

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE PY2015-19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite (City) is an entitlement city scheduled to receive certain funds under the Housing and Community Development Act annually; and

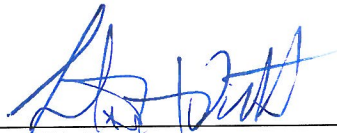
WHEREAS, the City has conducted public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Mesquite City Council has considered the suggestions and recommendations raised at the hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

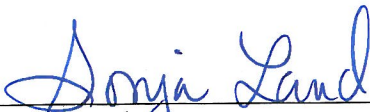
SECTION 1. That the PY2015-19 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan for the City of Mesquite, a copy of which shall be maintained in the City Secretary's office as an original document, is hereby adopted and approved for submission.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this 3rd day of August, 2015.



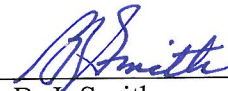
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City Attorney



**2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
AND 2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**FOR THE CITY OF MESQUITE**

**PRESENTED TO THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
FIELD OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**AUGUST 2015**

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## Executive Summary

### ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires entitlement communities to prepare a three to five year Consolidated Plan as well as an annual Action Plan in order to receive federal housing and community development funding. The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative process where citizen input and strategic planning takes place to establish a unified vision for the housing and community development needs and goals and reduce duplication of effort at the local level.

This report is the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan for the City of Mesquite. It will be effective for a five-year time period beginning on October 1, 2015, and terminating on September 30, 2020.

In addition to the Consolidated Plan, entitlement communities receiving block grant funding must complete an annual Action Plan. The Action Plan designates the City’s proposal on how to spend the grant funds in a given program year to meet the priorities and needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan is included in this report and states how the city plans to allocate the CDBG funds for fiscal year 2015. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) tracks progress of funds and goals set in the Annual Plan by measuring accomplishments.

#### 2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The Consolidated Plan objectives and outcomes were determined from information gathered from the needs assessment, market analysis, data analysis, and citizen input process. The City of Mesquite has established the following goals to guide its Consolidated Plan for program years 2015 to 2019:

Goal Name	Category	Needs Addressed	Goal Outcome Indicator
Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 80 Household Housing Unit
Public Service Programs	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Public Service Programs	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
Code Enforcement	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	Other: 46605 Other
Neighborhood Development	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	Other: 46605 Other
Problem Oriented Policing	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	Other: 57300 Other

Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	Economic Development	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 3 Businesses
Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	Other: 400 Other
Homeless Support	Homeless	Homeless Activities	Other:5 Other

**Table 1 - Summary Goals**

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

The following summarizes how the three previous strategies were used to address needs:

Strategy 1: Improve and preserve the City’s housing stock.

The City of Mesquite provided a single family housing rehabilitation program that provided exterior home repairs and limited repairs through grants to low income, single family households. The program also provides emergency repair grants to low income, single family households to improve, repair, or replace items that pose an imminent threat to health and/or safety.

Strategy 2: Support organizations that provide services for the City’s special needs and low and moderate income populations.

The City has supported several organizations that provide public services targeted to assist persons with special needs including persons who are at-risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence, low income adults and families and persons with disabilities. The following organizations have been able to provide assistance:

- Mesquite Social Services provided emergency assistance to families experiencing financial crisis through the provision of rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.
- Mission East Dallas provided basic health care including prescription medication, preventive care, health and wellness education and dentistry to low-income and uninsured clients.
- New Beginning Center provided support services including shelter, food, counseling, advocacy, and more for victims of domestic violence.
- Sharing Life Community Outreach provided crisis relief assistance such as food, clothing, rent/utility payments, and more to low-income families in crisis.

Strategy 3: Improve and maintain the City’s neighborhoods.

The Problem Oriented Policing program, code enforcement activity, and neighborhood development activity jointly improved maintenance to the City’s CDBG-eligible neighborhoods. The Problem Oriented

Policing program funds salaries of police officers for time spent in CDBG-eligible areas to patrol the neighborhoods, make personal contact with residents, provide a proactive and higher level of community-oriented policing and provide residents and neighborhood groups an avenue for positive feedback to officers in the field. Code enforcement funds provided inspection and enforcement of code violations to help prevent neighborhood decline. Neighborhood development funds enforced minimum property standards to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in CDBG-eligible areas through a Rental Certificate of Occupancy Program.

#### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

An extensive consultation process was used in developing the Plan including City departments, local agencies, the local Continuum of Care, service providers, community leaders, stakeholders, and Mesquite residents.

Citizen input was solicited for the Consolidated Plan through two public input meetings open to the general public on March 3rd and March 6th, 2015. The meetings were advertised in the City Newsletter, 'The Mainstream', in the local paper, 'Mesquite News', and on the City website and social media accounts. In addition, flyers in English and Spanish were posted in the Community Service Building, the City Libraries, and the offices of service providers.

A survey was made available to residents of Mesquite during the month of March 2015. The surveys were available at Consolidated Plan public meetings, through service providers, and online on the City's website. The survey was available in English and Spanish.

Stakeholder surveys were also distributed to both City staff and local service providers to gather information on housing and community development needs of the City of Mesquite.

Two public hearings with opportunity for resident comments were held during City Council meetings on June 15, 2015 and August 3, 2015. Finally, a 30 day public comment period for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan Drafts began on June 15, 2015 and ended on July 14, 2015.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

Public comments were received during the Consolidated Plans' citizen participation efforts as part of the Resident Survey, public meetings, stakeholder survey, and comment period. The comments received are summarized in the Attachment B: Citizen Participation Comments of this Plan.

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

All public comments were received and accepted for consideration in the adoption of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan.



## 7. Summary

The 2015 Annual Action Plan consists of proposed budgets and activities that will be implemented with FY2015 CDBG entitlement funds of \$986,321.00. The grant year will begin on October 1, 2015 and end September 30, 2016. See attached table for the list of activities and their budget.

<b>Administration and Planning</b>		
	Administration	\$80,000.00
	Planning	\$84,588.00
		\$164,588.00
Public Services		
	Mesquite Social Services	\$11,000.00
	Mission East Dallas	\$5,000.00
	New Beginning Center	\$11,000.00
	Sharing Life Community Outreach	\$11,000.00
	Problem Oriented Policing	\$96,720.00
Other Projects		
	Housing Rehabilitation	\$300,364.00
	Code Enforcement	\$217,168.00
	Neighborhood Development	\$169,481.00
		\$687,013.00
Total		\$986,321.00

**Table 2 - 2015 Annual Action Plan Budget and Activities**

## The Process

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

#### 1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MESQUITE	CDBG Division- Housing and Community Services Dept

Table 3 – Responsible Agencies

#### Narrative

The City of Mesquite’s CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department is the lead agency responsible for developing the Consolidated Plan as well as administering the HUD block grants. An extensive consultation process was used in developing the Plan including City departments, service providers, community leaders, stakeholders, and Mesquite residents.

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**PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

**1. Introduction**

The City of Mesquite continues to collaborate with other agencies to address the needs of its residents including non-profits, government entities, and local businesses as detailed below.

**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 (91.215(l)).**

The City of Mesquite continues to collaborate with other agencies to address the needs of its residents. Examples of this coordination include a continual relationship with the City of Mesquite Housing Office including information for the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis section of the Plan. The City also consults with community stakeholders and service providers for assistance with potential opportunities. Many of these community stakeholders provided input for the Plan.

**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 City of Mesquite is an active member of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated Dallas and Collin Counties Continuum of Care (COC). Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) is the lead agency for the COC. The Continuum consists of several agencies including local governments, non-profits, faith-based organizations, housing providers, and other community organizations and individuals. The Continuum meets regularly through steering committee and general assembly meetings to collaborate on homeless issues and services including the allocation of ESG funds, performance standards, policies and procedures, HMIS, housing opportunities, and other resources.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction’s area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS**

The City of Mesquite does not receive ESG funds. However, the City is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (COC), who is the geographic area’s COC. The Continuum is continually developing and evaluating performance standards and polices for ESG allocations as well as the administration of HMIS through various task committees including the Technical Assistance, HMIS, and Independent Review Committees.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 4 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MESQUITE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA Civic Leaders Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Meetings, questionnaire, and correspondence
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mesquite ISD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	School District
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Questionnaire
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Continuum of Care
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Correspondence

4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mesquite Social Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Public Service
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Non-housing community development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Questionnaire and correspondence
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mission East Dallas
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Public Service
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Non-housing community development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Questionnaire and correspondence.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NEW BEGINNING CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Public Service
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Questionnaire and correspondence.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Sharing Life Community Outreach
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Public Service
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Non-housing community development

<p><b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Questionnaire and correspondence</p>
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**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

No agency types were identified.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance	Assist with the data and development of the City's strategic plans.

**Table 5 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

The City of Mesquite coordinated with public agencies during the Consolidated Plan process including Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA). Mesquite networks with other local government entitlement cities on a continual basis.

**Narrative (optional):**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## **PR-15 Citizen Participation**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The City of Mesquite's CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department is the lead agency responsible for developing the Consolidated Plan as well as administering the HUD block grants. An extensive consultation process was used in developing the Plan including City departments, local agencies, the local Continuum of Care, service providers, community leaders, stakeholders, and Mesquite residents.

Citizen input was solicited for the Consolidated Plan through two public input meetings open to the general public on March 3rd and March 6th, 2015. The meetings were advertised in the City Newsletter, 'The Mainstream', in the local paper, 'Mesquite News', and on the City website and social media accounts. In addition, flyers were posted in the Community Service Building, the City Libraries, Rec Centers, and the offices of service providers. The meetings included a summary of the purpose Consolidated Plan, descriptions of HUD programs, and a summary of historical allocation of HUD funds. The meeting included exercises designed to get participant feedback on community needs and priorities.

A survey was made available to residents of Mesquite during the month of March 2015. The surveys were available at public meetings, through service providers, and online on the City's website. The survey was available in English and Spanish.

A stakeholder survey was also distributed to City staff and local service providers to gather information on housing and community development needs of the City of Mesquite.

Two public hearings with opportunity for resident comments were held during City Council meetings on June 15, 2015 and August 3, 2015. Finally, a 30 day public comment period for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan Drafts began on June 15, 2015 and ended on July 14, 2015.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

<b>Sort Order</b>	<b>Mode of Outreach</b>	<b>Target of Outreach</b>	<b>Summary of response/attendance</b>	<b>Summary of comments received</b>	<b>Summary of comments not accepted and reasons</b>	<b>URL (If applicable)</b>
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Occurred during the month of February 2015. No response requested, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No comments received, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No comments received, Ad was for notification purposes only.	
2	City's on hold telephone messages	Non-targeted/broad community	Occurred during the month of February 2015. No response requested, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No comments received, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No comments received, Ad was for notification purposes only.	
3	City's on hold telephone messages	Non-targeted/broad community	No response requested, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No comments received, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No comments received, Ad was for notification purposes only.	
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	2	Summary of comments can be found in the citizen participation comment attachment.	All comments accepted.	



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5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	1	Summary of comments can be found in the citizen participation comment attachment.	All comments accepted.	
6	City's on hold telephone messages	Service Providers and City Staff	5	Summary of comments can be found in the citizen participation comment attachment.	All comments accepted.	
7	City's on hold telephone messages	Non-targeted/broad community	55	Summary of comments can be found in the citizen participation comment attachment.	All comments accepted.	
8	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	No response requested, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No response requested, Ad was for notification purposes only.	No response requested, Ad was for notification purposes only.	
9	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	0.	No comments were made.	No comments were made.	
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	TBD	Summary of comments can be found in the citizen participation comment attachment.	All comments accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
11	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A 30 day public comment period for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan Drafts began on June 15, 2015 and ended on July 14, 2015. No comments were made.	No comments were made.	No comments were made.	

**Table 6 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## **Needs Assessment**

### **NA-05 Overview**

#### **Needs Assessment Overview**

The Needs Assessment analyzes the housing needs, homeless needs, and non-housing needs of the City of Mesquite. Data for the Needs Assessment section were provided by HUD from the 2010 Census, American Community Survey (ASC), and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS).

As seen in the data below, the population in the City of Mesquite has grown 11% between 2000 and 2011. The population of Mesquite continues to grow and is currently at 141,201, according to the 2009-2013 ASC data.

