

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Action Plan 2015-2016

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### **Executive Summary**

#### AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

Incorporated in 1965, Pflugerville is located in Travis and Williamson Counties just north of the Texas State Capitol. Pflugerville is a fast-growing city, home to over 50,000 residents who enjoy safe streets, a beautiful trail system and share incredible community spirit. Pflugerville combines trails and community with business opportunities and is the place where quality meets life. Pflugerville has experienced a growth rate of 181.23% over the past 15 years, with a 2000 population of 19,484 growing to a population of 48,356 during the 2010 census and currently at a population of 54,795 (May 2015).

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program aims to serve the needs low to moderate income population of the community. As reflected in the 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan there are approximately 3,532 households that are considered within the low to moderate income ranges, which constitutes approximately 20% of the community overall. While the percentage of low to moderate income households fluctuates in depending on the block group, the community overall has a significantly lower percentage of low to moderate income residents than the majority of entitled communities. In some communities, like Pflugerville, there are very few areas in which at least 50 percent of the residents or areas are of low to moderate income. For these grantees the CDBG law authorizes an exception criterion in order for such grantees to be able to undertake area benefit activities. For Pflugerville, the low-moderate income threshold for any area benefit activity is 41.4%.

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Three national objectives serve as the overall framework for the use of CDBG funds. The goals are to provide decent housing, create a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, to principally benefit extremely low, low and moderate income individuals and families. Income categories are calculated on an annual basis by HUD. Extremely low income households have an income of 0-30% Area Median Income (AMI), low income households have an income of 30-50% AMI and moderate income is 50-80% AMI. All income levels being adjusted based on family size.

In addition, the program must meet one of the following outcomes: availability/accessibility, sustainability or affordability. In addition HUD has established a listing of Matrix Codes for projects funded with CDBG monies. These codes are prioritized at the local level based on the community needs assessment. Matrix Codes are categorized as either "high" or "low" priorities. Priority designations are referenced throughout the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

*The Pflugerville Consolidated Plan designates the following activities as "high" priorities:* 

Prioritization of Categories for the PY 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan					
Category	Priority				
Community Service	High				
Infrastructure	High				
Public Buildings and Facilities	High				
Economic Development	Medium				
Housing	Low				
Homeless	Low				

#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Program Year 2015 is the City's second year for implementation of the CDBG program. Projects selected for the previous program year focused heavily on sidewalk infrastructure and park improvements. Due to the City's exception status projects were found to be at risk when new data was issued that reflected a change in the status of low to moderate income citizens within the area of the selected projects. The update to the data caused the City to lose one sidewalk project which had been allocated the majority of funds for the program year. Based on the City's limited experience with the program, Pflugerville has opted to focus more attention on projects within block groups that exceed that the minimum exception requirement of 41.4 percent in order to not place future projects at risk or projects that are focused on infrastructure improvements that benefit the community overall.

#### 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City adopted and published a Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) in March 2014 outlining the efforts required for citizen participation within the City's CDBG program. In consultation with the CPP the City published notice in the Pflugerville Pflag newspaper, on the City's website as well as the City's media blasts to solicit input from residents and social service providers on the needs in Pflugerville. Opportunities for public input on the 2015 Action Plan are available during the 30 day public review period from June 24, 2015 to July 27, 2015. Public hearings are held on June 23, 2015 and July 28, 2015 by the CDBG Advisory Committee. Additionally, the 2015 Action Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for input on July 16, 2015.

Comments received are included in Appendix A. The proposed Action Plan was posted online from June 24th to July 27th and in that time was and was viewed by 213 unique views with 292 total views additionally, 2,385 citizens were contacted via social media, 2,927 subscribers received the City's newsletter; and 277 subscribers of the City's home page and parks and recreation news were sent notices of the request for comments regarding the 2015 Action Plan. The City of Pflugerville continues to encourage citizen participation with emphasis towards participation by persons of very-low, low and moderate income who are eligible for services provided by the CDBG program as well as residents of targeted areas in which the CDBG funds can be expended. All documents related to the CDBG program are made available to the public for review at any time and are available in the Pflugerville Public Library located at 1008 W. Pfluger Street, as well as on the City's website at: pflugervilletx.gov/community development.

