

## **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

### **Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)**

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report contains information about the Town of Flower Mound's accomplishments during the first year of our community's five-year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) for Housing and Community Development. The report reflects Flower Mound's implementation of outcome performance measurement requirements described in the Federal Register Notice dated March 7, 2006. It also provides a description of how our jurisdiction's program provided new or improved availability/accessibility, affordability, sustainability of decent housing; a suitable living environment; and economic opportunity for Flower Mound's low-and moderate-income residents.

The Town of Flower Mound is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. During the 2020 Program Year (PY), October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, \$211,754.00 in CDBG funds were made available to the Town of Flower Mound to further the objectives of our Consolidated Plan, which began this year and will end in Program Year 2024. Additionally, the Town continued to utilize its \$347,556.00 in awarded CARES Act funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Flower Mound expended \$179,991.01 in CDBG funds and \$122,888.00 in CDBG-CV funds, and leveraged Town General funds during the year to help address identified housing, homeless, community development, anti-poverty and other special needs. The investments were allocated based on citizen input; research and analysis to identify service level weaknesses and areas of need; and Town Council goals and priorities. The Town's Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan identified three specific objectives that were to be achieved during the year, using CDBG funds, and are reaffirmed in this annual report:

- Preserve the Town's existing housing stock through the Residential Rehabilitation Program.
- Offer transportation services for the Town's elderly who are 65 years or older and adults with severe disabilities who are 18 years or older.
- Carry out planning and program administration activities.

### **Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and**

**explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)**

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Planning and Administration	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
Preserve Existing Housing Stock	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	15	2	13.33%	3	2	66.67%
Transportation Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	125	22	17.60%	25	22	88.00%

**Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date**

**Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.**

Preserve the Town’s Existing Housing Stock:

- Residential Rehabilitation Program: Successfully completed four projects to assist low-to moderate-income homeowners with interior and exterior home rehabilitation (two utilizing CDBG-CV funding), and will complete the work on two more at the beginning of Program Year 2021.
- Minor Home Repair Program: Successfully completed one project to assist a low-to moderate-income homeowner with minor interior

and exterior home repairs. While the Minor Home Repair Program was not associated with a goal in the Town's most recent Annual Action Plan, the Town continued to spend down the funds remaining for this activity.

Town-wide Transportation Service: Subsidized 955 one-way rides to 22 of the Town's elderly residents who are 65 or older or residents with severe disabilities who are 18 years or older.

Planning and Administration: Continued to fund the administration costs of the CDBG Program, including contract administration, publication of public notices, office equipment and supplies, planning, monitoring, and all other related expenses.

Assist Social Service and Cultural Arts Providers: Allocated \$172,543 in Town General Funds to 17 agencies and organizations that are actively engaged in the provision of social services and cultural arts in Flower Mound

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	22
Black or African American	0
Asian	2
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>
Hispanic	2
Not Hispanic	22

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

### Narrative

The Town's housing rehabilitation program, accounted for about 81 percent of the total CDBG funding allocated to the Town in PY 2020. In PY 2020, five homes were rehabilitated using CDBG funds (one through the Town's Minor Home Repair Program, two utilizing the Town's Residential Rehabilitation Program funds, and two utilizing the Town's Residential Rehabilitation Program-CV funds), with two additional homes nearing completion. Of the five households assisted, three were white, one was Asian and one was African American. The two homes completed through the Town's regular Residential Rehabilitation Program (one Asian and one white) are reflected in the count above.

Additionally, the Town's transportation service helped subsidize 955 one-way rides to 22 of the Town's elderly residents who are 65 or older and/or residents with severe disabilities who are 18 years or older with CDBG funds. Of these riders, 21 were White (two of which were Hispanic), and one was Asian.

An additional 314 rides were subsidized using a grant received by SPAN, the Town's contracted provider for the service. The additional funds allowed a total of 27 residents to be assisted through this program.

## CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	211,754	179,991

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

### Narrative

In the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the Town of Flower Mound identified the preservation of existing housing stock as a priority. The Town currently offers a Residential Rehabilitation Program to address this need. This program was not limited to a specific geographic area, but is only for low-to-moderate income homeowners that live within the Town of Flower Mound city limits. \$172,504 or about 81 percent of the Town's total 2020 CDBG allocation was dedicated to housing rehabilitation projects for low-to-moderate income homeowners.

The Residential Rehabilitation Program is designed to assist low-and moderate-income homeowners in Flower Mound with the rehabilitation of their single-family, owner-occupied houses. The program pays for rehabilitation up to \$60,000. As mentioned, in PY 2020, \$172,504 in CDBG funds were allocated for the program, and a total of two homes were completed utilizing those funds, with an additional two completed utilizing CDBG-CV funds. Two additional homes will be completed at the beginning of PY 2021. The Town also completed one home as part of its Minor Home Repair program, utilizing past funding that remained for this activity.

Additionally, in its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the Town of Flower Mound identified Town-wide transportation as a priority. The Town-wide transportation program provides transportation to locations within the Town of Flower Mound, the City of Lewisville and the City of Highland Village and is only for Town of Flower Mound residents age 65 or older and/or residents who are 18 or older with a severe disability. In PY 2020, \$31,750 or about 15 percent of the Town's total 2020 CDBG allocation was dedicated to the Town-wide Transportation Program. The Town contracts with Special Programs for Aging Needs (SPAN) to provide the service and, if needed, supplements the CDBG funds with Town General Funds.

Lastly, the Town received \$347,556.00 in CARES Act funding during PY 2019, which continued to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town put the funds toward its Residential Rehabilitation Program to assist low-to moderate-income homeowners, whose income had been directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with necessary repairs to their homes. As mentioned, two homes were completed in PY 2020 utilizing these funds.

**Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Planned Percentage of Allocation</b>	<b>Actual Percentage of Allocation</b>	<b>Narrative Description</b>
Town of Flower Mound	100	100	

**Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments**

**Narrative**

Because of the limited size of the Town’s allocation of CDBG funding, the Town’s Community Development Block Grant Executive Advisory Committee decided not to target a certain area or region of the Town to focus its programming efforts. All of the activities implemented using CDBG funds are open to all qualified residents of Flower Mound and are intended to have a town-wide benefit.

## Leveraging

**Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.**

The Town of Flower Mound's Financial Services Division is the lead agency for the administration of CDBG funding. To effectively implement the Community Development Plan, Financial Services utilizes CDBG funds as well as resources allocated by the Town Council. The Town Council makes available about \$200,000 a year in General Fund resources to fund agencies that are actively engaged in the provision of social services and cultural arts in Flower Mound.

No publicly owned land or property was used to address the needs identified in the Town's plan.

There are no match requirements for CDBG funds.

## CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	3	2
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	3	2
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

**Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.**

The Town of Flower Mound proposed to use 81 percent of its 2020 CDBG allocation to fund the rehabilitation of homes owned and occupied by low-to-moderate income households. It was anticipated that three households would be served through the Town's Residential Rehabilitation Program.

Four households were assisted through the Residential Rehabilitation Program (two utilizing CDBG-CV funding), and one household was assisted utilizing remaining funds allocated toward the Town's Minor



Home Repair Program activity. The two homes completed through the Town’s regular Residential Rehabilitation Program are reflected in the count above.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

The Town is on track to meet all of the goals established in its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. This CAPER summarizes the accomplishments of the first year of that plan. The Town will make every effort to stay on track moving forward and does not anticipate any issues in doing so.

**Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.**

<b>Number of Households Served</b>	<b>CDBG Actual</b>	<b>HOME Actual</b>
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 7 – Number of Households Served**

**Narrative Information**

The Town of Flower Mound decided to focus its housing rehabilitation efforts on its Residential Rehabilitation Program in PY 2020. Previously, the Town’s Minor Home Repair Program was instituted to provide an additional outlet for accomplishing the Town’s goal of supplying decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing; correcting health and safety hazards in deteriorated housing; and expanding the useful life of existing housing units. However, the Town found that the majority of residents seeking assistance with repairs on their homes, needed more than the maximum \$15,000 of assistance provided through the Minor Home Repair Program, especially when faced with rising construction and material costs.

