

# Harris County Program Year 2023 Annual Action Plan

Harris County Community  
Services Department

Planning Meeting –  
April 19, 2023, 10:00 AM



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# What is your favorite thing about Harris County?

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the food

# Diversity

Winter The diversity  
Lots of food types

# Agenda

Our Vision and Goals

Entitlement Funds

Consolidated Plan

Annual Action Plan

Feedback

Final Remarks





# Our Vision

- Affordable Homes
- Infrastructure
- Neighborhood Services
- Supportive Services
- Community Economic Development



# HC Community Services Department



The mission of the Harris County Community Services Department (CSD) is to use reliable data to plan for, acquire, and utilize local, state, and federal funding in a transparent, timely, reliable, and equitable manner for the creation and execution of local and regional programs that provide Social Services, Affordable and Resilient Housing, Disaster Recovery, and Transportation to meet the needs of the low-income, elderly, homeless, and disabled populations within Harris County.



# Harris County Community Services Department

## Housing and Community Development

- Planning and Development
- Grants Management
- Housing Programs
- Housing Development and Special Initiatives
- Treasury ARPA

## Community Services

- Social Services
- Transit Services
- Legal Services
- Outreach & Engagement

## Disaster Recovery & Resiliency

- Planning
- Operations
- Non-Housing Infrastructure
- Resiliency Planning

## Finance

- Grants Accounting
- Admin & Social Services Accounting
- Disaster Recovery Accounting
- Financial Monitoring & Reporting

## Operations

- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Marketing & Communications
- Facilities & Administration
- Purchasing and Procurement

(Harris County CSD is currently undergoing an organizational restructuring, and this will be updated soon)

# Harris County's Service Area

Unincorporated Harris County and its 12 cooperative cities

*All applicants applying for homeless project funding must be located within Harris County. Shelter, Street Outreach and Rapid Re-Housing projects are not restricted to Harris County's service area. Homelessness prevention projects are required to service clients only from Harris County's service area.*



*Houston, Baytown and Pasadena receive their own entitlement funds and are not included in the Harris County service area.*



# What are Entitlement Programs?



Entitlement programs provide annual grants on a formula basis to cities, counties, and cooperating communities to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. These programs include funding from HOME, CDBG, and ESG.

# Consolidated Plan

Consolidated Plan assesses affordable housing, community development, and market conditions for data-driven, place-based investment decisions.

- Consolidated Plan (CP): 5-year plan describing community development priorities and multi-year goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, market conditions, and resources.
- Annual Action Plan (AAP): Consolidated Plan is carried out with Annual Action Plans, deciding actions, activities, and grants used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals from the Consolidated Plan.
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER): Grantees report annual accomplishments toward Consolidated Plan goals.

# Con Plan Goals

- Housing – Owners
- Housing – Renters
- Homelessness Action
- Public Facilities
- Infrastructure
- Public Services
- Economic Development
- Additional Needed