#### 5. Summary of public comments

A summary of public comments received during the 30 day public comment period can be found in Appendix A.

#### 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Comments received for requests for a community transportation system, increased amounts of youth recreation scholarships, sidewalks and trails along Pecan Street and a swimming pool were not accepted.

Responses to Comments Received and Comments Not Accepted:

- The 2015 Action Plan includes funding for pedestrian connections that aid in the mobility of citizens throughout the community that will assist with easier access to and from destination locations and will also include architectural barrier removal. With limited funding full support of a community wide transportation system was deemed unfeasible at this time. Additionally, due to existing drainage features along Pecan Street, limited funding, and control of this facility by the State, sidewalks along this roadway were not included for funding.
- 2) The 2015 Action Plan proposes funding towards parks and parks improvements as identified in the Consolidated Plan. The request for an additional swimming pool did not meet the identified needs or national objective.
- 3) The 2015 Action Plan proposes funding of youth scholarship program however, the funding has been reduced from the 2104 Action Plan due to the lack of participation. The program is proposed to utilize half of the original funding with additional efforts being placed in advertisement in the program. Should additional interest in the program come to fruition over the 2015 Action Plan year the youth scholarship program could receive additional funding as an alternative project.

#### 7. Summary

As the City continues to grow so do the needs of the population. The Consolidated Plan identifies those needs identified specifically for the very low, low to low to moderate income population of Pflugerville. The projects proposed within the 2015 Action Plan address the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and provide focus in areas and on citizens within the very low to moderate income areas of the community.

#### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

#### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Pflugerville, TX	City of Pflugerville
CDBG Administrator	Pflugerville, TX	Planning Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

#### Narrative (optional)

The City of Pflugerville is the Lead Agency for the CDBG Program. The Planning Department manages the CDBG program and oversees the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan and all projects associated with CDBG, and for the reporting to HUD. Other departments within the City that will aid in facilitating the CDBG program are the Engineering Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the Finance Department.

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#### AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

#### 1. Introduction

The City of Pflugerville consulted with a variety of stakeholders in an effort to assess the housing and community development needs and priorities within the community. From these consultations and assessments the Action Plan was created and serves as the plan for projects annually that will be funded during the five year life of the Consolidated Plan 2014-2019.

# Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

In order to obtain input from public agencies and community organizations staff met with one of the primary service provider within the community, Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs to discuss the needs they address and where the insufficiencies appear to be for the citizens they serve. These meetings were vital in developing an understanding of housing, employment, transportation and basic necessities within the community.

In the early spring of 2015 City Council appointed a Senior Advisory Task Force to aid the city in the evaluating the needs of senior citizens within the community. This task force provided information regarding infrastructure improvements necessary to provide for better access to public facilities, such as the Recreation/Senior Center and provided guidance on programs that seniors find beneficial including social services to recreation programming.

These conversations aided greatly in the understanding of needs within the community, from housing to community needs and help to guide the selection of projects and afforded staff on both sides the opportunity to forge a relationship that help to build the community beyond the realm of CDBG.

# Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

City Staff will continue conversations with Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), which serves as a Continuum of Care for the area, to obtain a better understanding of the services they provided the homeless population not only within Pflugerville but the region.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Not applicable

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

See page 8

#### Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES & VETERANS AFFAIRS- Staff met to obtain data and understanding of the services provided by the County and the needs of the populations (low to moderate income citizens, primarily female).

PFLUGERVILLE ISD- Obtained data related to numbers of youth served by the ISD as it related to their free to reduced lunch program.

COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK- Staff reviewed and analyzed data provided by Community Advancement Network (CAN)(formerly Community Action Network) related to the socioeconomic indicators for Greater Austin and Travis County. The City of Pflugerville is a member of this diverse organization that is a partnership of governmental, non-profit, private and faith-based organizations which leverage mutual resources to collectively improve social, health, educational and economic opportunities in our community.

ENDING COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS COALITION (ECHO) - Staff will be continuing conversations with ECHO to better understand the services provided by ECHO to the region and obtain data for the area regarding the homeless population and Continuum of Care.

PFLUGERVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION- Pflugerville Community Development Corporation (PCDC) serves as the economic development department for the City. Staff utilized their knowledge and resources of economic development patterns and trends to gain information related to jobs, economic development and other related information.

#### Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

In preparation of the 2015 Action Plan the City consulted with various public and private agencies to address the issues outlined in the plan regarding housing, health services, and social and fair housing services (including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, homeless persons). To the City's knowledge there were no agency types not consulted during the development of this plan.

#### Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
CONTINUUM OF CARE	ENDING COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS	To be Determined

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

#### AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

# **1.** Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

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The City of Pflugerville continues to encourage citizen participation with emphasis towards participation by persons of very-low, low and moderate income who are eligible for services provided by the CDBG program as well as residents of targeted areas in which the CDBG funds can be expended. All documents related to the CDBG program are made available to the public for review at any time and are available in the Pflugerville Public Library located at 1008 W. Pfluger Street, as well as on the City's website at: pflugervilletx.gov/communitydevelopment

### **Expected Resources**

#### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

**Priority Table** 

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected	Narrative Description	
	Funds		Annual	Program	Prior Year	Total:	Amount	
			Allocation:	Income: \$	Resources:	\$	Available	
			\$		\$		Reminder of	
							ConPlan	
							\$	
CDBG	Public-	(1)Acquisition	\$247,840			\$247,840		
	federal	(2)Admin and						
		Planning						
		(3)Economic						
		Development						
		(4)Housing						
		(5)Public						
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		Improvements						
		(6)Public Services						

Table 4 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

# Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

No leveraged funds are anticipated however, the City of Pflugerville does not anticipate utilizing the administrative allocation of the funding amount and will use the entire allocation towards projects.

# If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The anticipated infrastructure and public facilities projects will all be located within City owned property, either a public park or within public right-of-way.

#### Discussion

The Strategic Plan focuses on projects funded through CDBG funds provided to the City by HUD on an annual basis. Based on the City's annual allocation of \$247,840 for Program Year 2015 (PY15) the projects proposed are within the limits of this allocation. No additional leveraged funds are proposed. Improvements, not including acquisition, will occur on public property owned and maintained by the City of Pflugerville.

### **Annual Goals and Objectives**

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### **Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing	Area	Infrastructure	CDBG:	Public Facility
1	mastructure	2015	2015	Community		mastructure	\$20,000	or
				-			Ş20,000	-
				Development				Infrastructure
								Activities
								other than
								Low/Moderate
								Income
								Housing
								Benefit: 2,668
								Persons
								Assisted
2	Public	2015	2019	Non-Housing		Public	CDBG:	Public Facility
	Facilities			Community		Buildings and	\$212,840	or
				Development		Facilities		Infrastructure
								Activities
								other than
								Low/Moderate
								Income
								Housing
								Benefit: 5,886
								Persons
								Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Community	2015	2016	Non-Housing		Community	CDBG:	Public Facility
	Service			Community		Service	\$15,000	or
				Development				Infrastructure
								Activities
								other than
								Low/Moderate
								Income
								Housing
								Benefit: 75
								Persons
								Assisted

INFRASTRUCTURE: Improve pedestrian connections throughout target areas by repairing, replacing and/or adding sidewalks or trails and reduce barriers for the disabled by repairing, replacing and/or adding ramps at appropriate locations. In PY2015 one project will be undertaken in the infrastructure category; a sidewalk gap project on Foothill Farms Loop is proposed to provide better access to the area including the Travis County Health and Human Services/Veterans Affairs facility.

PARKS: Improve parks facilities in target areas by replacing parks equipment, adding additional parks amenities, acquiring additional parkland, creating new parks, and/or improving accessibility. In PY 2015 Park will be the primary focus of CDBG funding with anticipated projects within Windermere Park to add a pavilion and accessibility improvements, barrier removal at the Recreation Center for better access for seniors and mobility impaired persons, and parkland acquisition and development on Parkway Drive to provide a neighborhood park facility to an underserved area.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS: The Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to providing opportunities for increased health and wellness through recreational activities and safe park facilities to promote physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and social well-being for all. Recreational programs develop healthy lifestyles, strong minds and fit bodies. In order to better serve low to moderate income youth in our community, funding is needed to offer scholarships to 75 children meeting the income thresholds to aid them in participating in recreational programs. In PY15 youth scholarships to participate in parks and recreation programs will be offered to low to moderate income youth.

#### AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The City of Pflugerville will address the community development needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Funding has been allocated to projects within Pflugerville in the following high priority categories: infrastructure, public facilities, and community service. These activities were selected based on the needs identified during the consolidated planning process.

#	Project Name
1	FOOTHILL FARMS LOOP SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION
2	RECREATION CENTER ACCESSIBILTY IMPROVEMENTS FOR SENIORS
3	PARKWAY DRIVE PARK ACQUISITION
4	PARKWAY DRIVE PARK DEVELOPMENT
5	WINDERMERE PARK PAVILION
6	YOUTH RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS
A1	PARKWAY DRIVE PARK ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT
A2	YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS
A3	BARRIER REMOVAL

A – Alternate Project

Table 5 – Project Information

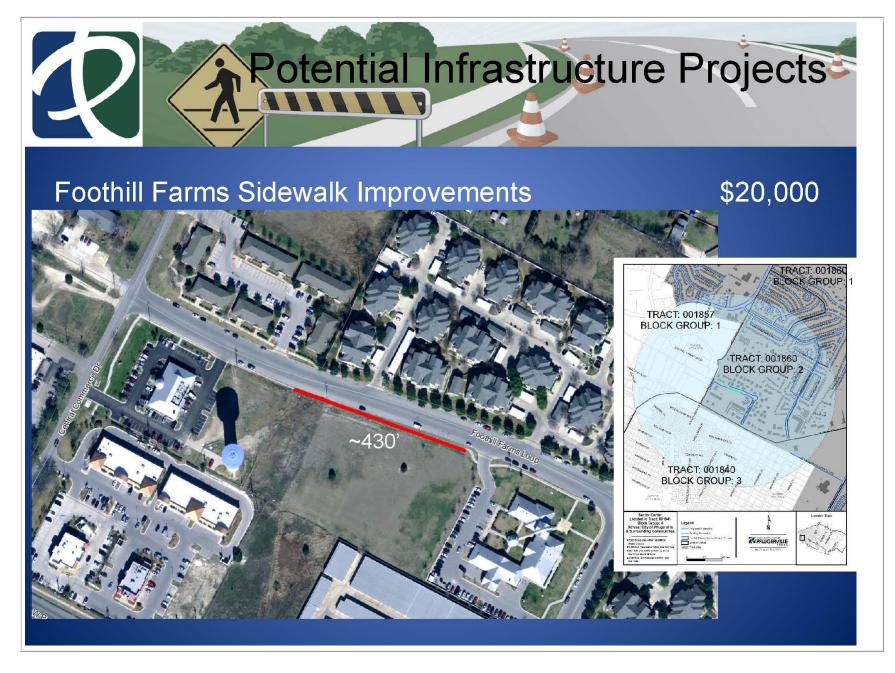
### Projects

#### AP-38 Projects Summary Project Summary Information

The proposed projects for the 2015 Program Year are outlined below. Additional or other projects may be considered at the time of submittal to HUD based on community feedback.

N 0.	Project	Goals Supported	Geographic Areas	Needs Addressed	Funding		
	Foothill Farms Loop Sidewalk Construction	Infrastructure		Infrastructure	CDBG : \$20,000		
	Description	Construction of approximately 430 feet of new six (6) foot wide sidewalk along the south side of Foothill Farms Loop, a collector roadway. Currently there is a gap in the sidewalk system along the south side of the roadway. This project would fill in the gap in the sidewalks system and provide for better pedestrian access to one of the community's largest providers of social services, Travis County Health and Human Services/Veteran's Affairs.					
	Target Date for Completion	March 2016					
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	2,668 Low to moderate income citizens (LMI) are anticipated to benefit from this improvement					
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Foothill Farms Loop approximately 400 feet east of Central Commerce Drive					

