

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF PLANTERSVILLE

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Plantersville will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 2023, at Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for one or more Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grants for Program Year 2023. City of Plantersville may be eligible to participate in the Community Development Fund, Colonia Fund Construction Program, Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program, Fire, Ambulance & Service Truck (FAST), and/or Downtown Revitalization Program. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City of Plantersville encourages citizens to participate in the development of TxCDBG application(s) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Mayor Karen Hale at Plantersville Town Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City of Plantersville to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City of Plantersville at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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CIUDAD DE PLANTERSVILLE

PROGRAMA SUBVENCION PARA BLOQUES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO DE TEXAS

La Ciudad de Plantersville llevará a cabo una audiencia pública a las 6:00 p.m. el día 2 de Enero de 2023, en el ayuntamiento de la ciudad 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville sobre la presentación de una aplicación al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas para programas sobre la Programa Subvencion Para Bloques De Desarrollo Comunitario De Texas (TxCDBG) en 2023. La Ciudad de Plantersville puede ser elegible para participar en TxCDBG Community Development Fund, Colonia Fund Construction Program, Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program, Fire, Ambulance & Service Truck (FAST), o el Downtown Revitalization Program. El propósito de esta reunión es permitir a los ciudadanos la oportunidad de hablar sobre el plan de participación ciudadana, el desarrollo de las necesidades locales de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario, la cantidad de fondos disponibles de TxCDBG, todas las actividades elegibles de TxCDBG y el uso de fondos anteriores de TxCDBG. La Ciudad alienta a los ciudadanos a participar en el desarrollo de esta aplicación TxCDBG y dar a conocer sus opiniones en esta audiencia pública. Los ciudadanos que no puedan asistir a esta reunión pueden enviar sus opiniones y propuestas al Alcalde, Karen Hale en el ayuntamiento de la ciudad. Las personas con discapacidades que deseen asistir a esta reunión deben comunicarse con el ayuntamiento de la ciudad para coordinar la asistencia. Las personas que necesiten ayuda o servicios auxiliares para esta reunión también deben comunicarse con el ayuntamiento de la ciudad al menos dos (2) días antes de la reunión para que se puedan hacer los arreglos apropiados.

**Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – administered by
Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)**

Purpose:

CD Regional - to provide grants for water, sewer, drainage, street, housing, and other infrastructure improvements to areas having no or inadequate services to meet standards.

Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Program (DRP/MS) – The DRP program objective is to provide infrastructure improvements to address the conditions that contribute to the deterioration in an area designated as slum or blighted in the applicant community's downtown or main street area.

Fire, Ambulance & Service Truck (FAST) – The Fire, Ambulance, & Service Truck (FAST) Fund provides funds for eligible vehicles to provide emergency response and special services to rural communities.

Planning & Capacity - The Planning and Capacity Building Fund is a competitive grant program for local public facility and housing planning activities. Localities apply for financial assistance to prepare a “comprehensive plan” or any of its components. Typical activities regard topics such as: Base Mapping, Land Use, Housing, Population, Economic Development and/or Tourism, Central Business District, Street Conditions, Thoroughfares, Parks and Recreation, Water Distribution and Supply, Wastewater Collection and Treatment, Drainage (streets & flood hazard areas), Gas or Electric Systems (if owned by the locality), Community Facilities, Capital Improvements Program, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulation. Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, outlines all the generally eligible activities.

Colonia Planning & Construction Fund - Grants for eligible counties within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border for community development projects. Includes a construction component and a planning component, which funds an inventory of Colonias.

Eligible Applicants:

Generally, cities of less than 50,000 population, counties of less than 200,000 population, and non-profit utility service providers sponsored by either a County or City.

Amount of Funding

- Maximum grant amount is \$500,000 for Regional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),
- And Downtown Revitalization/Main Street (DRP/MS),
- Maximum grant amount is \$750,000 for Fire, Ambulance & Service truck (FAST) projects.
- Planning & Capacity Awards are made on an annual basis through a statewide competition. Maximum grant award is based on beneficiary population. See the most recent, published application guide for details.
- Colonias can be as much as \$1M.

2023-2024 CD Program Basics – Due April 3, 2023

- Scoring criteria has been standardized for the CDBG program for all Council of Governments (COG) regions by the Unified Scoring Committee (USC).
- Regional project priorities are determined by each COG and each one is specific to their region. See
- link listing priorities by COG:

- <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant%28CDBG%29/CDBGResources/RegionalReviewCommittees.aspx>
- Applications submitted once every two (2) years.
- Local match of 2% to 15% required depending on City/County population. While many types of improvements are eligible for funding, historically water and sewer facilities receive highest priority for the standard 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant.
- Projects can be City-wide, or "Target" areas within Cities or County projects. County projects usually in support of a Utility District (WSC, MUD, SUD, etc.).
- Projects must be in areas where 51% of residents are considered lower or moderate income. Household surveys can be conducted to achieve 51% low/moderate income or Census Data.
- Contract term – 2 years.

2022-2023 DRP/MS, FAST, Planning & Capacity, and Colonia Basics

Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Programs (DRP/MS) – Due May 3, 2023

- Projects to improve downtown or main street areas – these applications are submitted annually and normally includes sidewalks and ADA accessibility. DRP/MS projects must be in economic area. They are not intended to benefit residential areas.
- Must use census data for income data. Does not have to meet 51% low/moderate income to participate.
- Points are associated with Low/Moderate Income level.
- Contract term – 2 years

Fire, Ambulance and Service Truck Fund (FAST) - TBD

- Emergency vehicles, including:
 - Fire Trucks (most types)
 - Ambulances, and
 - Other specialized emergency vehicles (must receive approval from TDA at least 30 days prior to the application deadline and cannot already be designated as ineligible)
- Emergency rescue equipment, including:
 - Vehicle extrication tools (saws, cutters, spreaders, rams)
 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs),
 - Thermal Imaging Cameras,
 - Fire protection gear (wearable, such as Turnout Gear (Bunker Gear), Helmets and Boots,
 - Power Stretchers and Stretcher Mounting Systems (ambulance use only),
 - Cardiac Monitors (ambulance use only), and
 - Transport ventilators (ambulance use only).
- Contract term – 18 Months

Planning & Capacity Building Fund (PCB) – Included in the CD Application

- Address needed local planning elements;
- Assess local needs;
- Build or improve local capacity; or
- Develop strategies to address local needs.
- Contract Term – 2 years

Planning process should result in an improved local capacity to identify long and short term needs and

to develop implementable strategies to address the identified community needs. Emphasis is placed on public works and housing assistance planning.

Colonia Fund: Construction (CFC)- Due May 3, 2023

- Eligible activities: water and wastewater improvements, housing rehabilitation for low- to moderate-income households, and similar basic needs for colonia residents
- “Colonia” means any identifiable unincorporated community that is determined to be a colonia on the basis of objective criteria, including lack of potable water supply, lack of adequate sewage systems, and lack of decent, safe, and sanitary housing
- Colonia needs to have been in existence as a colonia before the date of the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (November 28, 1990).
- Colonia must be located within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border to be eligible for CFC funding
- Maximum Grant Amount: \$1,000,000