

CSBG Needs Assessment Overview

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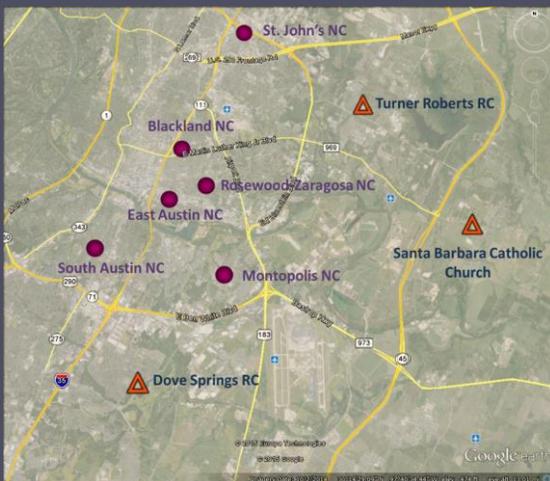
Overview

- Another Needs Assessment?
- Needs Assessment Activities
- Preliminary Findings and Considerations
- Next Steps

Background & Justification

- Austin/Travis County HHSD serves as the Community Action Agency (CAA) for Travis County and receives federal Community Services Block Grant Funds (CSBG) funds passed through the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA)
- Federal regulations require CAA's to conduct needs assessments and use the results to design programs to meet community needs.
- The Community Development Commission serves as the required CSBG Advisory Board and must approve the needs assessment plan and accept the final completed assessment

Where are CSBG Services Currently Offered?



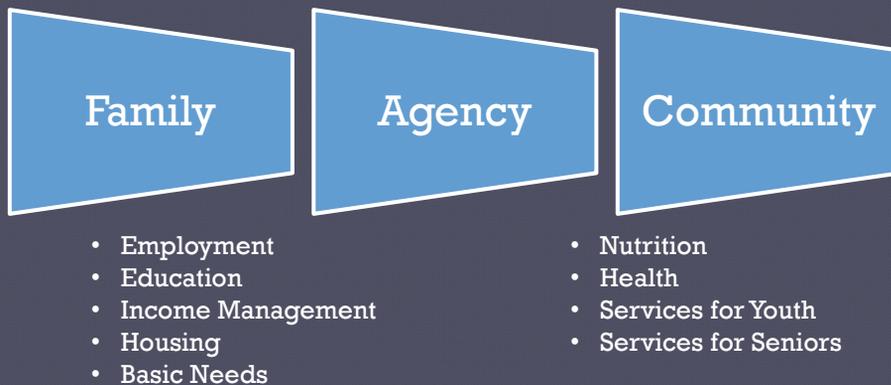
Currently, there are 6 Neighborhood Centers utilizing CSBG funding to support basic needs, employment support, case management and public health nursing services.

In addition, CSBG services are provided at Turner-Roberts Recreation Center (Colony Park), Dove Springs Recreation Center and Santa Barbara Catholic Church (Hornsby Bend)

TDHCA Community Needs Assessment Standards

- ◉ Conducted every 3 years
- ◉ Collects current poverty data and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity
- ◉ Collects and analyzes both qualitative and quantitative data on its service areas
- ◉ Includes key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs
- ◉ Governing board formally accepts the completed assessment
- ◉ Informs an outcome-based and anti-poverty focused Community Action Plan
- ◉ Customer satisfaction data and input identified is considered in the strategic planning process

CSBG National Framework & Service Categories

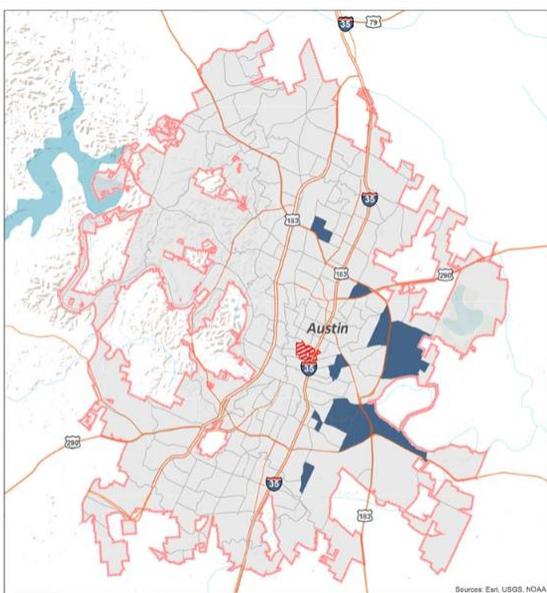
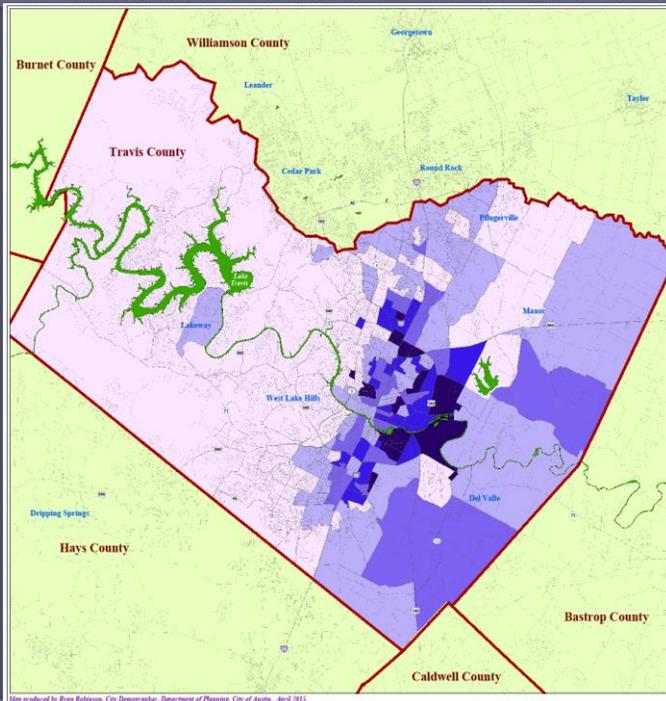