#### Table 6 – Project Summary

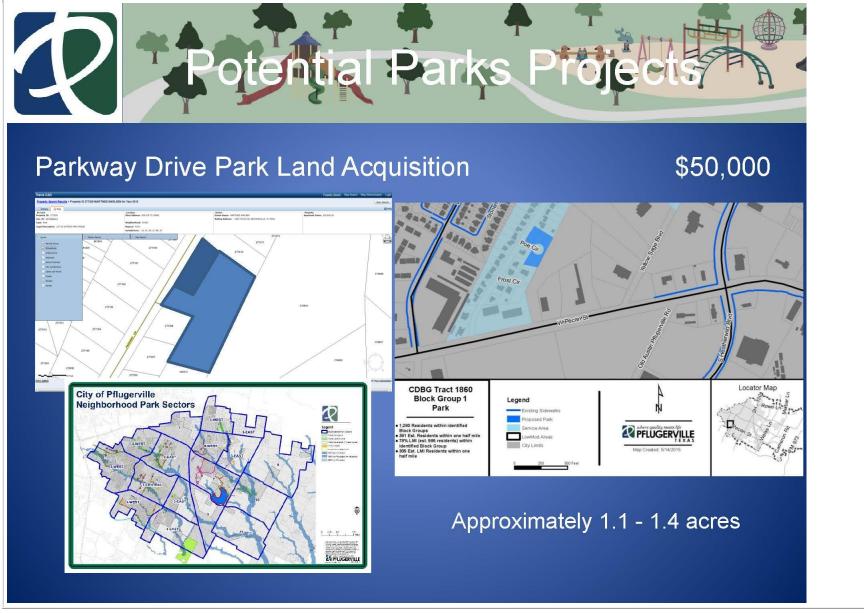


OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 07/31/2015)

	Recreation Center Accessibility Improvements for Seniors	ParksAccessibilityCDBG : \$40						
	Description	Construction of new sidewalk and accessible ramp system along the north and west sides of the Recreation Center which houses the Senior Center. Additionally, existing parking spaces will be reallocated to accessible spaces, building modifications for accessible entrances will be made and the drop off area will be improved.						
	Target Date for Completion	March 2016	March 2016					
2	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	The facility is available for use by all seniors within the city limits. The estimate senior population (age 62+) is 4,706 persons.						
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	400 Immanuel Road						
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)							



	Parkway Drive Parkland Acquisition	Parks		Park Facilities	CDBG : \$50,000		
	Description	Land acquisition of 1.1-1.4 acres of land for the use as a neighborhood park.					
	Target Date for Completion	Spring 2016					
3	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	305 LMI citizens are anticipated to benefit from the improvement					
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Located on the east side of Parkway Drive approximately 1,000 feet north of Pec Street					
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)						



	Parkway Drive Park Improvements	Parks		Park Facilities	CDBG : \$45,000		
	Description	Development of parkland acquired on Parkway Drive to include park facilities selected from the following elements: playscape, walking trail, picnic tables, pet waste stations, landscape, benches and trash receptacles.					
	Target Date for Completion	June 2016					
4	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	305 LMI citizens are anticipated to benefit from the improvement					
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Located on the east side of Parkway Drive approximately 1,000 feet north Street					
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	6					



### Parkway Drive Park Improvements

\$45,000

Ultimate improvements will consist of the following:

- Playscape
- Walking Trail
- Picnic Table(s)
- Pet Waste Station(s)
- Landscaping
- Benches
- Trash Receptacle(s)
- Shade

\* Timing of installation of improvements to be selected based on available funding amounts



	Windermere Park Improvements	Parks	Parks Park Facilities CDBG : \$75,000					
	Description	Installation of a pavilion at Windermere Park						
	Target Date for Completion	June 2016						
5	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	570 LMI are anticipated to benefit						
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Windermere Park, 16800 Gov	ver Street					
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)							



### Windermere Park Pavilion

### \$75,000



	Youth Recreation Scholarships	Community Service		Community Service	CDBG : \$15,000		
	Description	Provide financial assistance to qualifying Pflugerville families in order to facilitate participation in City sponsored youth activities and programs such as Pfun Camp, swim lessons, and various sports, arts and dance programs.					
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2016					
6	Estimate the number and type of families hat will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.) 75 LMI children are anticipated to benefit						
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Various based on location of recreation program					
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)						
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# Potential Program Project

