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**Texas Community Development Block Grant
2021 Programs**



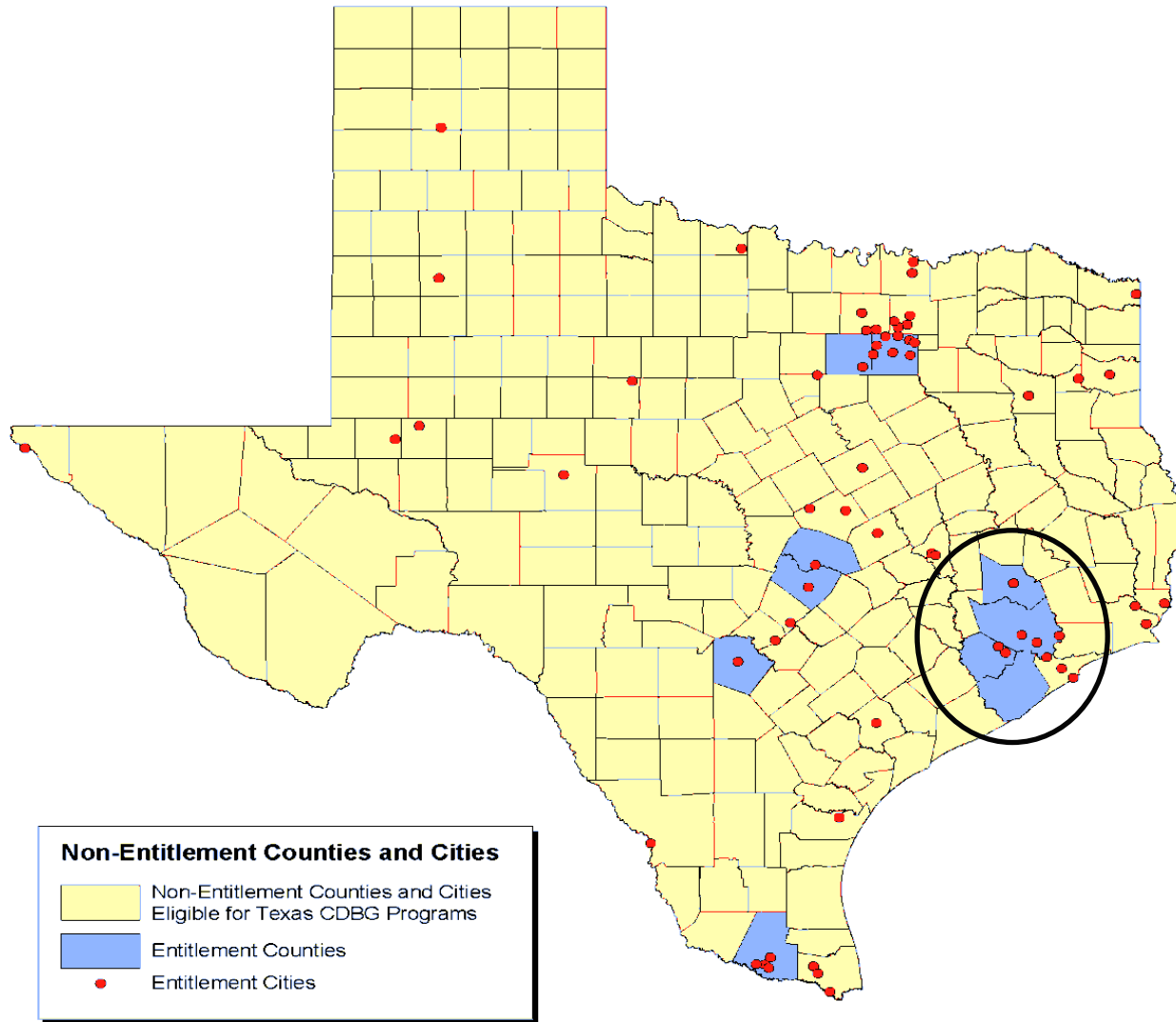
Agenda

- TxCDBG Overview
- Programs
 - **Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP)**
 - **Community Development (CD) Fund**
 - State Urgent Need (SUN)
 - Planning and Capacity Building (PCB)
 - Fire Truck, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST) Fund
- 2021 Application Tips & Updates



Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program

- TDA receives program funding from the Dept of Housing and Urban Development
- Non-entitlement cities and counties in Texas are eligible
 - cities with populations under 50K
 - counties with a non-metropolitan population under 200K
- Serves 861 cities and 244 counties



Check entitlement status and find local contacts online:
<https://www.hud.gov/states/texas/community/cdbg>



TxCDBG Fund Categories

- **Community Development (CD)**
- **Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP)**
- **State Urgent Need (SUN)**
- **Planning and Capacity Building (PCB)**
- **Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST)**



CDBG Objectives



National Program Objectives:

- Benefit to **low- and moderate-income persons**;
- Elimination of slums or blighted conditions
- Meet other community development needs of particular urgency which represent an **immediate threat** to the health and safety of residents.

TxCDBG Program

2021 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP)



Program Overview

- Public infrastructure improvements or activities which will address slum or blighted conditions in a community's downtown area
- Award Maximum: \$350,000
- Annual Application Cycle
- **Application Deadline May 3, 2021**



What's slum and blight?

- Detrimental to the public health, safety, morals, and welfare
- Has a predominance of buildings or other improvements that are dilapidated or deteriorated



What's a Downtown area?

A downtown district will typically meet the following criteria:

1. The city's historic area of commerce or economic center of the community;
2. May be the area around the courthouse or city square, if the improvements will primarily serve non-governmental buildings;
3. The retail area for the community that does not include single-family dwellings

Recommend including map identifying businesses served by proposed improvements.



Slum and Blight Resolution

- Local Resolution Defines
 - Current S/B conditions
 - Downtown Area
 - Activities to eliminate current S/B conditions

Sample Resolution – Slum/Blight Designation

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF (XYZ), TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT AN AREA OF THE CITY CONTAINS CONDITIONS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND CONSTITUTES A <SLUM/BLIGHTED AREA>.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of (XYZ) has reviewed and evaluated conditions in the <downtown district/designated Main Street area> of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has found conditions which are detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community within the <downtown district/designated Main Street area>, as follows:

<List conditions qualifying project area as slum or blighted. See “National Program Objective” section of application guidance for details regarding qualifying conditions.>

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of (XYZ) has authorized an application for funding under the <Main Street/Downtown Revitalization> program, as follows:

<List project activities>

WHEREAS, these project activities will aid in the elimination of slum/blight in the community by <list improved conditions>.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF (XYZ), TEXAS THAT THE AREA IDENTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES AND OUTLINE ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AS <name of attachment> HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A <SLUM/BLIGHTED> AREA.

Boundaries

North:

South:

East:

West:

Passed and approved the ____ day of ____, 20__.

John Doe, Mayor

Jane Doe, City Clerk



The AUTO PARTS Store

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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What improvements and activities are eligible?

- Sidewalks and lighting
- Eliminate architectural barriers for the disabled
- Water and/or sewer lines
- Road construction/rehabilitation, to include curb and gutter and related drainage
- Natural gas lines and related items
- Electric power lines and transformers
- Utilities including natural gas, and electric
- Grant administration – up to 16% of TxCDBG funds requested for construction and acquisition activities or \$35,000, whichever is less
- Engineering services– up to 25% of TxCDBG funds requested for construction and acquisition activities or \$55,000, whichever is less
- Demolition and clearance activity of non-residential structures



Multiple Activities Project Example: City of Cleveland

Cleveland Downtown Revitalization

The project limits are along N. Travis Street from E. Houston Street north to Boothe Street. Improvements include new sidewalk, ADA ramps, accessible parking, street lighting, updated signage, waterline replacement, improved storm sewer and striping.

Legend

- Project Limits
- Replace Waterline
- Sidewalk
- Storm Improvements





Travis Ave @ Houston St looking west



Figure 10: Location looking north



sidewalk on Travis Ave



Looking South from crossing









RAILROAD
CROSSING

N Travis

CVS

JEA
MEDICAL



TxCDBG Program

2021-2022 Community Development (CD) Fund



Program Overview

- Largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program
- Finances many different activities, although most funds are for Public Facilities
 - water/wastewater infrastructure
 - street and drainage improvements
 - housing activities
- Activities principally benefit low-to-moderate income persons
- Biennial Application Cycle
- **Application Deadline May 3, 2021**




What's Low-to-Moderate Income?