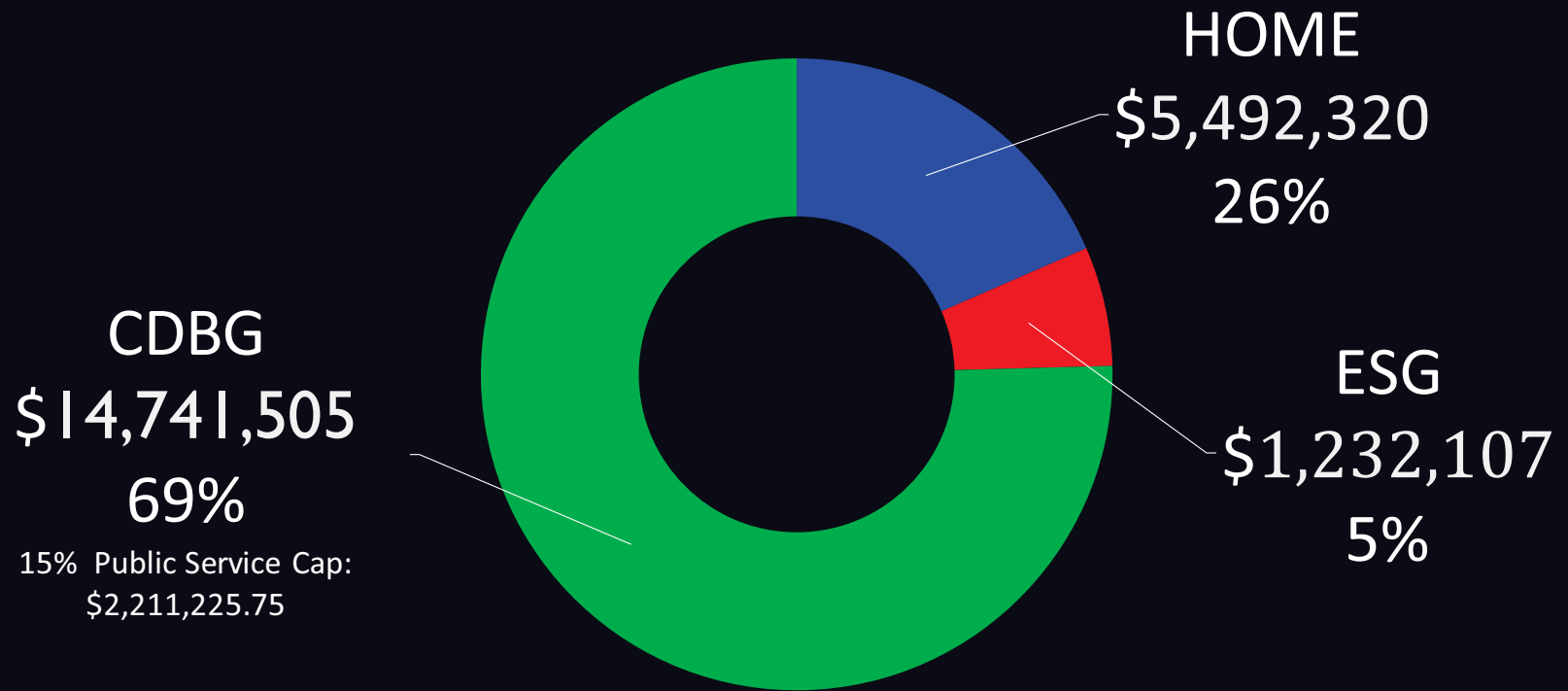


# What is HC CSD's Annual Action Plan?

- The Annual Action Plan (AAP) provides public awareness for how Harris County is using its awarded entitlement funds annually to best support the needs of Harris County's underserved residents as identified in the Con Plan. The PY2023 Annual Action Plan will begin its program year October 1, 2023, and end September 30, 2024.
- The development of the Annual Action Plan involves:
  - soliciting and selecting project activities to best support needs of the community
  - providing opportunities for citizen participation
  - hosting public hearings, including Commissioners Court
  - submitting the Annual Action Plan to HUD and achieving approval

# PY2023 Entitlement Funding

\$21,465,932



# Homelessness Needs in Harris County

Current gap: 1,900 PSH units, single adults & youth

Rapid rehousing gap:

- 850 beds for single adults and youth
- 315 units for families
- 725 Bridge to PSH beds for single adults and youth
- 50 Bridge to PSH units for families

Emergency Shelter gap:

- 1,403 beds for single adults and youths
- 92 beds and 23 household units for families



Diversion and prevention services

- Both services for 875 single adults and youth
- Prevention services for 50 families
- Diversion services for 80 families

PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing

(HOME ARP Report, 2021)

# Homelessness

FUNDING AUTHORIZED PY2019-PY2021

Total Funding \$10,466,865

- Homeless Street Outreach
- Emergency Housing/Shelter
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Re-Housing

FUNDING ALLOCATED PY2022\*

Total Funding \$ 1,124,552.00

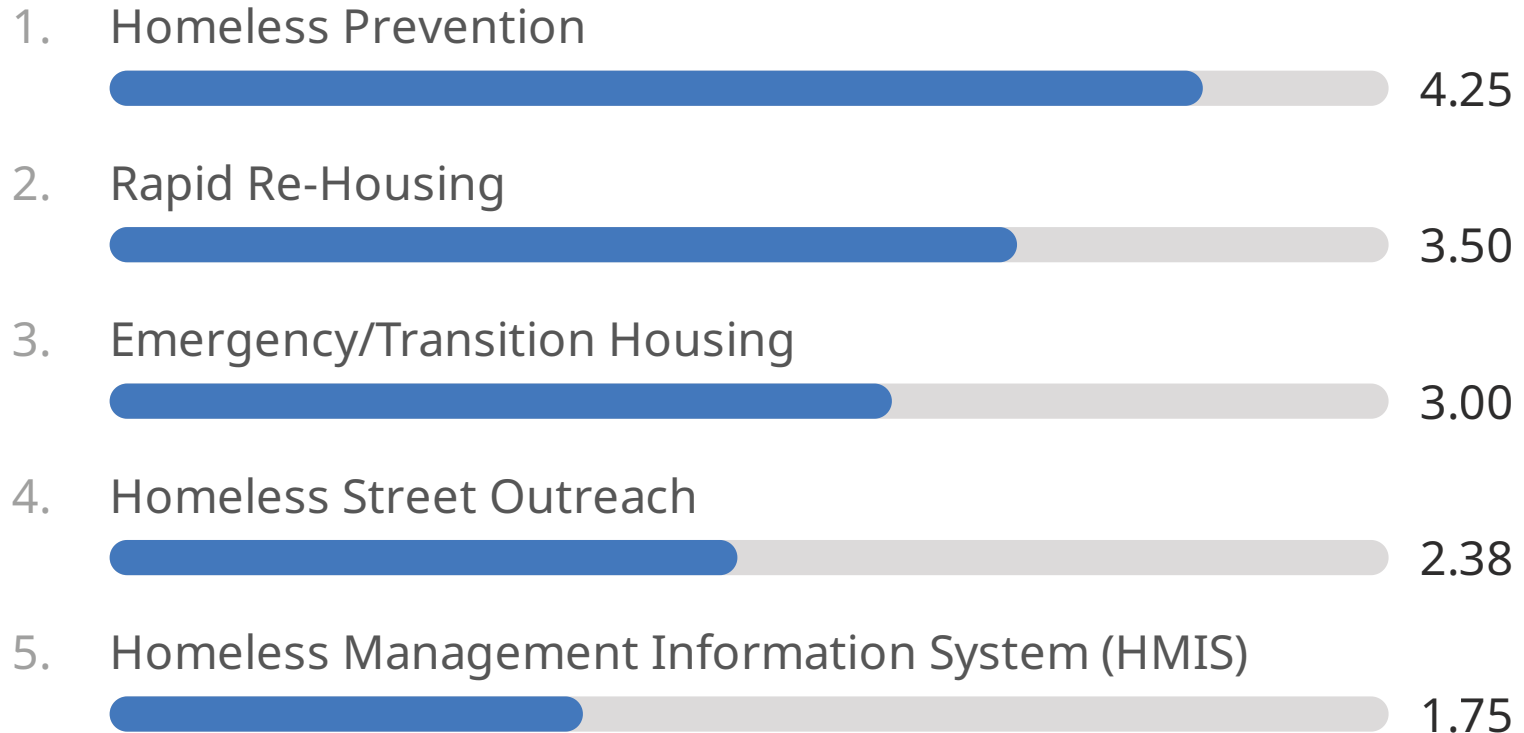


\*Estimated Numbers



## How should we rank the importance of each activity under Homelessness?

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## In your opinion, what are other activities that could help reduce Homelessness in Harris County that we should pursue?