One hundred percent of all CDBG funding for the Town’s Residential Rehabilitation Program was dedicated to persons of low-to-moderate income. Five homes were completed in PY 2020. Of the five homes completed, 100% were occupied by moderate-income homeowners. Two of the five homes (40%) were owned by female head of households. The two homes completed through the Town’s regular Residential Rehabilitation Program are reflected in the count above.

## **CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)**

**Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:**

### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

Outreach to persons experiencing homelessness continued to be carried out by the Town's partners, such as Journey to Dream and Christian Community Action (CCA), each of which play a major role in advocating for and addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. Flower Mound continued to allocate a portion of its General Funds to support Journey to Dream and its efforts to provide support to a growing population of homeless teens, including life skills training and access to community resources. Additionally, the organization runs Kyle's Place, which is a transitional living program for homeless and foster youth. Aside from giving teens a safe place to sleep and basic necessities, Kyle's Place offers programs and the support homeless youth need to get back on their feet and succeed. A portion of the Town's General Fund dollars also went to support Christian Community Action and its efforts to prevent homelessness, including rental assistance, a food pantry and comprehensive case management. In PY 2020, the Town allocated \$172,543 of general funds to fund agencies that are actively engaged in the provision of social services and cultural arts in Flower Mound.

The Town also continued its involvement with the Denton County Homeless Coalition (DCHC). DCHC conducts monthly meetings, which are attended by representatives from area cities, service providers and faith-based groups. The meetings provide a forum for problem solving, information sharing and referral services. Agencies that serve a wide variety of special needs in locations throughout the cities of Flower Mound, Lewisville and Denton regularly attend and participate. These meetings provide an opportunity for collaboration between the Town of Flower Mound and these organizations that work to assist the homeless and address their needs.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The Town of Flower Mound does not receive Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding. However, the Town continued to participate in the Denton County Homeless Coalition. This network of service providers and other relevant parties serves as a catalyst for developing and providing needed services to those individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the county, such as emergency shelter and transitional housing.

### **Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections**

**programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

The Town of Flower Mound made available \$172,543 in General Fund resources to fund agencies that are actively engaged in the provision of social services and cultural arts in, and for, the residents of Flower Mound. Some of these organizations included Journey to Dream, an organization that provides support to a growing population of homeless teens, including life skills training and access to community resources; PediPlace, an organization that provides primary care pediatric health services to children with limited access to care; and Denton County Friends of the Family, an organization that provides supportive services to those impacted by relationship violence and sexual assault.

Additionally, the Town of Flower Mound continued to participate in the Denton County Homeless Coalition. This network of service providers and other relevant parties serves as a catalyst for developing and providing needed services to those individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the county.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The Town continued its support of helping homeless and potentially homeless individuals by allocating General Funds to local social service agencies that are working to address this challenge, such as Journey to Dream. The Town also continued its participation in the Denton County Homeless Coalition, which brings together those fighting to end homelessness in Denton County, such as local service providers, churches and governments.

The Town of Flower Mound also supplements the work of various Town-funded social service agencies to end chronic homelessness by promoting the preservation and maintenance of existing homes through its Residential Rehabilitation Program.

The Town continues to carry out these programs and support these various organizations and agencies in order to address this challenge in a coordinated and proactive manner that reduces duplication of effort as much as possible.

## **CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)**

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

This section is not applicable, as the Town of Flower Mound does not have a public housing authority. The Town also does not receive or administer funds for assisted housing. There are no plans for public housing in Flower Mound at this time. However, surrounding communities do administer assisted housing programs to residents of Flower Mound, such as the Denton Housing Authority, which currently provides assistance to 16 clients in Flower Mound.