- HUD defines as individuals whose income is 80% or less of the area median family income, determined at the County level
- Documentation Methods
 - Use HUD's LMISD Data
 - Perform Door-to-door Surveys



LMI Beneficiary Documentation

- HUD
LMISD
Data
- Door-to-Door
Surveys

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Beneficiary Documentation

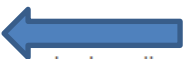
The links provided on this page should be used to access data for documenting the beneficiaries of a proposed TxCDBG project. For guidance on how this data is used, consult the [Survey Methodology Manual](#) (link below) or the Beneficiary Identification section of the Application Guide for the fund you wish to pursue.

[TxCDBG Guide to Meeting a National Program Objective \(NEW!!!\)](#)

[2020 Survey Methodology Manual](#) (updated 5/1/2020)

[Census Maps](#)

[American Fact Finder](#)

[Survey Tab Form](#) (new version 3/20/2020) 

Due to recent HUD changes made to LMI income levels, applicants are strongly encouraged to read the below [2017 Survey Questionnaire Guidance](#) *prior* to using the appropriate survey questionnaire.

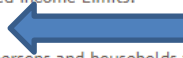
[2020 Survey Questionnaire - 80% ONLY](#)

[2020 Survey Questionnaire-Standard](#)

[2020 Survey Questionnaire - 80% ONLY en Español](#)

[2020 Survey Questionnaire - Standard en Español](#)

It is recommended to always double check with the HUD posted Income Limits.

[2020 LMISD data posted 4/8/2020](#) EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020 


The above excel file contains income characteristic data for persons and households for each logical record number in Texas.

[Race/Ethnicity Calculator](#)

Use the above Excel file as a tool to determine the race, ethnicity and gender for the beneficiaries in your project. This calculator replaces the TXMA05. This new calculator uses the most recent ACS data. Instructions are included in the file.

[Sample Size Calculator and Random Number Generator \(SSC/RNG\)](#)

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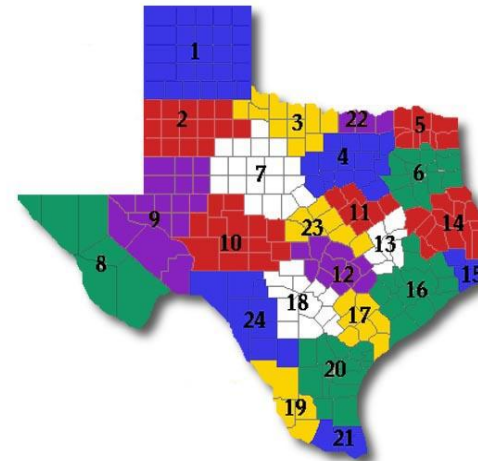
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What improvements and activities are eligible?