- reducing the lag time to get into the coalition's queue - people can wait for many months to get assessed
- Emergency rental assistance
- re-entry housing
- Mental health services
- Job training and placement programs
- PSH, mental health services, affordable housing
- healthy food
- New affordable housing units
- More prevention project
- Wrap around services
- Transitional housing for people coming from jail
- Barrier buster funding
- Programming geared towards youth

# Housing Needs in Harris County

WHO IS PAYING TOO MUCH FOR THEIR HOME TODAY?			
			
0-30% MHI \$20,000/year	30-60% MHI \$35,000/year	60-80% MHI \$50,000/year	80-120% \$75,000/year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast food and counter workers</li> <li>Home health and personal care aids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retail salespersons</li> <li>Cashier</li> <li>Customer service representatives</li> <li>Waiters</li> <li>Medical assistants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck drivers</li> <li>Administrative assistants</li> <li>Bookkeepers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary school teachers</li> <li>Skilled trades workers (e.g., welders)</li> </ul>
0-30% renters paying too much: 27,190	30-60% renters paying too much: 32,210	60-80% renters paying too much: 20,703	80-120% renters paying too much: 10,950
0-30% owners paying too much: 18,712	30-60% owners paying too much: 20,190	60-80% owners paying too much: 18,539	80-120% owners paying too much: 20,732

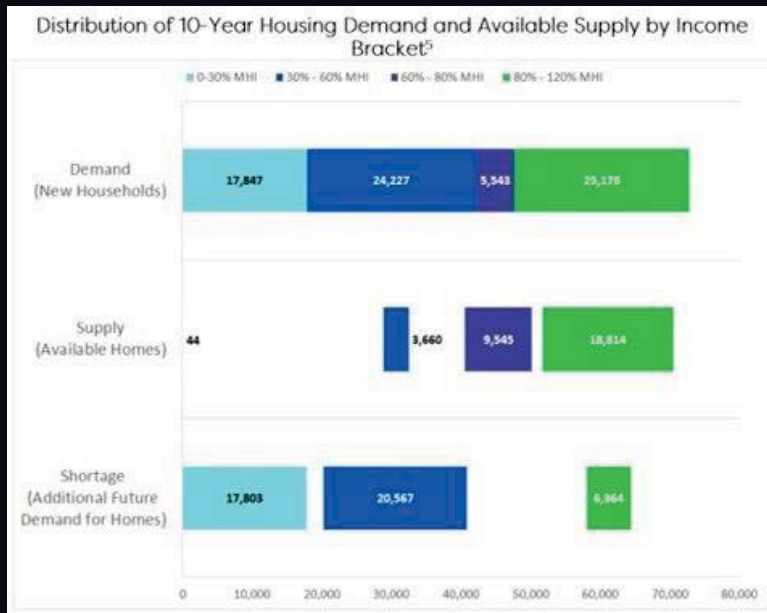
New Housing for Households Formed in Unincorporated Areas in Harris County over the Next 10 Years			
	Renter	Owner	Total Goal through 2031
0-30% MHI (\$20,000/year)	16,913	890	17,803
30% - 60% MHI (\$35,000/year)	19,539	1,028	20,567
60% - 80% MHI (\$50,000/year)	0	0	0
80% - 120% MHI (\$75,000/year)	1,741	4,623	6,364
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,193</b>	<b>6,542</b>	<b>44,734</b>

MHI = Median Household Income

(My Home Is Here, 2021)

# Housing Needs in Harris County

## HOUSING DEMAND BY INCOME BRACKET



MHI = Median Household Income

## HOUSING REHAB AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS

Many Harris County residents have not yet made repairs from Harvey and other floods, likely because they're paying out of pocket. Over one-quarter of respondents (27%) had their homes damaged by flooding at some point in the previous five years. Of the respondents who experienced flooding, 65% have completed repairs to the damage, but 35% have not. Those who completed repairs often paid for the repairs themselves, rather than relying on insurance or government assistance; 47% of respondents who completed repairs paid out-of-pocket. The 35% of residents who have not yet completed repairs may be waiting because they cannot afford to bear a similar expense.

