



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Notice of ZOOM Public Hearing

To: Interested Individuals and Organizations
From: Mark A. Yates, Director
Date: **November 24, 2020**
Subject: **Zoom Public Hearing on the TxCDBG 2021-2022 Community Development Fund**

Attached is a **“virtual”** public hearing notice regarding a Texas Community Development Block Grant - **2021-2022 Community Development (CD) Fund**. The hearing is a Zoom scheduled session on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. from Offices of the Economic Development & Community Affairs Department located at 1100 E. Monroe Room 105 Brownsville, Texas.

The public hearing marks the start of the application process for the 2021-2022 Texas Community Block Grant Program. The County can apply for no more than \$350,000 in grant funds from the Community Development Fund. The purpose for the public hearing is to review the CDBG national program objectives, the community participation plan, and solicit projects from Cameron County eligible utility companies and CDBG un-entitlement communities. Commissioners Court will be asked to select a best scoring project on or about December 22, 2020. The CDBG application is due May 3, 2021. Funds must be used to benefit low and moderate-income individuals and project priority is given to water & sewer, septic systems & yard lines, street & drainage improvements, drainage projects.

If you have a project that you would like to have considered for funding, please complete the attached project request form and mail it to the attention of Raul Garcia at 1100 E. Monroe Street, Rm. 105, Brownsville, Texas 78520 or email to rgarcia@co.cameron.tx.us. Project request forms will be accepted-up through Friday, December 11, 2020.

We have sent this notice to you because your name or the name of your organization is included in an open mailing list maintained by this office to encourage citizen participation in the TxCDBG application process. If the notice does not apply to you or your organization, please feel free to pass it along to anyone that might be interested. In addition, if you do not wish to be on our mailing list, please advise our office.

To join the ZOOM public hearing meeting please use the following address:

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If you have any questions, please call Raul Garcia, CD Coordinator, at (956) 544-0828.

Attachments

Community Development Fund (CD)

Fund Name: Community Development Fund

Fund Acronym: CD

Description:

The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. This fund is available on a biennial basis for funding through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions.

Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used.

Funds are allocated to each state planning region to ensure a broad geographic distribution of funds as described in the One Year Action Plan. Additional funds deobligated from previous awards may be made available using the same formula. Funds allocated to a region that does not have an eligible application to fund will be reallocated to other regions to maximize the number of awards granted.

Region	PY 2020 Allocation
LRGVDC	\$1,888,480

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants are nonentitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Nonentitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation).

Nonentitlement cities are located predominately in rural areas and are cities with populations less than 50,000 thousand persons; cities that are not designated as a central city of a metropolitan statistical area; and cities that are not participating in urban county programs. Nonentitlement counties are also predominately rural in nature and are counties that generally have fewer than 200,000 persons in the nonentitlement cities and unincorporated areas located in the county.

Award Amount:

\$350,000

Evaluation and Selection:

All applicants must refer to the Community Development Fund Application Guide for complete details and information.

Community Development Fund scoring is governed by the provisions of the TxCDBG Action Plan.

Application and Guide from most recent Application Cycle:

Application Deadline: May 3, 2021

2021-2022 Community Development (CD) Fund Application Guide

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CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
PROJECT DIGEST REQUEST FORM
(Request at rgarcia@co.cameron.tx.us a copy of this form in word-format)

PROJECT REQUESTED (please describe) _____

PROJECT LOCATION and MAP (include vicinity map, physical address, census tract/block number, if available): _____

TOTAL PROJECT COST: _____

GRANT REQUEST: _____ **Local Match:** _____ (EQUAL - Total Project Cost)

TOTAL PERSONS BENEFITING LOCATED WITHIN PROJECT AREA: _____

ESTMATED NUMBER OF LOW & MODERATE INCOME PERSONS BENEFITING: _____

SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____

Organization: _____
(if applicable)

Email: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____

Submit this form to the Attn: Raul Garcia via email, rgarcia@co.cameron.tx.us or address: Raul Garcia, CD Coordinator, Economic Development & Community Affairs Dept., 1100 E. Monroe, Brownsville, Texas 78520. Ph: 544-0828, Fax: 544-0891, no later than August 15, 2012.

2021-2022 Community Development Fund Regional Project Priority Scoring

State Planning Region	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Date of Public Meeting	May 19, 2020 – Public Meeting May 27, 2020 – LRGVDC Board Meeting
List Names of Persons Responsible for Establishing Priorities (if a standing committee, identify name of committee or group rather than list individuals)	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors

For each category of Project Priority, list the activities that qualify for the category, and the number of points assigned.

- Up to three categories may be identified, which may include “all other eligible activities”.
- All activities within a category will receive the same number of points.