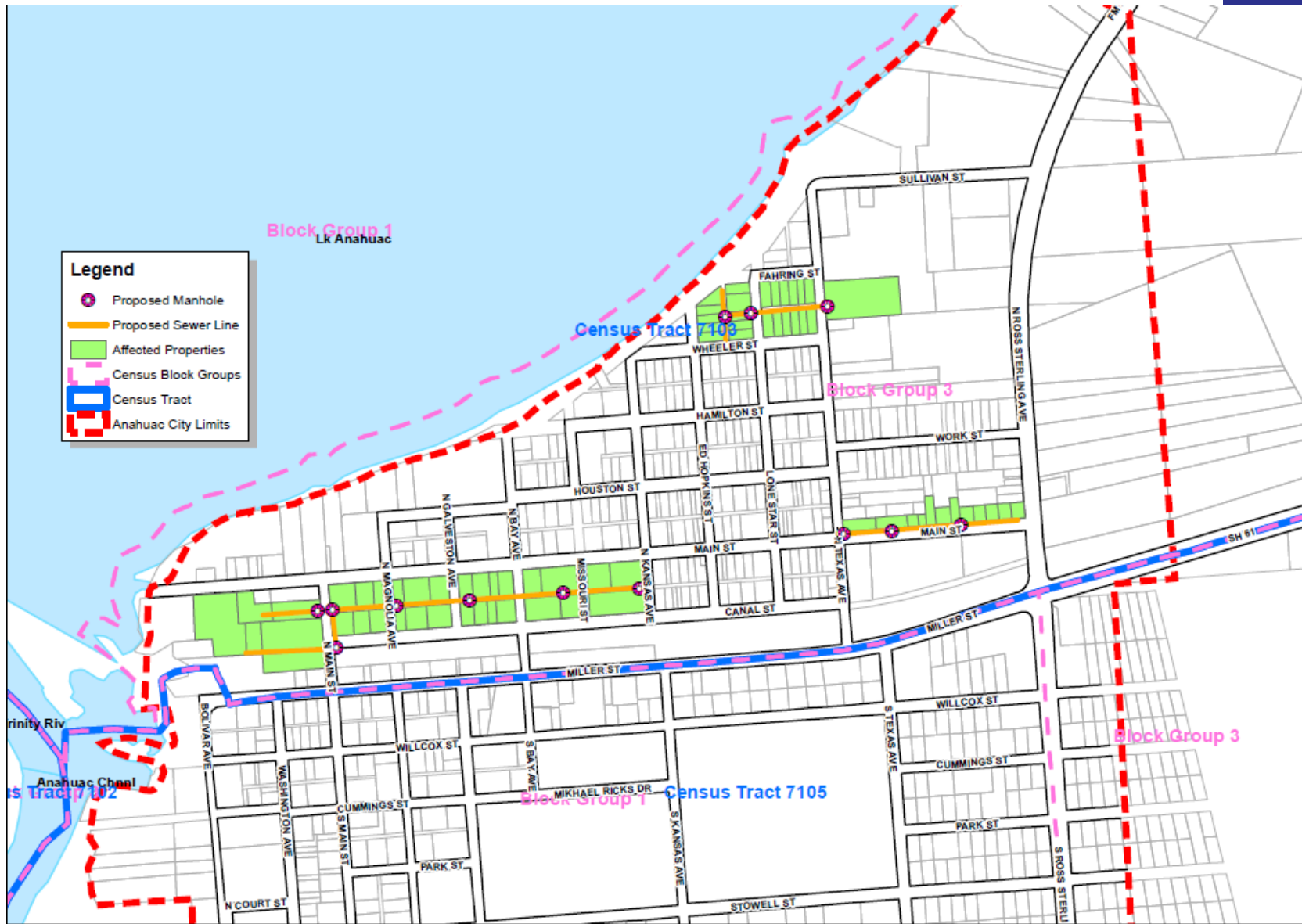
- Water Improvements
- Wastewater Improvements
- Street Improvements
- Flood and Drainage Improvements
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Senior Centers
- Youth Centers
- Parks, Recreational Facilities
- Parking Facilities
- Sidewalks
- Program Administration
- And More! All activities on page 31 of Application Guide

HGAC Project Priorities





Target Area Benefit Project Example: City of Anahuac





Citywide Project Example: City of Willis



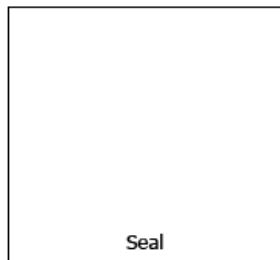


City of Willis Example Documentation

GEOTYPE	STATE	PLACE	NAME	STUSAB	LOW	LOWMOD	LOWMODUNIM	LOWMOD_PCT	moe_lowm
PLACE	48	79408	Willis city	TX	1,625	4,640	5,980	77.59%	+/-9.00

TABLE 2 - BUDGET JUSTIFICATION OF RETAIL COSTS

Activity Description	HUD Act #	Materials/Facilities/Services	\$/Unit	Unit	Quantity	Construction	Acquisition	Total
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						\$0	\$0	\$0



Signature of Registered Engineer/Architect Responsible For Table 2

Date:

Phone Number

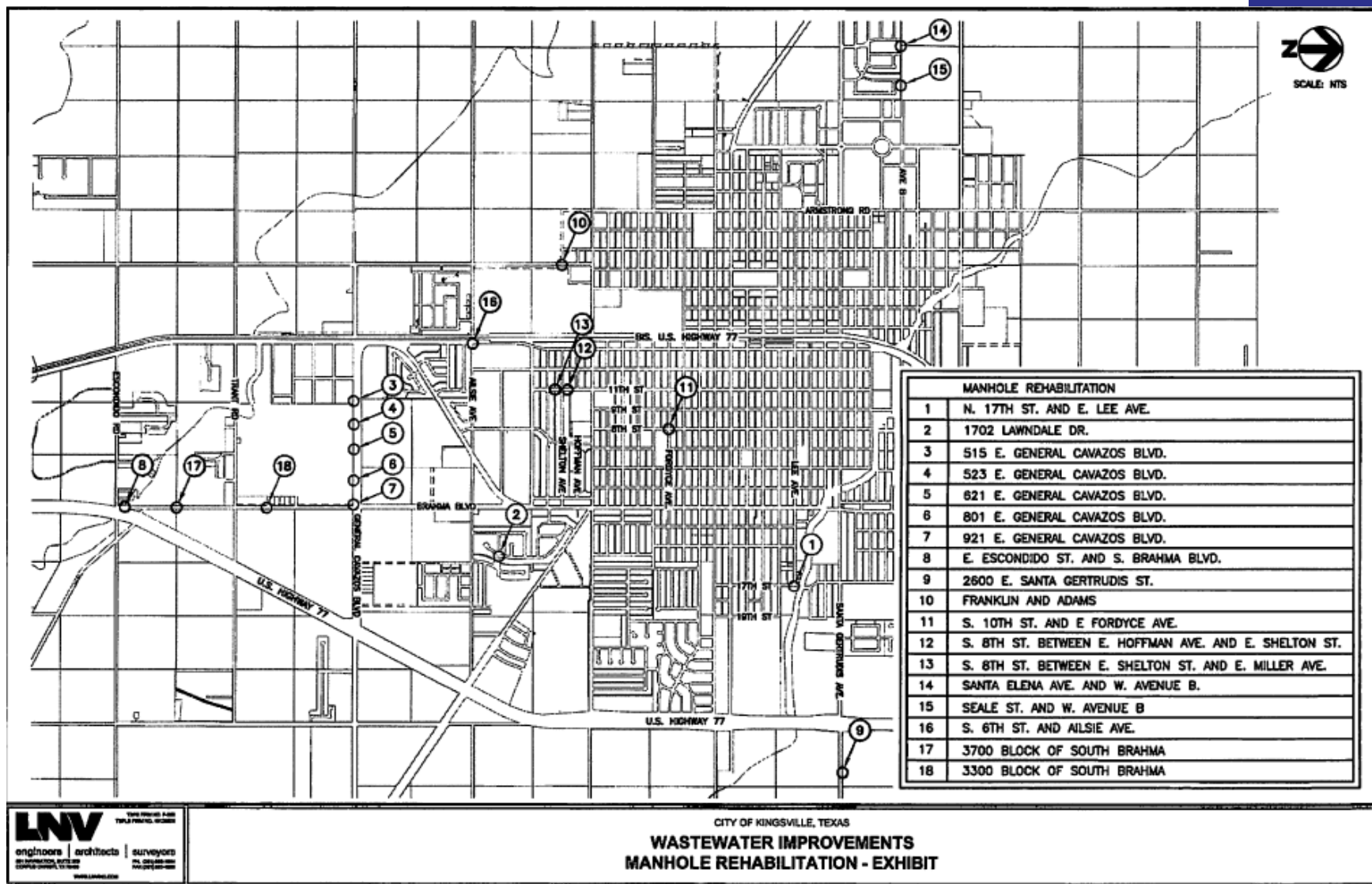
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Justification for the identified project service area.

