

City of Mesquite

CDBG-CV FY21 Project Summaries

NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

Helen's Project (New Program)	Amount Requested: \$103,200	Recommended Funding: \$40,000
<p>Helen's Project is a nonprofit organization that provides mental health, counseling, peer support, rental and transportation services to individuals and families from indigent communities. It was founded in 2009 by individuals motivated to rehabilitate substance abuse victims and create a positive recovery and growth roadmap. Since then, it has grown to incorporate full case management for ex-offenders looking for ways to reintegrate into society, struggling single moms, Youth with limited resources and veterans with mental health problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will allow for two part-time positions for 20 hours per week at \$15 per hour plus transportation and supplies. Team will provide street outreach, case management, and financial assistance services to a minimum of 10 Mesquite residents either at-risk of or currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness during COVID-19. 		

Mission East Dallas (New Program)	Amount Requested: \$50,000	Recommended Funding: \$50,000
<p>Mission East Dallas (MED) provides dental, mental and medical services to low income Mesquite residents who have no insurance or that have insufficient insurance coverage. MED currently receives CDBG funding to serve 900 individuals per program year. In PY2019 (October 2019-September 2020), MED served more than 1500 individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will partly provide for salaries for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One RN Case Manager who will assess the needs of high-risk patients, make referrals to appropriate health resources, and provide clinical assessments and patient education. Three Outreach and Enrollment Specialists who are responsible for facilitating the enrollment of eligible patients into affordable health insurance coverage through Health Insurance Marketplaces, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and/or the MED Discount Slide program. Services provided by the Outreach and Enrollment Specialists and RN Case Manager would results in health services for an additional 600 LMI Mesquite residents who lost insurance coverage or have insufficient coverage due to COVID-19. 		

Mesquite ISD (New Program)	Amount Requested: \$30,000	Recommended Funding: \$30,000
<p>Mesquite High School's Safe Landing Program provides a "soft place to land" for those students who are struggling with decreasing resources since the onset of COVID-19. Safe Landing offers counseling, tutoring, case management, food security, and other referral services. Safe Landing is overseen by MISD McKinney-Vento Staff who provide technical assistance to all MISD campuses, as well as support and services to the children and families identified as homeless. MISD employs two full time social workers to assist children and families in obtaining services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding would provide food security for 15 students at \$10 day, 4 days per week. Program would operate year-round and serve approximately 50 Youth. 		

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The Family Place	Amount Requested: \$12,000	Recommended Funding: \$12,000
<p>The Family Place is the largest family violence service provider in North Texas, with three emergency shelters, including the state's only shelter for men and children. Funding will provide for staff salary, rent and utilities in the three counseling centers that serve Mesquite residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will provide counseling services for a minimum of 165 Mesquite residents. 		
Existing Program previously approved on 9/15/2020 – Renewal for 2021		

AZAR Foundation	Amount Requested: \$8,000	Recommended Funding: \$8,000
<p>The AZAR Foundation, founded in early 2011, is a non-profit organization that provides various programs and services to Mesquite's low-income population, including the "Heathy Heart Health Mind Program", "Parenting 101 Program" and "Youth Economics Program". AZAR has employed two licensed therapists who will work with Mesquite residents to triage needs and provide sessions or referrals as needed. AZAR would also work with Mesquite PD to accept direct referrals of families and individuals suffering mental health disorders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will provide counseling and/or referrals services 		
Existing Program previously approved on 9/15/2020 – Renewal for 2021		

Hope's Door	Amount Requested: \$10,000	Recommended Funding: \$10,000
<p>Hope's Door is a non-profit organization that provides intervention and prevention services to individuals and families affected by domestic family violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will provide counseling services for a minimum of 20 additional Mesquite residents. 		
Existing Program previously approved on 6/1/2020 – Allocating additional funding		

CDBG Housing Rehabilitation	Amount Requested: \$100,000	Recommended Funding: \$100,000
<p>The Housing Rehabilitation program is administered through the CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department. The Housing Rehabilitation Program is a program dedicated to rehabilitating single-residential homes for low-income Mesquite homeowners. Funding would provide for qualified emergency projects which pose an imminent threat to health and safety or make it impossible for a household to shelter-in-place during a pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding would provide for a minimum of 15 emergency projects. 		
Existing Program previously approved 6/1/2020 – Allocating additional funding		