The most significant housing issue revealed in the needs assessment is the cost burden experienced by residents, both renters and homeowners, at all levels of income. In addition to housing conditions and problems, the needs assessment also analyses housing needs for the homeless, services needed for special needs populations, and the condition of public facilities.

**NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)**

**Summary of Housing Needs**

As the population in the City of Mesquite continues to grow, so does the need for affordable housing. The City has a larger number of small family households (24,960) compared to large family households (6,070). At least one elderly person over the age of 62 resides in 10,045 households. The most common housing problem in the City of Mesquite is housing cost burden. A total of 7,590 households are burdened greater than 30% of their income.

<b>Demographics</b>	<b>Base Year: 2000</b>	<b>Most Recent Year: 2011</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Population	124,523	137,966	11%
Households	43,993	47,461	8%
Median Income	\$50,424.00	\$52,034.00	3%

**Table 7 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics**

**Data Source:** 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

**Number of Households Table**

	<b>0-30% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;30-50% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;50-80% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;80-100% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;100% HAMFI</b>
Total Households *	4,425	6,155	9,740	5,160	21,980
Small Family Households *	2,050	2,965	4,430	2,570	12,945
Large Family Households *	380	695	1,625	640	2,730
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	525	920	1,280	525	3,170
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	465	810	945	335	1,070
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	1,120	1,720	2,370	1,220	2,545
* the highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI					

**Table 8 - Total Households Table**

**Data Source:** 2007-2011 CHAS

## Housing Needs Summary Tables

### 1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	100	60	75	30	265	40	0	0	10	50
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	125	50	0	40	215	0	0	0	30	30
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	115	130	125	70	440	25	165	380	30	600
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	1,875	1,255	290	35	3,455	1,075	1,300	570	110	3,055
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	155	1,580	2,010	350	4,095	205	575	1,675	1,040	3,495
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	225	0	0	0	225	115	0	0	0	115

**Table 9 – Housing Problems Table**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS  
**Source:**

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	2,215	1,495	490	175	4,375	1,145	1,470	950	180	3,745
Having none of four housing problems	415	1,970	4,080	1,935	8,400	315	1,225	4,215	2,870	8,625
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	225	0	0	0	225	115	0	0	0	115

Table 10 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,215	1,580	1,150	3,945	570	980	1,175	2,725
Large Related	205	335	105	645	115	225	620	960
Elderly	250	375	300	925	410	565	255	1,230
Other	685	745	815	2,245	255	185	320	760
Total need by income	2,355	3,035	2,370	7,760	1,350	1,955	2,370	5,675

Table 11 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,050	525	210	1,785	535	705	230	1,470
Large Related	190	220	0	410	90	155	115	360

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Elderly	225	250	100	575	275	300	125	700
Other	615	340	40	995	230	160	100	490
Total need by income	2,080	1,335	350	3,765	1,130	1,320	570	3,020

**Table 12 – Cost Burden > 50%**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS  
**Source:**

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	230	125	125	100	580	0	90	295	10	395
Multiple, unrelated family households	10	50	0	10	70	25	80	85	50	240
Other, non-family households	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	240	179	125	110	654	25	170	380	60	635

**Table 13 – Crowding Information – 1/2**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS  
**Source:**

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 14 – Crowding Information – 2/2**

**Data Source**  
**Comments:**

**Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.**

The Total Households Table shown earlier in this section identifies a total of 25,480 households that are at or below 100% HAMFI in the City of Mesquite. According to 2010 Census data, 22% of the households

in Mesquite are single person households. Therefore there are approximately 5,606 single person households that are at or below 100% HAMFI and could potentially need housing assistance.

**Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.**

In 2014, Mesquite's Police Department responded to 759 family violence related cases. While it is difficult to track how many of these cases needed housing assistance, every victim of family violence is given a Family Violence Handout which outlines legal and social services available to them.

**What are the most common housing problems?**

HUD lists four types of housing problems: housing units lacking complete kitchen facilities, housing units lacking complete plumbing facilities, overcrowding (more than one person per room), and cost burden greater than 30% of a household's income.

Based on the 2007-2011 CHAS data provided by HUD, the most common housing problem in the City of Mesquite is housing cost burden with over 7,590 households paying more than 30% and 6,510 paying more than 50% for their housing. This is a much larger number than the 1,285 households who are overcrowded and the 315 who live in substandard conditions.

**Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?**

The data demonstrates the lower the income of the household, the more cost burdened the household is. Of the 6,510 households with a cost burden spending greater than 50% of their income on housing, 85% are very low or extremely low income. The cost burden greater than 50% for the very low and extremely low income affects both renters and owners alike with 57% being renters and 43% being owners. The low and moderate income households experience less cost burden than those who are very or extremely low. Of households experiencing a cost burden greater than 30% of their income, a majority of both renters (58%) and owners (78%) are low and moderate income households. Of those burdened with housing costs greater than 50% of their income, 48% come from Small Related household types.

**Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance**

Individuals who are at imminent risk of becoming unsheltered or homeless are those who are already cost burdened and then have a sudden event which changes their circumstances of sheltered stability such as sudden unemployment, or underemployment at their current job, a medical emergency, or lack



of transportation. Others who are at risk of becoming homeless and needing shelters are those residing in institutions, with mental health, with substance abuse issues, and those aging out of foster care. The City of Mesquite does not provide rapid re-housing assistance.

**If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:**

The City of Mesquite does not estimate the at-risk population.

**Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness**

Those who are cost burdened, especially the extremely low and very low income households are at high risk of homelessness because they are already using a large portion of their income on housing and one event can result in eviction or foreclosure. The elderly or disabled on a fixed income are also at risk of their homes receiving code violations and even becoming uninhabitable when good home maintenance is neglected.

#### **Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

**NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)**

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

**Introduction**

According to HUD, disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group in a category of need is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole.

The four types of housing problems designated by HUD are: housing units lacking complete kitchen facilities, housing units lacking complete plumbing facilities, overcrowding (more than one person per room), and cost burden greater than 30% of a household’s income.

**0%-30% of Area Median Income**

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	4,000	280	210
White	1,890	130	145
Black / African American	1,020	145	30
Asian	130	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	935	0	35

**Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS

**Source:**

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

**30%-50% of Area Median Income**

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	4,315	1,080	0
White	1,975	640	0
Black / African American	520	99	0
Asian	50	15	0

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,765	300	0

**Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI**

Data 2007-2011 CHAS

Source:

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

**50%-80% of Area Median Income**

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,035	4,470	0
White	2,285	2,440	0
Black / African American	910	760	0
Asian	215	145	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,540	1,025	0

**Table 17 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI**

Data 2007-2011 CHAS

Source:

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

**80%-100% of Area Median Income**

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,475	3,735	0
White	635	2,455	0
Black / African American	275	625	0

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Asian	95	10	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	435	595	0

**Table 18 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS

**Source:**

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

### Discussion

The 2010 U.S. Census reported the demographics for the City of Mesquite to be 66% White, 23% African American, 3% Asian, and 34% identifying as Hispanic or Latino.

In Mesquite, 14,825 households, or 31%, have one or more of housing problem listed above. Of the 14,725 total households with one or more housing problems, 4,000 are extremely low income in the 0%-30% AMI category, 4,315 are low income in the 30%-50% AMI category, 5,035 are moderate income in the 50-80% AMI category, and 1,475 earn 80% AMI or greater.

In the 0%-30% AMI income category, compared to the total households in this category, Asians are disproportionately affected by one or more housing problems. However, in absolute numbers, they make up 1% of this category population.

No race is disproportionately affected in the 30%-50% or 50%-80% AMI income categories compared to the total number of households in those categories.

In the 80%-100% AMI income category, compared to the total households in this category, Asians and Hispanics are disproportionately affected by one or more housing problems. However, in absolute numbers, together, they make up only 5% of this category population.

**NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)**

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

**Introduction**

According to HUD, disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group in a category of need is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole.

There are four types of severe housing problems are: housing units lacking complete kitchen facilities, housing units lacking complete plumbing facilities, overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room), and cost burden greater than 50% of a household’s income.

**0%-30% of Area Median Income**

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,585	690	210
White	1,610	410	145
Black / African American	955	210	30
Asian	130	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	870	65	35

**Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS

**Source:**

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

**30%-50% of Area Median Income**

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,330	3,070	0
White	980	1,635	0
Black / African American	285	335	0
Asian	25	40	0

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,040	1,030	0

**Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS

**Source:**

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

#### 50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,365	8,145	0
White	455	4,270	0
Black / African American	300	1,375	0
Asian	85	280	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	485	2,080	0

**Table 21 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS

**Source:**

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

#### 80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	360	4,845	0
White	95	2,995	0
Black / African American	15	885	0

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Asian	55	50	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	195	835	0

**Table 22 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI**

**Data** 2007-2011 CHAS

**Source:**

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

### Discussion

The 2010 U.S. Census reported the demographics for the City of Mesquite to be 66% White, 23% African American, 3% Asian, and 34% identifying as Hispanic or Latino.

In Mesquite, 7,640 households, or 16%, have one or more of the severe housing problems listed above. Of the 7,640 total households with one or more severe housing problems, 3,585 are extremely low income in the 0%-30% AMI category, 2,330 are low income in the 30%-50% AMI category, 1,365 are moderate income in the 50-80% AMI category, and 360 earn 80% AMI or greater.

In the 0%-30% AMI income category, compared to the total households in this category, Asians and Hispanics are disproportionately affected by one or more severe housing problems. No race is disproportionately affected in the 30%-50% or 50%-80% AMI income categories compared to the total number of households in those categories. In the 80%-100% AMI income category, compared to the total households in this category, Asians and Hispanics are disproportionately affected by one or more severe housing problems.

## NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

### Introduction:

According to HUD, disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group in a category of need is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole. The following table displays the Housing Cost Burdens by race or ethnic group.

### Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	28,360	8,865	6,410	210
White	17,660	4,410	2,910	145
Black / African American	4,595	1,470	1,510	30
Asian	665	265	240	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	80	15	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	4,965	2,600	1,720	35

**Table 23 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI**

Data 2007-2011 CHAS

Source:

### Discussion:

Approximately 65% of Mesquite’s households spend less than 30% of their income on housing. Of the total households in the 0%-30% AMI income category, American Indian, Alaska Native is the only race or ethnicity disproportionately affected by one or more severe housing problems. A little less than 20% of all households spend 30%-50% of their income on housing and approximately 15% of all households in Mesquite spend greater than 50% of their income on housing. No race is disproportionately affected in the 30%-50% or greater than 50% AMI income categories compared to the total number of households in those categories. Less than 1% of the households either had no income or their income was not computed.



### **NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)**

**Are there any income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?**

According to HUD, disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group in a category of need is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole. The data above shows there is no disproportionately greater need in any one race or ethnic group in the 30-50% and 50%-80% AMI income categories.

Greater need is seen in the extremely low income category of 0-30% AMI for Asians with housing problems and for Asians and Hispanics with severe housing problems. Indian/Alaska Native were disproportionately greater need in the extremely low income category of 0-30% for housing cost burden. There is also a disproportionately greater need in the moderate income category of 80%-100% AMI for Asians and Hispanics with both housing problems and severe housing problems. American

**If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?**

Needs are listed above.

**Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?**

An area with a minority concentration is a census tract with a population of a single minority group exceeding 50% of the total population of the census tract. The map in the appendix of this document demonstrates where ethnic concentrations exist in the City of Mesquite. For the purpose of the map, all ethnicities listed under the Hispanic category were treated universally as Hispanic, while those ethnicities listed under non-Hispanic were then separated out into further ethnic groups. The City as a whole is more concentrated in the northern portions of the city which is where more racial or ethnic groups are highly concentrated.

**NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)**

**Introduction**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides federal funds to local Public Housing Agencies (PHA) to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Housing Division administers 1,340 Tenant-Based Housing Choice Vouchers for the City of Mesquite. The Housing Choice Voucher Program assists very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled with affordable decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. The City of Mesquite administers 1,340 vouchers with a waiting list of 1,213 families.

