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STIMULUS PROJECT UPDATES

The City of Austin received \$7.6 million in stimulus funds, in response to applications submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The applications for Stimulus funds include:

- A \$2 million application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) Program;
- A \$3.1 million application for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Program; and
- A \$2.5 million application for Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) submitted to TDHCA.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG-R) (\$2 million)

The award is based on three major criteria: 1) sustainable, well-financed, established efforts; 2) yield significant results for the community; and 3) tangible results for the residents, especially low- to moderate-income populations and neighborhoods. CDBG-R guidelines issued May 5, 2009, set clear overall priorities to maximize job creation and economic benefit. Projects and project statuses are below:

\$500,000 for Lifeworks' East Austin Youth and Family Resource Center

A forgivable loan in the amount of \$500,000 was granted to LifeWorks, a local non-profit, for the purchase of land to construct a 32,000 square foot Resource Center to expand critical workforce and provide mental health services to low income populations. The center is scheduled to open in Mid-2011. The completed project will sustain 130 professional jobs and will create 20 construction jobs during the construction of the facility. The facility will have retail space that will create 20 part-time jobs. The facility will be located at the Northeast corner of Pleasant Valley and Lyons Road in Austin, Texas 78702. More information can be found at www.lifeworksweb.org.

Project Status: LifeWorks acquired the land in November 2009. The initial construction was delayed due to financing difficulties and rising construction costs. Construction on the project began in Mid-February 2011. Preliminary work consisted of parking lot excavation and initial foundation work. Project completion is slated for July 2012.

\$500,000 for PeopleFund's Center for Economic Opportunity

People Fund, another Austin non-profit, received a forgivable loan in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction of the Center for Economic Opportunity. This completed, two-story facility provides comprehensive services to local small businesses and low- to moderate-income homebuyers. The facility also provides affordable office space to small businesses and serves as an incubator for small businesses. The facility is located at 2921 E. 17th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. More information can be found at www.peoplefund.org.

Project Status: The Center for Economic Opportunity opened for business in October 2010. The project created 23 construction jobs and to date, PeopleFund has hired 6 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees. These positions consisted of customer service positions, economic development manager positions and business development positions

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\$552,703 for African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility

The creation of the African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility (Facility) was a result of the City's African-American Quality of Life Initiative recommendation from November 2005, Austin voters confirmed support of the Facility in the 2006 bond election in an amount of \$1.5 million. In May 2009, Austin City Council approved an additional \$550,000 in stimulus funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the project. The project was fully funded in October 2010. This Facility is planned as the anchor facility for the newly established African-American Heritage District and is planned to house a Visitor's Bureau, office and rehearsal space for Pro Arts Collective, Inc and office space for Capital City African-American Chamber of Commerce. It will be located at 912 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. More information can be found at www.austintexas.gov/ahfc/aach_facility.htm.

Project Status: The City of Austin broke ground on the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility located at 912 East 11th Street, on June 17, 2011. The project includes restoration of the historic Dedrick-Hamilton House and new construction. Project is scheduled for completion summer 2012.

\$250,000 for New Sidewalks in Central East Austin

The City of Austin received \$250,000 in CDBG-R funds to support the construction of sidewalks in Central East Austin, Texas. The proposed sidewalks were chosen with community input and are located in disadvantaged neighborhoods. The exact locations of the two miles of sidewalks are: the 1100 to 1200 blocks of Poquito Street, the 100-1000 blocks of Springdale Avenue, and the 100-400 blocks of San Marcos Street. The zip codes for the projects are 78702, 78721, and 78702 respectively. More information can be found at www.ci.austin.tx.us/stimulus/.

Project Status: The sidewalk project is completed and created 17 jobs. The jobs created include: Concrete Finishers, Front End Loaders, Tractor Operators, and Flaggers.

<u>Administration</u>

In addition to receiving approval for four projects, the City of Austin also received approval to spend \$203,003 Administrative funds to administer the CDBG-R projects. Project Coordinator administrative work is being conducted at 1000 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. Responsibilities include coordination and reviewing construction related projects, assisting in the monitoring of project budgets, ensuring compliance with City and other regulatory requirements, and reviewing performance reports and processing pay requests. Technical assistance is also provided as necessary.

Project Status: To date, 5 full-time equivalents (FTEs) have been created since commencement of the stimulus grant.

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Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) (\$3.1 million)

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program, which is administered by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD), has three primary goals: 1) Prevention: Prevent people from becoming homeless whenever possible; 2) Diversion: Intervene when people enter shelters and divert them into housing; and 3) Rapid Re-Housing: Move people who become homeless into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Project descriptions and program status are below:

\$480,000 for Caritas of Austin (HPRP Outreach and Intake Specialists)

To identify, assess and qualify potential clients and to expand outreach to key eligible populations.

\$240,000 for Caritas of Austin (Housing Locator and Inspector Services)

To identify and inspect available housing; negotiate with landlords; liaison between potential eligible tenants and landlords; and follow-up point of contact for landlords and tenants.

\$120,000 for Austin Tenants' Council (Tenant Mediation and Legal Services)

To expand existing mediation services for HPRP clients to resolve tenant/landlord disputes and will secure allowable legal services.

\$1,970,000 for LifeWorks (Rent, Utilities and Other Direct Financial Assistance)

To provide short- or medium-term rent assistance to prevent homelessness or to rehouse homeless households. Other financial assistance includes utilities, deposits, moving expenses and hotel/motel vouchers.

\$102,000 for Homeless Management Information System

To track and report client demographics and service data, as required by HUD.

<u>Administration</u>

The balance of the \$3.1 million is \$153,000 (less than five percent of total grant award) for Administration of HPRP activities.

Program Status: Direct client services were implemented on December 1, 2009. The program design included a goal of serving 2,000 individuals comprising 800 households over two years. As of September 30, 2011, 2,379 individuals comprising 963 households have been served through the HPRP program. As the grant nears completion and direct client services cease, project amounts will be adjusted accordingly. Final amounts will be determined and reported in FY2012. The project is on target for completion by July 2012.

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Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) Funding (\$2.5 million)

The City of Austin applied for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds established by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 with the goal of creating permanent affordable homeownership opportunities. These federal funds are distributed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The City received \$2.5 million in NSP funding which will be used to purchase and rehab/renovate foreclosed homes. The NSP award was modified to approximately \$2 million in January 2011 to allow for the acquisition and rehabilitation of four foreclosed homes. In addition, the City received authority to construct twelve new structures on the last twelve infill, single family lots remaining at the Frontier at Montana subdivision.