*(My Home Is Here, 2021)*

# Housing - Owner

## FUNDING AUTHORIZED PY2019-PY2021

Total Funding **\$28,603,417**

- Homeownership \$ 6,790,581
- New Construction\*\* \$ 0
- SF Rehabilitation \$19,467,563
- Lead Abatement \$ 2,345,273

\*\*Funding available from other sources

## FUNDING ALLOCATED PY2022\*

Total Funding **\$3,278,195**

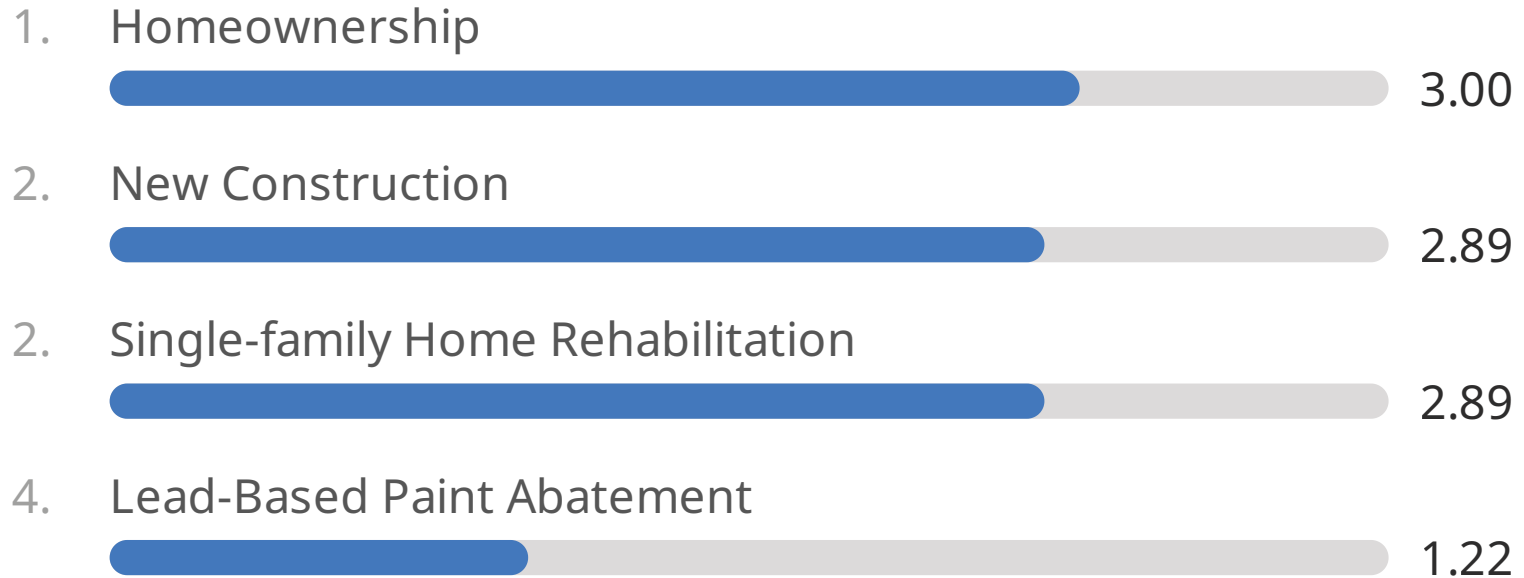


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## How should we rank the importance of each activity under Housing for Owners?

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**Other than the activities we are currently doing, what could Harris County pursue to help Home Ownership in the county?**

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# Housing - Renter

## FUNDING AUTHORIZED PY2019-PY2021

Total Funding            \$ 17,321,224

- New Construction \$ 12,626,640
- MF Rehabilitation\*\*\$            0
- Lead Abatement        \$     420,084
- Tenant Based            \$ 4,274,500