### Youth Scholarships

• \$15,000

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- \$200 maximum scholarship/child
- Pfun camp, swim lessons, dance lesson, sports programs

Parks & Recreation



512-990-6355 flugervilletx.gov/parks

HELPFUL NUMBERS Aquatics & Athletics 512-990-6358

> Facility Rentals 512-990-6355

Pfarmers Market ommunity Services 512-990-6360

Recreation Center 512-990-6350

Special Events 512-990-6113

Annual Action Plan

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#### **Alternate Projects:**

Alternate projects may be selected should one or more of the initially selected projects be completed under budget or not be able to be completed for a variety of factors. Additional projects may be considered at the time of submittal to HUD based on community feedback. The City will select from the following projects:

	Parkway Drive Park Improvements	Parks		Park Facilities	CDBG : \$TBD	
	Description	Development of parkland acquired on Parkway Drive to include additional park facilities selected from the following elements: playscape, walking trail, picnic tables, pet waste stations, landscape, benches and trash receptacles.				
	Target Date for Completion	TBD				
A1	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	305 LMI citizens are anticipated to benefit from the improvement				
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Located on the east side of Parkway Drive approximately 1,000 feet north of Pecan Street				
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)					
A2	Youth Recreation Scholarship Program – Additional Funding	Community Service		Community Service	CDBG : \$TBD (Total Youth Scholarship Program not to exceed 15% of CDBG funding allocation)	

	Description	Provide financial as families in order to youth activities and lessons, and various	facilitat prograr	e participation ns such as Pfu	n in City sponsored un Camp, swim	
	Target Date for Completion	TBD				
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	TBD				
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)			orogram		
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)			1	1	
	Barrier Removal	Infrastructure		Accessibili ty Improveme nts	CDBG : \$TBD	
43	Description	Replace sidewalk ramps that do not meet current accessibility standard requirements or provide ramps at intersections where none currently exist.				
	Target Date for Completion	TBD				
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional	All mobility impaired citizens utilizing the sidewalk system throughout the community				

information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	
Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Various locations throughout the city
Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	

#### AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

# Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Projects were not selected based on a specific geographic area of the city however, some of the parks and infrastructure projects are located within areas that meet the low and moderate income areas where more than 41.4 percent of the households are living at or below 80 percent of the median income.

#### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In order to meet the 41.4 percent criteria research found that the projects are generally limited to two block groups that can consistently meet the threshold for projects. The projects selected for consideration focused on needs for low to moderate income areas and greater benefit to the community overall.

### **Affordable Housing**

#### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

For the five year period covered by the Consolidated Plan, Pflugerville does not intend to target CDBG funds toward efforts to aid in housing needs. However, recognizing that a diversity of housing types and affordability is important not only to the individual citizen but the community as a whole, staff continues to review housing types available in the community to ensure workforce housing is accommodated within the community and participate in planning efforts that aid in the development of affordable projects within Pflugerville.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported		
0		

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported T	hrough
Rental Assistance	
The Production of New Units	
Rehab of Existing Units	
Acquisition of Existing Units	
Total 0	

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

#### Introduction

For the five year period covered by the Consolidated Plan, Pflugerville does not intend to target CDBG funds toward efforts to aid in housing needs. However, recognizing that a diversity of housing types and affordability is important not only to the individual citizen but the community as a whole, staff will review housing types available in the community to ensure workforce housing is accommodated within the community and participate in planning efforts that aid in the development of affordable projects within Pflugerville.

#### Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Due to limited resources Pflugerville does not anticipate undertaking any housing projects within the time frame of the Consolidated Plan.

# Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Due to limited resources Pflugerville does not anticipate undertaking any housing projects within the time frame of the Consolidated Plan.

# If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable.

#### AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

#### Introduction

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Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

# Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

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#### Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

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Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

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#### Discussion

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use	of HOPWA
for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the	
individual or family	
Tenant-based rental assistance	
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being	
developed, leased, or operated	
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or	
operated with HOPWA funds	
Total	0

#### AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

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#### AP-85 Other Actions - 91.220(k)

#### Introduction

Pflugerville's Program Year 2015 (PY15) Action Plan lists the projects and activities the City will undertake beginning October 1, 2015 to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan details how the City will use the CDBG funds and describes how the City will address housing and non-housing community development needs.

#### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Potential obstacles to meeting underserved needs include: rapid population growth, need for transportation to existing services, access to affordable recreation facilities and programs, rising cost of housing. While population growth will occur Pflugerville has worked through various planning processes to help manage that growth over time, addressing water, wastewater, parks, trails, land use, housing and a multitude of other issues that coincide with a rapidly growing city. The projects selected are to complement the long term plans for a growing city that aid in meeting underserved needs of the low to moderate population.

#### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

For the five year period covered by the Consolidated Plan, Pflugerville does not intend to target CDBG funds toward efforts to aid in housing needs. However, recognizing that a diversity of housing types and affordability is important not only to the individual citizen but the community as a whole, staff will continue to review housing types available in the community to ensure workforce housing is accommodated within the community and participate in planning efforts that aid in the development of affordable projects within Pflugerville.

#### Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City utilizes community services provided by Travis County for the remediation of lead based paint in Pflugerville's housing supply. Approximately 226 homes within the City of Pflugerville were constructed during the time when lead based paint was accepted for use. The City will continue to utilize Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Services, which receives funds through State grants and the Travis County General Fund to provide limited lead based paint remediation on houses built before 1978 where small holes in the wall or similar acts could cause additional lead exposure.

#### Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Approximately 10% of Pflugerville residents live in poverty (ACS 2013 5 year estimate). Female headed households with children are particularly affected by poverty. The City's anti-poverty strategy is based on attracting a range of businesses and providing workforce development and a mix of uses throughout the community that are supportive of each other reducing or eliminating the need to find housing,

employment or services outside of the community.

#### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City Finance Department manages the CDBG procurement processes for commodities, professional services and construction. Expertise in the area of federal standards has been created within the department. The department submits all financial reports, including the SF-425.

# Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Effective implementation of the Consolidated Plan involves a variety of agencies. Coordination and collaboration within the City of Pflugerville and between agencies helps to ensure that the needs in the community are addressed. The key departments and agencies that are involved in the implementation of the Plan are described below.

#### **Public sector**

#### City of Pflugerville, Planning Department

The Planning Department is responsible for the administration of the City's programs funded by CDBG money. This office has primary responsibility for managing and implementing the City's Consolidated Plan programs and related documents.

Other City departments are also involved in providing services, include the Engineering Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department.

#### City of Pflugerville, Finance Department

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Travis County Health & Human Services and Veterans Services Department (TCHHS/VS)

*TCHHS/VS offers a variety of services to Pflugerville and Travis County residents including:* 

- Utility, Rent and Mortgage Assistance
- Family Assistance
- Children's Services
- Senior Services
- Public Health Services
- Emergency Services

### **Program Specific Requirements**

#### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before	0
the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be	0
used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives	
identified in the grantee's strategic plan	
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the	0
planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

#### APPENDIX A

#### Summary of Public Comments Received for the 2015 Action Plan

*Two (2) people testified during the public hearings and three (3) emails were received regarding the Action Plan. In summary the comments received include:* 

- 1) Request to support funding a community transportation system to assist residents with travel to doctors' appointments, the grocery store and other daily needs.
- 2) Increase the amounts and notification of availability for youth recreational scholarships.
- *3) Construct another swimming pool within the community.*
- 4) Additional sidewalk and trail connections within west Pflugerville
- 5) Additional amenities to proposed Parkway Drive Park

#### **Detailed public comments received:**

#### Comments received at City Council Public Hearing 2, July 28, 2015:

- Private citizen public comment regarding transportation for disabled. Spoke for everyone like him that is disabled. They need transportation other than CARTS. Community Transport Services [a non-profit] will get them wherever they need to go.
- Allison Phillips, Cofounder and Executive Director, Community Transport Services, since 2009 provide service to seniors, low income and disabled. Come before the council to request funding through the CBDG. Plan does not address transportation. Hope that council will not forget these people that are in the community.

#### <u>Comments received from Commissioners at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, July 16,</u> 2015:

- Consider sidewalks along Pecan Street.
- Consider trail connections from Pecan Street to Gilleland Creek Trail.
- Consider adding shade as an option for the Parkway Drive Park.