**Totals in Use**

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	0	1,284	0	1,284	0	0	0

**Table 24 - Public Housing by Program Type**

\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

**Data Source:** PIC (PIH Information Center)

**Characteristics of Residents**

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Annual Income	0	0	0	11,011	0	11,011	0	0
Average length of stay	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
Average Household size	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	0	128	0	128	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	0	247	0	247	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	0	1,284	0	1,284	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 25 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type**

**Data Source:** PIC (PIH Information Center)

**Race of Residents**

Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	0	0	263	0	263	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	0	1,010	0	1,010	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

**Table 26 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type**

**Data Source:** PIC (PIH Information Center)

**Ethnicity of Residents**

Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	0	68	0	68	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0	0	1,216	0	1,216	0	0	0

**\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

**Table 27 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type**

**Data Source:** PIC (PIH Information Center)

**Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:**

This is not applicable to the City of Mesquite because it only administers Housing Choice Vouchers. If voucher holders require accessibility modifications at the location they elect to reside, the modifications are the responsibility of the Landlord.

**Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders**

The City of Mesquite only administers Housing Choice Vouchers and has 1,213 families of all different dynamics on the waiting list. The most immediate needs of Housing Choice voucher holders is affordable housing.

**How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large**

Of the 1,340 families receiving vouchers from the City of Mesquite, 461 or 34% are disabled families. However, only 20% of the families on the waiting list are disabled families. The need for accessible units for those in the Housing Choice Voucher program in Mesquite is larger than the need Citywide. The 2013 ACS data determined the number of disabled persons in the City of Mesquite is 16,233, or 11%.

**Discussion**

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**NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)**

**Introduction:**

The Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) is the lead agency for the Dallas and Collin Counties' Continuum of Care (COC). The Continuum consists of several agencies including local governments, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, housing providers, and other community organization and individuals. The Continuum meets regularly to collaborate on homeless issues and services. While the City of Mesquite does not receive ESG funds, the City supports the COC and their annual point-in-time homeless count.

**Homeless Needs Assessment**

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Individuals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Child	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 28 - Homeless Needs Assessment**

**Data Source**

**Comments:**

Indicate if the homeless population is:                      Has No Rural Homeless

**If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):**

The City of Mesquite does not have data on the numbers of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year at the city level. However, the Dallas County 2014 Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Census reports 1,884 respondents (35%) became homeless for the first time in the past 12 months. At the time of the count 1,173 Dallas County respondents (22%) had been homeless for at least one year. Only 51 of the respondents in Dallas County (1%) had been homeless four (4) or more times in the past three (3) years.

**Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)**

<b>Race:</b>	<b>Sheltered:</b>	<b>Unsheltered (optional)</b>
White	0	0
Black or African American	0	0
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	<b>Sheltered:</b>	<b>Unsheltered (optional)</b>
Hispanic	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0

**Data Source**

**Comments:**

**Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.**

The Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance coordinates the Point-in-Time Count each year for the Dallas and Collin Counties' Continuum of Care. In the past three years, only one unsheltered adult has been identified during the City of Mesquite's Point-in-Time Count. That individual did not elect to be surveyed, so details were not provided. At the time of the 2014 count, Mesquite Independent School District identified 375 homeless youth. The school district uses a broader definition for homelessness including those who share the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason or live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations.

**Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.**

The City of Mesquite does not have data on homelessness by racial and ethnic group, but the Dallas County 2014 Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Census reports on the known race and ethnic groups of the surveyed adults as follows: 62% Black, 26% Caucasian (White), 8 % Hispanic, 3% Other, and <1% American Indian.

**Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.**

In the past three years only one unsheltered person has been identified during the City of Mesquite's Point-in-Time Count. The City of Mesquite does not have any shelters within city limits and it is difficult to estimate the number of homeless sheltered in locations that are not shelters or managed by caseworkers.

**Discussion:**



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## **NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)**

### **Introduction:**

Special needs population includes the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (physical, mental, and developmental), persons with substance abuse issues, persons with HIV/AIDS, and victims of domestic violence. Many of those in the special needs population are low income. The City is committed to assisting the special needs population. However, the City does not have the resources to support the needs of all these groups.

### **Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:**

In the City of Mesquite, approximately 10.6% of the population is elderly at 65 or older according to 2013 ACS data. This equates to 12,134 persons. The 2013 ACS data determined the number of disabled persons in the City of Mesquite is 16,233, or 11%. The definition used for disability in this data includes a wide range of disabilities. The City has no direct data to estimate the number of persons with substance addiction problems.

Texas Department of State Health Services listed 26,065 persons living with HIV in Dallas County on December 31, 2014 and 1,244 persons were diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Dallas County in 2013. The City of Mesquite has 40 persons identified as living with HIV/AIDS. Another special need population in the community is victims of domestic violence. In 2014, Mesquite's Police Department responded to 759 family violence related cases. While it is difficult to track how many of these cases needed housing assistance, every victim of family violence is given a Family Violence Handout which outlines legal and social services available to them.

### **What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?**

The housing and supportive service needs of the non-homeless special needs populations are similar to needs of others in the City of Mesquite including the low income. However, some populations may require unique housing or services. The elderly, especially in low-income households, face housing needs related to cost burden because most are on fixed incomes. The rehabilitation of aging homes owned by the elderly addresses the health and safety needs of that population while preventing neighborhood deterioration.

Elderly and frail elderly also need additional assistance due to special requirements for housing such as grab bars. Persons with physical, mental, or development disabilities need access to medical services for their disabilities. However, they could possibly also need assistance with daily living in supervised homes or extra housing requirements such as fire alarms for the hearing impaired. Those who suffer from substance abuse could need in-patient treatment in addition to medical services. Persons living with HIV/AIDS need supportive services of health and counseling as well as similar housing needs to the other special population. The needs for victims of domestic are similar to many low income persons: shelter, food, and clothing. However, they might need additional services such as counseling and legal services.

**Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:**

The City of Mesquite is not a HOPWA entitlement grantee. The Dallas EMSA includes eight counties: Collin, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall. This area covers a diverse geographic area including rural, suburban, and metropolitan city. Texas Department of State Health Services listed 26,065 persons living with HIV in Dallas County on December 31, 2014 and 1244 persons were diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Dallas County in 2013. The City of Mesquite has 40 persons identified as living with HIV/AIDS.

**Discussion:**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## **NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:**

The City of Mesquite’s non-housing community development activities focus on suitable living environments and services for low- and moderate-income persons with a focus on housing conditions.

### **How were these needs determined?**

The non-housing community development needs were determined through input from community leaders, stakeholders, service providers, and residents. The input was gathered through meetings, a survey, and public hearings for the Consolidated Plan. In addition to the public input, information provided by the Census data, COC, and other local departments and agencies factor into the City’s needs. The funding and selection process of activities reflect the input and information gathered through the Consolidated Plan process.

### **Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Improvements:**

The City of Mesquite uses general fund monies to the best extent feasible to focuses on public facilities and public improvements. Due to the large nature of these projects, budget constraints, and competing needs for use of HUD funding, Public Facilities and Public Improvements projects have not been funded with the exception of CDBG-R in 2009.

### **How were these needs determined?**

As mentioned above, due to the large nature of these projects, budget constraints, competing needs for use of HUD funding, Public Facilities and Infrastructure will likely not be funded with HUD funds during the Consolidated Plan years.

### **Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:**

There are a variety of public service needs for the special needs and low and moderate income households in the City of Mesquite. The public service needs identified through the Consolidated Plan process included senior services, health services, homeless assistance, services for victims of domestic violence, youth services, and services for the disabled.

### **How were these needs determined?**

As discussed earlier, providing suitable living environments and services to the low and moderate income households, especially those with special needs, is the main focus for the City of Mesquite. This is evident in the public input and stakeholder consultation through the Consolidated Plan process.

## Housing Market Analysis

### MA-05 Overview

#### Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The City of Mesquite's population and workforce continues to grow. The effect of this growth creates an increased demand in housing. There are an estimated 52,071 housing units in the City of Mesquite and a plan for future growth in the southern portion of the City. The data below shows that there are not enough housing units for low income residents, so affordability is key for any future housing created in the City.

## MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

### Introduction

There are an estimated 52,071 housing units in the City of Mesquite. In the next five years, during the term of this plan, a majority of the housing growth will occur in the southern portion of Mesquite with some development already occurring. The majority of the development occurring in the City is geared towards new single family developments, especially in the southern section of the City. A few apartment complexes are also in early development stages. Currently, little infill is occurring in older and established neighborhoods in the City.

### All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	37,749	72%
1-unit, attached structure	897	2%
2-4 units	1,081	2%
5-19 units	8,199	16%
20 or more units	3,995	8%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	150	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,071</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 29 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data 2007-2011 ACS

Source:

### Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	40	0%	422	2%
1 bedroom	93	0%	5,394	31%
2 bedrooms	2,067	7%	5,707	33%
3 or more bedrooms	27,744	93%	5,994	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,944</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,517</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 30 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data 2007-2011 ACS

Source:

### Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

The City of Mesquite assists residents with their units through the CDBG Rehabilitation Program. In the past 5 years the program has completed 102 home rehabilitation projects, including emergency repair. This program targets homes owned by residents at or below the 80% AMI income limits set by HUD. The

Neighborhood Stabilization Program rehabbed and sold 18 homes to low- and moderate-income residents in the City of Mesquite since 2010.

The program ensures ongoing affordability for these properties for 5 years after the sale date. The City of Mesquite's Addressing Mesquite Day is a yearly housing and yard project that assists the elderly and disabled using local general fund money, volunteers, and donations. Through 2014, Addressing Mesquite Day has completed 594 projects. The City of Mesquite uses housing choice vouchers to assist low-income renters, providing 1,340 vouchers yearly through the City of Mesquite Housing Office. The City is working on a Tax Credit Project with 18 vouchers attached. Units from this project must be rented at or below 60% of the area medium income.

**Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.**

As population continues to grow, there is a need for all different types of affordable housing. The existing housing stock in Mesquite will continue to age and low-income households will not be able to afford repair or maintain their homes. The City of Mesquite's Housing Office mostly provides tenant-based vouchers and does not expect to lose any inventory.

**Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?**

The City of Mesquite has seen a population growth of 11% between 2000 and 2011 According to ACS data. As population continues to grow, there is need for all types of affordable housing. Currently, 72% of the housing units in Mesquite are single-unit detached homes. For renters, there is a relatively equal distribution between one, two, and three or more bedroom units at 31%, 34%, and 33% respectively. However for owners, 93% of the units are three or more bedrooms. Approximately 64% of all units in Mesquite are three or more bedrooms. However, this does not match the needs of the population based on family household size. The number of small family households is 24,945 and much greater than the number of large family households at 6,070 determined by 2007-2011 CHAS data.

**Describe the need for specific types of housing:**

As the City continues to grow in population, the need for affordable housing will increase especially for the low and moderate income since the primary housing problem in the City of Mesquite is Cost Burden.

**Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

### Introduction

The cost of housing in the City of Mesquite has increased from 2000 to 2011. Below you will see the comparison data as well as information on the number of housing units affordable to different income levels, the number of housing units based on rent levels, and the fair market rent levels.

### Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Median Home Value	85,400	112,700	32%
Median Contract Rent	592	739	25%

Table 31 – Cost of Housing

Data 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)  
Source:

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	2,087	11.9%
\$500-999	12,225	69.8%
\$1,000-1,499	2,938	16.8%
\$1,500-1,999	167	1.0%
\$2,000 or more	100	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,517</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table 32 - Rent Paid

Data 2007-2011 ACS  
Source:

### Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	405	No Data
50% HAMFI	2,560	3,605
80% HAMFI	10,725	9,570
100% HAMFI	No Data	12,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>26,040</b>

Table 33 – Housing Affordability

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:



## Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	602	722	913	1,218	1,471
High HOME Rent	613	722	913	1,150	1,264
Low HOME Rent	613	657	788	911	1,017

**Table 34 – Monthly Rent**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

HUD FMR

**Data Source**

**Comments:**

### Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

The data above shows that there are not enough housing units for low income categories. Housing units available for households at 30% AMFI is significantly less than for households at 50% AMFI and higher. For renters, there 6 times more housing available to households at 50% AMFI and 26 times more housing available to households at 80% AFMI compared to households at 30% AMFI. While data is not available for homeowner units that can be affordable to households at 30% AMFI, the data shows that 50% of the homeowner units can only be affordable to households in the 100% AMFI income category.