Rental Assistance

## FUNDING ALLOCATED PY2022\*

Total Funding            \$2,550,695



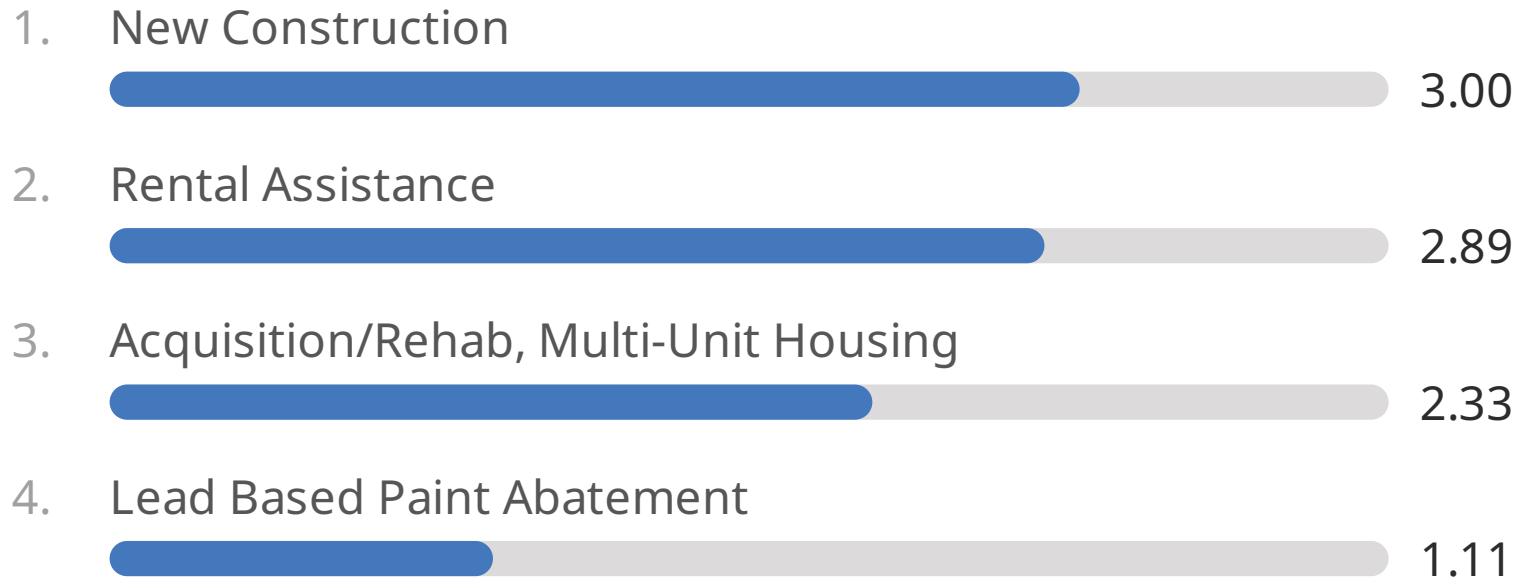
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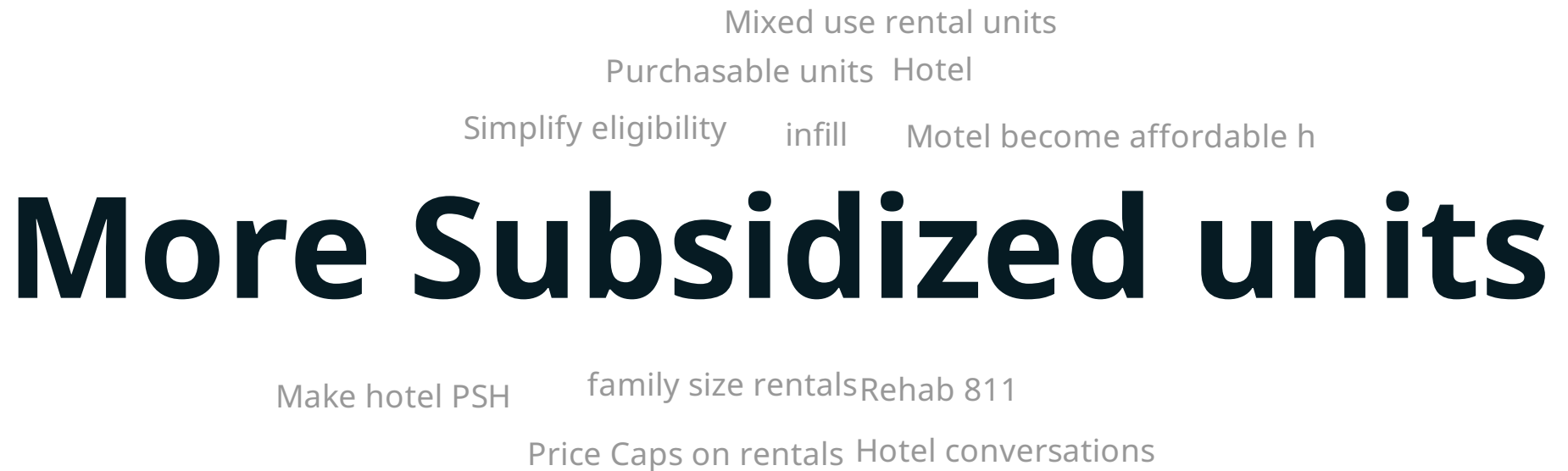






# What other avenues could Harris County pursue to provide quality and attainable rental housing in the county?

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# Public Facilities and Infrastructure Needs in Harris County

- Lower-income communities have disproportionately low access to parks and recreational spaces
- Harris County neighborhoods were often not designed with pedestrians in mind
- 75% of leaking waterlines in Harris County are 30-40 years old
- Older neighborhoods frequently rely on their original, aging water and sewer lines
- Some neighborhoods are even still dependent on shallow water wells and ailing septic tanks



# Public Facilities & Infrastructure

## FUNDING AUTHORIZED PY2019-PY2021

Total Funding \$ 40,761,365

- Youth Centers \$ 96,016
- Neighborhood Facilities \$ 2,631,978
- Parks and Rec Facilities \$ 4,597,675
- Senior Centers \$ 0
- Flood Drain Improvements \$ 300,000
- Water/Sewer Improvements \$ 29,503,460
- Street Improvements \$ 1,800,000
- Sidewalks/Pathways \$ 1,832,236

