



TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND

PROGRAM YEAR 2022

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Prepared for the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the Town of Flower Mound submit an Annual Action Plan every year in order to receive federal grant funds, which provide services and activities that benefit primarily low-to-moderate income individuals and households. The Town's 2022 Annual Action Plan outlines the activities that the Town will pursue with federal funds to meet the goals laid out in its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The Town of Flower Mound has demonstrated a commitment to serving its residents with the greatest needs. In addition to carrying out its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded projects, the Town reaffirms this commitment by executing numerous other activities that benefit the entire community, including Flower Mound's low-and moderate-income residents. These activities include, improving and maintaining public facilities, parks, recreational facilities, streets and sidewalks, planting trees, maintaining the residential homestead exemption for those with disabilities and individuals sixty-five years and older, and fostering a balanced tax base and increased local employment by working to increase the number of businesses located in Flower Mound.

Summarize the Objectives and Outcomes Identified in the Plan

Based on the level of CDBG funding expected this fiscal year and the goals put forth in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the Town has laid out objectives and outcomes to address the two following identified needs:

1. Continuous challenges in the Town's aging infrastructure. The Town believes it is imperative to maintain the Town's housing stock.
2. The absence of public transportation hurts the Town's elderly residents and those with disabilities.

These outcomes and objectives can be found in the section titled "Annual Goals and Objectives" and include preserving the Town's existing housing stock by continuing the Residential Rehabilitation Program and supporting a town-wide transportation service for the Town's elderly and residents with disabilities.

Evaluation of Past Performance

Progress toward Annual Action Plan goals are reported every year through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The 2020 CAPER reported the results achieved in the first year of the Town's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Currently, the Town is on track to meet or exceed the housing and community development goals established in its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan utilizing the Residential Rehabilitation Program and the Town-wide Transportation Service.

The Town of Flower Mound's CDBG investments have been used to make long-lasting impacts on the Town's residents. The Town's CDBG accomplishments include completing thirty-one Residential Rehabilitation Program projects (three of which were funded with CDBG-CV funds), completing nine projects as part of its former Minor Home Repair Program, and subsidizing the town-wide transportation service for the elderly and those with disabilities.

It is important to note that the Town expended all of its CDBG funds for activities that principally benefitted low-and-moderate-income residents, with the exception of funds allocated toward Planning and Administration.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

The Citizen Participation Process includes the integral participation of a 12-member Community Development Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of Town employees from various departments, as well as the Town Manager. In addition to oversight and input from the committee, the Town also hosts a public hearing and a public comment period that lasts 30 business days for the Annual Action Plan. The Town promotes the public meetings through local print media as well as postings at Town Hall, the Library and information published on social media and the Town's website. During years in which the Town develops a Consolidated Plan, the Town includes an additional public hearing and a more expansive public comment period. Additionally, during the drafting of consolidated plans, the Town utilizes a public survey to solicit detailed concerns and comments from residents. The survey is available electronically on the Town's website and is promoted on the Town's social media sites.

Summary of Public Comments

Public Comments are summarized in the citizen participation appendix.

Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them.

N/A

Summary

The Town of Flower Mound's 2022 Annual Action Plan sets forth objectives, strategies and goals for improving the quality of life of low-to-moderate-income residents of the Town during the planning year in accordance with the Town's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

LEAD AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Narrative

Leadership responsibility for the success of this program ultimately rests with the Town of Flower Mound and, more specifically, with the Financial Services Department. Financial Services staff assists in coordinating the efforts of the entities involved, making periodic progress reports to federal, state and local governmental bodies and encouraging involvement from the business community.

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CONSULTATION

Introduction

The Town of Flower Mound's Financial Services Department is responsible for coordinating the consultation process for the Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is published on the Town's website and made available for review at Town Hall and the Flower Mound Public Library. The Citizen Participation Plan outlines the Town's policies and procedures for citizen input and participation in the

grant process, such as providing the Town with information on housing and community development needs as part of the preparation of the Annual Action Plan. Additionally, the Town conducts at least one public hearing during the development process before the Annual Action Plan is finalized and allows for a comment period lasting 30 business days to obtain residents' feedback and questions. Public hearings are held at Town Hall, which is easily accessible to all residents. The Town also provides updates and information about the process as needed at meetings with local agencies, such as the quarterly Agency Roundtable and the Denton County Homeless Coalition meetings.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies.