The City of Austin's application proposes that after rehabilitation/construction, AHFC will sell two of those properties to homebuyers earning at or below 50 percent of MFI, with the other two being sold to homebuyers earning at or below 80 percent of MFI. Initially the program targeted zip code 78744 (Southeast Austin) and zip code 78758 (Northwest Austin), two areas in Austin that have seen the highest number of foreclosures; however, TDHCA modified the guidelines and now allows the cities to purchase within their full jurisdiction. The City of Austin now concentrates on its entire jurisdiction for potential purchases. TDHCA agreed to amend the NSP contract with AHFC to include construction of single-family homes on vacant, infill lots in the Frontier at Montana Subdivision.

Project Status: To date, NHCD staff has acquired the four foreclosed properties in southeast Austin, and have completed all four of the rehabs. NHCD staff has marketed the foreclosed properties and are currently working with several potential homebuyers to verify their income eligibility and credit worthiness. One foreclosed property has a pending contract. For these properties TDHCA is offering up to \$30,000 of Down Payment Assistance and a 0 percent interest 30-year loan. Two of these properties will be sold to households earning at or below 50 percent or below of MFI while the other two units are designated for households earning at or below 80 percent of MFI.

Construction of the twelve new single-family homes began in late March 2011. Certificates of Occupancy were issued to all twelve homes during June of 2011. Six of the 12 homes will be sold to households earning at or below 50 percent of MFI, the other six homes will be sold to households earning at or below 80 percent of MFI. NHCD has begun to market the homes and there are eight pending contracts on these newly constructed units.

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HOMELESS/ SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

The homeless and special needs populations are Austin's most vulnerable populations and will be a high priority for the Consolidated Plan. This decision was made based on feedback from the public process, including stakeholder meetings that included homeless and special needs providers, public hearings, and the Consolidated Plan survey.

NHCD OVERALL GOAL:

Assist 17,614 eligible households with services that lead to opportunities for self-sufficiency in FY 2010-11 as measured by:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2009-14 HOMELESS/SPECIAL NEEDS OBJECTIVES:

Assist persons experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

Assist persons living with HIV/AIDS achieve stable housing and increase access to medical care and supportive services. Assist low-income and special needs populations with supportive services to increase self-sufficiency.

Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type(s) of Households Served	FY 2010-11 Goal	Funding Source(s)	Total Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Emergency Shelter/Homeless Shelter	High	Persons experiencing homelessness, elderly, persons with disabilities, at- risk youth, low- income families, and persons living with HIV/AIDS		ESG, HOPWA, CDBG, SF	\$2,425,137	10,252

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) - ESG09: Shelter Operation and Maintenance

IDIS Project #: 5713

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) contracts with Front Steps, to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH.) All clients served in the ARCH have low- to moderate-incomes and are at or below 50 percent of MFI. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds are used to provide maintenance and operations for this program. The ARCH provides emergency shelter to homeless adult males through its Overnight Shelter program, and provides Day Sleeping to homeless adult males and females. The ARCH provides basic services such as showers, laundry facilities, mailing addresses, telephone use, and lockers through its Day Resource Center program. The Day Resource Center program also includes a number of services such as mental health care, legal assistance, and employment assistance provided by colocated agencies. In addition, ARCH also houses the Healthcare for the Homeless clinic.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Front Steps served more clients than anticipated due to a very hot summer, with clients utilizing the ARCH as a cooling center for June, July and August. There were also a high number of clients carried over from FY 2009-2010.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplishments
Shelter Operation and Maintenance	Shelter Operation and Maintenance	High	ESG	\$261,689	8,500	\$251,411	8,947

Sub recipient: Front Steps

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Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHHSD), Communicable Disease Unit - (Essential) ESG09: Homeless Essential Services

IDIS Project #:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) provides intensive case management to homeless persons with HIV/AIDS who are not utilizing shelter services. This service connects clients with safe and stable housing. This project uses Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) to provide essential services by connecting eligible clients with safe and stable housing.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) continued to provide case management services to individuals experiencing homelessness and living with HIV/AIDS. More clients needed assistance for longer terms which resulted in a high number carried over from FY 2009-10.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Homeless Essential Service	Homeless Essential Service	High	ESG	\$52,233	35	\$52,233	41

Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU)

IDIS Project #: 5719

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) contracts with AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) to manage the Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU) Program. Both agencies work with four community-based organizations to provide essential financial help to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Case managers assess client needs and submit requests for assistance. STRMU provides monthly payments to eligible clients who are at risk of becoming homeless; the service allows the client to remain in the current residences. The program limits its support to three months, with a cap of \$600 per month.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) program provided short-term housing assistance to prevent homelessness of the tenant or homeowner. It helped maintain a stable living environment for households who experience financial crisis and possible loss of their housing arrangement. The units of service and number of households were lower than

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplishments
Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance	Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance	High	HOPWA	\$138,779	210	\$138,779	147

Sub recipients: AIDS Services of Austin (ASA)

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

IDIS Project #: 5721

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program provides rent, mortgage, utility assistance, and assistance with shared housing arrangements for income-eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Income eligibility is restricted to families earning an income at or below 10 percent of MFI and for households of one with zero income. The program goal is to prevent homelessness and support independent living for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) provided rent, mortgage and utility assistance to meet urgent needs of eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The goal is to prevent homelessness and to support independent living of persons with HIV/AIDS who access the program through HIV case management. The units of service for TBRA exceeded goal because the units of service and number of households for STRMU & the Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) were lower than the level expected due to the leveraging of Ryan White Part A Housing Services dollars. A request was made to shift dollars of assistance to TBRA, and unspent dollars were moved into TBRA.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	High	HOPWA	\$543,511	130	\$543,511	147

Sub recipients: AIDS Services of Austin (ASA)

Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)

IDIS Project #: 5717

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) Program is designed to increase stability to reduce homelessness and increase access to care and support. The program may provide clients with first month's rent, security deposit, and utility connection fees to meet urgent needs of eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families with a cap of "Fair Market Rent". The goal is to prevent homelessness and to support independent living for persons with HIV/AIDS who can access the program through HIV/AIDS case management.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) prevented homelessness and supported independent living of persons with HIV/AIDS who can access the program through HIV case management. PHP assisted eligible clients to establish a new residence where ongoing occupancy is expected to continue. Assistance was provided to eligible clients and their families with payment of first month's rent, when necessary to secure permanent housing and other forms of HOPWA housing assistance. The units of service and number of households were lower than the level expected but the household were served longer due to the leveraging of Ryan White Part A Housing Services dollars. A request was made to shift dollars of assistance to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance-HOPWA (TBRA), and unspent dollars were moved to TBRA.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Permanent Housing	Permanent Housing	High	HOPWA	\$61,112	83	\$61,112	52

Subrecipients: AIDS Services of Austin (ASA)

Short-Term Supportive Housing (STSH)

