

# Texas Department of Agriculture

## Office of Rural Affairs



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# CDBG Replaced 8 Programs!

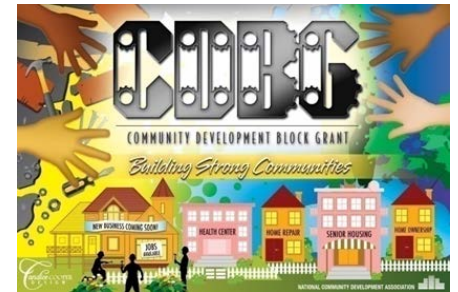
- Urban Renewal
- Open Space
- Neighborhood Development
- Neighborhood Facilities
- Public Facilities
- Historic Preservation
- Model Cities
- Water and Sewer Grants

Replaced with “Block Grant” that provided flexibility in funding

- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Disasters

# CDBG Primary Objective

- Development of viable “urban” communities by providing:
  - Decent Housing
  - A suitable living environment; and
  - Expanding economic opportunities
- The primary beneficiaries of the program are persons of low/moderate income.



# CDBG – National Objectives

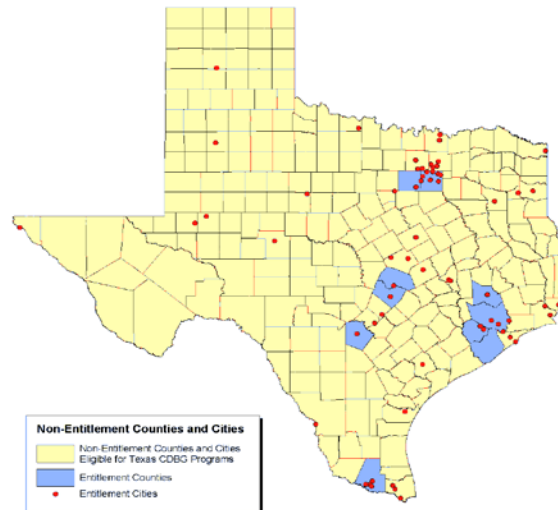
All proposed CDBG activities must meet either:

- 1. Principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
- 2. Aid in the elimination of slums or blight; or
- 3. Meet other community development needs of particular urgency which represent an immediate threat to the health and safety of residents of the community

# Eligible Applicants

- Cities < 50,000 in population
- Counties < 200,000 in population

**TEXAS NON-ENTITLEMENT AND ENTITLEMENT  
CDBG COUNTIES AND CITIES**



The following counties are designated as entitlement counties: Bexar, Brazoria, Dallas, Fort Bend, Harris, Hidalgo, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis and Williamson.

# Ineligible Activities

- Construction of buildings and facilities used for the general conduct of government (e.g. city halls, courthouses, etc.);
- New housing construction, except under very limited circumstances;
- The financing of political activities;
- Purchases of construction equipment (generally);
- Income payments, such as housing allowances; and
- Most operation and maintenance expenses

# “Block Grant”

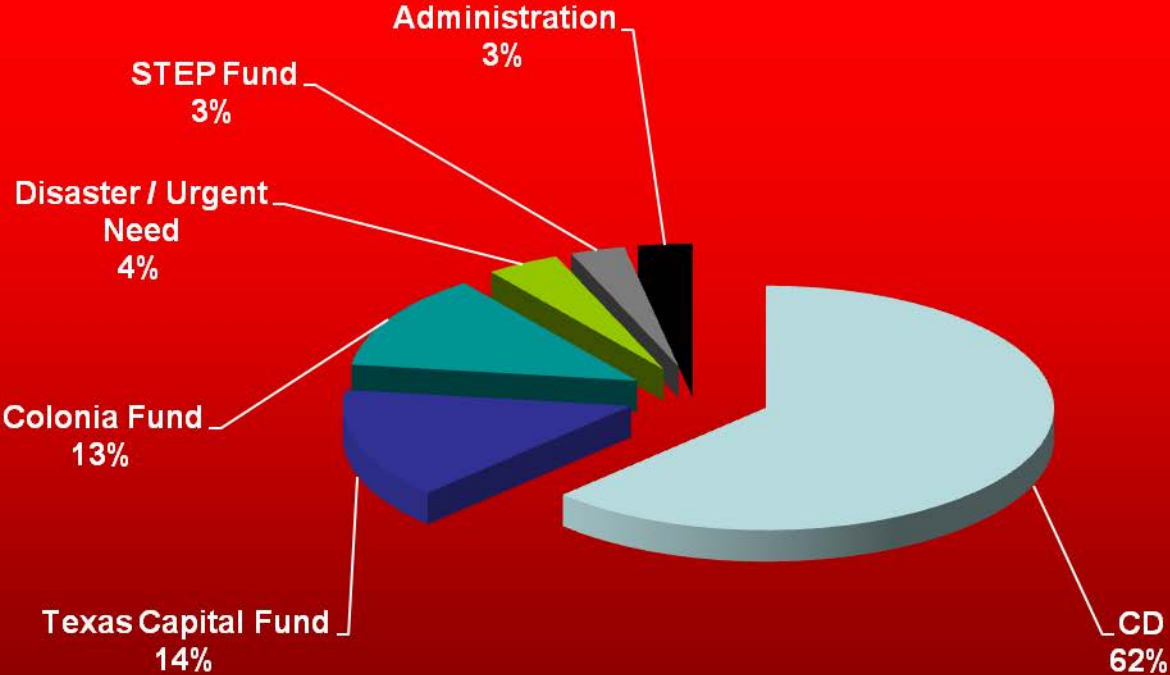
- CDBG funds are granted to Texas as a “block grant” based on a HUD formula.
  - Based on population and poverty
  - Flexibility

# State CDBG Program in Texas

- Largest “State CDBG” program in the nation (based on dollars granted)
- Serves:
  - 1,015 cities
  - 244 counties



# State CDBG – Fund Allocation



FY11 Allocation: \$66,604,737

# Community Development (CD) Fund

- Finances many different activities, although most funds are for Water /Waste Water - Public Facilities
- Largest Fund Category in TXCDBG
- Applications are taken every two years. Applications are ranked for two years of TxCDBG funding.



