and utility assistance
- Serves low-income up to 30% Area Median Income (ESG)
- Serves persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)
- Required documentation varies by program
- Provides case management services



# Purpose

## The Short Term Mortgage/Rental Assistance Program

- Response to the economic impact of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- proposed to provide mortgage, rental or utility assistance payments
- Up to 3 months
- Serves LMI up to 80% AMI
- No case management services

## Request for Applications (RFA) for Subrecipient Rental Assistance Program

- To provide rental assistance only
- Priority to underserved and hard-to-reach clients



# Funding

	COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program		
	Homeless Solutions	Community Cares	Housing
	Housing Homeless	At Risk of Homelessness	At risk of eviction or foreclosure
	Homeless (ESG) 0-80% AMI (HOPWA)	0-30% AMI (ESG) 0-50% (ESG Stimulus) 0-80% AMI (HOPWA)	31-80% AMI
<b>CDBG FY20</b>			\$2,384,841
<b>HOME TBRA</b>	\$392,432	\$1,207,568	
<b>ESG</b>	\$878,680	\$172,406	
<b>HOPWA FY20</b>	\$684,568	\$1,140,000	
<b>CDBG Stimulus</b>			\$2,119,842
<b>ESG Stimulus</b>	\$3,507,943	\$600,000	
<b>HOPWA Stimulus</b>	\$225,000	\$400,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,688,623</b>	<b>\$3,519,974</b>	<b>\$4,504,683</b>
			<b>\$13,713,280</b>



# Applicant Screening Process

- Program launched May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am
- Phone lines and online application process closed on Tuesday, May 5th at 11:30 am
- Screening included referrals to Office of Homeless and Office of Community Care for long-term programs such as ESG & HOPWA
- Perform eligibility reviews:
  - Income certification
  - Household size
  - Legal status
  - Residency/Citizenship
  - Assets



# Applicant Results

Total Applications	13,336
Total moving to Step 2 - Eligibility Review / Document Submission	10,112
Total ineligible after Step 1 - Intake	3,224
Visitors to the Rental Mortgage Assistance page selected to move forward in English.	22,940
Visitors to the Rental Mortgage Assistance page selected to move forward in Spanish.	1,956
Visitors to the Rental Mortgage Assistance page did not enter any information into the survey. They may have looked at FAQ, Program Statement, or Vendor information or they opted to not continue to the survey.	11,560
Total applicants that completed the base eligibility questions.	13,336
Total applicants that completed the survey and based on their answers, are eligible to move to Step 2.	10,112
Total applicants either were not eligible to move forward or based on their answers to the base eligibility questions and were re-directed to other programs or resources based on their answers.	3,224



# Program Process

- CDBG Rental Assistance Subrecipient Program
- \$1M awarded to three entities
  - Jubilee Park & Community Center
  - Human Rights Initiative of North Texas
  - United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Collaboration
- At least 200 people served to date
  - Assuming full \$1,500 for 3 months for every applicant
- Future allocation may go to non-profits
- Dashboard
  - Highlight performance
  - Provide insight into who has been served





# Forecast

- The City of Dallas continues to urge Congress to release additional funds so that the city may assist additional residents in need. As of now, there is no scheduled date yet for Congress to vote on the availability of additional funds
  - ~10,000 people applied in 2 days
  - ~1,500 will be served by current CDBG, ESG, HOME allocation
  - ~2,500 will not be eligible based on current requirements
  - ~6,000 may still be eligible for funding but not currently served
- City staff recognizes a potentially greater need due to evictions moratorium lifted



# Forecast

- Scenario 1 – to serve 6000 current applicants
  - For 3 months at \$1,500 a month, additional need = \$28M
  - For 6 months at \$1,500 a month, additional need = \$55M
- Scenario 2 – 222 households served with \$1M
  - \$1,500 a month for 3 Months
- Scenario 3 – 444 households served with \$2M
  - \$1,500 a month for 3 Months
- Scenario 4 – 665 households served with \$3M
  - \$1,500 a month for 3 Months



# Thank You



Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization



O: 214-670-3615



housingpolicy@dallascityhall.com



<http://dallascityhall.com/departments/housing-neighborhood-revitalization/Pages/default.aspx>