IDIS Project #: 5716

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Short-Term Supportive Housing (STSH) Program provides short-term emergency shelter needs to persons living with HIV/AIDS and homeless families. Short-term facilities provide temporary shelter (up to 60 days in a six month period) to prevent homelessness and allow an opportunity to develop an individualized housing and service plan to guide the client's linkage to permanent housing.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Short-Term Supportive Housing provided up to 60 days during any six month period of temporary shelter. Under this program clients received case management services giving them access to other types of HOPWA assistance, (TBRA-HOPWA and PHP). The units of service and number of households were lower than the level expected but the households were served longer due to the leveraging of Ryan White Part A Housing Services dollars.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	Fiscal Year 09- 10 Funding	Accomplish- ment Goal from Action Plan	Expended	Actual Accomplish- ments
Short-Term Supportive Housing	Short-Term Supportive Housing	High	HOPWA	\$39,785	50	\$39,785	38

Sub recipients: AIDS Services of Austin (ASA)

Transitional Housing

IDIS Project #: 5720

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Transitional Housing Program is designed to increase stability, reduce homelessness and increase access to care and support. Transitional Housing provides facility-based and scattered-site housing with support services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. Transitional Housing may not provide housing for any individual for more than 24 months. A variety of supportive services are offered to all clients including: facility-based meals, life skills management counseling, substance abuse relapse prevention support, client advocacy, transportation and assistance with obtaining permanent housing. Case managers ensure that clients are informed of the availability of needed medical and supportive services and provide referrals and assistance in accessing those services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Transitional Housing met its annual goal and provided housing for up to 24 months for persons with HIV/AIDS.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	High	HOPWA	\$191,855	49	\$191,855	49

Sub recipients: Project Transitions

Supportive Services

IDIS Project #: 5718

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Supportive Services is designed to increase stability, reduce homelessness and increase access to care and support. A variety of supportive services are offered to all clients including: facility-based meals, life skills management counseling, substance abuse relapse prevention support, client advocacy, transportation, and assistance with obtaining permanent housing. Case managers ensure that clients are informed of the availability of needed medical and supportive services. They also provide referrals and assistance in accessing those services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Supportive Services met its annual goal and assisted persons with HIV/AIDS to stabilize their living situation and help address care needs.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Residential Support Services	Residential Support Services	High	HOPWA	\$95,767	49	\$95,767	49

Sub recipients: Project Transitions

Child Care Services

IDIS Project #: 5733

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department contracts with child care providers for services that increase the supply of quality child care. The program provides services to children from low-income families with gross incomes less than 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines who reside within the Austin city limits.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Child Care Services exceeded its FY 2010-11 goal by 18 percent. The Austin Independent School District (AISD) and Generations Child Development Centers served more than estimated goals due to turnover. The increase was partially offset by LifeWorks serving fewer than estimated due to longer service times and cost of care increases.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Child Care Services	Child Care Services	High	CDBG	\$746,585		\$680,650	
Child Care Services	Child Care Services	High	CDBG-PI	\$9,488	324	\$9,488	382
Child Care Services	Child Care Services	High	SF	\$38,250		\$38,250	
			Total	\$794,323	324	\$728,388	382

Sub recipients: Austin Independent School District (AISD), Child, Inc., Generations Child Development Centers, and LifeWorks

Senior Services

IDIS Project #: 5735

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department contracts with a sub recipient to provide guardianship and bill payer services that help prevent and protect seniors from becoming victims of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. Persons must meet income, age, and residential eligibility requirements.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Family Eldercare, Inc. (FEC) exceeded the FY 2010-11 goal. The agency provided assistance to seniors in, or at risk of, abusive, neglectful, or exploitative situations. FEC also provided assistance so that seniors could maintain independence through home care services; money management services, and temporary shelter.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Senior Services	Senior Services	High	CDBG	\$21,781	208	\$21,781	211
Senior Services	Senior Services	High	SF	\$114,469	208	\$92,315	211
			Total	\$136,250	208	\$114,096	211

Sub recipient: Family Eldercare, Inc.

Youth Support Services

IDIS Project #: 5730

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Youth Support Services program provides access to holistic, wraparound services and support to youth designated as being at-risk and their families. The program's three components provide different levels of intervention: school-based intensive wraparound services, community-based wraparound services, and summer camps. The program, in partnership with the youth and their family, addresses the needs and challenges of the youth's situation to improve his or her functioning in school, the community, and home.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The Youth and Family Assessment Center (YFAC) exceeded their FY 2010-11 goal by 18 percent. Contributing factors in exceeding this goal includes: 1) A collaboration between the camp provider, HHSD, and Austin/Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) resulted in the processing of all the camp participants in month of June, where in previous contract years the camp participants were reported primarily in the months of July and August. 2) YFAC increased their capacity to serve enrolled families and is now serving more families for longer terms. 3) YFAC-Communities in Schools has maintained caseload sizes of ten clients per care coordinator consistently, has not had turnover in staff. This has resulted in an increase in enrollment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Youth Support Services	Youth Support Services	High	CDBG	\$203,700	159	\$203,700	- 189
Youth Support Services	Youth Support Services	High	SF	\$4,500	139	\$4,500	109
			Total	\$208,200	159	\$208,200	189

Sub recipient: Austin/Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC)

RENTER ASSISTANCE

The City's Housing Market Study identifies the high needs for affordable rental housing in Austin. This analysis was echoed in every aspect of the public process from service providers, government partners, policy makers, and community members. Assistance to renters will be a high priority in the Consolidated Plan.

NHCD OVERALL GOAL:

Assist 17,614 eligible households with services that lead to opportunities for self-sufficiency in FY 2010-11 as measured by:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2009-14 RENTER ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES:

Provide tenant-based rental assistance, utility and security deposits to persons experiencing homelessness and low-income households who earn less than 50 percent of MFI.

Retrofit or modify the rental units of low-income households and severely disabled renters to make their homes more accessible.

Provide support services that educate renters and promote housing rights.

Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type(s) of Households Served	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Funding Source(s)	Total Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Rental	High	Persons experiencing homelessness, persons with disabilities, vulnerable populations, and low-income households	684	CDBG, HOME, GO Bonds, SF	\$781,128	942

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

IDIS Project #: 5736

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program provides rental housing subsidies and security deposits to eligible families who may otherwise be homeless.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

TBRA met 80 percent of the program goal. The Austin Finance Housing Corporation (AHFC) contracted with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and Salvation Army to provide rental assistance. NHCD staff is assessing the TBRA reporting process and is exploring possible reporting modifications that could potentially impact the timeline in reporting clients assisted and the actual number actual of clients served.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	High	HOME	\$616,500	115	\$296,972	- 92
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	High	SF	\$56,700		\$52,249	
			Total	\$673,200	115	\$349,221	92

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and Salvation Army

Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) - Rental

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Architectural Barrier Removal Program (ABR) - Rental Program modifies or retrofits the living quarters of eligible, low-income elderly and severely disabled renters to make their housing more accessible. Households with incomes earning at or below 80 percent of MFI are eligible. Eligible households can receive a max not to exceed \$15,000 per year through the ABR - Rental Program.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

During FY 2010-11, the Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) – Rental Program provided services to renters and exceeded its annual goal. The ABR Program modified the homes of elderly or severely disabled persons by providing the following types of assistance: ramps, handrails, widening of doorways accessible showers with grab bars and shower wand, elevated toilets, faucet and door lever handles, removal of tripping hazards, handrails, and buzzing or flashing devices. After HUD Audit and recommendations, the original goal of 84 units was revised down to 20 because program guidelines were modified to increase the maximum amount eligible households could receive. The maximum amount raised from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Architectural Barrier Removal - Rental	Architectural Barrier Removal - Rental	High	GO Bonds	\$250,000	20	\$178,902	40
			Total	\$250,000	20	\$178,902	40

Sub recipient: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

Tenants' Rights Assistance

IDIS Project #: 5734

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The objectives of Tenants' Rights Assistance are: 1) facilitate mediation services between landlords and low- to moderate-income tenants to complete health and safety related repairs in rental units, which will help maintain reasonable habitability standards; 2) provide direct counseling and technical assistance to low-income renters regarding tenant/landlord issues; 3) provide public education and information through workshops and public forums on landlord/tenant relationships and educate renters on their rights as well as their responsibilities under the law; and 4) identify fair housing complaints that can be investigated and may assist in resolving, reducing or minimizing discriminatory housing practices.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The Tenants' Rights Assistance Program exceeded its goal in FY 2010-11. The program is designed to provide services to low-income individuals who were at or below 80 percent of MFI. The services provided a range of services from mediations, direct counseling, public education, and identifying fair housing complaints.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Tenants' Rights Assistance	Tenants' Rights Assistance	High	CDBG	\$253,005	549	\$253,005	810
Tenants' Rights Assistance	Tenants' Rights Assistance	High	SF	\$35,724	343	\$0	010
			Total	\$288,729	549	\$253,005	810

Sub recipient: Austin Tenants' Council

HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE

The City places assistance to homebuyers as a high priority for the Consolidated Plan. The housing market analysis illustrates the difficulty for low-to-moderate income households to transition from renting to buying a home with the rising real estate market in Austin. The public input process also illustrated the need for financial literacy for new and current homebuyers to have the necessary tools to stay in their homes.

NHCD OVERALL GOAL:

Assist 17,614 eligible households with services that lead to opportunities for self-sufficiency in FY 2010-11 as measured by:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2009-14 HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES:

Expand the resources available for low- to moderate-income renters wanting to become homeowners through down payment assistance.

Provide homeownership, financial literacy, and foreclosure prevention counseling to low- and moderate-income households.

Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	• • • • •	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Funding Source(s)	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Homebuyer Assistance	High	Low- and moderate-income households and persons with disabilities	350	CDBG, HOME, HOME-PI, SF	\$468,413	370

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Housing Smarts - Housing Counseling

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Housing Smarts -Housing Counseling Program offers housing counseling to City of Austin residents who earn at or below of 80 percent of MFI. The counseling is offered in English and Spanish. Housing Smarts has two classroom curriculums: 1) the prepurchase counseling that provides financial literacy skills such as budgeting and credit, and mortgage finance; and the post-purchase class provides foreclosure prevention counseling to homeowners who may find themselves at risk of losing their homes. Housing Smarts also offers individual one-on-one counseling sessions to both pre and post purchase participants. 2) the last component of Housing Smarts is the train-the-trainer scholarship offered to community non-profits that want to address housing financial literacy issues in their individual communities. The program uses the NeighborWorks America housing counseling curriculum for both instruction and teaching certification.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Housing Smarts – Housing Counseling exceeding its annual goal by 5 percent. FY 2010-11 is the fifth program year in a row that Housing Smarts has successfully met/exceeded proposed goals. The program continued to be a resource for individuals wanting to prepare for homeownership and planning long-term financial independence. Due to the demand in services this fiscal year, AHFC staff referred a high volume of potential clients to local non-profits for assistance. Many of those individuals are at risk of losing their homes; those individuals were referred to BCL of Texas, a non-profit AHFC contracts for foreclosure prevention services. In addition, a number of referrals were made to Frameworks CDC for individuals who require counseling in Spanish. Both non-profits continued to meet the needs of the community with services that complement the mission of NHCD/AHFC.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Housing Smarts	Housing Smarts	High	SF	\$160,456	340	\$136,517	358
			Total	\$160,456	340	\$136,517	358

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), Business and Community Lenders of Texas (foreclosure prevention) and Frameworks Community Development Corporation, Inc. (Spanish housing counseling)

Down Payment Assistance (DPA)

IDIS Project #: 5755, 5756, 5763, 5765, 5766, 5793, 5795, 5796, 5806, 5807, 5808, 5809

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program provides deferred and forgivable, zero-interest loans to low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers to assist them with the down payment and closing costs of their home purchase.

Option 1) The amount of assistance per household will not exceed \$10,000 per household or \$15,000 to persons with disabilities. Loans are secured by a subordinate lien on the property that is non-assumable. The loan will be recaptured by the City if the household sells or rents the home, requests an equity loan, or transfers the property title before the end of the tenyear affordability period. Eligible income for DPA is at or below 80 percent of MFI.

Option 2) DPA funds up to \$40,000, as a deferred, 30-year, zero percent interest loan, with a shared-equity provision and a City of Austin "right of first refusal" provision. This DPA option is not forgivable. Loans are secured by a subordinate lien on the property that is non-assumable. The loan will be recaptured by the City if the household sells or rents the home, requests an equity loan, or transfers the property title before the end of the 30-year affordability period. Eligible income for DPA is at or below 80 percent of MFI.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The DPA Program had a successful program year, exceeded its annual goal, and completed extensive marketing and outreach activities promoting DPA and other AHFC programs and services. AHFC performed outreach to the general public, lenders, realtors, builders and title companies. The original goal of 47 was revised down to 10 due to the lack of applications submitted to the department as a result of additional mortgage restrictions and real estate market conditions.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of providing affordable housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
DPA	DPA	High	CDBG	\$11,500		\$0	
DPA	DPA	High	HOME	\$1,630,971	10	\$96,357	12
DPA	DPA	High	HOME-PI	\$235,539		\$235,539	
			Total	\$1,878,010	10	\$331,896	12

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

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HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE

Preservation of the safety and livability of the housing of existing low-income homeowners that allows owners to stay in their homes, improve the City's aging housing stock, and improve the lives of existing homeowners was highlighted as a high need by stakeholders and community members. Homeowner assistance will be a high priority in the Consolidated Plan.