#### Comments received via email:

• 6.25.2015 Private Citizen: "I believe \$30,000 was budgeted for youth scholarships for recreational programs in 2014 from the CDBG budget.

This amount needs to remain or increase.

The scholarships need to cover a wider area of recreational programs and an improved method of informing the eligible public needs to be implemented.

The method of informing the eligible public should have it's own budget aside from the \$30,000 for the scholarships.

While construction projects have merit and are at times needed the future of Pflugerville will be built by the current and future residents, many of which could use the scholarship funds. Many of these residents are now our underprivileged youth, some of these youngsters could greatly benefit from the group and leadership dynamics skills that are part of being in organized recreational activities.

The current budget may perhaps show that all the scholarship funds were not used. I believe with proper outreach, all or more could have been utilized."

- 7.3.2015 Private Citizen: "In response to your request for feedback regarding the block grant program. I believe that the money has been slated to be spent in ways that will not have a significant impact on a large population of Pflugerville. I would like to [see] the money spent toward another pool. We have great growth on the northside of Pflugerville, but no public pool. The swimming pools are always crowded for the swim teams, and even lessons through the city. Please build another pool that could also be accessible for swim meets."
- 7.17.2015 Private Citizen: "I just watched the PARC meeting portion discussing the CDBG grant presentation.

*Firstly, I am glad this presentation was made to the PARC, and as the PARC Chair suggested they should be in on the process much earlier.* 

Regarding the method of outreach to eligible youth for the scholarships. From what I heard and correct me if I am mistaken the Parks Director did not know if flyers were sent home from school with kids that were eligible for this scholarship. If that is correct there is a serious problem within Parks and Rec. As a matter of fact I asked to see a flyer twice earlier this year ( in the Spring) and I am still waiting to see one. The ball was dropped on outreach to Pflugerville's eligible children, it was painfully obvious when watching the meeting. The lack of communication and delivering of proper hand out material to PISD for disbursal is not good at all, if no take home flyer was given to eligible kids. While the strategy of having the County help with some of the recruiting worked to some degree (it seems it might have been the only thing that worked) the City in coordination with PISD and other forms of outreach needs to do a much better job.

It should have been emphasized at the very beginning of this program that getting the word out to the eligible participants and parents was a crucial point for the success of this program. This is not a matter of a learning curve or any such thing. Simply a failure by City staff to the eligible children and families of Pflugerville.

There needs to be a lead person at PARD for this project. If there was one, they did not manage this properly.

*Less than 30 participants. A shame. I think all 28 of the 2014 participants should have their fees reimbursed 100% with the huge balance.* 

The cap of \$200 does not make sense when there is such low participation. The low participation should have been noted early on in registration and the cap lifted and outreach redoubled.

For 2015 funds. If there is a cap for summer camp it should be at 90% of cost. In other words the grant will pay 90% and the parent/guardian or other entity pays for the remaining 10%. I think no cap is actually a better way to go until demand outstrips funds and then revert to the 90 then 80%.

When I say summer camp I am referring to the whole offering, every week that summer camp is held. Every eligible child in every week of summer camp.

*If there were to be a high demand the City should pick up the balance for this years, 2015, allotment and then go to the 90-80% steps.* 

If proper outreach is done there should be a high demand. In the long run more funds need to be dedicated for this scholarship program with continued better outreach. Additional summer camp slots will be needed. The camp will grow and that needs to be planned for now.

Funds need to be raised back to \$30,000 for 2015, and budget for \$100,000 in 2016. Where to find the funds for 2015? The county can build their own sidewalks.

This to me is not a money saving day care deal for eligible parents, I think day care ends at 6 years old anyways. This is a way to have kids doing something productive with their summer. My guess would be many of the kids become latch key kids during the summer. Let's get them involved with mixed group interaction, leadership skills, community awareness . School can do some of this but kids need structured activity and kids are not in school in the summer. We want kids to grow up and become productive citizens and stay in Pflugerville. This program can go a long way in being a part of what makes that happen.

My thinking leaned on getting eligible kids in summer camp but if a child or parent chooses to send them to a particular Parks and Rec class this should be available as well."