Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

The City of Round Rock, Texas is an entitlement community that receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop viable urban communities primarily for low-and-moderate income persons. These funds are used to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, providing decent housing, economic development and providing improved community facilities and services.

As a recipient of CDBG funds, the City is required to prepare a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identifies and prioritizes the City's affordable housing, community development, and economic development needs and strategies to guide the use of its CDBG funding for the next five years. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan. This CDBG 2025 Action Plan is the second action plan in the CDBG 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan. The city will receive an allocation of \$672,184 for the program period of October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026 and is proposing to allocate \$134,436 (20%) for the administration and oversight of the program and \$100,827 (15%) to the following public services:

- Round Rock Area Serving Center Food Pantry Program \$30,000
- Round Rock Area Serving Center Housing Assistance Program \$30,000
- CASA \$20,000
- Meals on Wheels \$20,827

In addition to funding program administration and public services, the city is **proposing** to fund the following projects:

- City of Round Rock Community and Neighborhood Services Home Repair Program \$200,000
- City of Round Rock Transportation Department Sidewalk Improvements \$236,921

The City has identified the following alternate projects that can be funded and started immediately should one of the projects listed above does not come to fruition, have delays, or if any completed projects have balances:

• Additional home repairs up to \$25,000 a home for low to moderate income households

• Any public services balances may be used to provide additional funds to another public services activity approved in this plan.

*City council will make funding recommendations at the July 10, 2025 meeting.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Round Rock CDBG 2025 Annual Action Plan provides a framework to address the needs of the city for the next year using the \$672,184 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The three overarching objectives guiding the proposed activities are:

- Providing Decent Affordable Housing
- Creating Suitable Living Environments
- Creating Economic Opportunities

Outcomes show how programs and activities benefit a community, or the people served. The three outcomes that will illustrate the benefits of each activity funded by the CDBG program are:

- Improve Availability/Accessibility
- Improve Affordability
- Improve Sustainability

All projects funded in this action plan will support at least one objective and one outcome. The City's framework for realizing the objectives and outcomes includes the following goals:

- Provide Decent, Affordable Housing
- Provide a Suitable Living Environment

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The following is a project activity summary of the CDBG Program Year 2023-2024 from the most recent CAPER submitted to HUD for the time of performance of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The summary also includes projects that have been completed after the last CAPER was submitted that include CDBG Program Year 2024-2025 Activities:

- Round Rock Area Serving Center Food Pantry Program expended \$30,000 in CDBG 2023 funds and assisted 816 low-income residents, 209 of which were Female Head of Household and 211 were Hispanic/Latino.
- Round Rock Area Serving Center Housing Assistance Program expended \$29,388 in CDBG 2023 funds and assisted 118 low-income residents, 44 of which were Female Head of Household and 54 were Hispanic/Latino.
- Meals on Wheels expended the \$15,000 in CDBG 2023 funds and assisted 123 Seniors of which 28 were Hispanic/Latino.
- CASA Child Advocacy Program expended \$20,000 in CDBG 2023 funds and assisted 58 children of which 30 were Hispanic/Latino.
- Settlement Park Improvements for the purchase and installation of a new and more inclusive playground expended \$180,000 in 2022 CDBG funds.
- Chisholm Valley Sidewalks was started in program year 2023 and expended a total of \$307,245.29 in CDBG 2021 funds. Project is expected to be completed in Fall of 2024 during program year 2024.
- CDBG Bus Shelter Program for the purchase and installation of seven (7) bus shelters was completed in program year 2023. A total of \$171,150.00 in CDBG 2022 funds were expended.
- The Home Repair Program assisted four (4) low-to-moderate income homeowners with improvements in the amount of \$100,251.59 with CDBG 2019 & 2020 program year funds.
- The CDBG Program Administration expended a total of \$125,441.91 in CDBG 2023 program funds for the administration and oversight of the CDBG program

In addition to the CDBG funds expended in the summary above, a total of \$27,352.80 in CDBG-CV 3 (COVID) dollars were also expended during the CDBG 2023-2024 Program Year for the Senior I-Pad Program. This program continued to assist sixty (60) seniors with an ipad and data service that allowed them to access the internet from the comfort of their homes.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City's goal for citizen participation is to encourage a broad participation of City residents, social service agencies and City departments in the planning and implementation of public hearings.

During the development of the City of Round Rock CDBG 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, two public hearings were held. The first public hearing was a "Needs Assessment" public hearing that was held on March 27, 2025. The second public hearing was held on July 10, 2025. The public comment period

started on June 7, 2025, and ended on July 11, 2025. Three comments were received during the needs assessment public hearing/comment period. All public hearing notices were advertised in the Round Rock Leader newspaper in English and Spanish as well as posted at the following locations:

- City Hall Bulletin
- City Website and CDBG Webpage
- City Hall Kiosk on First Floor
- Kiosk at the Alan R. Baca Senior Center
- Round Rock Housing Authority
- Round Rock Library
- Nextdoor

In addition to the public hearing notice, an Executive Summary was made available. All public notices state that they City is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and that reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. All publications are available in alternative format and the City will provide a sign language interpreter if needed.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Three social service agencies provided comments at the Needs Assessment Public Hearing before the City Council on March 27, 2025.

The following are the agencies that commented:

Jails to Jobs

Rock Ride on Center for Kids

CASA of Williamson County

A summary of the comments is attached at the end of this document.

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

The City of Round Rock accepts and considers any comments that are received.

7. Summary

In order to broaden the public participation, the City advertised the public hearings and the action plan on social media platforms such as Nextdoor. This ensured that a wide array of residents had access to view the public hearing notices and action plan proposed projects and