### How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

Continued population growth has increased the demand for affordable housing and the cost of housing has increased. The Median Contract Rent has increased 25% and the Median Home Value has increase 32% from 2000 to 2011. This is a troubling trend considering cost burdened is a large housing problem in the City. This trend will continue in the future as Mesquite continues to grow.

### How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

In 2011, the Median Contract Rent was Mesquite \$739, a 25% increase since 2000. The rents for any newly constructed units can expected to continue the trend and increase over the next 5 years of this Plan. Only an efficiency or one-bedroom unit can be rented for the Median Contract Rent amount in Mesquite. For two-bedroom units and smaller, the Fair Market Rent is comparable to the High HOME Rent.

### Discussion

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## MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

### Introduction

Only 13.5% of the City of Mesquite’s housing stock has been built in the past 15 years. As the housing stock ages, the condition of the house becomes more vulnerable due to environmental conditions, maintenance needs, and foundation issues. Older homes are also more likely to contain lead hazards.

### Definitions

The Community Development Department uses the International Property Maintenance Code (2009 Edition) as the basis for determining whether a structure is substandard.

### Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	8,635	29%	8,067	46%
With two selected Conditions	363	1%	645	4%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	33	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	20,946	70%	8,772	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,944</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,517</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 35 - Condition of Units

Data 2007-2011 ACS  
Source:

### Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	3,370	11%	2,839	16%
1980-1999	13,076	44%	7,353	42%
1950-1979	12,788	43%	6,791	39%
Before 1950	710	2%	534	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,944</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,517</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 36 – Year Unit Built

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

### Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	13,498	45%	7,325	42%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	3,505	12%	2,200	13%

**Table 37 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS (Total Units) 2007-2011 CHAS (Units with Children present)  
**Source:**

**Vacant Units**

	<b>Suitable for Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Not Suitable for Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

**Table 38 - Vacant Units**

**Data** 2005-2009 CHAS  
**Source:**

**Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation**

While most of the housing stock does not have any selected conditions present according the 2007-2011 ACS data, 17,743 units (37.4%) have at least one selected condition and may require repairs. A small number, 315, of houses in Mesquite lack complete plumbing or kitchen facilities. Mesquite has a large aging housing stock with 43.5% of housing units being built before 1979 and 86.5% built before 2000. This demonstrates the need for maintenance and rehabilitation. These needs will continue to increase as the units’ age.

**Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards**

An estimated 20,832 units in Mesquite were built before 1980 and will likely require repairs in the future and therefore contain some risk of lead based paint. However, only 5,705 of the units have children present.

**Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

**MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)**

**Introduction**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides federal funds to local Public Housing Agencies (PHA) to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Housing Division administers 1,340 Tenant-Based Housing Choice Vouchers for the City of Mesquite. The Housing Choice Voucher Program assists very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled with affordable decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. The City of Mesquite administers 1404 vouchers with a waiting list of 1213 families.

**Totals Number of Units**

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available				1,398			0	0	0
# of accessible units									

**\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

**Table 39 – Total Number of Units by Program Type**

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

**Describe the supply of public housing developments:**

**Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:**

The City of Mesquite’s Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. However, a Low-Income Tax Credit project is in development in the City of Mesquite which will contain 18 project based Housing Choice Vouchers.

**Public Housing Condition**

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score

Table 40 - Public Housing Condition

**Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:**

The City of Mesquite’s Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units.

**Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:**

The City of Mesquite’s Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. However, a Low-Income Tax Credit project is in development in the City of Mesquite which will contain 18 project based Housing Choice Vouchers upon completion. The Mesquite Housing Office encourages self-sufficiency of its Housing Choice Voucher participant families and assists in the expansion of family opportunities that address education, socio-economic, recreational, and other service needs through the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The Mesquite Housing Office created the Home Ownership Program in 2013.

**Discussion:**

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**MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)**

**Introduction**

The City of Mesquite does not have any facilities or housing that targets homeless households within City Limits. However, households can benefit from Dallas County programs as well as local agencies who provide supportive services.

**Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households**

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	730	0	946	1,374	0
Households with Only Adults	1,640	0	593	1,523	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	1,672	0
Veterans	22	0	133	726	0
Unaccompanied Youth	20	0	0	0	0

**Table 41 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households**

**Data Source** Data from the 2014 Homeless Point-in-time count for Dallas County.  
**Comments:**

**Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons**

Dallas County has many programs that are low or no cost services available through the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Mental Health (DMH). The Dallas County COC also works with health care providers to find placement and services for homeless or potentially homeless being discharged from medical facilities.

**List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.**

The City of Mesquite does not have Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or Permanent Supportive Housing Beds. However, there are a few local agencies within the City who provide utility, rent, and mortgage assistance, outreach, food pantry, and counseling services. Mesquite Independent School district runs programs for youth. The City is also part of Dallas County, so residents can receive assistance from county-wide programs.

## **MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)**

### **Introduction**

As discussed earlier in the Market Analysis, affordable housing in the City of Mesquite will continue to be a concern for all residents, especially for the low income and those with special needs.

**Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs**

As mentioned earlier, the housing and supportive service needs of the non-homeless special needs population are similar to needs of others in the City of Mesquite including the low income. However, some populations may require unique housing or services. The elderly, especially in low income households, face housing needs related to cost burden because most are on fixed incomes. The rehabilitation of aging homes owned by the elderly addresses the health and safety needs of that population while preventing neighborhood deterioration. Elderly and frail elderly also need additional assistance due to special requirements for housing such as grab bars.

Persons with physical, mental, or development disabilities need access to medical services for their disabilities. However, they could possible also need assistance with daily living in supervised homes or extra housing requirements such as fire alarms for the hearing impaired. Those who suffer from substance abuse could need in-patient treatment in addition to medical services. Persons living with HIV/AIDS need supportive services of health and counseling as well as similar housing needs to the other special population. The needs for victims of domestic are similar to many low income persons: shelter, food, and clothing. However, they might need additional services such as counseling and legal services.

**Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing**

The Dallas County COC works with health care providers to find placement and services for homeless or potentially homeless being discharged from medical facilities.

**Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)**

The City of Mesquite has several activities that focus on housing and supportive service needs to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. These include but are not limited to health services, support services for victims of domestic violence, and rental and utility assistance.

**For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance**



**with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))**

See details above.

**MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)**

**Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment**

The City of Mesquite contracted with J-QUAD Planning Group, LLC to develop the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which is currently in draft form. Information will be included in this Plan once the Analysis of Impediments is finalized.

**MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)**

**Introduction**

The City of Mesquite's has a workforce consists of a wide range of business sectors including Education and Health Care Services, Retail trade, and Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations. Demonstrated below, income levels increase with the level of educational attainment. A diverse job market that creates opportunities for residents is crucial to their success in obtaining decent housing.

**Economic Development Market Analysis**

**Business Activity**

<b>Business by Sector</b>	<b>Number of Workers</b>	<b>Number of Jobs</b>	<b>Share of Workers %</b>	<b>Share of Jobs %</b>	<b>Jobs less workers %</b>
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	446	42	1	0	-1
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	6,267	5,585	13	15	2
Construction	3,235	3,931	7	11	4
Education and Health Care Services	8,252	6,792	17	18	1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,685	1,260	10	3	-7
Information	1,327	554	3	2	-1
Manufacturing	4,740	2,996	10	8	-2
Other Services	1,703	1,139	4	3	-1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	4,371	929	9	3	-6
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	7,322	7,491	15	20	5
Transportation and Warehousing	2,823	4,488	6	12	6
Wholesale Trade	3,317	1,593	7	4	-3
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,488</b>	<b>36,800</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

**Table 42 - Business Activity**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

**Source:**

**Labor Force**

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	72,804
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	67,454
Unemployment Rate	7.35
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	18.13
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	5.14

**Table 43 - Labor Force**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS  
**Source:**

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	11,583
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	3,548
Service	6,763
Sales and office	19,859
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	7,742
Production, transportation and material moving	4,556

**Table 44 – Occupations by Sector**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS  
**Source:**

**Travel Time**

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	31,569	49%
30-59 Minutes	27,845	43%
60 or More Minutes	5,153	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,567</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 45 - Travel Time**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS  
**Source:**

**Education:**

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	8,799	742	3,271
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	15,587	1,243	3,308
Some college or Associate's degree	20,162	1,167	3,535
Bachelor's degree or higher	11,739	535	1,604

**Table 46 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS  
**Source:**

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	421	846	1,630	1,777	1,359
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,153	3,166	2,285	3,108	1,767
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	4,841	5,176	6,238	8,750	3,809
Some college, no degree	4,494	5,207	4,944	8,402	2,176
Associate's degree	648	1,628	1,985	2,746	636
Bachelor's degree	813	2,370	2,950	4,608	1,042
Graduate or professional degree	73	590	719	2,660	1,030

**Table 47 - Educational Attainment by Age**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS  
**Source:**

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	23,014
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	31,770
Some college or Associate's degree	37,590
Bachelor's degree	49,437
Graduate or professional degree	53,872

**Table 48 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

**Data** 2007-2011 ACS  
**Source:**

**Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?**

Based on the Business Activity data, the top three major employment sectors are Education and Health Care Services at 16%, Retail Trade at 14%, and Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations at 12% of the share of workers in the City of Mesquite. The largest employers in the City include: United Parcel Services (UPS) with 2,670 employees, Dallas Regional Medical Center with 1,100 workers, and Integra Color Group with 459 employees.

**Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:**

Some infrastructure and significant retail revitalization is needed in the older sections of the City. Due to the City's lack of public transportation, jobs are limited for those who cannot provide their own private transportation.

**Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.**

The City of Mesquite's Economic Development Department is consistently working with various industries to bring growth and opportunities to the City of Mesquite.

**How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?**

The City of Mesquite's business activity is composed of many different sectors, which require various educational needs. While 20% of the City's residents have obtained a Bachelor's degree, 15% of working residents have not graduated high school. Many businesses require more educational attainment than the low and moderate income residents have received.

**Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.**

Texas Workforce Solutions has a location in Mesquite that provides job posting and placement services, up-to-date information on the labor market and emerging occupations, recruiting, retention, and training assistance, and more. Dallas County Community College's Eastfield Campus is located in Mesquite and offers many training opportunities and career development. Mesquite Social Services, a local non-profit, also provides a GED program.

**Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?**

**If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.**

The City of Mesquite is working with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to develop a comprehensive CEDS for the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The NCTCOG meets quarterly to discuss this effort, and have also developed smaller local clusters to meet. Economic Development is a Priority for the City of Mesquite's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, but any related projects will only be funded with CDBG funds if more funding becomes available.

## **Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## **MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

### **Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

The largest housing problem in the City of Mesquite is cost burden and severe cost burden. While a portion of the housing problems are in the City's low and moderate Census Tracts, housing problems are experienced in all sections of the City of Mesquite and not concentrated in any particular area.

### **Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

As discussed in the Needs Assessment, an area with a minority concentration is a census tract with a population of a single minority group exceeding 50% of the total population of the census tract. The City as a whole is more concentrated in the northern portions of the city, which is where more racial or ethnic groups are highly concentrated.

### **What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?**

It is hard to characterize the market of these areas and neighborhoods because they are different and spread throughout the northern parts of the City. Typically they consist of older housing with many repairs and updates needed. There are also rental opportunities in this market.

### **Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

Since the areas are spread throughout the City, it is hard to identify assets specific to each. While needs are great in these areas, resources are limited. The City of Mesquite's CDBG Rehabilitation Program has assisted many of the homes in these areas throughout the history of the program.

### **Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

The City has numerous departments that work together to provide improvements and services to these areas. These include but are not limited to: Housing and Community Services Department, Community Development Department (Planning and Code Enforcement), Public Works, and Parks and Recreation.



## Strategic Plan

### SP-05 Overview

#### Strategic Plan Overview

The City of Mesquite has elected to use a five (5) year strategic plan and Consolidated Plan beginning October 1, 2015. The strategic plan sets the priorities for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocations and expected accomplishments over the next five years.

The City of Mesquite expects some activities to be available citywide while others focus on targeted geographic areas based on low-income primary residential Census Tract Block Groups.

High priority needs for the City of Mesquite are: Providing Affordable Housing Opportunities, Homeless Activities, Public Service Programs, Non-Housing Community Development, and Economic Development.

The influence of Market Conditions in the City of Mesquite is that Cost burden (paying more than 30 percent of household income for housing) is the major housing problem faced by most of the City's low and moderate-income renters.

