

**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
2016 CDBG PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**Program Administration**

***CDBG Program Administration \$221,459***

This includes oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the CDBG Program. This pays the full salaries of the Neighborhood Services Manager, and Neighborhood Services Specialist.

***Fair Housing \$3,000***

Provision of fair housing services and counseling is available to all city residents. The budget supports part of the Fair Housing Officer's activities.

**Rehabilitation, Code and Housing Related**

***Housing Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Emergency, Homeownership and Program Direct Delivery Cost \$295,000***

Payment of operational expenses for the Housing and Emergency Rehabilitation Program, HOME, BuyinG-Power, and Habitat for Humanities. This program pays for the salaries of staff positions.

***Housing Rehabilitation \$327,053***

This program provides full rehab assistance up to \$25,000 and reconstruction up to \$75,000 for citizens 60 years and older or disabled combining CDBG and/or Home Funds. Liens are filed to protect the City's investment on single family low/mod owner occupied units. Depending on income, deferred payment, 0 percent and 3 percent loans are utilized.

***Emergency Small Home Repair \$70,000***

This program provides emergency repairs up to \$5,000 to alleviate health, safety, and public welfare conditions. Emergencies must occur without warning and applicants must be 50% of the median area income or below.

***BuyinG-Power Program \$60,000***

The City of Grand Prairie BuyinG-Power Program will help pay initial costs to help qualified low and moderate income citizens purchase a home. The City will provide \$5,000 which can be used towards half of the down payment and/or reasonable closing costs. The home purchased must be the primary residence of the buyer and located within the city limits of Grand Prairie.

***Code Direct Delivery Inspection Services \$70,000***

Code Enforcement – CDBG program is designed to enforce city, state ordinances through the direction of the Code Enforcement Manager while initiating nuisance abatement cases and remove substandard structures that have become blight on the community. The main objective of Code Enforcement – CDBG is to monitor neighborhoods in low to moderate income census tracts issuing written notices to property owners/residences requiring the removal of code violations from the area by the best means possible, i.e., voluntary compliance, rehabilitation of substandard structures or the demolition of substandard structures, including nuisance abatement, high weeds grass, trash and debris and junk/inoperable vehicles.

**Public Service Activities**

***Grand Prairie United Charities \$46,724***

Provide salaries for a Caseworker, Administrative Assistant, Office Coordinator, and Donation Coordinator to assist Low Income families and water bill payments for clients. Services provided are food pantry, rent/mortgage, utility assistance (electric, water, gas), etc. for Grand Prairie families in need.

***Brighter Tomorrows \$46,724***

Payment of salaries of Residential Specialists related to the direct operation of a battered women and children shelter. This includes food, clothing, shelter, emergency transportation, emergency medical care, 24-hour a day crisis intervention, legal assistance in civil and criminal justice systems, educational arrangements for children, support groups, parenting classes, survival skills, and domestic and sex violence counseling.

***Children First Center \$46,724***

Funds are used for abuse counseling at a reduced cost. It makes counseling affordable to qualified low/mod income and presumptive benefactor persons. This includes counseling and guidance services with a primary focus on child abuse prevention.

***GP Charlie Taylor/Bowles & Dalworth Day Camps \$15,000***

After school and day camps are provided Monday – Friday for school age children under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department. This service will be provided to low and moderate income children that reside in the City of Grand Prairie.

***Lifeline Shelter for Families \$46,724***

This program was established to address the problem of homelessness in Grand Prairie providing full services to homeless families including shelter, food, clothing, transportation along with educational and employment services. This funding will be used to offset the salary of the Case Manager and Executive Director. The focus is on families with children based on students classified as homeless in the Grand Prairie Independent School District.

***Star Group Community Development Corporation \$9,253***

Star Group Community Development Corporation provides the disenfranchised citizens of Grand Prairie with assistance and the necessary tools to help them change their lives and become productive citizens.

**Public Facilities and Improvements**

***Sidewalks Repair and Replacement \$150,000***

This project will repair / replace concrete sidewalks along streets where children routinely walk to school in CDBG Low-Moderate census tract areas. Maintaining these sidewalks will increase the children's safety and beautify the neighborhoods.

**HOME Program**

***Home Rehabilitations (HRP)/Home Reconstructions \$270,000***

The rehabilitation and reconstruction program provides deferred payment, 0% and 3% loans up to \$75,000 for low and moderate-income homeowners 60 years and older or disabled citizens to rehab single-family homes and is used in conjunction with the CDBG Rehabilitation Program. Applications are accepted on a first-come first-served basis and rehabs and/or reconstructions are conducted based on need.

***Grand Prairie Community Housing Development Organization, Inc.  
(CHDO) \$135,022***

This organization provides revitalization to Grand Prairie city wide through new construction and lot development for single family units. This funding will be used primarily for lot acquisition and construction to provide affordable housing to low to moderate income qualified families.