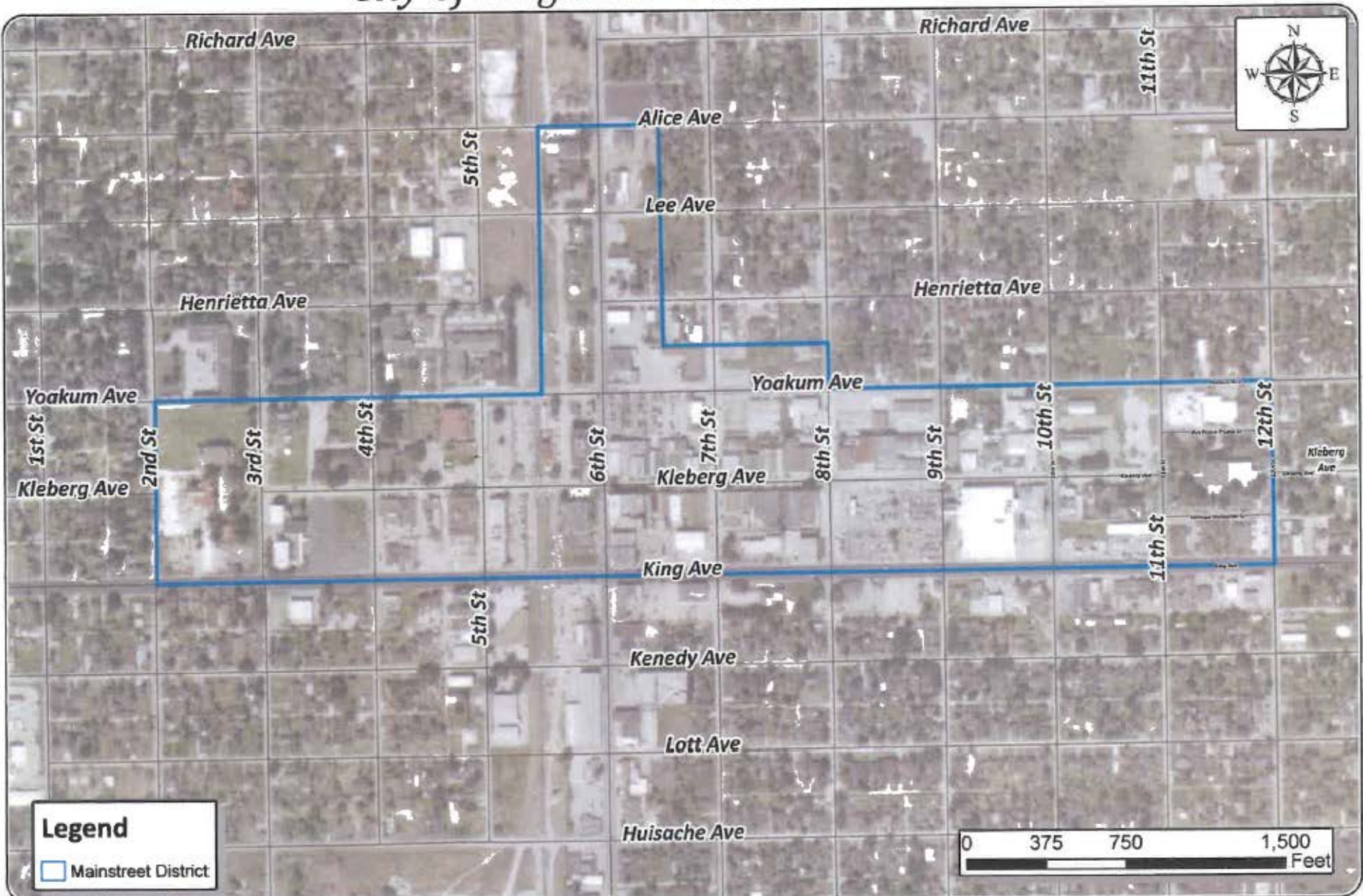
The existing storage tank at Water Plant No. 3 is the largest source of water storage and helps maintain water pressure throughout the City of Willis water system.




Multiple Projects Example: City of Kingsville



City of Kingsville - Mainstreet District



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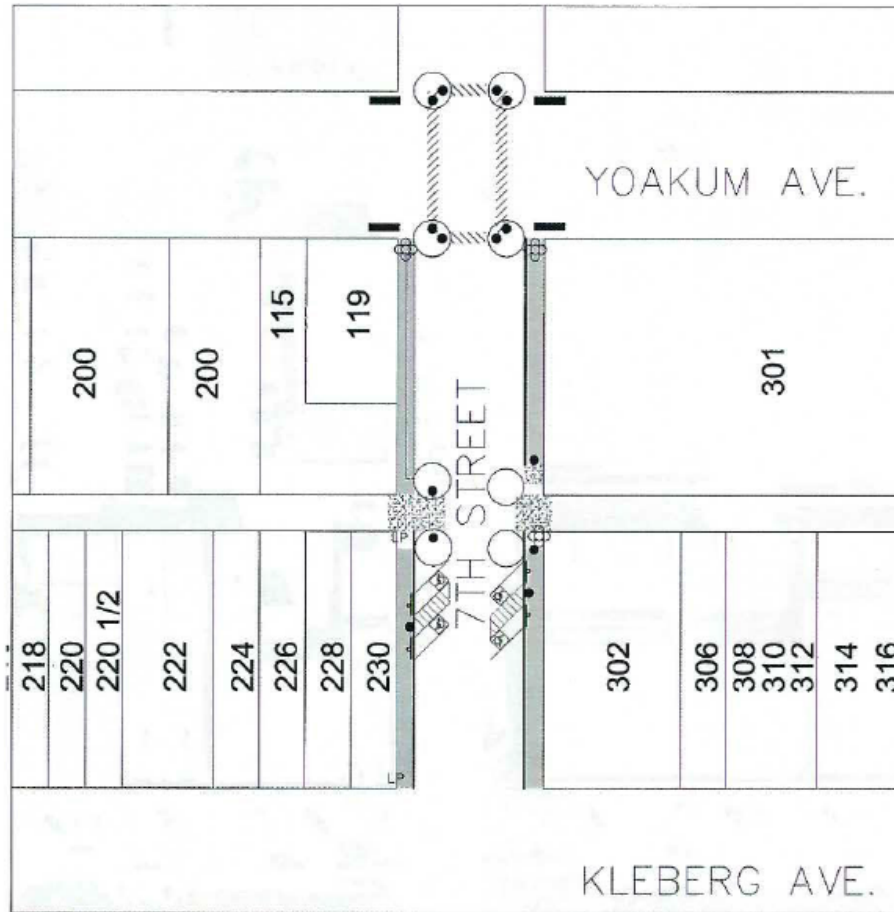