## FUNDING ALLOCATED PY2022\*

Total Funding \$ 7,862,240



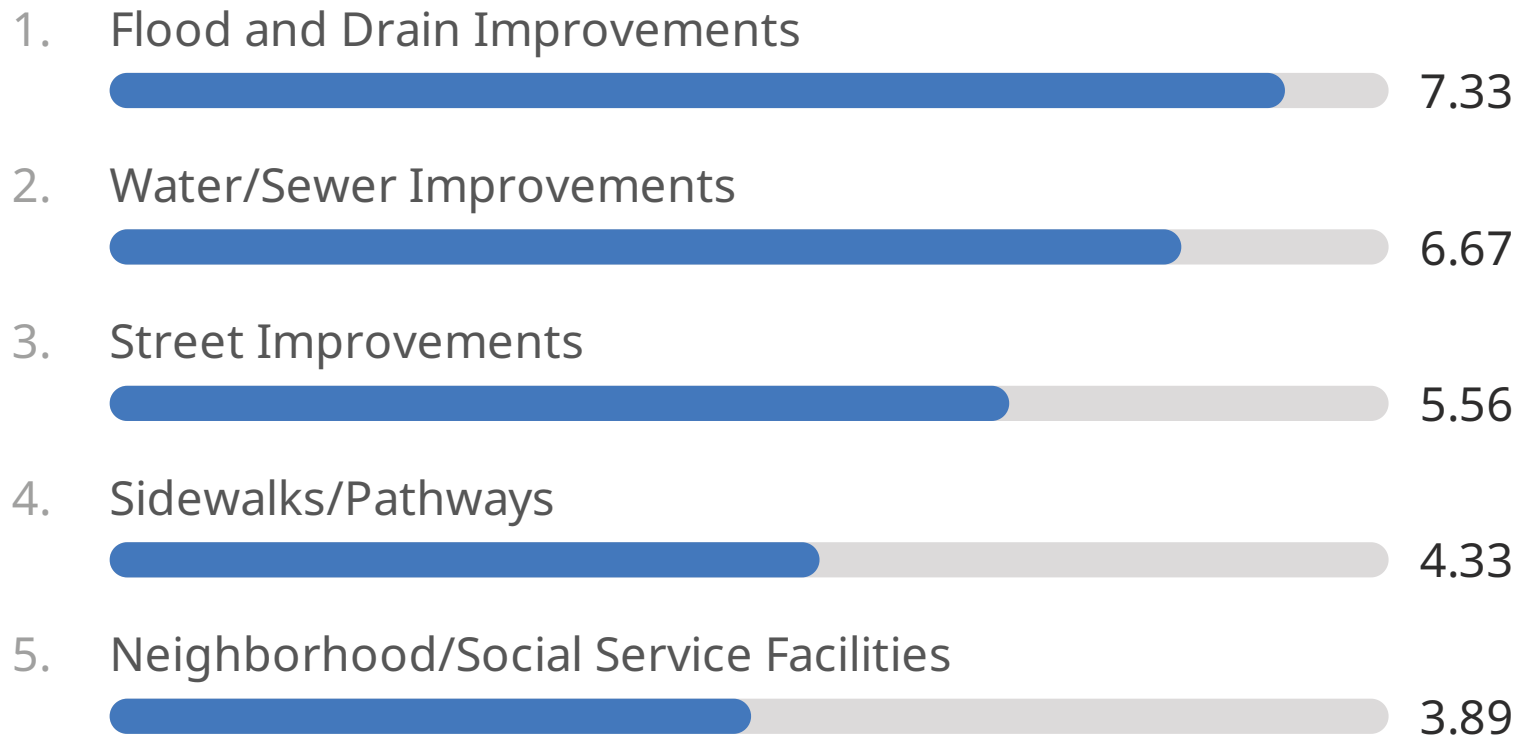
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## How should we rank the importance of each activity under Public Facilities and Infrastructure?

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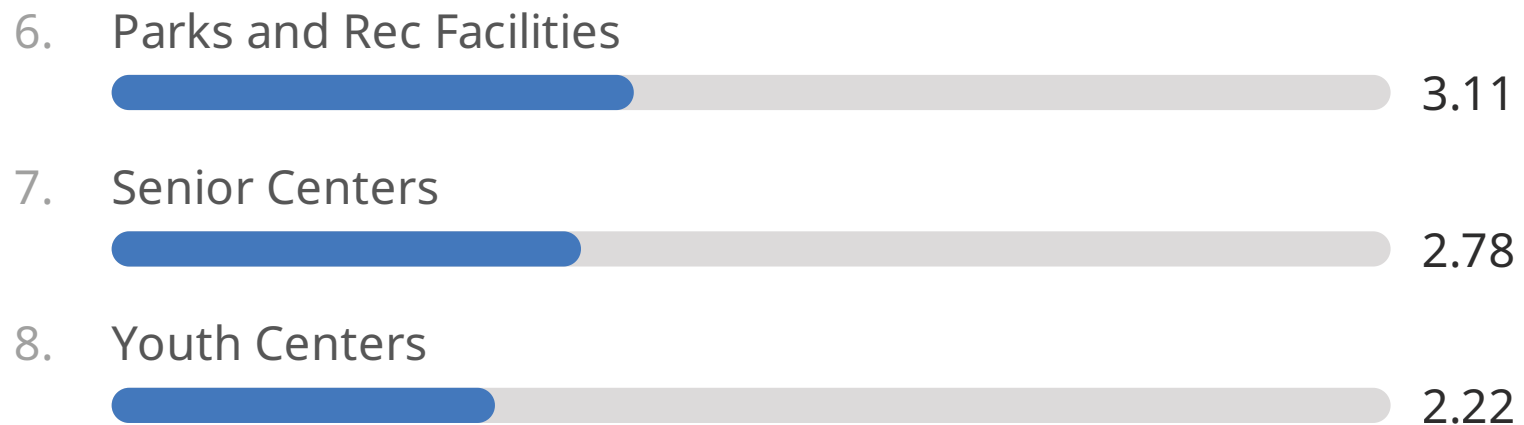




## How should we rank the importance of each activity under Public Facilities and Infrastructure?

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**What other public facilities or infrastructure improvements should Harris County consider within the county?**

Better Bus stops? Need to add more parks  
bioswales

**Green infrastructure**

Speed bumps local Gardens Internet  
Homeless drop in centers

# Public Services Needs in Harris County

- 25% of all low-income households in CSD service area have at least one elderly individual.
- 11% of the population living below the poverty level had a disability.
- 20% of 7th-12th graders reported normal use of alcohol monthly, and 14% used drugs monthly in 2016.
- 41,300 domestic violence incidents were reported in Harris County in 2020
- 46 Harris County residents were killed in domestic violence incidents in 2021—a 22% increase from the prior year, in part due to COVID-19.
- There is an ongoing need for Public Transit for seniors and persons with disabilities.