Category	Activities	Number of Points (maximum 50 points)
First Priority	Water & Sewer; Septic System & Yard Lines; Street & Drainage	50
Second Priority	Housing Rehabilitation, Fire Protection, Community Centers, Parks, Neighborhood Centers	30
Third Priority	All other projects	10

As Presiding Officer of the [State Planning Region], I certify that the above Regional Project Priorities were established in accordance with 4 TAC 4 TAC §30.50(e)(1) for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund.

Mayor Jim Darling

Date

3/26/2020

**CAMERON COUNTY
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
APPLICATION TIMETABLE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
November 24, 2020	CC authorizes TCDP Public Hearing
November 24, 2020	PD&M mails public hearing notice using open mailing list
November 24, 2020	TCDP public hearing notice to newspaper
November 28, 2020	Newspaper advertises TCDP public hearing
December 3, 2020	PD&M conducts public hearing to solicit project requests
December 22, 2020	CC selects TCDP project(s)
December 22, 2020	TCDP public notice of activities to newspaper
December 25, 2020	Newspaper Publishes Activities Notice
January 29, 2021	Low & moderate income surveys completed for application
February 2, 2021	CC adopts TCDP application resolution
February 2-19 2021	PD&M packages TCDP application
February 24, 2021	Submit Application
May 3, 2021	Application Due Date

Dates shown on application timetable are subject to change. For questions or comments call the Cameron County Economic Development & Community Affairs Department at (956) 544-0828.

Cameron County, Texas
Public Hearing Notice
December 3, 2020 5:30 p.m.
2021-2022 Community Development (CD) Fund

(Newspaper Ads for Brownsville
Herald English & Spanish)

Notice is hereby given that the County of Cameron, Texas will conduct a "Zoom" public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 Community Development (CD) Fund, a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday December 3, 2020 from the office of the Economic Development & Community Affairs Department located on the 1st floor, Room 105 of the Cameron County Courthouse (Dancy Building), 1100 E. Monroe St. Brownsville, Texas. The public hearing will give individuals an opportunity to discuss CDBG funding categories, rural fair housing and community development needs, eligible CDBG activities, use of past TxCDBG funding, and the County's citizen participation plan. The County encourages all citizens to participate in the grant application process and present requests for project funding at the public hearing. Citizens wishing to make comments or citizens unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments, questions or project requests to the Economic Development & Community Affairs Department, County Courthouse 1100 E. Monroe St. Room 105 Brownsville, Texas 78520 or to rgarcia@co.cameron.tx.us and or call (956) 544-0828. Individuals with disabilities requiring special accommodations to participate in this TCDP public hearing should contact the County's Personnel Office at (956) 544-0827 at least 48 hours in advance.

The Public may access this Public Hearing via Zoom at:

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Condado de Cameron, Texas
 Aviso De Audiencia Pública
 jueves 3 de diciembre del 2020 5:30 p.m.
 Programa de Desarrollo Comunitario de Texas
 2021-2022 Fondo de Desarrollo Comunitario (CD)

Por la presente se da aviso de que el Condado de Cameron llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública virtual con respecto al 2021-2022 TxCDBG Fondo de CD Programa de Desarrollo Comunitario de Texas- Solicitud de subvención. La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo a través de conferencias Zoom a las 5:30 p.m. el jueves 3 de diciembre 2020 en el primer piso de la oficina de Cameron County Courthouse (Dancy Building) el Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Asuntos Comunitarios localizado en 1100 E. Monroe Street en la oficina #105 Brownsville, Texas. La audiencia pública dará a las personas una oportunidad para discutir las categorías de financiación del programa CDBG, la vivienda de la feria rural y necesidades de desarrollo comunitario, actividades elegibles del CDBG, también el uso de fondos anteriores de TxCDBG y el plan de participación ciudadana del Condado. El Condado alienta a todos los ciudadanos a participar en el proceso de audiencia pública y presentar solicitudes de financiación de proyectos en esta audiencia pública. Ciudadanos que deseen hacer comentarios o ciudadanos que no pueden asistir a la audiencia pueden presentar comentarios por escrito, preguntas o solicitudes de proyectos al Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Asuntos Comunitarios del Condado de Cameron localizados en 1100 E. Monroe Street oficina #105, también estamos disponibles por teléfono (956) 544-0828 o por correo electrónico a Raul Garcia rgarcia@co.cameron.tx.us Las personas con discapacidades que requieren adaptaciones especiales para participar en la audiencia pública de TCDP deben comunicarse con la Oficina de Personal del Condado al teléfono (956) 544-0827 con al menos 48 horas de anticipación. El público puede acceder a esta Audiencia Pública a través de la conferencia Zoom. Para unirse a la reunión de zoom

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