



August 1, 2022

Focus Daily Newspaper

ATTN:

Please print the following legal notice in the **Tuesday, August 2, 2022, issue of the Focus Daily Newspaper and send affidavit of publication to the Administration Department. If you have any questions, please contact me at (972) 230-9690.**

Esther Williams, Assistant to the City Manager

**CITY OF DESOTO
NOTICE OF CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of DeSoto is designated as an Entitlement City and participates in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program. The City of DeSoto received \$320,779 in CDBG funds for the FY 2021 program period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. The City has identified \$296,626 in unspent CDBG funds from prior years that is available for reprogramming to other eligible activities. As a participant in the CDBG Program, the City of DeSoto is required to prepare and submit a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Action Plan to describe how the City will use these additional CDBG funds.

A summary of proposed Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2021 Action Plan is now available for review in electronic form via the City website (www.desototexas.gov/CDBG) and hard copies are available in the DeSoto City Hall Atrium, located at 211 East Pleasant Run Road in DeSoto, Texas. Citizens will have at least 30 days, from August 2 – September 6, 2022, to review the draft documents and submit comments.

The City of DeSoto will host a PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers in City Hall at Town Center (211 East Pleasant Run Road, at the corner of Pleasant Run and Hampton Roads) to hear comments on the proposed Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2021 Action Plan.

Citizen comments about the Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2021 Action Plan should be submitted to the Office of Administration, City of DeSoto, 211 East Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, Texas 75115 or e-mailed to ewilliams@desototexas.gov. All citizen comments will be considered prior to City Council consideration of the amendment.

City council will consider Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2021 Action Plan for approval on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** at the City Council Meeting in the Council Chambers in City Hall at Town Center.

The building is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the primary west entrance facing Hampton Road.

For more information about the proposed Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2021 Action Plan visit www.desototexas.gov/CDBG or to make disability accommodations, please contact Esther Williams at (972) 230-9690 or ewilliams@desototexas.gov.



Proposed Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2021 Action Plan & Budget Public Information Summary

Background

In FY 2021, the City of DeSoto received \$320,779 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) federal entitlement funds awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. These funds are designed to meet the needs of low and moderate households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income and for preserving and developing low-income communities.

City of DeSoto CDBG Income Limits

FY 2022 CDBG Income Limits*	Area Median Income (AMI)	Persons in Household							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
City of DeSoto	80%	\$54,550	\$62,350	\$70,150	\$77,900	\$84,150	\$90,400	\$96,600	\$102,850

*HUD CDBG income limits effective June 15, 2022

The City's approved FY 2021 CDBG Action Plan and Budget allocated funding to the following activities.

FY 2021 CDBG Activities	Current Funding
Administration	64,140
Home Repair Program	104,260
Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program	6,119
Transportation Assistance Program (Public Services)	42,000
Down Payment Assistance Program	104,260
Total	\$320,779

Issue

The City of DeSoto has identified \$296,626 in unexpended CDBG funds from prior years that are available for reprogramming to other eligible activities. The City's CDBG administrator assessed the progress of DeSoto's current CDBG activities and recommended the following funding allocations to assist the City in meeting its annual CDBG timely expenditure requirements while addressing critical needs of the community. Due to current market conditions, the City is proposing to redirect all funding from the Down Payment Assistance Program to the Home Repair Program.

FY 2021 CDBG Activities	Current FY 2021 Funding	Proposed Substantial Amendment #1	Revised FY 2021 Budget
Administration and Planning	64,140	-	64,140
Home Repair Program	104,260	205,260	309,520
Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program	6,119	93,626	99,745

Transportation Assistance Program (Public Services)	42,000	-	42,000
Down Payment Assistance Program	104,260	(104,260)	-
DeSoto Senior Center Parking Lot and Facility Improvements (NEW)	-	102,000	102,000
Total	\$320,799	\$296,626	\$617,405

Activity Descriptions

Administration

Program planning, administration, and reporting costs necessary to administer the CDBG program in compliance with HUD and other federal regulations.

Home Repair Program

The program will assist low to moderate income homeowners with essential minor home repairs up to \$10,000 including accessibility modifications.

Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program

This program will assist low to moderate income homeowners with their portion of sidewalk repair costs (25%) under the City's 75/25 sidewalk repair plan and provide repairs to sidewalks in low to moderate income areas.

Transportation Assistance Program

This program provides transportation assistance for low to moderate income residents for essential services such as doctor's offices, pharmacy, and the grocery store.

DeSoto Senior Center Parking Lot and Facility Improvements

This proposed activity will include parking lot improvements and repairs to the DeSoto Senior Center.

Citizen Participation

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