As needed, the Town's Financial Services Department provides technical assistance and information to private and public organizations that seek to provide affordable housing and support services to residents of Flower Mound. The Town will continue to promote and emphasize the need for greater coordination between all agencies active in Flower Mound so as to minimize the duplication of efforts. Efforts to enhance coordination between the public and private sector will ensure that needs are properly addressed and that resources are maximized.

While preparing the Annual Action Plan, the Town consulted with and collected information from various Town departments and outside agencies that are responsible for administering programs covered or affected by the Annual Action Plan. Some of these outside agencies include the Denton Housing Authority and Denton County Homeless Coalition.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Town of Flower Mound is an active member of the Denton County Homeless Coalition. Although, per the Point-in-Time Count conducted by the Denton County Homeless Coalition, there are no known homeless individuals in Flower Mound, staff participates in the meetings to ensure that services are available for those currently at risk of becoming homeless as well as those who are actually homeless, should the need arise.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

Although the Town does not receive an allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant funding, the Town coordinates with the local CoC through regular attendance, membership and participation in various committees within the Denton County Homeless Coalition. The Town also assists the Coalition with the annual Point-in-Time Count and coordinates with the Coalition in finalizing results and utilizing data for the planning of services for homeless individuals in Denton County.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting:

The Town made every effort to consult all relevant agency types and did not specifically or purposefully exclude any particular agency type.

Describe other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan.

Lead Organization: Denton County Homeless Coalition

How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan:

The Strategic Plan incorporates strategies and efforts implemented by the CoC.

Narrative (Optional)

Please see above.

PARTICIPATION

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting.

The Citizen Participation Process includes the integral participation of a 12-member Community Development Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of Town employees from various departments, as well as the Town Manager. In addition to oversight and input from the committee, the Town also hosts a public hearing and provides a public comment period for 30 business days for the Annual Action Plan. The Town promotes the public meetings through local print media as well as postings at Town Hall and the Library. Information is also published on the Town’s social media accounts and the Town website.

During years in which the Town develops a Consolidated Plan, the Town conducts an additional public hearing and a more expansive public comment period. Additionally, during the drafting of consolidated plans, the Town utilizes a public survey to solicit detailed concerns and comments from residents. The survey is available electronically on the Town’s website and is promoted on the Town’s social media site. The Public Hearing for this year’s Annual Action Plan was held at Town Hall, which is easily accessible to all Town residents, including those with disabilities. All meeting notices stated that translation services were available upon request and that people with disabilities would be accommodated upon request. Public notices of the meeting were posted at Town Hall and Flower Mound Public Library (both of these buildings are accessible to those with limited mobility), and in the Denton Record-Chronicle. For the PY 2022 Annual Action Plan, the Town consulted with and acquired information from a number of individuals, including Community Development Advisory Committee members, Denton County, the Denton County Homeless Coalition, public service agencies and staff in various Town departments. The goals and priorities for the Annual Action Plan were greatly impacted by feedback garnered from these various efforts as well as the Town’s current Consolidated Plan.

EXPECTED RESOURCES

Introduction:

This section discusses the resources that will be used to meet the goals of the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied:

The Town’s Financial Services Department is the lead agency for the implementation of the Community Development Plan and the administration of CDBG funding. Internally, the Financial Services Department works in collaboration with all Town departments to deliver projects, services and other benefits to eligible clients. Externally, the Department works with clients and subrecipients of the program.

To effectively implement the Community Development Plan, funding for carrying out the plan comes from CDGB funds as well as the Town Council. The Town Council makes available an average of more

than \$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.

Additionally, the contracted provider of the Town's transportation program applied and received a grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments, funded by the Federal Transit Administration.

This grant totals \$159,398, and along with the Town's CDBG allocation, will go a long way in supporting the Town-wide Transportation Program.

There are no matching requirements for CDBG funds.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan:

The Town does not intend to use publicly owned land or property to fulfill the goals of the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Discussion:

Please see above.

ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals:

1. Preserve Existing Housing Stock: Continue to fund the Town's Residential Rehabilitation Program.

This program is designed to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing, to correct health and safety hazards in deteriorated housing and to extend the useful life of existing housing units.