### **Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

N/A

### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

N/A

## **CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)**

**Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

During the 2020 Program Year, the Town's SMARTGrowth Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission continued their periodic review of development criteria to help mitigate the ill effects of overcrowding and congestion, including overburdened infrastructure, facilities, schools and services. Examples of these efforts include:

- The Planning and Zoning Commission met regularly throughout the year. The members used Flower Mound's SMARTGrowth criteria to ensure growth does not occur at the expense of environmental quality, community character, or quality of life of the Town's residents. Commission members followed residential density criterion and the Town's Master Plan when reviewing residential development requests, which allowed for a wide range of housing opportunities.
- The SMARTGrowth Commission also met during the year, which provided an opportunity for members to discuss any potential issues with the SMARTGrowth criteria.

Additionally, The Fair Housing Committee continued its routine review of the Town's zoning and subdivision ordinances, building codes and impact fees; and when necessary, will bring any potential impediments to the attention of management and the Town Council. Examples of these efforts include:

- The Town's Planning Services Division is represented on the Town's Fair Housing Committee. This Division reviews, administers and enforces Town codes and regulations pertaining to the development of commercial and residential property through the planning and zoning process. During the year, no impediments were identified that needed to be brought to the attention of management and the Town Council.
- The Town's Building and Inspections Division is represented on the Fair Housing Committee. This Division reviews building codes and enforces building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical code regulations within Flower Mound. Permits are required before performing any new construction or addition, alteration or repair of existing buildings, structures, plumbing, electrical or mechanical work. During the year, no impediments were identified that needed to be brought to the attention of management and the Town Council.
- The Development Services Department is represented on the Fair Housing Committee. This Department reviews impact fees and provides planning, design review, implementation, quality control and maintenance for the Town's infrastructure system and improvement projects. During the year, no impediments were identified that needed to be brought to the attention of management and the Town Council.

### **Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

Limited funding and resources to address the most complicated situations are the primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs in Flower Mound. However, the Town did allocate more than \$172,000 in General Fund dollars to its social service partners to help meet the basic unmet needs of residents, including food, medical care, clothing and emergency housing assistance.

### **Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

During the 2020 Program Year, the Town of Flower Mound continued to demonstrate its commitment to the eradication of lead-based paint hazards in the community.

In 2003, the Town formed a Lead-based Paint Task Force to determine what activities needed to be taken to reduce any existing or potential lead-based paint hazards and ensure compliance with the Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of September 15, 2000. During the year, the Task Force (a) researched and analyzed Flower Mound's ordinances, laws, regulations, public policies, practices, procedures, records and reports for any references to lead-based paint; (b) identified the locations of the 859 homes in Flower Mound built before 1978; and (c) obtained and developed educational materials about the dangers of lead-based paint. These materials were made available for public access at Town Hall and posted on the Town's website.

Based on the Task Force recommendations, the Town's Environmental Services Department was identified as Flower Mound's point of contact for lead-based paint issues. This Department continued to maintain and update the supply of educational materials available at Town Hall, as well as information on the Town website.

The Town currently sponsors the Residential Rehabilitation Program that is carried out through the Community Development Block Grant Program. For this program, occupants of units constructed prior to 1978 receive proper notification of Lead-Based Paint (LBP) hazards and all projects are subject to the implementation of the Federal Lead-Based Paint Regulations in accordance with the most recently published CDBG grant management manual chapter on Lead-Based Paint.

During the 2020 Program Year, none of the homes rehabilitated had a construction date prior to 1978.

### **Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The Town of Flower Mound's actions to help reduce the number of poverty-level families during the 2020 Program Year included economic development activities, tax exemptions for the disabled and senior citizens, leveraging resources and serving as a referral source:

- Economic Development: 2.9% of Flower Mound families live below the poverty level (compared to 6.5% in Denton County, 13.6% in Texas and 11.4% in the United States) and the Town's

unemployment rate of 2.9% is lower than Denton County's rate of 3.0%, the State's rate of 4.4%, and the Nation's rate of 4.5%, according to the American Community Survey 2019 1-Year Estimates (The Census Bureau will not release its standard 2020 ACS 1-year estimates because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on data collection). Flower Mound's lower rate can be attributed to the Town's proximity to numerous major employers and educational institutions throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area. However, it is important to note that within Town limits, only 22.52% of the tax base is commercial. While Flower Mound's property, county and school taxes are among the lowest in the surrounding area, 74.81% of the Town's tax base is comprised of residential development, placing a disproportionate tax burden on homeowners. Community efforts during the past few years have resulted in an increase in commercial properties in Flower Mound. During the 2020 Program Year, Town staff continued its efforts, with the help of the local Chamber of Commerce, to provide business and retention development programs with incentives for economic development. As a result, in PY 2020, 12 new commercial permits were issued.

- **Tax Exemptions:** In Program Year 2020, the Town maintained the exempted amount of the appraised value of residence homesteads for those with disabilities and individuals 65 years of age or older at \$100,000. Additionally, the Town maintained its recently approved a 2.5% homestead exemption for all Flower Mound homeowners.
- **Leveraging Resources:** Town staff continued to liaison with community agencies established to provide the necessary resources for affordable housing and other needed services through outlets such as the Denton County Homeless Coalition. Some of these organizations include the Denton Housing Authority, which offers rental assistance and self-sufficiency training; the Denton Workforce Center/Texas Workforce Commission, which offers training and supportive services leading to employment; the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; and the Denton County Housing Finance Corp., which offers homebuyer assistance.
- **Referral Source:** To help ensure that residents needing services are aware of available local providers, Town staff maintained established links to service providers on the Town website. In addition, the Town continued to post information about available job training, job search and financial management workshop opportunities on the Town's website, at the Town library and on the Town's cable television station.

These actions assisted in reducing the number of poverty-level families in Flower Mound by increasing local employment opportunities, reducing homeowner costs for senior citizens and those with disabilities and providing a referral network for those families seeking rental and other assistance.

### **Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The Town continued to promote and emphasize the need for greater coordination between all social service agencies active in the Flower Mound area so as to minimize duplication of efforts. This was carried out through outlets such as the Denton County Homeless Coalition meetings. Efforts to enhance coordination between local agencies, both public and private, will ensure that the information available is comprehensive, needs are being properly addressed and resources are being maximized.

**Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The Town of Flower Mound continued to share information and leverage funds with area public and private housing, health and social service agencies. This helps ensure that access to needed services is available. The Town also continued to liaison with the Denton County Housing Authority, the Denton County Housing Finance Corporation and area lenders, through means such as the meetings of the Denton County Homeless Coalition, an organization that includes a network of public and private housing, health and social service representatives throughout Denton County.

The Town continues to make staff available as a referral source for families with low-to-moderate incomes to assist them in obtaining rental assistance or below-market interest rate mortgage loans and down payment assistance through local lenders. Additionally, the Town continued to maintain the links to housing rights, access groups and other service providers on the Flower Mound website.

Finally, the Town continued its participation in HUD-sponsored activities, which are informative and offer a ready network of Community Development Block Grant representatives and advisors.

**Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)**

The Town of Flower Mound continues to demonstrate its commitment to overcoming the effects of impediments to fair housing choice. This position was solidified in 2012 when the Town passed a Fair Housing Ordinance, which declared the Town's commitment to ensure fair housing opportunities for all citizens, regardless of race, color, religion, handicap, sex, familial status or national origin. This ordinance was unanimously approved by the Town Council.

During the 2020 Program Year, The Fair Housing Committee conducted its annual review of the Town's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. No overt barriers to fair housing were identified in the analysis. However, the Fair Housing Committee discussed a few items that the Town should do to ensure that unanticipated barriers do not develop in the future. These items and the efforts the Town took to address them in the 2020 Program Year are listed below.

- The SMARTGrowth Commission continued its periodic review of development criteria to help mitigate the ill effects of overcrowding and congestion, including overburdened infrastructure, facilities, and services.
- The Fair Housing Committee continued its routine review of the Town's zoning and subdivision ordinances, building codes and impact fees; and when necessary, commits to bringing any potential impediments to the attention of management and the Town Council.
- The Economic Development Department continued to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce to provide business and retention development programs with incentives for economic development. As a result, in PY 2020, 12 new commercial permits were issued.