NHCD OVERALL GOAL:

Assist 17,614 eligible households with services that lead to opportunities for self-sufficiency in FY 2010-11 as measured by:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2009-14 HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES:

Assist low- and moderate-income homeowners with necessary home repairs to make their homes safe, habitable, and accessible.

Provide lead abatement services to eligible low-income rental and ownership households.

Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type(s) of Households Served	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Owner-occupied	High	Low- and moderate-income homeowners	876	CDBG, CDBG- RL, HOME, HOME-PI, Lead, GO Bonds, HTF, HAF, AE	\$5,263,809	818

Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) - Owner

IDIS Project #: 5727

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) - Owner Program modifies or retrofits the living quarters of eligible, low-income elderly and severely disabled homeowners to make their housing more accessible. Households with incomes earning at or below 80 percent of MFI are eligible. Eligible households can receive a max not to exceed \$15,000 per year through the ABR - Owner Program.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) - Owner Program provided services to homeowners, exceeding its annual goal in FY 2010-11. The ABR Program modified the homes of elderly or severely disabled persons by providing the following types of assistance: ramps, handrails, widening of doorways accessible showers with grab bars and shower wand, elevated toilets, faucet and door lever handles, removal of tripping hazards, handrails, and buzzing or flashing devices. After HUD Audit and recommendations, the original goal of 298 units was revised down to 110 because program guidelines were modified to increase the maximum amount eligible households could receive. The maximum amount raised from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Architectural Barrier Removal - Owner	Architectural Barrier Removal - Owner	High	CDBG	\$1,470,058	110	\$1,409,775	145
			Total	\$1,470,058	110	\$1,409,775	145

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

Emergency Home Repair (EHR) Program

IDIS Project #: 5728

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Emergency Home Repair (EHR) Program makes repairs to alleviate life-threatening living conditions and health and safety hazards for low- and moderate-income homeowners, with no more than \$5,000 per home per year through the EHR program.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The EHR Program exceeded its annual program goal. 75 percent of the households served earn incomes at or below 30 percent of MFI and over 45 percent of households served were elderly homeowners.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplishments
Emergency Home Repair Program	Emergency Home Repair Program	High	CDBG	\$1,192,813	450	\$995,651	487
			Total	\$1,192,813	450	\$995,651	487

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and Austin Area Urban League (AAUL)

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Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP)

IDIS Project #: 5411, 5458, 5469, 5564, 5577, 5617, 5629, 5630, 5631, 5648, 5671, 5691, 5696, 5698, 5722,

5751, 5752

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) assists income-eligible homeowners with substantial repairs such as foundation repair, roofing, plumbing, and electrical work. This program provides deferred interest loans of up to \$50,000 per home for rehabilitation, and up to \$65,000 if lead-based paint is present, and up to \$29,999 may be forgivable after ten years. In addition, households in need of demolition and re-build may receive assistance of up to \$110,000. This rehabilitation amount does not include funds that may be granted to assist with the appropriate treatment of lead-based paint.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The HRLP exceeded its annual goal in FY 2010-11. NHCD/AHFC worked closely with the City's Code Compliance Department during this fiscal year to develop a referral system addressing homes in need of substantial and costly repairs. Both departments collaborated to ensure the homes identified meet standard Code regulations and provide a safe and decent living environment for low-income households. These repairs and renovations provided a safe and decent living environment for the homeowner while improving the existing housing stock of neighborhoods. AHFC, through its Client Services Division completed a comprehensive marketing and outreach strategy in FY 2010 to promote HRLP and other AHFC programs.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	High	CDBG	\$41,870		\$150	
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	High	CDBG-RL	\$241,259		\$22,098	
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	High	HOME	\$1,769,834	15	\$649,604	17
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	High	HOME-PI	\$40,614		\$40,614	
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	High	HTF	\$78,485		\$78,485	
			Total	\$2,172,062	15	\$790,951	17

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

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G.O. Repair! Program

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Austin has created the G.O. Repair! Program for implementation in fiscal year 2009-10, funded with General Obligation Bonds approved by voters in 2006. The G.O. Repair! Program assists low- and moderate-income homeowners (less than 80 percent of MFI) by using subrecipents to make eligible repairs that will eliminate health and safety hazards and/or provide improved accessibility. This program increases the capacity for non-profits to provide home repair services to the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

As of September 30, 2011, the G.O. Repair! Program completed over 80 percent of its annual goal. The G.O. Repair! Program is on schedule to meet the goal by the end of the contract period, January 31, 2012. The term of the contract which runs February 1 through January 31 does not align with the federal reporting timeline; however, the G.O. Repair! Program is on target to meeting its goals set forth in the existing contract. To ensure future goals are consistent and aligned with federal reporting, the FY 2011-12 contract term for G.O. Repair! has been revised to be aligned with the federal reporting, October 1 through September 30.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
G.O. Repair! Program	G.O. Repair! Program	High	GO Bonds	\$2,149,103	222	\$1,406,592	142

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), American YouthWorks, Austin Neighborhood Alliance for Habitat, Austin Area Urban League (AAUL), Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT), and Meals on Wheels & More

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Lead Hazard Control Grant - Healthy Homes

IDIS Project #: Other Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Lead Hazard Control Grant, awarded to the City in March of 2007, provides lead hazard control services to eligible households for a 3-year grant period. The program targets low-income homeowners and renters at or below 80 percent of MFI, that house children under the age of six in houses built prior to 1978.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The LeadSmart Program exceeded its annual goal in FY 2010-11. NHCD received notification in September 2011, that the City of Austin was awarded \$2.5 million to evaluate 180 homes for the presence of lead. In addition, NHCD will use the grant funding to conduct extensive outreach and education.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Lead Hazard Control Grant	Lead Hazard Control Grant	High	Lead	\$1,046,883	16	\$321,740	19

Holly Good Neighbor Program

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Holly Good Neighbor Program provides repairs and rehabilitation to home owners near the Holly Power Plant. Austin Energy funds the program, administered by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Eligible repairs include: exterior paint, roofing, electrical system work, plumbing, foundation work, and solar panels installation. Applicant's gross annual household income may not exceed 100 percent of MFI. Total project assistance from the program for a home can not exceed \$30,000. Projects funded less than \$10,000 will be a grant, between \$10,001 and \$30,000, a 7-year deferred, forgivable loan.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

During FY 2010-11, the Holly Good Neighbor Program did not meet its goal. Factors contributing the Holly Good Neighbor Program not meeting its goal include the decline of applications submitted due to lien requirements outlined in the program guidelines. AHFC is planning an extensive marketing and outreach plan targeting Holly residents. The marketing will be comprised of informational presentations, door-to-door canvassing, and special events.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Holly Good Neighbor	Holly Good Neighbor	High	AE	\$2,035,120	63	\$336,191	8

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

HOUSING DEVELOPER ASSISTANCE

The need for affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renters, including special needs populations, and homebuyers was reflected in the housing market analysis and the public input received from the community during the Consolidated Plan needs assessment. The City's main tool to create affordable housing is through gap financing to for- and non-profit developers. In addition, the City encourages the development of affordable housing through developer incentives. The City identified Housing Developer Assistance a high priority for the Consolidated Plan.