Anticipated Resources include the first year of CDBG entitlement allocation for the City of Mesquite. This allocation is \$986,321.00. Based on this number, multiplied by five for length of the plan, the City anticipates a total of \$4,931,605 in entitlement funding over the next five years.

The City of Mesquite's CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department is the lead agency responsible for developing the Consolidated Plan as well as administering the HUD block grants. The City as well as non-profit organizations work together to implement CDBG funds.

The City's homeless strategies includes supporting the efforts of the Dallas and Collin County Continuum of Care to provide services to homeless individuals and families.

The City of Mesquite will work with several organizations in their anti-poverty strategy to provide affordable housing, safe and preserved neighborhoods, and supportive services to low-income residents.

The City of Mesquite's CDBG monitoring process has the following basic aspects: 1) compliance at time of funding 2) desk reviews of performance and financial reports during contract periods, 3) on-site monitoring of activities; and 4) wellness review of files at activity close out.

**SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)**

**Geographic Area**

**Table 49 - Geographic Priority Areas**

<b>1</b>	<b>Area Name:</b>	CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Other
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	See map in Attachment C
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	Not Applicable. See below
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Area Name:</b>	CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Problem Oriented Policing
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Other
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	Policing
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	See map in Attachment D
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	Not Applicable. See below

	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Area Name:</b>	CITYWIDE
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Housing
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	

### General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

Many of Mesquite’s initiatives will be available citywide. However, some target areas including the revitalization target neighborhood of Mesquite Park, are located in low/mod Census Tract Block Groups. Qualifying Block Groups are primarily residential with greater than 50% of the population being below 50% AMI.

In PY15, the City will provide three LMA area benefit activities: Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Development, and Problem Oriented Policing. Both Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development activities will take place in designated CDBG-eligible areas which meet the City’s definition of “deteriorating” or “deteriorated.”

The Problem Oriented Policing activity will take place in CDBG-eligible areas most of which are the same as the Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development activities. In addition to the deteriorating or deteriorated state, these areas have been identified as having a disproportionate amount of crime and

are identified by Census Tract and Block Groups. The City will allocate approximately 49 percent (\$483,369.00) of the PY15 entitlement funds to specifically impact the three LMA CDBG eligible areas listed above through neighborhood revitalization activities and enhanced policing and crime prevention activities.

**SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)**

**Priority Needs**

**Table 50 – Priority Needs Summary**

<b>1</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Families with Children Elderly Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	CITYWIDE
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Description</b>	Provide affordable housing opportunities that are decent, safe, and sanitary through homeowner rehabilitation, reducing lead based paint hazards, neighborhood preservation through code enforcement, enforcing and promoting minimum property standards, demolish and clear hazardous and uninhabitable homes, and policing efforts to promote neighborhood safety.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	The Needs Assessment and Market Analysis Sections of this Plan identified several housing needs for the City of Mesquite. Cost burden is an issue for a large portion of residents, so affordable housing opportunities is essential in improving the current burdens. The City's housing stock in relatively old and neighborhoods need to be preserved through rehabilitation, code enforcement, and other revitalization efforts.
<b>2</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Homeless Activities
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	CITYWIDE
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Homeless Support
	<b>Description</b>	Support and Participate in the Dallas and Collin County Continuum of Care organized by the Metro Dallas Homeless Continuum including the annual point-in-time homeless count.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	As seen throughout the Plan, homelessness is relevant in Dallas County. The City of Mesquite will support and participate in annual point-in-time homeless counts in order to record accurate data on the number and types of homeless in our community.
<b>3</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Families with Children Elderly Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	CITYWIDE
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Description</b>	The City of Mesquite will continue to support the local service providers who provide supportive services to meet the needs of low-income and special needs residents.

	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	The need for continued supportive service was determined through consultation with local service providers as well as citizen input.
4	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Other
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Problem Oriented Policing
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Code Enforcement Neighborhood Development Problem Oriented Policing Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Description</b>	Non-housing community development needs to improve and maintain the city's neighborhoods include but are not limited to infrastructure improvements, code enforcement, enforcing minimum property standards, and policing efforts to promote neighborhood safety.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Maintaining and preserving neighborhoods was a major theme during the citizen input process of developing the Plan. Many citizens and stakeholders discussed the need to address aging infrastructure, neighborhood preservation through property standards, and need for neighborhood safety efforts.
5	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Description</b>	Economic development opportunities can increase employment opportunities and strengthen the local economy.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Economic development is essential to continue to provide new opportunities and stability for residents. Stakeholder and citizen participation feedback made economic development a high priority.

## **Narrative (Optional)**

Quantitative and qualitative research impacted the priority needs and strategies for the City of Mesquite's Five Year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Quantitative research included housing market and demographic analysis where qualitative research consisted of surveys, public meetings, and citizen input. Needs were developed and then ranked according to HUD-specified ranking. High priority activities are considered essential. Appropriate federal grant funds will be provided to approve projects when funds are available. Low priority activities are not expected to be directly funded by the City during the five year plan unless an increase of funds become available, but applications for federal assistance by other entities might be supported and found to be consistent with this plan.



**SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)**

**Influence of Market Conditions**

<b>Affordable Housing Type</b>	<b>Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type</b>
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Based on the Consolidated Plan input process as well as the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis, cost burned is the greatest housing problem in the City of Mesquite. However, due to limited funding a TBRA program will not be administered by the City with CDBG funds.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	Based on the information above, the City will not implement a program. However, the City will provide Public Service Agencies funding for rental, mortgage, and utility assistance programs when funds are available.
New Unit Production	Due to limited funding, the City of Mesquite will not produce new units with CDBG funding.
Rehabilitation	Due to the large aging housing stock, rehabilitation is a high priority to maintain affordable housing in the City of Mesquite.
Acquisition, including preservation	Due to limited funding, acquisition will not be prioritized during this Consolidated Plan.

**Table 51 – Influence of Market Conditions**

**SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)**

**Introduction**

The City of Mesquite continues to see an increase in needs. The following table highlights expected resources to be available during the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan years to address priority needs. The first year figure is based on allocated amounts and the remaining estimates are multiples of the first year figure.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	986,321	0	0	986,321	394,584	Mesquite is a CDBG entitlement City. The City will use a combination of federal and General Fund monies as well as private funds for project leveraging to address the priority housing and community development needs and objectives.

**Table 52 - Anticipated Resources**

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

While the City does not receive HOME or ESG funds, which have matching requirements, the City hopes to leverage federal funds with private sector funds and other general fund monies for activities. Revitalization efforts will receive investments from other City sources such as

rehabilitating tax-foreclosed properties. City general funds and potential bond funds will be used for infrastructure improvements. Federal leverage also includes local resources of donations and volunteers who assist with a local house or yard project on Addressing Mesquite Day. All subrecipient agencies are required to have other resources to supplement CDBG funding. The City continually seeks alternate funding opportunities to assist with the goals and priorities of CDBG.

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

Currently, vacant lots within the City are being utilized for revitalization efforts. For example, a vacant lot in a CDBG eligible neighborhood has been transformed into a neighborhood pocket park. The Truman Heights Park was dedicated and opened in July 2014. The City is also in the process of potentially partnering with nonprofits to rehabilitate tax-foreclosed properties in CDBG eligible neighborhoods.

**Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

**SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)**

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Mesquite	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities	Other
Mesquite Social Services	Non-profit organizations	public services	Other
Mission East Dallas	Non-profit organizations	public services	Other
NEW BEGINNING CENTER	Non-profit organizations	public services	Other
Sharing Life Community Outreach	Non-profit organizations	public services	Other

**Table 53 - Institutional Delivery Structure**

**Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

The City of Mesquite’s CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department is the lead agency responsible for developing the Consolidated Plan as well as administering the HUD block grants. Program delivery is provided by government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Agencies involved in program delivery other than the City of Mesquite may differentiate by year due to the funding allocation process.

The City’s CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department has strong relationships with the other City divisions and local nonprofits who receive CDBG funding. This is helpful for disseminating information. The City also provides information on their website, and distributes material on their programs such as Housing Rehabilitation through newsletters, brochures, and social media to keep citizens informed.

**Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services**

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	X	X
Mortgage Assistance	X	X	X
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	X
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X	X	X

<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Mobile Clinics	X	X	X
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	X
<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X	X	X
Education	X	X	X
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	X
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	X
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation			
<b>Other</b>			

**Table 54 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary**

**Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)**

The City of Mesquite does not have any facilities or housing that target homeless households within City Limits. However, households can benefit from Dallas County programs as well as local agencies that provide supportive services. Dallas County has many programs that are low or no cost services available through the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Mental Health (DMH). The Dallas County COC is currently working on a coordinated assessment system for housing options to address the need of homeless participants.

**Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above**

A gap in the service delivery system is due to lack of sufficient resources. The City continues to provide services for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness through coordination with other agencies.

**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs**

Continual coordination with other service providers and community organizations will increasing the awareness of currently available resources as well as increase the types and amount of services available to the residents of Mesquite. The City also continues to seek ways to leverage the limited amount of funds available.

**SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)**

**Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 80 Household Housing Unit
2	Homeless Support	2015	2019	Homeless		Homeless Activities		Other: 5 Other
3	Public Service Programs	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public Service Programs		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
4	Code Enforcement	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development		Other: 46605 Other
5	Neighborhood Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development		Other: 46605 Other
6	Problem Oriented Policing	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development		Other: 57300 Other
7	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 3 Business
8	Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development		Other: 400 Other

**Table 55 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Support programs to rehabilitate and improve existing single family homes occupied by low and moderate income and special needs owners.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Support
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Support the Dallas and Collin County Continuum of Care lead by the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance and participate in the annual point-in-time homeless count.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide funding to organizations that provide supportive services for the City's special needs and low and moderate income populations.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Achieve and preserve neighborhood integrity through a positive Code Enforcement program by providing inspections and issuing code enforcement violations in deteriorated CDBG eligible neighborhoods.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Neighborhood Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Enforce and promote minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG eligible areas as part of the Neighborhood Development program.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Problem Oriented Policing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Continue to support the Problem Oriented Police program (POP) through policing and crime prevention efforts that promote safety and improve community relations in CDBG eligible areas identified as having disproportionate crime and criminal activity.
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Promote economic development by providing funds to be used as forgivable loans, low interest rate loans or grants to CDBG target neighborhoods where commercial, service, and retail land uses fall within boundaries of neighborhood to ensure high quality appearance, support a pedestrian-oriented environment, strengthen existing businesses, and facilitate new businesses.
8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide street and/or sidewalk improvements in CDBG eligible areas, if funds become available.

**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 91.315(b)(2)**

The City of Mesquite does not receive HOME funds. However, the City has a goal to rehabilitate 19 single family homes owned by low-or extremely low-income residents during the Consolidated Plan years 2015-2019. The City will continue programs to increase the sustainability of suitable living environments through neighborhood preservations and property standards.



**SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)**

**Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)**

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

**Activities to Increase Resident Involvements**

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. The Mesquite Housing Office encourages self-sufficiency of its Housing Choice Voucher participant families and assists in the expansion of family opportunities that address education, socio-economic, recreational, and other service needs through the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The Mesquite Housing Office created the Home Ownership Program in 2013. The Mesquite Housing Office also has a volunteer resident board who is responsible for giving Housing Officials feedback on Housing policies.

**Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?**

No

**Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation**

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, is not designated as being troubled.

**SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)**

**Barriers to Affordable Housing**

The City of Mesquite contracted with J-QUAD Planning Group, LLC to develop the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which is currently in draft form. Information will be included in this Plan once the Analysis of Impediments is finalized.

**Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing**

## **SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)**

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

The City of Mesquite participates in the annual point-in-time count, a night each January in which statewide homeless outreach takes place. This opportunity allows for data collection on homelessness at the county level while simultaneously providing the individuals with information on available services.

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

The Continuum of care is currently working on a coordinated assessment and referrals among local service providers to improve access to this population.

**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 Continuum of care is currently working on a coordinated assessment and referrals among local service providers to improve access to this population. The COC has created various task force committees focusing on subpopulations including families and veterans.

**Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs**

The City of Mesquite assists low-income individuals at risk of becoming homeless by funding subrecipient agencies who target the population at-risk of homelessness. These services include emergency rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, medical and dental care, domestic violence shelter services, food pantry, financial coaching and literacy, and computer job training.

**SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)**

**Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards**

HUD has regulations to protect children from the hazards of lead based paint in federally-funded projects. HUD continues to provide training for compliance with these regulations. Staff from the City's Housing Office have attended trainings and are currently in compliance with these regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher program , Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program. Lead-based paint qualifying housing rehabilitation projects are tested and mitigation efforts are overseen by City staff. In addition, the City continues to provide the required notices and information about the hazards and risks of lead-based paint to all program participants.

**How are the actions, listed above, related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?**

The actions will minimize lead poisoning and hazards through remediation.

**How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?**

Program policies and procedures include required steps for staff members to test and mitigate lead-based paint for qualifying housing rehabilitation projects. Notices and information about the hazards and risks of lead-based paint to all program participants is also required in department policies and procedures. This process will also occur with the City's four remaining Neighborhood Stabilization homes.

## **SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)**

### **Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families**

The City of Mesquite is committed to provide the lowest income residents with quality housing and neighborhoods in addition to supportive services to help these residents move out of poverty and become self-sufficient.

### **How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan**

The City's Community Development Department focuses on creating sustaining neighborhoods through ordinances and codes. The City will continue working to attract high paying jobs and industry to the community through the Economic Development Department. The City of Mesquite will also continue to work with and through the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce and other similar bodies in the region to increase the quality and size of the labor force in Mesquite. The City continues to support the Mesquite Independent School District who provides each child with a sound educational foundation to better prepare them to assume effective positions in the work place in the future and thus help reduce the level of poverty in Mesquite. Through the Family Self Sufficiency Program, the Mesquite Housing Office encourages self-sufficiency of their Housing Choice Voucher participant families and assists in the expansion of family opportunities that address educational, socio-economic, recreational and other human service needs.

## **SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230**

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

The CDBG Division of the Community Services Department is responsible for performance of the City of Mesquite's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans including monitoring. The monitoring process for the City of Mesquite has the following basic aspects: 1) compliance at time of funding 2) desk reviews of performance and financial reports during contract periods, 3) on-site monitoring of activities; and 4) wellness review of files at activity close out.

Before funding, an activity and the agency are assessed for capacity, alignment with the City's Consolidated Plan priorities, and regulations set forth by HUD. An integral part of the monitoring responsibilities is to monitor subrecipients and ensure that the activities being performed and goals are being met, and all requirements of the programs are being fulfilled.

The City will continue to employ the following actions during the next five years to monitor its housing and community development projects to ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

### **Grantee Compliance/Monitoring Plan:**

- *Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).* Each fiscal year the City prepares a CAPER to show how the city utilized CDBG resources during a particular fiscal year. In addition, the CAPER assesses actual program accomplishments and compares them to the goals and objectives identified in the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans.
- *Monthly IDIS "drawdowns."* The City has a goal of completing drawdowns on a monthly basis.
- *The City's finance department reviews subrecipient OMB-mandated single audits if applicable.*
- *Monitoring.* Monitoring of the City's housing and community development projects occurs on a continual basis to ensure compliance with federal regulations. The City will perform the following steps during the monitoring process:
  - The City will offer pre-grant training for all new and returning (if needed) subrecipients. The training is designed to discuss the regulatory requirements of the grant and to provide technical assistance. Subrecipients are required to report to the City quarterly. The report allows subrecipients to state their accomplishments to date (i.e., the number of clients served, number of houses rehabilitated, etc.). The City will complete at least one on-site monitoring visit per program year for each subrecipient. More on-site monitoring visits may be completed as warranted. This ensures compliance with program requirements and identifies any findings or concerns. Inspections of rehabilitation projects must meet Housing Quality Standards and require an on-site inspection. The City determines the subrecipients are doing a satisfactory job

when federal regulations are being followed, provisions in the contract are begin met, and proper documentation has been completed.

**Expected Resources**

**AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)**

**Introduction**

The City of Mesquite continues to see an increase in needs. The following table highlights expected resources to be available during the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan years to address priority needs. The first year figure is based on allocated amounts and the remaining estimates are multiples of the first year figure.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	986,321	0	0	986,321	394,584	Mesquite is a CDBG entitlement City. The City will use a combination of federal and General Fund monies as well as private funds for project leveraging to address the priority housing and community development needs and objectives.

**Table 56 - Expected Resources – 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**



While the City does not receive HOME or ESG funds, which have matching requirements, the City hopes to leverage federal funds with private sector funds and other general fund monies for activities. Revitalization efforts will receive investments from other City sources such as rehabilitating tax-foreclosed properties. City general funds and potential bond funds will be used for infrastructure improvements. Federal leverage also includes local resources of donations and volunteers who assist with a local house or yard project on Addressing Mesquite Day. All subrecipient agencies are required to have other resources to supplement CDBG funding. The City continually seeks alternate funding opportunities to assist with the goals and priorities of CDBG.

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

Currently, vacant lots within the City are being utilized for revitalization efforts. For example, a vacant lot in a CDBG eligible neighborhood has been transformed into a neighborhood pocket park. The Truman Heights Park was dedicated and opened in July 2014. The City is also in the process of potentially partnering with nonprofits to rehabilitate tax-foreclosed properties in CDBG eligible neighborhoods.

**Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 19 Household Housing Unit
2	Homeless Support	2015	2019	Homeless		Homeless Activities		Other: 1 Other
3	Public Service Programs	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public Service Programs		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 75 Persons Assisted
4	Problem Oriented Policing	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development		Other: 57300 Other
5	Code Enforcement	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development		Other: 46605 Other
6	Neighborhood Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development		Other: 46605 Other

**Table 57 – Goals Summary**

#### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Support
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Problem Oriented Policing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Neighborhood Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

Projects will address priority needs and objectives adopted by the City of Mesquite’s City Council.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration and Planning
2	CDBG Public Service Agencies
3	CDBG Neighborhood Projects

**Table 58 – Project Information**

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

Qualitative research of the housing market analysis and demographic analysis and qualitative research through surveys, public meetings, and stakeholder input impacted the priority needs and strategies for the City of Mesquite’s 2015-1019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan. The projects are all high priority and will meet the greatest need. The primary gap in the delivery of services is the lack of adequate financial resources to best serve the City’s populations in need. Projects and their allocations have been approved by City Council.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration and Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$164,588
	<b>Description</b>	Mesquite PY15 CDBG's Administration and Planning related activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration and Planning.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Public Service Agencies
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs Problem Oriented Policing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$134,720
	<b>Description</b>	City of Mesquite PY15 CDBG Public Service Agencies.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Mesquite Social Services; Mission East Dallas; New Beginning Center; Sharing Life Community Outreach; and Problem Oriented Policing
3	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Neighborhood Projects
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Code Enforcement Neighborhood Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities Non-Housing Community Development



<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$687,013
<b>Description</b>	City of Mesquite PY15 CDBG Neighborhood Projects Activities.
<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
<b>Location Description</b>	
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing Rehabilitation; Code Enforcement; and Neighborhood Development.

**AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

The City of Mesquite's public service grants are provided for assistance to special needs populations citywide, including persons who are at-risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence (including children), and low-income adults and families. Similarly, housing rehabilitation services will be provided to qualified low- and moderate-income homeowners throughout the City of Mesquite. There are three LMA area benefit activities: Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Development, and Problem Oriented Policing. Both Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development activities will take place in CDBG-eligible areas which meet the city's definition of "deteriorating" or "deteriorated" as seen in the map under the in the SP-10 Geographic Priorities section. Also demonstrated in the SP-10 section is the Problem Oriented Policing activity will take place in CDBG-eligible areas most of which are the same as the Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development activities identified by Census Tract and Block Groups. In addition to the deteriorating or deteriorated state, these areas have been identified as having a disproportionate amount of crime.

**Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
CITYWIDE	51%
CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development	39.2%
CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Problem Oriented Policing	9.8%

**Table 59 - Geographic Distribution**

**Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Approximately 49 percent (\$483,369) of the PY2015 entitlement funds to specifically impact the LMA CDBG eligible areas through neighborhood revitalization activities and enhanced policing and crime prevention activities. Both Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development activities will take place in CDBG-eligible areas which meet the City's definition of "deteriorating" or "deteriorated" where there is a concentration of substandard housing stock, neglected improvements and/or property nuisances. The objective of Code Enforcement is to achieve and preserve neighborhood integrity by providing inspections and issuing code enforcement violations. The goal of Neighborhood Development is to enforce and promote minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures. The Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development activities work in conjunction with a proactive approach to arrest neighborhood decline which requires owners to reinvest in the maintenance of their property.

The Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Activity will take place in CDBG-eligible areas most of which are the same as the Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development activities. In addition to the deteriorating or deteriorated state, these areas have been identified as having a disproportionate amount of crime requiring additional police efforts. Rehabilitating these areas aesthetically will not

successfully redevelop the neighborhoods without providing a safe and secure environment for residents. There are two elements of POP: enhanced policing and crime prevention. The policing element of the POP program addresses issues through increased public interaction, aggressive enforcement against known offenders, close surveillance of suspect locations, and saturation patrols to suppress criminal activity. The crime prevention element of the POP program is achieved by increasing the amount of positive police interaction in these areas to combat crime, harden targets, and building relationships within the neighborhood. The increased police presence provided through the POP program is crucial in order to deter criminal activity and achieve successful redevelopment.

### **Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The City of Mesquite's housing priorities include rehabilitation and improvement of single family homes of low- and moderate-income and special need owners and the reduction of single-family homes with lead-based paint hazards. Priorities also include homeless support and non-housing community development through preserving property standards and enforcing codes and ordinances.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	19
Special-Needs	0
Total	19

**Table 60 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	19
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	19

**Table 61 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**  
**Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

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

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. Not applicable for the City of Mesquite. However, the Mesquite Housing Office encourages self-sufficiency of its Housing Choice Voucher participant families and assists in the expansion of family opportunities that address education, socio-economic, recreational, and other service needs through the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The Mesquite Housing Office created the Home Ownership Program in 2013.

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, is not designated as being troubled.

### **Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The City of Mesquite's Housing and Community Services Department will continue to make the issue of homelessness a priority through programs that ensure low- and moderate-income households are able to maintain and afford homes and other services through the housing rehabilitation program, funding public service agencies, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (COC), which builds relationships with many shelters, transitional housing agencies, and supportive care providers within the continuum if services are needed. The City of Mesquite will participate in the COC's annual point-in-time count in an attempt to reach out to homeless persons within the City.

### **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**

The City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (COC) which builds relationships with many shelters, transitional housing agencies, and supportive care providers within the continuum if services are needed. The City of Mesquite has a one year goal to participate in the annual point-in-time count.

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

The City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (COC) which builds relationships with many shelters, transitional housing agencies, and supportive care providers within the continuum if services are needed.

#### **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 City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (COC) which builds relationships with many shelters, transitional housing agencies, and supportive care providers within the continuum if services are needed.

#### **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 City's activates for non-homeless special needs populations for program year 2015 are:

- **Housing Rehabilitation:** Continue to support programs to rehabilitate and improve existing single family homes occupied by low- and moderate-income and special needs owners.
- **Public Service Programs:** Provide funding to organizations that provide supportive services for the City's special needs and low and moderate income populations. (Mesquite Social Services: emergency assistance; Mission East Dallas: general medical and dental care; New Beginning Center: Domestic Violence Shelter; Sharing Life Community Outreach: emergency assistance, food pantry, school supplies, financial coaching and literacy, and computer job training)
- **Code Enforcement:** Achieve and preserve neighborhood integrity through a positive code enforcement program by providing inspections and issuing code enforcement violations in deteriorated CDBG eligible neighborhoods.
- **Neighborhood Development:** Enforce and promote minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG eligible areas as part of the Neighborhood Development program.
- **Problem Oriented Policing:** Continue to support problem oriented policing through policing and crime prevention efforts that promote safety and improve community relations in CDBG eligible areas identified as having disproportionate crime and criminal activity.