# State CDBG – Example

State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Awards in: **Stratford, Texas**

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Number of Beneficiaries</u>
Stratford	CD	\$250,000	June 2008	June 2010	Contractor shall address a TCEQ Notice of Violations through the installation of 300 lf of 6" force main, 5,600 lf of 12" sewer line, 14 manholes, one lift station, electrical and all necessary appurtenances. Construction shall take place off of State Highway 15.	1,092
Stratford	CD	\$249,525	April 2000	April 2002	The City shall replace undersized water lines and improve water pressure and service to the south side of the city through the installation of a looped water system. Project includes the installation of 11,100' of water line and 13 hydrants.	748
<b>CDBG Total:</b>		<b>\$499,525</b>				

# Regional Review Committees

- One Regional Review Committee (RRC) in each of the 24 COG regions.
- RRC members establish regional priorities and the RRC's application scoring factors.
- The TxCDBG state staff (TDRA) score is only 10% of the RRC total score.



# Scoring

## 2011 Preliminary Funding Recommendations -CAPCO

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Combined Score</u>	<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>2011 CD Allocation</u>	<u>Additional Funding</u>
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>				\$ 1,517,917	\$ 132,083
Eign	\$ 275,000	98.7107		\$ (275,000)	
Bastrop	\$ 275,000	97.5274		\$ (275,000)	
Lockhart	\$ 275,000	94.6399		\$ (275,000)	
Caldwell County	\$ 275,000	93.1523		\$ (275,000)	
Llano	\$ 275,000	92.1616		\$ (275,000)	
Flanoria	\$ 275,000	91.8676		\$ (142,917)	\$ (132,083)
Marble Falls	\$ 275,000	90.9871			
Luling	\$ 275,000	90.5770			
Bastrop County	\$ 275,000	90.1358			
Florence	\$ 275,000	89.9909			
Fayette County	\$ 275,000	89.6262			
La Grange	\$ 275,000	89.5935			
Camine	\$ 275,000	89.4688			
Lexington	\$ 275,000	88.5698			
Umland	\$ 275,000	88.4141			
Smithville	\$ 275,000	88.1601			
Martindale	\$ 275,000	87.4099			
Granite Shoals	\$ 275,000	84.3372			
Cottonwood Shores	\$ 275,000	84.0758			
Johnson City	\$ 275,000	82.7848			
Schulenburg	\$ 275,000	81.0823			
Fayetteville	\$ 275,000	80.9324			
Bertram	\$ 275,000	80.6406			
Bianco	\$ 275,000	80.3984			
Hays County	\$ 275,000	70.5003			
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# Colonia Fund



- Colonia Construction Fund – generally water/sewer/septic tanks/service connections.
- Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program Fund
- Colonia Planning Fund
- Colonia Self-Help Centers Fund (2.5%) – Administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) through an Inter-Agency Agreement with TDA

# Disaster / Urgent Need Fund

- Federal Declarations – TxCDBG funds the county or city's source of funds for the FEMA required 25% match.
- State Declarations – TxCDBG is the only source of disaster relief assistance for eligible counties & cities.





# Small Towns Environment Program

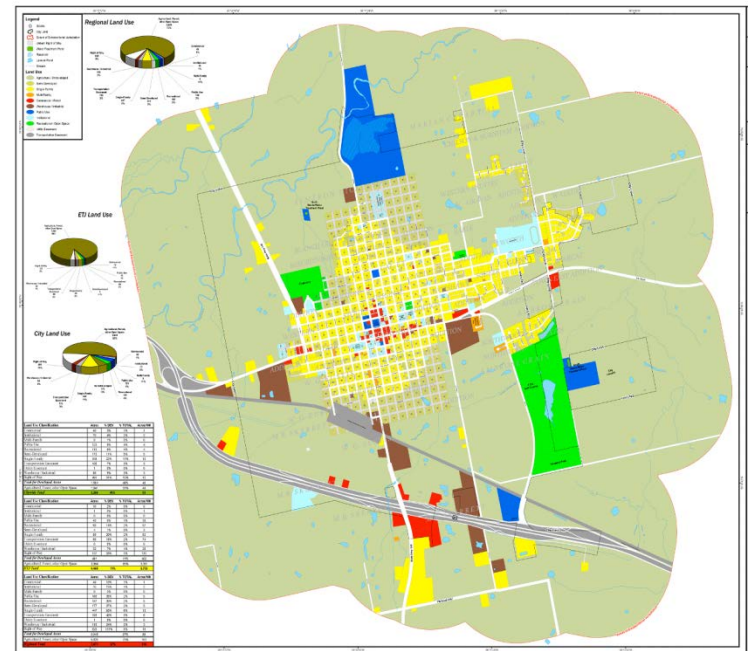
- “Self-Help” Fund – driven by local community volunteers performing work on the project.





# Planning and Capacity Building Fund

- Provides funds for cities and counties to prepare planning activities that assess local needs, develop strategies to address local needs, & build or improve local capacity.



# **State CDBG – Another Example!**

In 2011, funds awarded to the 5 regions that include High Ground communities totaled nearly \$12 million in 44 communities that benefitted over 60,000 residents.

**Thank you!**

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