NHCD OVERALL GOAL:

Assist 17,614 eligible households with services that lead to opportunities for self-sufficiency in FY 2010-11 as measured by:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2009-14 HOUSING DEVELOPER ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES:

Create and retain affordable rental units for low-income households, including households with special needs.

Create new homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households earning at or below 80 percent of MFI. Encourage development of affordable rental and homebuyer housing through developer incentives.

Continue to assist and support Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type(s) of Households Served	FY 2010-11 Goal	Funding Source(s)	Total Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Rental and Ownership	High	Low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOS)	958	CDBG, CDBG- RL, HOME, HOME-PI, HOME (CHDO), HOME (CO), UNO, GF-CIP, SF, GO Bonds, HTF, HAF	\$11,732,541	1,460

Rental Housing Development Assistance (RHDA)

IDIS Project #: 3882, 5174, 5303, 5324, 5449

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Rental Housing Development Assistance (RHDA) Program provides opportunities to create and retain affordable rental units for low- and moderate-income households and low-income persons with special needs. RHDA provides below-market-rate gap financing to for-profit and non-profit developers for the acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation of affordable rental projects that would otherwise be economically infeasible. RHDA serves households at or below 50 percent of MFI with a target of serving households at or below 30 percent of MFI.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The Rental Housing Development Assistance Program (RHDA) Program performance exceeded its annual goal by more than 200 percent. Funds expended on projects one to two years ago are now reporting units completed and occupied. Seventy-one percent of households occupying units assisted with RHDA funds earn incomes at or below 30 percent of MFI. The remaining 29 percent earn incomes between 31-50 percent of MFI. Serving a majority of households at the very lowest income levels successfully meets an affordable housing core value – reaching deeper levels of affordability.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
RHDA	RHDA	High	CDBG	\$1,286,811		\$1,857	
RHDA	RHDA	High	HOME	\$2,209,421		\$163,332	1
RHDA	RHDA	High	HOME-PI	\$43,121		-]
RHDA	RHDA	High	HOME (CHDO)	\$1,815,030		\$1,761,030]
RHDA	RHDA	High	UNO	\$279,538	216	\$25,756	479
RHDA	RHDA	High	GF-CIP	\$375,327		\$375,327]
RHDA	RHDA	High	GO Bonds	\$7,687,416		\$6,490,891]
RHDA	RHDA	High	HTF	\$1,348,219		\$502,366]
RHDA	RHDA	High	HAF	\$347,091		\$289,629	1
			Total	\$15,391,974	216	\$9,610,188	479

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

Acquisition and Development (A&D)

IDIS Project #: 4972, 4975, 4998, 5746

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Acquisition and Development (A&D) Program works with lenders, for-profit, and non-profit developers to leverage City and federal funds for: 1) the acquisition and development of lots; 2) the acquisition and rehabilitation of residential structures; 3) the acquisition of new or existing housing units; and 4) the construction of new housing, all for sale to income-eligible households at or below 80 percent of MFI. AHFC provides financing (loans and grants) for affordable housing development.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The A&D Program completed 75 percent of its annual goal in FY 2010-11. The majority of homes were developed by local non-profit, Austin Habitat for Humanity. The remaining homes are being developed by American YouthWorks through its Casa Verde Builders YouthBuild Program and by Frameworks Community Development Commission, Inc. which purchased foreclosed homes and sold them to income-eligible buyers.

Factors contributing to production outcomes include tightened lending standards and the decrease in the ability of low-income households to obtain mortgage loans. However, as of the end of the fiscal year, there are a total of 16 homes for sale or under contract for sale that were developed by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation through Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds received from the State. In FY 2010-11, the average MFI for homebuyers served was at or below 45 percent, which is lower than the average of approximately 53 percent of MFI for the last four fiscal years. Serving homebuyers at lower MFI percentages is attributable to using G.O. Bond funding, which have a goal of serving homebuyers from 50 to 65 percent MFI. In addition, Austin Habitat for Humanity is able to serve homebuyers at lower-income levels through its homeownership program model.

The original goal of 50 units was revised down to 35 because it was determined that the 16 homes funded through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) will not be counted under the A&D Program. Those homes will be reported separately under the NSP program.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
A&D	A&D	High	CDBG	\$2,736,293		\$1,220	
A&D	A&D	High	CDBG-RL	\$68,217		\$9,685	
A&D	A&D	High	HOME	\$1,914,253		\$144,356	
A&D	A&D	High	HOME-PI	\$94,904		=	
A&D	A&D	High	HOME (CHDO)	\$482,696	35	\$70,692	26
A&D	A&D	High	GF-CIP	\$1,149,495		\$131,887	
A&D	A&D	High	GO Bonds	\$2,681,486		\$1,467,940	
A&D	A&D	High	HTF	\$599,307		\$34,889	1
A&D	A&D	High	HAF	-		-	1
			Total	\$9,726,651	35	\$1,860,669	26

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

CHDO Operating Expenses Grants

IDIS Project #: 5738, 5739, 5740, 5741, 5743, 5744, 5749, 5794

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The CHDO Operating Expense Grants provides financial support to eligible, City-certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) actively involved in housing production or expected to begin production within 12-24 months. Under the terms of the grant, CHDOs must access CHDO set-aside funds to produce affordable housing for the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The CHDO Operating Expenses Grant exceeded its annual goal. Anderson Community Development Corporation, was certified as a new CHDO and is eligible to receive funding under the program. Other CHDOs that received grant funds in FY 2010-11: Austin Revitalization Authority; Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation; Blackland Community Development Corporation; Green Doors; Chestnut Neighborhood Revitalization Corporation; Mary Lee Community; Neighborhood Housing Services of Austin, Inc.; and Accessible Housing Austin!. CHDOs received a total of \$190,000 of HOME funds in FY 2010-11 for eligible operating expenses.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
CHDO Operation Loans	CHDO Operation Loans	High	HOME (CO)	\$225,000	7	\$192,359	8

Subrecipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

Developer Incentive-Based Programs

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Developer Incentive-Based Programs provide incentives for housing developers to develop affordable rental and homebuyer housing in market rate developments. The current program format includes six developer incentive programs that offer development incentives for affordable housing to households at or below 80 percent of MFI, or at or below 120 percent of MFI in the Central Business District:

- 1) S.M.A.R.T. Housing [™] S.M.A.R.T. Housing [™] assists non-profit and for-profit builders to create housing that is safe, located in mixed-income neighborhoods, accessible, reasonably-priced, transit-oriented, and meets Austin Energy's Green Building standards. The program requires that projects meet a level of accessibility that can exceed City of Austin standard requirements. The program also provides fee waivers, fast-track reviews, problem-solving assistance, and regulatory reviews that facilitate the construction of rental and homeownership.
- 2) Vertical Mixed Use Ordinance (VMU) The Austin City Council adopted changes to the "Commercial Design Standards" regarding VMU in 2007. The developments that want exemptions from certain dimensional and parking standards, must provide 10 percent of development as affordable housing for 40 years.
- 3) Downtown Density Bonus The City is in the process of designing a density bonus program to encourage affordable housing downtown.
- 4) North Burnet/Gateway This low-density neighborhood will be transformed into a high-density neighborhood with an incentive, whereby developers can receive a density bonus and must provide 10 percent affordable housing or pay a fee-in-lieu of six dollars a square foot. A few specific properties may be eligible to construct new collector streets in exchange for the density bonus, instead of meeting the affordable housing requirements.
- 5) University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) The Austin City Council adopted an "opt-in" zoning overlay in the West campus area to allow for greater density and development entitlements. UNO requires two tiers of affordability, 10 percent of units at 80 percent of MFI and another 10 percent at 65 percent of MFI. The developer has the option to pay a fee-in-lieu of providing the units at 65 percent of MFI. In addition, units at 80 percent of MFI must be on-site.
- 6) Transit Oriented Development (TODs) The City Council adopted three station area plans for MLK, Saltillo, and Lamar/Justin that include a density and height bonus. All TODs require developers to reach the goal of 25 percent of affordable housing onsite or pay a fee-in-lieu for part of the affordable housing in exchange for density and height bonuses.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The goal of the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Program for FY 2010-11 was to complete 700 new single-family and multi-family units. At the end of September 2011, 947 total units had been completed, exceeding the annual goal by 35 percent. In addition, NHCD set another goal for the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Program, that 40 percent of the units would serve families earning at or below 80 percent of MFI. At the end of the fiscal year, 80 percent of the units completed will serve families at or below 80 percent MFI.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Developer Incentive-Based Programs	Developer Incentive-Based Programs	High	SF	\$39,616	700	\$59,609	947
Developer Incentive-Based Programs	Developer Incentive-Based Programs	High	GF-CIP	\$23,672	700	\$9,716	947
			Total	\$63,288	700	\$69,325	947

Sub recipients: Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

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COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

The City continues to prioritize commercial revitalization as a high priority based on the feedback received during public hearings and the Consolidated Plan survey.

NHCD OVERALL GOAL:

Assist 17,614 eligible households with services that lead to opportunities for self-sufficiency in FY 2010-11 as measured by:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2009-14 COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION OBJECTIVE:

Provide funding and technical assistance to eligible organizations in order to improve the economic viability of neighborhoods and promote the creation of jobs.

Type of Community Development	Priority for Federal Funds	Type(s) of Households Served	FY 2010-11 Goal	Funding Source(s)	Total Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Community Revitalization	High	Low- and moderate-income households and small businesses	4,668	CDBG, EDI II, EDI III, SF	\$278,891	2,170

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East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization: Acquisition and Development

IDIS Project #: No Activity

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The East 11th and 12th Streets redevelopment plan identifies projects and programs that will lead to a sustained, improved and culturally rich area. The redevelopment plan is slated for completion in year 2018.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

NHCD's goal for FY 2010-11 was to complete current projects and a market study of the East 11th and 12th Streets area to evaluate what type of development the area can absorb and infrastructure needs in order to assist in future planning activities. The market study was delayed and is now scheduled for completion in January 2012. No new activities were planned for FY 2010-11.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	High	CDBG	\$274,903	0	\$207,192	0
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	High	EDI III	\$147,000	0	\$0	
			Total	\$421,903	0	\$207,192	0

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East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization: Historic Preservation

IDIS Project #: No Activity

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The East 11th and 12th Streets redevelopment plan identifies projects and programs that will lead to a sustained, improved and culturally rich area. The redevelopment plan is slated for completion in year 2018.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Historic preservation activities for this program year are underway for the Dedrick-Hamilton house located at 912 East 11th Street. This house will be restored into the City of Austin's, African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility's Visitors Bureau. Completion of the facility is scheduled for July 2012. The preservation of the Travis County Negro Extension Service Office, a.k.a. Eastroom, located at 1154 Lydia was delayed this past year due to developer being unable to secure the needed additional private financing. The project is slated to begin by end of 2011 with a scheduled completion within the next 12-18 months.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	High	CDBG	\$325,150	0	\$0	0
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	High	SF	\$30,000	0	\$38,030	
			Total	\$355,150	0	\$38,030	0

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East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization: Public Facilities

IDIS Project #: No Activity

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The East 11th and 12th Streets redevelopment plan identifies projects and programs that will lead to a sustained, improved and culturally rich area. The redevelopment plan is slated for completion in year 2018.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

NHCD's goal for FY 2010-11 was to continue construction on the City of Austin's African American Cultural and Heritage Facility (AACHF), approximately 8,300 square foot building for the African American Cultural Heritage District. The project is underway and is slated for completion in July 2012.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	Medium	CDBG	\$2,325,993	0	\$18,955	0
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	Medium	EDI II	\$136,717	0	\$0	
			Total	\$2,462,710	0	\$18,955	0

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East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization: Parking Facilities

IDIS Project #: 5742

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The East 11th and 12th Streets redevelopment plan identifies projects and programs that will lead to a sustained, improved and culturally rich area. The redevelopment plan is slated for completion in year 2018.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

In FY 2010-11, the Parking Facilities activity did not meet its goal. During the fiscal year resources were committed and expended on leasing the community facility that provided parking to the area businesses patrons. NHCD, in working with other City Departments, designed a community parking facility for the redevelopment area; however, submission for project permitting and construction was postponed. Contributing factors for postponement included: the delay in receiving the City's Design Commission project recommendation and the Commission's final recommendation revised design standards impacting overall project timeline and budget making it infeasible to complete in FY 2010-11.

In addition, the City planned to complete a market study evaluating whether additional community parking facilities were needed. The market study of the area was delayed; thus, decreasing the actual accomplishment by 54 percent. Completion of the strategy is scheduled for January 2012 and NHCD anticipates meeting FY 2011-12 goals for this activity.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	High	CDBG	\$279,410	4,668	\$14,714	2,170
East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	East 11 and 12th Streets Revitalization	High	SF	\$10,000	4,000	\$0	2,170
			Total	\$289,410	4,668	\$14,714	2,170

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SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

In the current economic recession, the City prioritized assistance to small business as high. Feedback from the Consolidated Plan survey found job creation as the highest community development need in the Austin community.

