

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS and
REQUEST FOR CITIZEN INPUT
ON THE CITY OF ROWLETT
2019 ANNUAL PLAN
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS**

The City of Rowlett will be receiving \$244,200 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the fiscal year beginning 10-1-2019. As required by federal regulations, CDBG funds may be used to support projects that assist low-income citizens, remove slum and blight, or for urgent needs (disaster relief). Eligible activities include Affordable Housing projects, such as Housing Rehabilitation, Homebuyers Assistance, and Acquisition; Public Services; Code Enforcement; Demolition; and improvements to Public Facilities, such as Parks, Streets, and Community Centers. The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan is the comprehensive planning document that details how the City will expend its federal funds during the 5-year period. The 2019 Annual Plan will detail the proposed usage of the CDBG funds for the next year in accordance with the 5-year priorities and strategies.

A series of hearings to obtain citizen comments regarding community needs and priorities for affordable housing have and will be held prior to the City submitting the 2019 Annual Plan to HUD by August 16, 2019. The hearings will provide information regarding the amount of assistance the City expects to receive (including anticipated program income) for the next fiscal year, the range of activities that are expected to be undertaken, the estimated amount of the anticipated funds that will be utilized to benefit low-moderate income persons, and the City's policy on minimizing displacement of any person. Citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearings to offer input.

Information has been gathered, reviewed, and used to develop proposed priorities and activities included in the Consolidated Plan. The proposed eligible costs to be funded will provide administrative support, financial and technical assistance, and specific project costs. A maximum of 20% of the CDBG funds may be used for program administrative costs. It is anticipated that 70%-90% of the CDBG project funds will directly benefit low-moderate income persons. The City will also adhere to its policies regarding minimizing the displacement of any person by projects financed with these funds.

The proposed 2019 budget for the CDBG Program is:

PROJECTS	2019 CDBG
Administration – Administrative and management costs for operational expenses of the CDBG Program and projects	\$48,840.00
Public Services – Life Message: Funding for non-profit organization to provide a pantry providing food products and basic living necessities, utility assistance, and transit passes to low-income and special need households	\$36,630.00
Public Facilities – Improvements to infrastructure in low-income neighborhoods, including, but not limited to, improvements to streets, alleys, drainage facilities, water and sewer, parks	\$158,730.00
TOTAL GRANT	\$244,200.00

The proposed Annual Plan will be available for citizen review in the City of Rowlett's Community Development Department located at 5702 Rowlett road, Rowlett Texas 75089.

The public is encouraged to attend these public hearings to provide citizen comment and input regarding the proposed priorities, funding, projects, and activities. Following the public hearings and the Council's final approval on August 6, 2019, the proposed Annual Plan will be submitted to HUD by August 16, 2019.

The final public hearing prior to Council approval will be held at the following dates, time, and locations:

Dates	Time	Locations	Address
August 6, 2019	7:30 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	4000 Main Street – Rowlett, TX

This notice also provides the public with a 30-day comment period prior to the Council approval on August 6, 2019, and the submittal to HUD by August 16, 2019. Written comments regarding the Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan, identified needs, strategies, or the proposed usage of funds should be sent to Ms. Maria Martinez,

Community Development Department, City of Rowlett, 5702 Rowlett Road, Rowlett Texas 75088. Written responses will be provided if a name and return address is included.

All public hearings are held in facilities that are wheelchair accessible and provide handicapped parking. Interpretive services for deaf or non-English speaking citizens will be available with an advance notice of 48 hours. Arrangements for such services can be made by calling the City of Rowlett Community Development Department at 972-463-3927, or TDD at 1-800-735-2989.