# Public Services

## FUNDING AUTHORIZED PY2019-PY2021

Total Funding \$ 7,664,681

- General Services \$ 2,101,155
- Senior Services \$ 1,022,153
- Youth/Child Care \$ 895,386
- Health Services \$ 900,000
- Disabilities Services \$ 0
- Transportation \$ 2,239,062
- Persons with HIV/AIDS \$ 0
- Abused Children \$ 506,925
- Crime/Juvenile Justice \$ 0

## FUNDING ALLOCATED PY2022\*

Total Funding\*\* \$ 2,102,824

(\*\* Public Services is a max of 15% of CDBG funding)



\*Estimated Numbers





# How should we rank the importance of each activity under Public Services?

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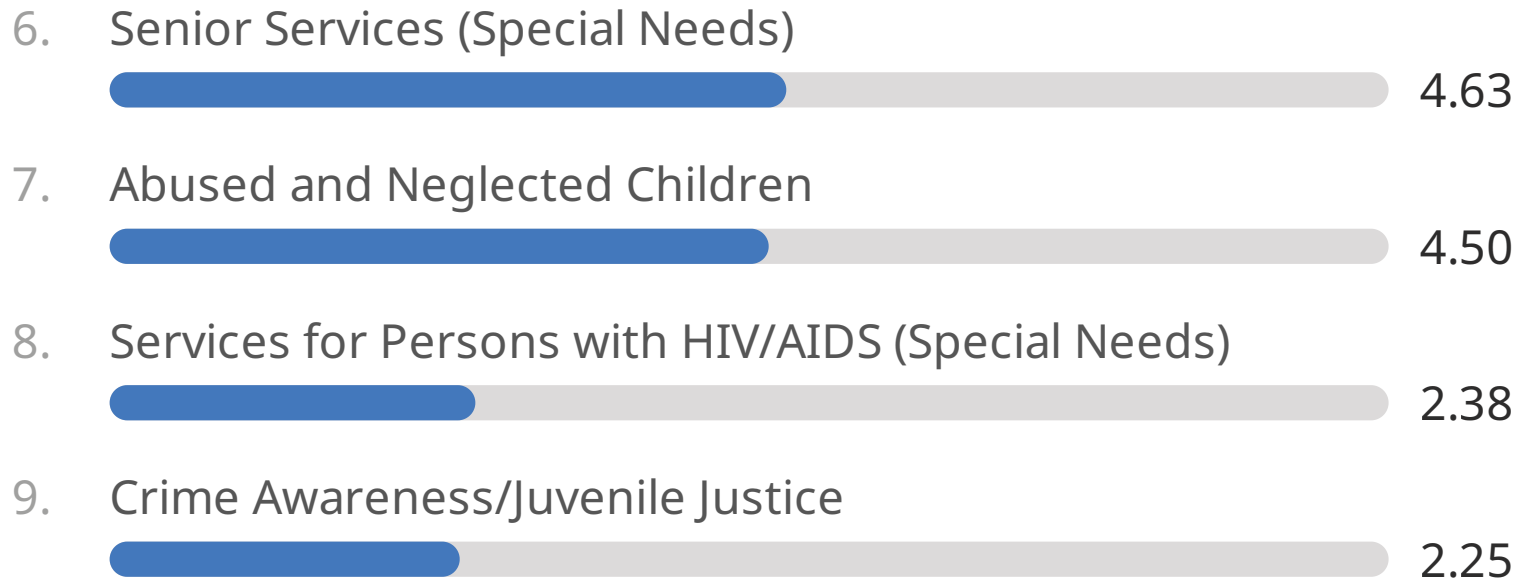
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## How should we rank the importance of each activity under Public Services? (2/2)

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**What are other public services that we may have missed and should look into for helping our community?**

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Homeless healthcare  
capacity building for CBO  
community gardensyouth mental health

**Job  
training/placement**

healthy food    postpartum services    Mental Health  
Workforce services    Food access

# Other Initiatives

## FUNDING AUTHORIZED PY2019-PY2021

Total Funding **\$ 600,000**

- Clearance & Demolition \$ 600,000
- Nonprofit Tech Assist \$ 0
- Planning \$ 0

## FUNDING ALLOCATED PY2022\*

Total Funding **\$ 150,000**

\*Estimated Numbers



# Comments/Questions about the AAP

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**What other types of projects/activities would you like to see the county pursue with our Entitlement funding?**

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Environmental justice  
New  
housing single gen CERT training  
multifamily  
Mitigation  
Diversion, SOAR, housing navigation