NHCD OVERALL GOAL:

Assist 17,614 eligible households with services that lead to opportunities for self-sufficiency in FY 2010-11 as measured by:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2009-14 SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVE:

Help small businesses grow and prosper through financing and technical assistance in order to improve the economic viability of neighborhoods and promote the creation and/or retention of jobs.

Type of Community Development	Priority for Federal Funds	Type(s) of Households Served	FY 2010-11 Goal	Funding Source(s)	Total Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Small Business Development	High	Small businesses and job creation for low-income households	52	CDBG, CDBG- RL, Section 108, SF	\$350,000	40

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Community Development Bank (CDB)

IDIS Project #: 5731

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Community Development Bank (CDB) provides funds to a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to administer loan programs offering flexible capital and technical assistance to small and minority businesses that are expanding or relocating to low-income areas. The performance goal for this program is job creation or retention for low- to moderate-income individuals.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The Community Development Bank met its program goal in FY 2010-11. NHCD continued to contract with PeopleFund the program year for assistance in job creation and loan related services that allowed for a more flexible lending criteria and financial structure than permitted by conventional banking.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Community Development Bank	Community Development Bank	High	CDBG	\$150,000	6	\$150,000	6
			Total	\$150,000	6	\$150,000	6

Sub recipients: PeopleFund

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Microenterprise Technical Assistance (MTA)

IDIS Project #: 5732

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Microenterprise Technical Assistance (MTA) Program provides operational funds for the administration of training and technical assistance for qualified microenterprises in the City of Austin. HUD defines a Microenterprise as either: 1) a business with five or fewer employees, one being the owner, or 2) an individual who is actively working towards developing a business that is expected to be a Microenterprise.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

NHCD continued to contract with BiG Austin under the MTA Program in FY 2010-11. The program met its annual goal and assisted 33 existing microenterprises or businesses that are expected to be microenterprises. BiG provides assistance to low-income individuals to start or expand their business, as well as small business education that includes topics such as finance, industry standards, legal requirements and developing a business plan.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Microenterprise Technical Assistance	Microenterprise Technical Assistance	High	CDBG	\$200,000	33	\$200,000	34

Sub recipients: Business Investment Growth (BiG)

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Neighborhood Commercial Management Program (NCMP)

IDIS Project #: No Activity

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Neighborhood Commercial Management Program (NCMP) is a revolving loan fund, which provides gap financing to eligible borrowing businesses that have operated for two or more years. These small business loans which provide gap financing, can be used for acquisition of land and improvements, various fixed costs, new construction, and leasehold improvements.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

NCMP did not meet its annual goal. Contributing factors include credit market conditions and overall lack of public confidence in the economy. NHCD staff conducted a mass mail-out and attended events to promote the program. An assessment of small business programs was underway during FY 2010-11 and determined to modify NCMP program guidelines to target eligible businesses along the E. 11th and 12th Street redevelopment area.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
NCMP	NCMP	High	CDBG	\$235,308		\$0	
NCMP	NCMP	High	CDBG-RL	\$456,572	11	\$0	0
NCMP	NCMP	High	Section 108	\$594,846		\$0	
			Total	\$1,286,726	11	\$0	0

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Community Preservation and Revitalization (CP&R)

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Community Preservation and Revitalization Program (CP&R) Business Loan Program provides financial assistance in the form of small business loans to financially and geographically qualified small businesses within the CP&R Zone.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

The CP&R Program did not meets its proposed goal in FY 2010-11. Targeted outreach that included mass mail-outs, weekly application distribution, and staff presence at several events served as opportunities to engage the community. Contributing factors in not reaching the goal include the tightened underwriting requirements in the credit market and the overall lack of public confidence in the economy. NHCD conducted an assessment of its small business assistance programs which resulted in modifications to the CP&R Program, to be implemented in FY 2011-12. The proposed modifications will include changing from a loan program to a grant program. NHCD will market this program to the East 11th and 12th redevelopment area with the intent to further revitalization efforts. NHCD will promote new program guidelines and launch a call for applications to eligible businesses through enhanced marketing and targeted outreach.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Community, Preservation, and Revitalization	Community, Preservation, and Revitalization	High	SF	\$75,000	2	\$0	0

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ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service

IDIS Project #: 5726

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Austin secured a \$6,030,000 HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to construct a homeless shelter, resource center and health clinic in downtown Austin. The facility opened in April 2004. The source of repayment for the Section 108 Loan in FY 2010-11 will be from CDBG. The loan will be repaid in 2022.

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Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	High	CDBG	\$524,664		\$457,275	
ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	High	CDBG-PI	\$60,667	N/A	\$60,667	N/A
ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	High	Section 108	\$6,721		\$6,721	

\$585,331

0

\$517,942

0

Total

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Neighborhood Commercial Management Debt Service

IDIS Project #: 5725

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

After initially funding Neighborhood Commercial Management Program (NCMP) with CDBG funds, the City of Austin secured a \$2,000,000 HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to support NCMP. The primary source of repayment for FY 2010-11 will be from expired Section 108 loan proceeds. Future loan repayments will be made with future CDBG funds for a 20-year period ending in 2026.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE								
N/A								
Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments	
NCMP Debt Service	NCMP Debt Service	High	CDBG	\$274,746	N/A	\$61,247	N/A	
NCMP Debt Service	NCMP Debt Service	High	Section 108	\$139,908		\$108,381		
			Total	\$414,654	0	\$169,628	0	

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East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization Debt Service

IDIS Project #: 5724

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City secured a \$9,350,000 HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to implement the East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization Project. The source for repayment of the Section 108 Loan will be from small business loan repayments and current and future CDBG funds for a 20-year period ending in 2017.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE								
N/A								
Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments	
East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Debt Service	East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Debt Service	High	CDBG	\$1,162,441	N/A	\$863,420	- N/A	
East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Debt Service	East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Debt Service	High	Section 108	\$41,932		\$41,932		
			Total	\$1,204,373	0	\$905,352	0	

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Millennium Youth Center Debt Service

IDIS Project #: 5723

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City secured a \$7,830,000 HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to construct a youth entertainment center in central east Austin. Interim financing began in 1997 and the facility opened in June 1999. The source for repayment will be in the form of annual payments from current and future CDBG funds for a 20-year period ending in 2016.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

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Project	Activity	Con Plan Priority	Fund Source(s)	FY 2010-11 Total Funding	FY 2010-11 Proposed Goal	Expended	FY 2010-11 Accomplish- ments
Millennium Youth Center Debt Service	Millennium Youth Center Debt Service	High	CDBG	\$767,207	N/A	\$602,887	N/A