Multiple Projects Example: City of Kingsville





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LEGEND	
	PROPOSED CONCRETE STEPS
	PROP. SIDEWALK
	PROP. CROSSWALK
	PROP. BULB-OUT
	PROP. LIGHT POST
	PROP. DRIVEWAY
	PROP. HANDICAP PARKING W/ SIGN
	PROP. ADA RAMP
	PROP. ADA SYMBOL
	PROP. CURBS
	PROP. CURB INLET
LP	EXISTING LIGHT POST



PROJECT AREA MAP
SCALE: 1:1000

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2020 MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT
7TH STREET

PROJECT AREA MAP

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TxCDBG Program

2021-2022 State Urgent Need (SUN) Fund



Program Overview

- Funding for State Declarations
- Repair / restoration / improvement of damaged infrastructure
- Priority for:
 - Safe drinking water (permanent priority)
 - Debris removal (priority for this year)
- Open/As needed – first-come first-serve basis



TxCDBG Program

2021-2022 Planning & Capacity Building (PCB) Fund

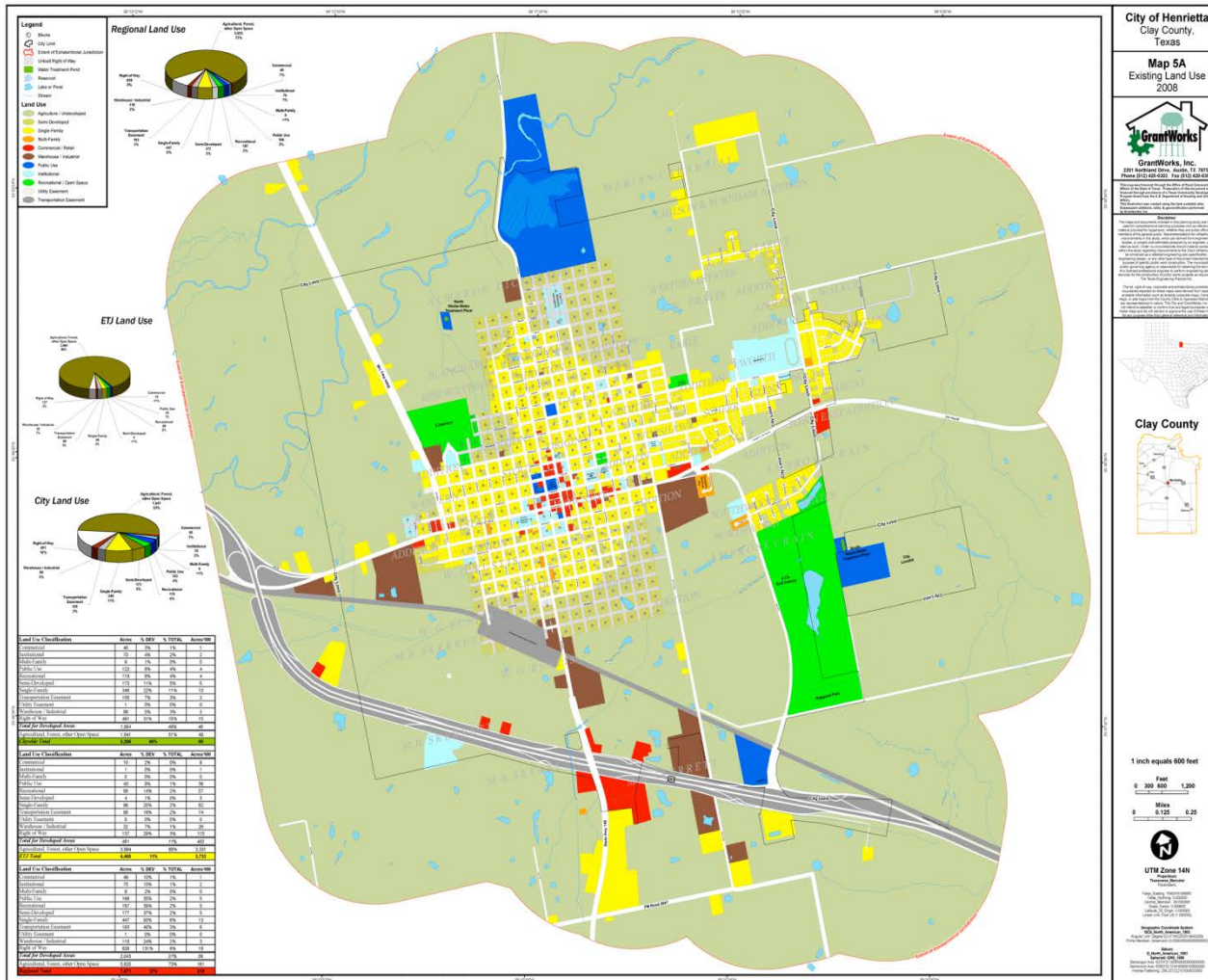


Program Overview

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



Results in Detailed Planning Maps



TxCDBG Program

2021-2022 Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST)
Fund



Program Overview

- Provides funds for eligible vehicles to provide emergency response and special services to low-to-moderate income areas
- Financed by deobligated funds nearing expiration

TxCDBG Program

Application Tips & Updates



Application Tips

- Include service/benefit area justification
- Project and all activities should be included in community needs
- If upsizing or downsizing infrastructure, include explanation in application
- Ensure correct NPO Support Documentation
- Follow suggested application steps and timeline



Application Steps

- Identify/hire application preparer and application engineer
 - [Professional Services Page](#)
 - [TxCDBG Implementation Manual](#) (Ch 5)
- Citizen Participation
 - Conduct public hearing to solicit feedback regarding community needs
- Begin project design
- Collect beneficiary documentation



Professional Services Procurement

