PUBLIC NOTICE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FY 2024 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DRAFT

To build and strengthen new partnerships with State and local governments and the private sector, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a single consolidated submission for the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

The overall goals of the community development and planning programs covered by the Consolidated Plan are to strengthen partnerships with jurisdictions and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, to enable them:

- to provide decent housing;
- to establish and maintain a suitable living environment; and
- to expand economic opportunities for every American, particularly for very low-income and low-income persons.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to require the County to state in one document its plan to pursue these goals for all the community planning and development programs, as well as for housing programs. The FY 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan serves the following functions:

- 1. A planning document for the jurisdiction, which builds on a participatory process at the lowest levels;
- 2. An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs;
- 3. A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and,
- 4. An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance.

The Consolidated Plan Final Rule requires that local government jurisdictions submit to HUD the five-year Consolidated Plans containing a housing and homeless needs assessment, a housing market analysis, a strategic plan, an action plan, and the required HUD certifications. The FY 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan includes Fort Bend County's revised housing and homeless needs assessment and housing market analysis. The strategic plan sets forth program goals and specific objectives in a manner that helps local governments and citizens keep track of programmatic results.

The FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan includes the proposed projects to be funded from FY2024, September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. These projects are listed below by program funding source. The amount of funds expected to be available in FY2024 is based upon funds allocated to Fort Bend County by HUD in FY2023. Actual funding amounts for FY2024 have not been released therefore, Fort Bend County may be required to reduce, increase or de-obligate funding to the recommended project allocations should the actual allocation change from the FY2023 amounts.

AMOUNT OF FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE DURING FY2024

| CDBG | \$3,482,784 |
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| CDBG Public Infrastructure | \$1,963,784 |
| CDBG Public Service | \$410,000 |
| CDBG Administration (Fort Bend County) | \$650,000 |
| HOME | ¢1 12 <i>4 775</i> |
| HOME | \$1,134,775 |
| HOME CHDO Set-Aside | \$170,217 |
| HOME Administration (Fort Bend County) | \$113,477 |
| ESG (Shelter Operations) | \$175,215 |
| ESG (HP/RR) | \$80,000 |
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| ESG Administration (Fort Bend County) | \$21,903 |
| Total funds (estimates from FY2023) | \$4,792,774 |

2024 PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

| LOCATION | DESCRIPTION RECOMMEN | RECOMMENDED AMOUNT | |
|------------|--|--------------------|--|
| CDBG | | | |
| Countywide | CDBG Program Administration and Planning (20% max) | \$650,000.00 | |
| Countywide | Section 108 Repayment: City of Arcola | \$309,000.00 | |
| Countywide | Housing Rehabilitation Program Direct Costs | \$150,000.00 | |
| Countywide | Fort Bend County Public Facilities/Infrastructure Projects | \$1,963,784.00 | |
| Countywide | Fort Bend County Public Service Projects | \$410,000.00 | |
| Countywide | Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program | \$150,000.00 | |
| ESG | | | |
| Countywide | ESG Program Administration (7.5% max) | \$21,903.00 | |
| Countywide | Fort Bend County Homeless Services Assistance Program | \$255,215.00 | |
| HOME | | | |
| Countywide | HOME Program Administration (10% max) | \$113,477.00 | |
| Countywide | Fort Bend County Single Family Acquisition and New | \$240,000.00 | |
| | Construction Program | | |
| Countywide | Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program | \$611,081.00 | |

The Fort Bend County FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Draft will be available for a 30-day public review and comment from **Monday**, **May 20**, **2024**, **to Friday**, **June 21**, **2024**. The public is encouraged to review this document and submit comments. Copies of the Consolidated Annual Action Plan are available from the Fort Bend Community Development Department, 301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469. Please call the department at (281) 341-4410 or email comments to communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytx.gov.

A public meeting will be held on **Thursday**, **June 20**, **2024**, **at 2:00 p.m.**, at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson St., 6th Floor Meeting Room, Richmond, Texas to receive comments from the public regarding the draft FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan. The public is encouraged to attend and to submit comments to Janeen Spates, Community Development Assistant Director, at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department,

301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469 in person or by email at <u>communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytx.gov</u>. Comments will be incorporated into the Consolidated Annual Action Plan draft document, as appropriate.

Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services may contact the department at (281) 341-4410 regarding reasonable accommodations for the meeting. This venue is accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Spanish language translators are available at the meeting for persons with Limited English Proficiency. Persons requiring other language translators must contact the department at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (281) 341-4410, to request translation services for the meeting.