Quantity: 3 (Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated)

2. Transportation Services: Continue to fund the Town's town-wide transit service for the Town's elderly who are 65 years and older and adults with severe disabilities. This is a Town-wide project to be carried out within the boundaries of the Town of Flower Mound, Denton County, Texas.

Quantity: 25 (Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit)

3. Planning and Administration: Up to 20 percent of total CDBG grant expenditures will be used for planning and administration.

Quantity: 1 (Other)

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b): 3

PROJECTS

Introduction:

This document serves as the Town of Flower Mound's 2021 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.220 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Town of Flower Mound is required to submit a One-Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan outlines the specific projects and services that will be funded during the 2021 program year to address Flower Mound's strategies stated in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The following five-year goals were identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan:

- Preserve the Town's existing housing stock through the Residential Rehabilitation Program.
- Planning and Administration

- Provide transportation services through a Town-wide program for adults who are 65 and older and adults with disabilities.

This section details the projects proposed for the 2022-2023 program year.

Projects:

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs:

- 15% (estimated at \$30,000)- Town-wide transit service
- 5% (estimated at \$10,000)- Planning and Administration
- 80% (estimated at \$170,000)- Residential Rehabilitation Program

The Town, under advisement from the Community Development Advisory Committee, has allocated funds to its various projects based on past performance and anticipated need. The largest obstacle the Town faces in addressing the underserved needs is a lack of sufficient resources.

Additionally, the Town will reallocate the remaining funding balance allocated to its 2019 Minor Home Repair Program Activity to its Residential Rehabilitation Program. For various reasons, this activity was not included as part of the Town’s most recent 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. By moving these funds to the Town’s Residential Rehabilitation Program, the Town will be able to utilize them more efficiently and effectively to assist its residents and reach its ConPlan goals.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed:

Because of the size of the Town’s funding allocation, the Advisory Committee decided not to target a certain area of the Town for assistance. All of the activities are intended to have a Town-wide benefit.

Geographic Distribution: Town of Flower Mound- 100%

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically N/A

Discussion: Please see above.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Introduction:

This section summarizes the affordable housing goals for the 2022 Action Plan. The Town of Flower Mound is proposing to use about **80 percent** of its 2022 CDBG allocation to fund the rehabilitation of homes owned and occupied by low- to-moderate income households through the Residential Rehabilitation Program. A large portion of the households applying for funds have members who are elderly and/or have a disability.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported: 3 (Non-Homeless)

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through: 3 (Rehab of Existing Unit)

Discussion

The Town of Flower Mound is proposing to use **80 percent** of its annual CDBG allocation to fund the rehabilitation of low- to moderate-income owner-occupied houses. It is anticipated that three households will be served through the Residential Rehabilitation Program.

PUBLIC HOUSING

Introduction:

This section is not applicable. Flower Mound currently has no public housing, and there are no plans for public housing in the Town of Flower Mound at this time.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing: N/A

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership: N/A

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance: N/A

Discussion: Please see above.

HOMELESS AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS ACTIVITIES

Introduction

This section describes the activities planned during the 2022-2023 program year to address the needs of people who are homeless and other non-homeless special needs.

The Town will not allocate funds this plan year to directly address the needs of the homeless. Instead, the Town's strategy to address the needs of the homeless and the needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive help is to identify and partner with community agencies that have the resources to provide necessary services, to maintain an awareness of the level of need and to address specific needs as they are identified. Flower Mound has made substantial efforts to identify and locate the chronically homeless. In January 2022, the Denton County Homeless Coalition conducted a count of homeless persons throughout Denton County. However, no homeless were identified in Flower Mound during the count.

Potential obstacles to completing these action steps include limited funding available to the Denton County Homeless Coalition, the Salvation Army and Christian Community Action, each of which play a major role in advocating for and addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

-Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs:

Outreach to persons experiencing homelessness is carried out through the Town's partners, such as Christian Community Action and Journey to Dream. Flower Mound allocates a portion of general funds each year 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 supports Christian Community Action and its efforts to prevent homelessness, including rental assistance, a food pantry and comprehensive case management. The Town also collaborates with the Denton County Homeless Coalition (DCHC). DCHC conducts monthly meetings and is 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.

-Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

Flower Mound Staff will continue to participate in the Denton County Homeless Coalition over the next year. This network of providers serves as a catalyst for developing and providing needed services to those individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the Denton County. Barriers to achieving this would include a lack of funding sources available to the Coalition.

-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:

Flower Mound Staff will continue to participate in the Denton County Homeless Coalition over the next year. This network of providers 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 Denton County. Barriers to achieving this would include a lack of funding sources available to the Coalition. Through the use of coordinated entry, the DCHC uses locations within the County to assess the needs of homeless persons and families. This service assesses the current housing situations of the household and connects them with any available housing resources. These efforts help reduce the time the households experience homelessness, as well as prevent homelessness by linking households with services in an efficient manner for all service providers within the County. Barriers to achieving this would include a lack of funding sources available to the Coalition.

-Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Town will serve as a referral source for individuals and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Town staff will identify and contact providers who offer the services needed by the individuals and families. The Denton County Homeless Coalition, of which the Town is a part, follows discharge plans through partnerships with local hospitals and other systems of care to help ensure that persons are not being discharged into homelessness. These efforts utilize existing resources within the County to help connect those in need with available service providers. Additionally, the Town Council makes available an average of more than \$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.

Discussion

Please see above.

BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Introduction

The Fair Housing Committee meets annually to update the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. No overt barriers to fair housing were identified in the analysis this year. However, the report did note that the Town will benefit from certain activities to help ensure that unanticipated barriers do not develop.

Actions it planned 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:

The Fair Housing Committee discussed a few items that the Town should continue to address in order to ensure that unanticipated barriers to affordable housing do not develop. To address the identified issues and ensure that unanticipated barriers do not develop in the future, the Town will benefit from:

- The SMARTGrowth Commission continuing 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 continuing its routine review of the Town's zoning and subdivision ordinances, building codes and impact fees; and when necessary, bringing any potential impediments to the attention of management and the Town Council.
- The Economic Development Division working closely with the Chamber of Commerce to provide business and retention development programs with incentives for economic development.
- The Financial Services Department continuing 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 and ensuring services are targeted to those areas where larger percentages of low- and moderate-income families reside.
- The Library Services Department ensuring that residents are made aware of job training and job search workshop opportunities available at the Town of Flower Mound Library.

Discussion

Please see above.

OTHER ACTIONS

Introduction

This section reports additional efforts the Town will undertake during the 2022-2023 program year to address residents' housing and community development needs.

Actions Planned to Address Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs

Limited funding and resources to address the most complicated situations are the primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs in Flower Mound. The Town will allocate approximately \$200,000 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 Planned To Foster and Maintain Affordable Housing

Housing priorities and objectives Flower Mound hopes to achieve during the next year include continuing the Residential Rehabilitation Program, leveraging funds to supplement scarce resources, facilitating the availability of affordable housing for residents with disabilities and senior citizens, and fostering a balanced tax base:

- Residential Rehabilitation Program - Based on citizen input and direction from Town Council, Flower Mound started a Residential Rehabilitation Program in 2013. The 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 will pay for the rehabilitation up to \$60,000.
- Leveraging funds - The Town collaborates with the Denton County Homeless Coalition, the Denton Housing Authority, the Denton County Housing Finance Corporation and local lending agencies. This collaboration is dedicated to providing those services needed to increase the number of low-and moderate-income residents who become homeowners and to increase available rental assistance for Flower Mound residents.
- Affordable housing for the disabled and senior citizens – In 2006, the Town increased the exempted amount of appraised value of residence homesteads owned by those with disabilities and individuals 65 years of age or older to \$100,000. For the most recent year, this exemption affected about 4,637 property accounts. The Town also increased its homestead exemption for all Flower Mound homeowners to 5%, which went into effect in 2021.
- Fostering a balanced tax base - The current ratio of assessed residential taxable values compared with assessed commercial taxable values is 78% residential to 19.03% commercial with the remaining land being undeveloped. The Town's Land Use Plan projects a build out percentage of assessed residential taxable value to assessed commercial taxable value that is 64% residential to 36% commercial.

During the next year, Town staff will continue working closely with the Chamber of Commerce to provide business and retention development programs with incentives for economic development. This will help ensure an increase in the number of businesses locating to Flower Mound resulting in a more balanced tax base and increased local employment opportunities.