## Discussion

Several organizations and services also provide homeless preventative services in Mesquite. These include:

- **City of Mesquite's Housing and Community Services Department**—The Mesquite Public Health Clinic offers immunizations at a very low cost, or no cost, to children 18 years old and younger.
- **Parks and Recreation Department**—Offer programs for low- and moderate- income persons. The programs are funded through the City or by private, state and federal funding. A program directed at youth includes a discounted after-school care program for children whose parents cannot afford the cost of day care.
- **Mesquite Independent School District and the City of Mesquite**—sponsor a Free Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program that is open and to all children or youth ages one to 18 years of age. It is provided through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Meals are served daily at selected school cafeterias.
- **COMPASS**—is a weekday commuter shuttle for residents who live in Mesquite but work elsewhere in the region. Residents able to utilize the service save money on gas and parking costs.

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

The City of Mesquite contracted J-QUAD Planning Group to develop the City of Mesquite’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) for program years 2015-2019. This report includes a review of City laws and policies, as well as public and private sector conditions that affect fair housing choice. The City is committed to being a positive partner and eliminating barriers to affordable housing choice.

**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**

Information will be included in this Plan once the AI is finalized.

### **Discussion:**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.



## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

The City of Mesquite, in coordination with partnering agencies, provides various forms of outreach and service to the citizens in order to meet underserved needs, maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, and reduce the number of poverty-level families.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The City of Mesquite is strongly committed to meeting underserved needs in the community. The City has a strong and stable relationship with service providers in the area. The primary gap in the delivery of services is the lack of adequate financial resources to best serve the City's populations in need. The City will work cooperatively and support the service providers in order to maximize financial resources to reduce any gaps in the institutional structure.

The CDBG Division also draws on public and private agencies as resources or partners for housing and economic development programs and to better serve the low-income community. These partnering agencies include but are not limited to local libraries, schools, businesses, and the local housing authority.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The CDBG funded programs through which the City carries out rehabilitation-related activities and other physical improvement activities to foster and maintain affordable housing. These include:

- The CDBG Division will conduct owner-occupied single family housing rehabilitation activities, including limited repair, exterior renewal, and emergency repairs.
- Code Enforcement personnel inspect housing that appears to have code violations, and whenever appropriate; the homeowners are referred to the Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- The CDBG Neighborhood Development program enforces and promotes minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG eligible areas.
- The Housing and Community Services Department is the primary organization through which the City carries out fair housing related activities, by providing consultation and assistance to people who have fair housing questions and/or desire to file a complaint.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

HUD has regulations to protect children from the hazards of lead based paint in federally-funded projects. HUD Continues to provide training for compliance with these regulations.

Staff from the City's Housing Office has attended training and is currently in compliance with these

regulations for both the Housing Choice Voucher program and the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program. Lead-based paint qualifying housing rehabilitation projects are tested and mitigation efforts are overseen by qualified City Staff. In addition, the City continues to provide the required notices and information about the hazards and risks of lead-based paint to all program participants.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City of Mesquite is committed to provide the lowest income residents with quality housing and neighborhoods in addition to helping residents move out of poverty and become self-sufficient. The City's Housing and Community Development Department programs are targeted to improving the housing and neighborhood conditions of low- and moderate-income residents.

As in the past, the City will continue working to attract high paying jobs and industry to the community through the Economic Development Department. The City of Mesquite will also continue to work with the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce and other similar bodies to increase the quality and size of the labor force in Mesquite. The City continues to support the Mesquite Independent School District who provides each child with a sound educational foundation to better prepare them to assume effective positions in the work place in the future and thus help reduce the level of poverty. Through the Family Self Sufficiency Program, the Mesquite Housing Office encourages self-sufficiency of their Housing Choice Voucher participant families and assists in the expansion of family opportunities that address educational, socio-economic, recreational, and other human services needed.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City of Mesquite will implement the 2015 Annual Action Plan through the CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department which serves as the lead agency. The Department will also partner with other City departments, nonprofits, for-profits, and quasi-governmental entities to carry out the strategies and activities of the Consolidated Plan and the 2015 Annual Action Plan.

As part of the annual CDBG application process, the City holds public hearing where the residents and service providers of Mesquite provide input concerning the priority needs of the community. The CDBG Division reviews the funding applications with the propriety needs of the Consolidated Plan and the needs of the community in mind, and funding recommendations are then made to the City Council during public hearings for approval.

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

The City Council assists in the Annual Action Plan process by providing input on the needs of the community by reviewing applications for funding, and by approving the final Annual Action Plan. As the lead agency, the Housing and Community Services Department provides consolation and assistance to

people who have fair housing questions and/or desire to file a complaint.

The Housing and Community Service Department works with non-profits, for-profits, the local Continuum of Care, faith-based organizations, and public agencies to achieve the Consolidated Plan's established strategies, objectives, and outcomes. The two key roles these outside agencies serve are: they receive funds through competitive allocation process to serve low-income and special needs populations throughout the community and they provide a resource for needs assessments, networking, and communication of service to low income or homeless clients.

**Discussion:**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

**Program Specific Requirements**

**AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)**

**Introduction:**

The City of Mesquite estimates that 83 percent (\$821,733.00) of the PY2015 CDBG entitlement funds will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. The remaining 17 percent will be used for administration and planning activities for the grant. The City will allocate approximately 49 percent (\$483,369.00) of the PY2015 entitlement funds to specifically impact the CDBG eligible areas identified to receive neighborhood revitalization activities and enhanced policing and crime prevention discussed in the geographic section.

No program income is expected in PY2015. While no grant funds have been returned to the line of credit, the city does anticipate a portion of funds allocated to activities in the previous program year will not be expended. The funds will be used in PY2015 as planned when originally allocated or amended to the Annual Action Plan will be made prior to CDBG fund expenditure for these activities.

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

**Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)**

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

**Other CDBG Requirements**

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	83.00%

**Discussion:**

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## ATTACHMENTS

### Attachment A: City of Mesquite Citizen Participation Plan

The Consolidated Plan is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement for a city to receive federal housing and community development funding. The Consolidated Plan report examines the housing and community development needs of a city, sets priorities for HUD grant monies to which a city is entitled, identifies the city's performance in meeting its goals, and establishes an action plan for meeting current and future needs. Each Consolidated Plan is also required to have a strategy for citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan process.

The City of Mesquite prepared a draft of its Five Year Consolidated Plan covering the program years 2015-2019 and its 2015 Annual Action Plan. This document outlines the City's process and plan for soliciting and receiving citizen input during the preparation review period of the draft Consolidated Plan as well as in the event that amendments are made to the Plan. Included in this is the City's approved Citizen Participation Plan for all aspects of the Consolidated Plan process including: the Five Year Strategic Plan, the Action Plan, amendments to the Consolidated Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

#### Purpose of Citizen Participation Plan

The City of Mesquite recognizes the importance of public participation in both defining and understanding current housing and community development needs, and prioritizing resources to address those needs. The city's Citizen Participation Plan is designed to encourage citizens to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, annual Action Plans, any substantial amendments to the Plan, and the annual performance report. The Citizen Participation Plan is intended to encourage citizens of all ages, genders, economic levels, races, ethnicities and special needs equal access to become involved in the Plan each year. This Citizen Participation Plan was written in accordance with Sections 91.100 and 91.105 of HUD's Consolidated Plan regulations. In order to ensure maximum participation in the Consolidated Plan process among all populations and needs groups, and in order to ensure that their issues and concerns are adequately addressed, the City of Mesquite will follow the standards set forth in its adopted Citizen Participation Plan during development of its Consolidated Plan, annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and for any substantial amendments to the Plan. The participation process will be developed and monitored by the City of Mesquite Housing and Community Services Department.

#### Glossary of Relevant Terms

**Action Plan.** The yearly portion of the Consolidated Plan that identifies the specific activities and projects to be undertaken by the city with CDBG funds during that program year.

**CAPER.** The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report as required by HUD regulations, which reports the city's completion of projects and activities as outlined within the Action and Consolidated Plans and the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

**CDBG.** The Community Development Block Grant Program, as established under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Public Law 93-383 and the funding received under such program, which assists communities to address housing and community development needs, primarily for low and moderate income residents.

**Consolidated Plan.** A three to five year plan of a city's housing and community development needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken for the CDBG programs.

**Relevant Areas and Programs.** The City of Mesquite 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan covers the geographic area within the city limits of Mesquite. The City of Mesquite is entitled to receive CDBG funding from HUD during the program years between 2015 and 2019.

#### **Citizen Involvement**

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan processes offered many opportunities for citizen participation. The City makes a special effort (which includes informing supportive service agencies) to ensure the participation of persons with special needs and/or persons who are often underrepresented in public process and organizations that represent such persons including low income persons, racial and ethnic minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, persons who are homeless and subpopulations. Participation was solicited and encouraged for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan through the following activities.

**Community forums/public hearings.** Two community meetings were held to collect citizen input. The forums were held on March 3 and March 6, 2015. A public hearing was held on July 6 to discuss proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan. A 30-day public comment period occurred from July 1 through July 31, 2015. A final public hearing/resolution was held on August 3 at the City Council meeting to present the final 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan.

**Key person input.** A stakeholder questionnaire was completed in the month of March 2015 by housing and community development stakeholders to gather input on housing and community development needs for the City of Mesquite. Those solicited included city staff, local non-profits, and other housing and community development professionals.

**Resident survey.** During the month of March 2015, the City distributed a Resident Survey asking what survey respondents feel are Mesquite's strengths and amenities, as well as the City's weaknesses and needs. The survey was distributed at the public meetings and to service providers throughout Mesquite. An online version of the survey was also available on the City's Web site. The survey was available in English and Spanish.

**Announcements/invitations.** The city informed citizens, local government officials, advocacy groups, housing and community services officials, and others about the community meetings/public hearings and the opportunity to comment on the draft Consolidated Plan. Information is distributed through flyers announcing the public meetings, and by posting a public notice on the City's Web site and in the local newspaper. The City also provided a link to the Resident Survey on the City's home Web page.

#### **Public Comment**

The City will provide a written response to all written citizen complaints related to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, amendments, and the CAPER within 15 working days of receiving the complaints. Copies of the complaints, along with the city's response will be sent to HUD if they occur outside of the Consolidated Planning process and, as such, do not appear in the Consolidated Plan.

**Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans.** Prior to the adoption of a Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans, the city will make available to interested parties the draft Plan for a comment period of no less than 30 days. The public comment period for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan was between July 1, 2015 and July 31, 2015.

The draft Consolidated Plan will contain the amount of assistance the City expects to receive through the HUD CDBG grants and the top level strategic goals that will guide funding over the five planning

periods. The annual Action Plan will show how the City plans to allocate the funds for that particular program year.

The Plans will be available electronically on the City's Web site. Hard copies will be available for review at City offices.

The Council will consider any comments or views of individuals or groups received in writing or orally during the Plan process and at the public hearing to be held during the 30-day public comment period. The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan final public hearing will be on August 3, 2015 at a City Council meeting. A summary of the written and oral comments during the comment period will be included in the final Plan.

**CAPER.** A notice of the CAPER availability will be published and posted on the City's Web site. After the notice is published, citizens will have a period of not less than 15 days to comment on the CAPER. The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views shall be attached to the CAPER.

**Public access to records.** The City will provide all interested parties with access to information and records related to the city's Consolidated Plan, annual Action Plans, CAPER and the City's use of funds under all programs covered by the Consolidated Plan during the preceding five years. The public will be provided with reasonable access to housing assistance records, subject to city and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality, during the performance report public comment period.

#### **Consultation with Organizations and City Agencies**

When preparing the Consolidated Plan, the City will actively consult with public and private agencies that provide housing, health, and social services in order to ensure that the interests and needs of all groups are being adequately addressed. This consultation will occur through interviews conducted with such organizations (including those that provide services to special needs populations), and incorporation of data and reports produced by such organizations into the Consolidated Plan.

#### **Substantial Amendments**

Occasionally, public comments warrant an amendment to the Consolidated Plan. The criteria for whether to amend is referred to by HUD as Substantial Amendment Criteria. The following conditions are considered to be "Substantial Amendment Criteria:"

1. Any change in the described method of distributing program funds.

Elements of a "method of distribution" are:

- Application process;
- Allocation among funding categories;
- Grant size limits;
- Criteria selection; and,

A change in funding of a particular activity which increases or decreases the amount spent by 25 percent of the total funding amount.

2. An administrative decision to reallocate all the funds allocated to an activity in the Action Plan to other activities of equal or lesser priority need level, unless the decision is a result of:

A federal government rescission of appropriated funds, or appropriations are so much less than anticipated that the city makes an administrative decision not to fund one or more activities; and/or



The governor declares a state of emergency and reallocates federal funds to address the emergency.