- Communities must procure application preparer and application engineer before the provider(s) conduct any work to prepare the application for TxCDBG funding.
- **Now is the time to procure and award service contracts for TxCDBG programs your community intends to apply for!**
- Check out TxCDBG Training page for link to recorded webinar about procurement processes



Texas Department of Agriculture – Grants Online (TDA-GO!).

- TDA is introducing a new online grant management system
- Application submissions shall be accepted through TDA-GO! system

A screenshot of the TDA GO! login page. The header features the Texas Department of Agriculture logo and the text "TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER" on the left, and "★ TDA GO! ★ TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANTS ONLINE" on the right. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a welcome message: "Welcome to the online Grants Management System - TDA Go!" followed by a paragraph explaining that all organizations need to register. Below this is a section titled "Steps to Get Started:" with three bullet points: 1. The initial registration must be completed by an Authorized Official (AO) for the organization. 2. Once the AO registers the organization, they will receive an email Notification of Access Approval from the online systems administrator. 3. The AO can then designate access to your organizational account for additional staff members as they deem appropriate. The right column contains a login form with fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Submit" button, and links for "Login Assistance" and "New User? Click Here". A "Go to the top" link is located at the bottom left of the page.



Application Deadlines

Fund Category	Application Due Date
Community Development (CD)	May 3, 2021
Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP)	May 3, 2021
Colonia Fund: Construction (CFC)	May 3, 2021
State Urgent Need (SUN) Fund	Open/As needed – first-come first-serve basis
Fire Truck, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST) & Planning and Capacity Building (PCB)	TBD



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