Needs Assessment Plan

1. **Initial Preparation**
2. **Collect Qualitative Data**
 - Key informant interviews (CDC members, elected officials)
 - Online/Paper survey in English & Spanish (clients, residents, others)
 - Service Providers
3. **Collect Quantitative Data**
 - Community Commons database
 - Census data
 - Other community reports/maps
4. **Analyze Data**
 - Coordination with NHCD Action Plan Needs Assessment Process
 - Requirement to rank top 5 community needs
5. **Develop and Finalize Report**
 - Report due to TDHCA by June 30, 2015

Preliminary Findings

- Trend of suburbanization of poverty in the city and county is evident.
- However, the areas of high poverty concentration are still located in incorporated Travis County and the City of Austin.
- The highest concentrations of poverty in Austin (excluding UT) are found in north Austin (Rundberg & St. John), far east and northeast Austin (Colony Park), and southeast Austin (Montopolis and Dove Springs).
- There are 14 areas of racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty in Austin in 2012 as compared to three in 2000.



- 2008-2012 RCAP/ECAPs
- Austin City Boundaries
- University of Texas

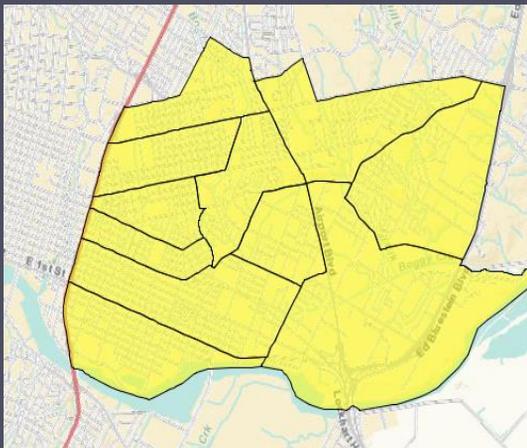
Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAPs/ECAPs) by Census Tract, Austin, 2012

Source: City of Austin Draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Report (AI); Appendix A, p.7

Considerations

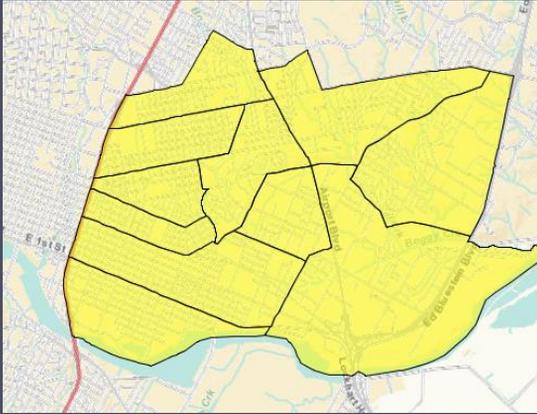
- Currently, there are seven designated areas which represent persons who are low-income on the Community Development Commission (CDC).
- As required by CSBG, at least one-third of the CDC must represent persons who are low-income.
- Demographic shifts which have occurred over the past five years indicate changes are needed to better represent persons who are low-income.

East Austin Census Data and Preliminary Recommendations



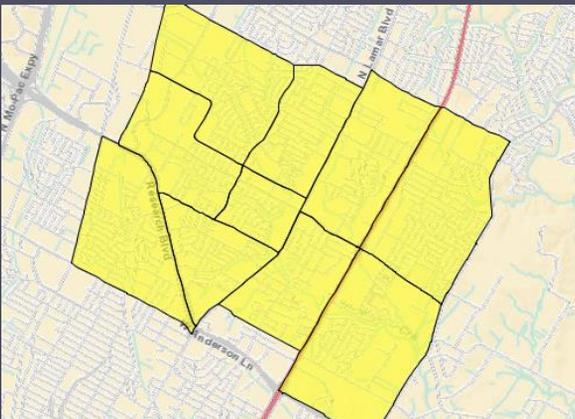
- Currently, the CDC has seats representing both East Austin and Rosewood-Blackland areas which are adjacent to each other.
- Due to demographic shifts that have been occurring since the 2010 needs assessment was conducted, poverty rates are declining in these areas.

East Austin Census Data and Preliminary Recommendations (cont.)



- Based on these changes, an option to consider is:
- Combine East Austin with Rosewood-Blackland to form a single East Austin designated area.

North Austin Census Data and Preliminary Recommendations



- Based on 2013 data, the highlighted census tracts have a higher poverty rate than that of Travis County as a whole.
- Boundaries to consider:
 - North – Braker
 - South – 183/Anderson Lane
 - East – Cameron/Dessau
 - West – Burnet Road

South Austin Census Data and Preliminary Recommendations



- Based on 2013 data, the highlighted census tracts have a higher poverty rate than that of Travis County as a whole.
- Current boundaries for this area need to be updated to reflect the changes in the area.
- Boundaries to consider:
 - North – Oltorf
 - South – E. Ben White
 - East – South IH 35
 - West – Manchaca

Next Steps for the CDC

- Consideration and Approval of the Plan for the Community Needs Assessment
- Consideration and Possible Action on recommended changes to CDC designated areas to move forward to City Council

Next Steps for the CDC (cont.)

- June CDC meeting –
 - Presentation, Review and Recommendations for Final Approval of the CSBG Needs Assessment
 - Update and Possible Action on changes to responsible organizations to hold nomination/elections in designated areas