

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND REQUEST FOR CITIZEN INPUT
ON THE CITY OF ROWLETT
2021 ANNUAL PLAN
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS**

In accordance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with 24 CFR, Part 570, and in furtherance of the City of Rowlett’s commitment to facilitating the exchange of information between the City and its citizens, the City is conducting public hearings to receive citizen input and comments regarding the development of the 2021 Annual Plan. The Consolidated Plan is a 5-year strategic community development and housing plan that will identify community needs and priorities and develop 5-year measurable goals to meet identified needs. The 2021 Annual Plan will detail the proposed usage of the CDBG funds for the next year in accordance with the 5-year priorities and strategies. The Plans will be submitted to HUD after the City Council has approved the plans, but no later than August 16, 2021.

The City of Rowlett will be receiving \$286,919 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the fiscal year beginning 10-1-21. 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. Eligible activities include improvements to Public Facilities, such as Parks, Streets, and Community Centers; Affordable Housing projects, such as Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency Rehabilitation, Handicapped Accessibility, Homebuyers Assistance, and Acquisition; Public Services; Code Enforcement; Demolition.

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 hearing 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 will be used for program administrative costs. It is anticipated that 70%-90% of the CDBG 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 2021 budget for the CDBG Program is:

PROJECT	2021 CDBG
Administration – Administrative and management costs for operational expenses of the CDBG Program and projects	\$57,383
Public Services – Funding for Salvation Army to provide assistance with rent to low-income households.	\$20,000
Public Services – Funding for City of Rowlett Police Department to provide activities to reduce crime in low-income neighborhoods	\$23,038

Public Facilities – Improvements to public facilities to provide improved infrastructure and public facilities in an eligible low-income area of the city	\$186,498
TOTAL GRANT	\$286,919

The public is encouraged to participate in the final public hearing on August 3, 2021, to provide citizen comment and input regarding the proposed priorities, funding, projects, and activities. Following the final public hearing and the Council’s final approval, the proposed Annual Plan will be submitted to HUD by August 16, 2021.

The final public hearing will be held at the following date, time, and location:

Dates	Time	Location	Address
August 3, 2021	7:30 pm	Rowlett City Council Chambers	Rowlett City Hall, 4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas
Live Viewing: https://www.ci.rowlett.tx.us/397/Streaming-Video - See also posted City Council agenda for viewing/listening information			

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 75088. This notice also provides the public with a comment period prior to the submittal to HUD by August 16, 2021. Written comments regarding the Annual Plan, identified needs, strategies, or the proposed usage of funds should be sent to snix@rowlettx.gov, or Ms. Susan Nix, Community Development Department, City of Rowlett, 5702 Rowlett Road, Rowlett Texas 75089, no later than 5:00 pm, July 30, 2021. Written responses will be provided if a name and return address is included.

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.