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**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**

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**TO:** Plans and Projects Review Committee  
**SUBJECT:** August Meeting  
**FROM:** Rick Guerrero, Intergovernmental Relations Director  
**DATE:** August 12, 2020

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H-GAC's Plans and Projects Review Committee meets this month on Tuesday, August 18 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom to review two items.

The first item is the Fort Bend County FY2020 Action Plan. The purpose of Fort Bend County's Annual Action Plan is to identify the objective and outcome for the Fiscal Year 2020 funds for HUD's Community Development Block Grants, HOME funds, and Emergency Services Grants.

The second item is the Clean Diesel Emission Reduction program. This program solicits proposals annually from across the nation to fund projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions. Specifically, this program focuses on distributing funding to areas that have been designated as having poor air quality. The projects with operations in Houston are eligible for funding under this program.

Please call me at 713-993-4598 or email me at [rick.guerrero@h-gac.com](mailto:rick.guerrero@h-gac.com) if you have any questions about the agenda. I hope you can join our August 18, 2020 meeting.

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Enclosures



**AGENDA**  
**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**  
**PLANS AND PROJECT**  
**REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**August 18, 2020 8:30 AM**  
**Webinar**

1. Call to Order
2. Action Item
  - a. FORT BEND COUNTY FY2020 ACTION PLAN  
Request that the Fort Bend County FY2020 Action Plan be found consistent with H-GAC plans, policies and review criteria; including Our Great Region 2040, the 2020-2024 Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and the Fair Housing Equity Assessment. (Staff Contact: Jillian Donatto)
  - b. CLEAN DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION  
Request that the project proposed by the Coalition for Sustainable Initiatives Inc. for \$5,290,800 be found consistent with plans, policies, and H-GAC review criteria. (Staff Contact: Andrew DeCandis)
3. Other Business
4. Adjournment

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## FORT BEND COUNTY FY2020 ACTION PLAN

### Background:

Fort Bend County Community Development & Welfare Department is requesting a review of the County's FY2020 Proposed Action Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of Fort Bend County's Annual Action Plan is to identify the objective and outcome for the Fiscal Year 2020 funds for HUD's Community Development Block Grants, HOME funds, and Emergency Services Grants.

### Current Situation:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$3,312,369 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$865,458 in HOME, and \$271,528 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds to Fort Bend County for FY 2020. These funds cover the period from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

Fort Bend County is an entitlement community and receives Community Development Block Grants, HOME, and Emergency Services Grants directly from HUD.

<b>Community Development Block Grants</b>	
Arcola Water Treatment Plant	\$ 309,000
Arc of FBC Social and Recreational Program	\$ 40,000
Beasley Sanitary Sewer Rehab	\$ 370,400
FB County MUD No 19 Drainage Improvements	\$ 482,000
Brazos Bend Guardianship Program	\$ 45,000
Catholic Charities Integrated Case Management for Seniors	\$ 50,000
Children's Advocacy Center Operational Support	\$ 49,459
Literacy Council on Literacy Tutoring	\$ 58,527
Orchard Water Storage Tank Renovation	\$ 236,923
North Richmond Water Line Replacement	\$ 171,870
Precinct 2 Bowen Street Water and Sewer Lines	\$ 153,045
Rosenberg Water Distribution Improvements	\$ 666,675
Senior Meals on Wheels	\$ 65,000
Women's Shelter Operations & Services	\$ 64,470
CDBG General Administration	\$ 550,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,312,369</b>
<b>HOME Program</b>	
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 778,913
HOME General Administration	\$ 86,545

Total	\$ 865,458
<b>Emergency Solutions Grant</b>	
Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention	\$50,000
Rapid Rehousing and Stabilization Services	\$38,248
Parks Youth Ranch Shelter and Services	\$69,828
Women's Shelter Operations/Service	\$ 93,088
Administration	\$ 20,364
Total	\$ 271,528

**Funding Source:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Budgeted:**

N/A

**Action Requested:**

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## CLEAN DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION

### **Background:**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is awarding \$44 million in grants to eligible entities as part of the 2020 Diesel Emission Reduction Act - Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. This program solicits proposals annually from across the nation to fund projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions. Specifically, this program focuses on distributing funding to areas that have been designated as having poor air quality. The projects with operations in Houston are eligible for funding under this program.

### **Current Situation:**

The Environmental Protection Agency has provided preliminary approval for a competitive federal grant application, submitted by the Coalition for Sustainable Initiatives Inc. This project will operate out of three metropolitan regions, including Houston, within the State of Texas and will work with United Parcel Service to replace 29 short-haul diesel trucks with the same number of equivalent models to be powered by compressed natural gas. It is anticipated that these trucks will carry freight throughout Texas and between the Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio regions. Over the lifetime of the project, it is expected to reduce approximately 101 tons of NOx and over 4 million gallons of diesel fuel. The grant under review includes \$5,290,800 in funding for the Coalition for Sustainable Initiatives' Clean Diesel Grant project. A grant of \$1,636,800 will be provided by Environmental Protection Agency, while an estimated \$3,654,000 will be provided by other leveraged funds.

The project is consistent with the goals of the 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, and is supportive of H-GAC's policies and efforts to improve regional air quality and meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone.

### **Funding Source:**

Environmental Protection Agency and other leveraged funds

### **Budgeted:**

N/A

### **Action Requested:**

Request that the project proposed by the Coalition for Sustainable Initiatives Inc. for \$5,290,800 be found consistent with plans, policies, and H-GAC review criteria. (Staff Contact: Andrew DeCandis)