- The Financial Services Department continued to foster partnerships with community agencies established to provide the necessary resources for affordable housing and identifying populations such as the elderly, youth, and female head-of-households living below the poverty level. This was done through the outlet of the Denton County Homeless Coalition, where the Town's Grants and Financial Analyst serves as the Town's representative. The Town also provided General Fund financial assistance to organizations that provide services to Flower Mound residents during the year. One such organization, Christian Community Action, provided \$50,466.28 in financial and non-financial services to residents of Flower Mound through its family assistance services, back-to-school program, Christmas program and food pantry.
- The Library Services Department continued to ensure that residents with poverty-level incomes are made aware of job training, financial management and job search workshop opportunities at the Town of Flower Mound Library. Additionally, the Library provides online databases related to the job search process and educational assistance. In Program Year 2020, 963 job views/job-related sessions were accessed through these databases. These databases were available both onsite and remotely, which allowed residents access any time of day. The Library also hosted two programs related to financial planning with eight attendees. Finally, the Library continued to purchase new books that relate to resume writing, interviewing, testing and starting a small business.

## **CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

The Town of Flower Mound continually monitors programs and projects to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Financial Services staff administers financial monitoring for all projects, programs and activities funded by CDBG. They ensure that all drawdowns are made after all ledgers and records have been reconciled and approved. Additionally, the financial operations and expenditures of the Town are audited on an annual basis by an independent accounting firm.

To ensure compliance with grant requirements, effectiveness in solving neighborhood and community problems, as well as adherence to the goals laid out in the Town's five-year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan, Town staff conducted monitoring of all operational projects identified in the Annual Plan. Technical assistance is provided on a continuing basis.

During the 2020 Program Year, no problems or issues were identified in either of the Town's CDBG projects that needed to be corrected during the review.

Additionally, under the Town's Residential Rehabilitation Program, Town staff administers and continuously monitors all projects implemented under this program. Projects requested by residents are thoroughly evaluated for adherence to the program guidelines, including income eligibility. An environmental compliance checklist is completed for each project and the potential repairs are assessed for eligibility during an on-site evaluation by staff.

As a result of this careful management and monitoring, Flower Mound's CDBG-funded programs continue to have a positive effect on solving neighborhood and community problems, especially in regards to reducing the potential for homelessness. While progress is slow due to a lack of available funding, our community is meeting priority needs and specific objectives that will help to make Flower Mound's vision of the future a reality. By collaborating and leveraging funds, we were able to provide opportunities for our low-and moderate-income residents to have access to decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunity.

### **Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**

**Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.**

The Town's Citizen Participation Plan requires the Town to post public notices for performance reports in the newspaper and on the Town website to ensure that interested groups, agencies, organizations and individuals have an opportunity to provide comments regarding Flower Mound's use of federal grant funds under the Community Development Block Program. These requirements were designed especially to encourage participation by low- and moderate-income residents.

During the comment period, a copy of the report was posted on the Town website, [www.flowermound.com](http://www.flowermound.com), at Town Hall, located at 2121 Cross Timbers Road, and at the Flower Mound Library, located at 3030 Broadmoor Lane. Additionally, on November 3, 2021, a public hearing was held at Flower Mound's Town Hall in the Council Chambers. This meeting place is easily accessible to all Town residents, including those with disabilities. All meeting notices and the Town website noted that translation services were available upon request, and that persons with disabilities would also be accommodated upon request. Public notices announcing the hearing were issued two weeks prior to the hearing date. Information about the public hearing is published in the Denton Record-Chronicle, displayed at Town Hall in an area easily visible to all who entered the building, and posted on the Town website.

### **CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

**Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.**

There were no changes to the Town of Flower Mound's program objectives. The Town of Flower Mound continues to work toward all of the goals established in its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

**Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?**

No

**[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.**