Actions Planned to Reduce Lead-Based Paint Hazards

The Town of Flower Mound's housing activity, the Residential Rehabilitation Program, is carried out through the Community Development Block Grant. The Town of Flower Mound has no housing activities that are carried out through programs such as HOME, the Emergency Shelter Grant or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS.

In 2003, the Town formed a Lead-based Paint Task Force to determine what activities need to be undertaken 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 houses 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 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 will continue to maintain and update the supply of educational materials available at Town Hall, as well as information on the Town website. For the Residential Rehabilitation Program, occupants of units constructed prior to 1978 will receive proper notification of Lead-Based Paint (LBP) hazards and all projects will be subject to implementation of the Federal Lead-Based Paint Regulations in accordance with the most recently published CDBG grant management manual chapter on Lead-Based Paint.

Actions Planned to Reduce the Number of Poverty-Level Families

Flower Mound's actions to reduce the number of poverty level families during the next year include economic development, tax exemptions for senior citizens and those with disabilities, leveraging resources, and serving as a referral source:

- Economic development – 3.8% of Flower Mound families live below the poverty level, compared to 6.9% in Denton County, 13.4% in Texas and 11.4% in United States, according to the latest QuickFacts from the United States Census Bureau. Additionally, according to 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the Town's unemployment rate of 3.6% is lower than Denton County's rate of 3.9% and Texas's rate of 5.3%. The United States' rate falls slightly lower than the Town at 3.4%. Flower Mound's low rate of unemployment can be attributed to the Town's proximity to numerous major employers and educational institutions throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area. However, it should be noted that within Town limits, only 19.03% of the tax base is commercial. While Flower Mound's property, county and school taxes are among the lowest in the surrounding area, 78% 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 next year, Town staff will continue to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce to provide business and retention development programs with incentives for economic development.
- Tax exemptions for senior citizens and those with disabilities - In 2021, the Town maintained the exempted amount of the appraised value of residence homesteads of those with disabilities and individuals 65 years of age or older at \$100,000. This affected about 4,637 property accounts. During the next year, our goal is to maintain the exemption. The Town also increased its homestead exemption for all Flower Mound homeowners to 5%, which went into effect in 2021.
- Leveraging resources - Town staff will continue to liaison with community agencies established to provide the necessary resources for affordable housing and other needed services. These 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. In addition, the Town will continue to participate in the Denton County Homeless Coalition.
- Serving as a referral source - To help ensure residents who need services are aware of available providers, Town staff will maintain established links to service providers on the Town website. In addition, the Town will continue to post information about available job training and job search workshop opportunities on the Town's website, at the library, and on the Town's cable television station.

These actions will assist in reducing the poverty level of Flower Mound families 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 Planned to Develop Institutional Structure

The Town will promote and emphasize the need for greater coordination between all agencies active in Flower Mound so as to minimize the duplication of efforts. Cooperative efforts in applying for available funds will be initiated between public and private housing providers so as to maximize the potential for being awarded funds by the State and Federal Government. Efforts to enhance coordination between the public and private sector will ensure that needs are properly addressed and that resources are maximized. Additionally, the Town's continued involvement with the Denton County Homeless Coalition will help ensure open communication and networking opportunities between the Town and the various service providers in the area.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies:

During the next year, Flower Mound will continue to share information and leverage funds with area public and private housing, health, and social service agencies. This will help to ensure that access to needed services is available. Town staff will continue to liaison with the Denton County Housing Authority, the Denton County Housing Finance Corporation and area lenders. Town staff will serve as a referral source to families with low- and 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 will continue to maintain the links to housing rights, access groups, and other service providers on the Flower Mound website. Town staff will continue to participate in the Denton County Homeless Coalition. This organization includes a network of public and private housing, health, and social service representatives throughout Denton County. Agencies within the Coalition also apply for and receive grants to serve Denton County's homeless and near-homeless population. In addition, Town staff will continue to attend and participate in HUD-sponsored activities, which are informative and offer a ready network of Community Development Block Grant representatives and advisors.

Discussion

Please see above.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Introduction

The Town expects to receive no program income during PY 2022 and will expend all of its PY 2022 funds directly on low- to moderate-income individuals, with the exception of funds put toward Planning and Administration. The Town will ensure that **100 percent** of the housing rehabilitation and public service allocations will be for low-to-moderate-income individuals.

Discussion

Please see above.