## How can Harris County better reach your community?

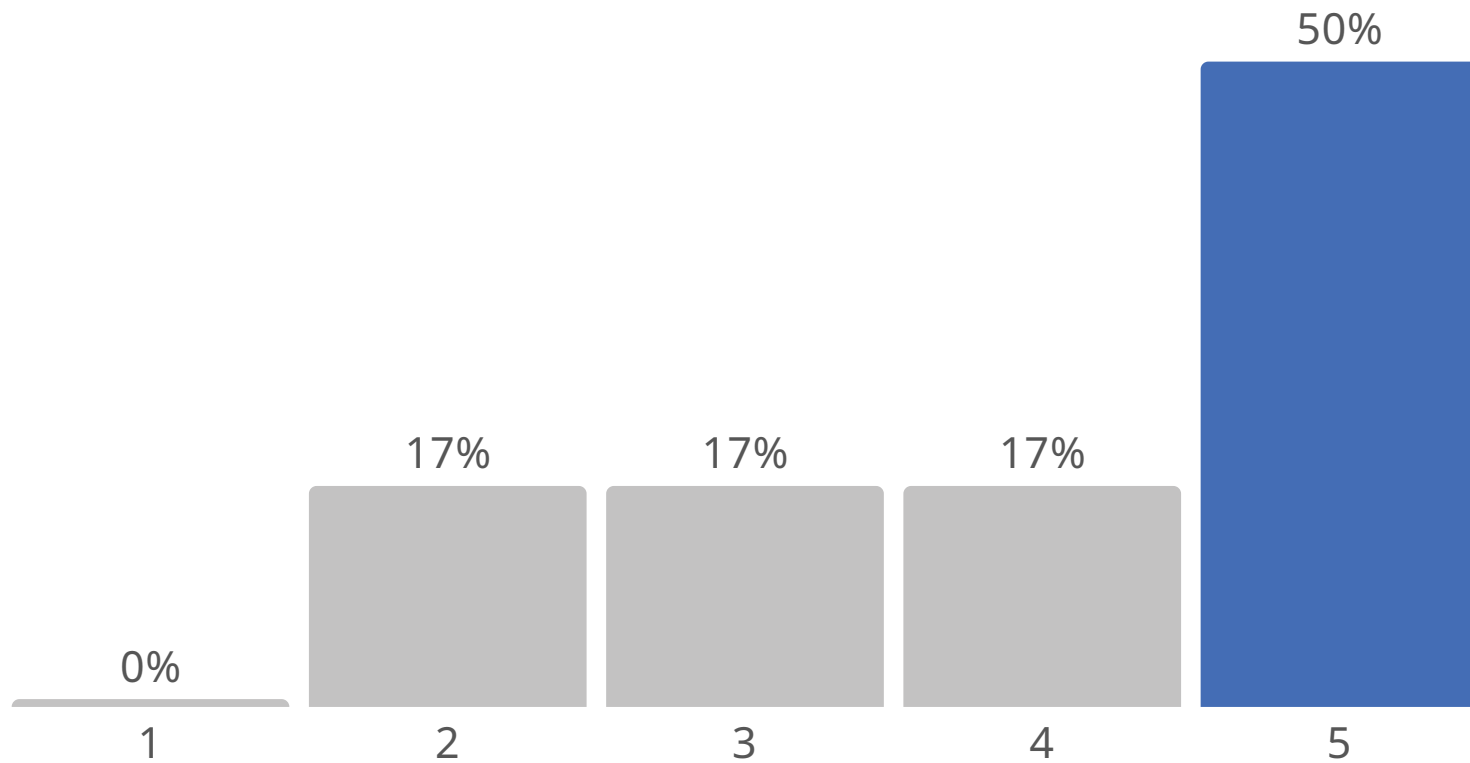
- Have a survey
- Some in-person for folks without access to tech
- using trusted messengers
- partnering with community based orgs for hard to reach communities language access and child care
- Multi language engagement
- Social Media, Like FB, Instagram, YouTube
- More notice about meetings/night meetings



# What do you think of the presentation today?

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Score: 4.0







## Any additional comments about Harris County's AAP

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- Keep funding projects that are working post CARES and ARPA projects
- More access to data on how the money is being used

# Thank you for your help with 2023 AAP! Time to prepare for Consolidated Plan!



- As the 2023 Annual Action Plan is the final year of the PY2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, we are preparing for Community Engagement for the PY2024-2028 Consolidated Plan!
- If you would like to stay informed, please email our team at [HCConsolidatedPlan@csd.hctx.net](mailto:HCConsolidatedPlan@csd.hctx.net)

# Consolidated Plan Community Meetings Summer 2023



**HARRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
FY 2024–2029 Five–Year Federal Funding - Consolidated Plan

**FUNDING PRIORITY CATEGORIES**

Single Family New Construction Project



Housing

- Homeownership
- Rehabilitation
- New Construction



Public Services

- Youth and Senior Services
- Transportation
- Disabled Population



Development

- Infrastructure Improvements
- Parks
- Youth and Senior Centers



Homeless

- Street Outreach
- Transitional Housing
- Homeless Prevention

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Citizen participation and stakeholder consultation are key components of every community's Consolidated Plan. Grantees that receive annual Entitlement funds for community development, affordable housing, and homelessness must—as a condition of receiving the grant funds—engage stakeholders and the public regarding the community's needs in these areas.

To be certain that we are meeting the needs and priorities of our residents, Harris County Community Services Department has launched an online needs assessment survey and is scheduling meetings (just like this one) across the entire Service Area. The suggestions and recommendations you provide today will be used to help develop Harris County's Consolidated Plan for nearly \$ million in annual grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). However, this is not just an isolated opportunity. We want this to be the beginning of an ongoing discussion to listen to, and work with, all of Harris County's complex and dynamic identities and communities.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES



Attend a Public Meeting  
[Link to meeting times](#)



Complete Online Survey  
[Link to survey](#)



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# Summary

Please complete the Annual Action Plan survey found at  
<https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/AnnualActionPlan.aspx>  
(Survey will be open through April 22, 2023)

We will be hosting our Consolidated Plan meetings in Summer 2023

If you would like to stay connected for the Consolidated Plan PY2024-2028,  
please email us at [HCConsolidatedPlan@csd.hctx.net](mailto:HCConsolidatedPlan@csd.hctx.net)

We appreciate your time and attention today. For questions regarding the PY2023 Annual Action Plan process or the RFP process, please contact Tasha Hicks at either of the contact options below:

- AAP: [plancomments@csd.hctx.net](mailto:plancomments@csd.hctx.net)
- RFP: [rfp@csd.hctx.net](mailto:rfp@csd.hctx.net)

To access the PY2023 Annual Action Plan Survey or information regarding previous Annual Action Plans, please visit:

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