3. Any change in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another.

**Citizen participation in the event of a substantial amendment.** In the event of a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan or annual Action Plan, the city will publish a notice of the recommended changes in a newspaper of general circulation and on the City's Web site prior to the 30-day comment period. During the 30 days, the amendment will be made available for public comment. At the end of the 30 days or soon after the public comments will be considered and the amendment will be approved or disapproved.

**Consideration of public comments on the substantially amended plan.** In the event of substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan, comments must be received in writing or orally at public hearings. A summary of the written and public hearing comments on the substantial amendments will be included in the final Plan. Also included in the final plan will be a summary of all comments not accepted and their reasons for dismissal.

## ATTACHMENT B: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMENTS

An extensive consultation process was used in developing the City of Mesquite's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan including City departments, local agencies, the local Continuum of Care, service providers, community leaders, stakeholders, and Mesquite residents.

### City of Mesquite Public Meetings

Citizen input was solicited for the Consolidated Plan through two public input meetings open to the general public on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meetings were advertised in the City Newsletter, 'The Mainstream', in the local paper, 'Mesquite News', and on the City website and social media accounts. In addition, flyers in English and Spanish were posted in the Community Service Building, the City Libraries, and the offices of service providers.

The public meetings included a summary of the Consolidated Plan purpose, description of the HUD programs administered by the City, a summary of the City's historical use of funds, and a summary of the Fair Housing Act. In addition, a resident survey was distributed to attendees.

The top needs discussed at the public meetings are detailed below and include economic development, infrastructure, and housing rehabilitation needs.

Housing Conditions and Rehabilitation. Participants mentioned the concern for current housing conditions. Participants were suggesting residents should receive free or low-cost home inspections to make sure the homes are safe to live in and up to code standards.

Infrastructure Improvements. Infrastructure improvements need to be made, especially neighborhood streets.

Economic Development. Participants mentioned the need for downtown improvements including bringing in new businesses, façade improvements, and creating pedestrian activity.

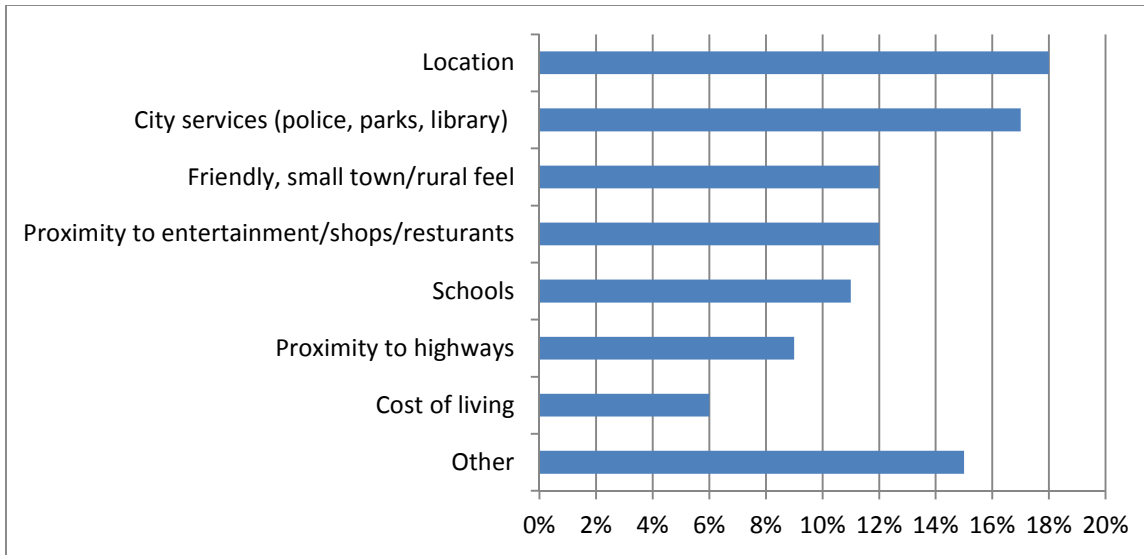
### Resident Survey

A survey was made available to the residents of the City of Mesquite during the month of March 2015. The survey was offered in English and Spanish asking about housing and community development needs in the City of Mesquite. A total of 55 residents responded to the survey. The English survey had 54 respondents (7 paper survey and 47 online) and the Spanish survey had one online respondent.

The survey represents the positions of voluntary participants and does not statistically represent the entire population. Survey results were benchmarked with the needs assessment and market analysis data to determine whether citizen concerns aligned with needs present.

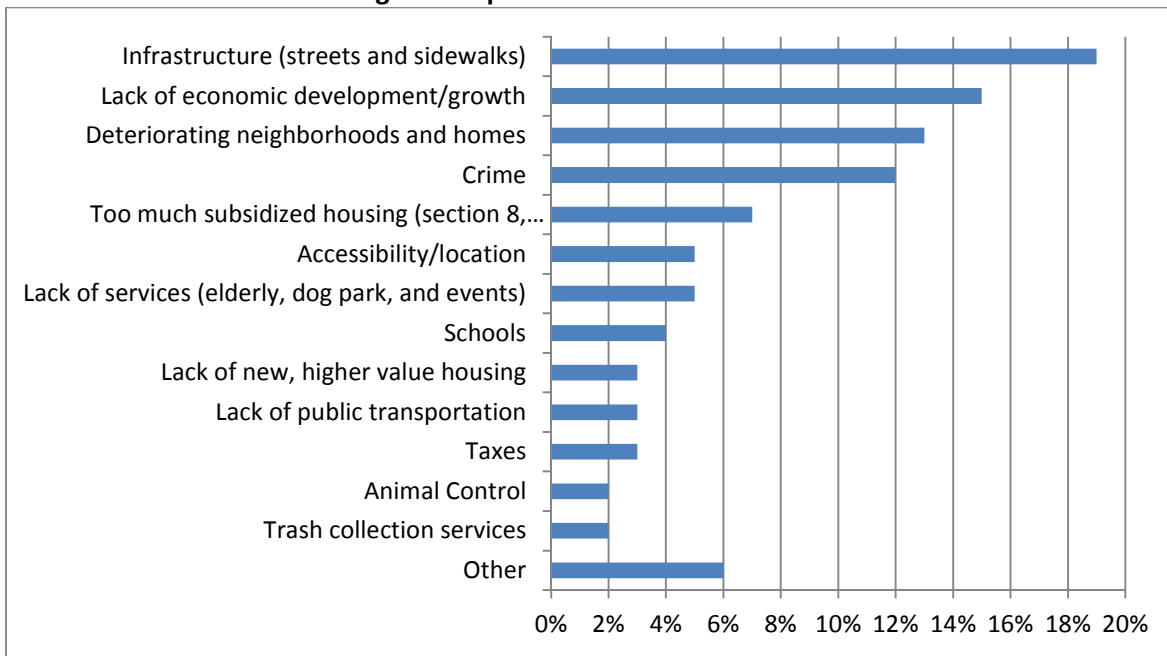
Living in Mesquite. Residents were asked what they liked best and least about living in Mesquite. Respondents were allowed to choose up to three reasons.

### Exhibit 1. Best thing about living in Mesquite



Source: City of Mesquite Resident Survey, 2015.

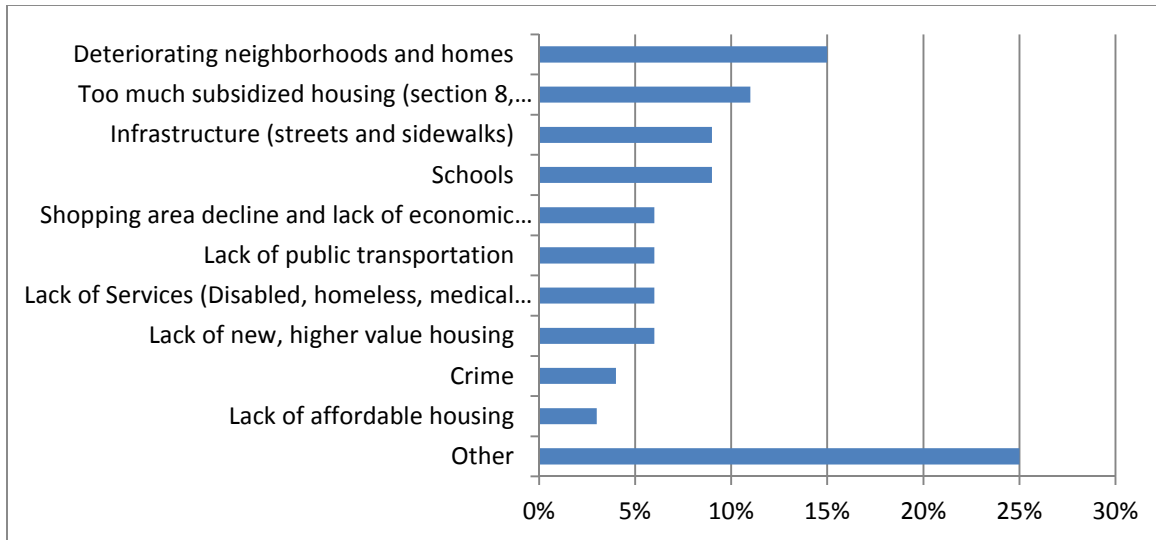
**Exhibit 2. Like least about living in Mesquite**



Source: City of Mesquite Resident Survey, 2015.

Barriers to housing and community development needs. Survey participants were asked to identify three of the greatest barriers Mesquite faces to meet housing and community development needs.

**Exhibit 3. Barriers to housing and community development**



Source: City of Mesquite Resident Survey, 2015.

How would you spend the federal grant dollars?

As part of the survey, participants were asked to prioritize and allocate the funding amount of potential HUD funded activities. The exhibit shows the results.

**Exhibit 4. How would you spend federal grant dollars?**

Activity	Sum of Responses	Percent
Infrastructure Improvement - Streets	\$ 7,471,856.53	19%
Police	\$ 4,708,848.53	12%
Infrastructure Improvement - Sidewalk and Lights	\$ 4,507,355.53	11%
Homeowner Repair	\$ 4,181,323.53	10%
Economic Development	\$ 3,415,883.53	9%
Senior Services	\$ 3,257,323.53	8%
Neighborhood Clean Up	\$ 2,403,823.53	6%
Health Services	\$ 1,691,823.53	4%
Homeless and Temporary Housing	\$ 1,672,323.53	4%
Code Enforcement	\$ 1,573,833.53	4%
Battered/Abused Spouses/Children	\$ 1,313,823.53	3%

Youth/Child Care Services	\$	3%
	1,141,823.53	
Services for the Disabled	\$	2%
	922,323.53	
Community Center	\$	2%
	781,823.53	
Homeownership	\$	2%
	629,823.53	
Housing Counseling	\$	0%
	163,323.53	
Other	\$	0%
	114,323.53	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>39,951,660.01</b>	

Source: City of Mesquite Resident Survey, 2015.

### Stakeholder Survey

A stakeholder survey was also distributed to both City staff and local service providers to gather information on housing and community development needs of the City of Mesquite. A total of 5 persons responded to the survey.

The stakeholder survey provided information about the housing, economic development, and other community development needs in the City of Mesquite. The information is summarized below.

#### Community and economic development needs and priorities.

- Improving neighborhoods through addressing blight and disrepair to make more aesthetically pleasing, improving streets, sale and rehab of foreclosed homes, and quality residential developments.
- Provide services for residents who suffer from hunger and domestic violence.
- Economic development through new commercial industry, improvements to Mesquite’s downtown, small business support, and infill development
- Develop cultural identity.

#### Housing needs and priorities of low and moderate income persons.

- Housing rehabilitation and maintenance. Participants would like to see maintenance of both owned and rental properties through code compliance and rehabilitations.
- Public transportation to homes, health care, and work places.
- Future housing should be quality
- Supportive services for low-income residents especially victims of domestic violence, medical care options, and those struggling with long-term housing.

#### Special Needs population needs and priorities.

- Coordinated Intake system for services in Mesquite

- Transportation to health care facilities, support programs, community centers, public offices, shop centers, and work.
- Group living opportunities
- Services for victims of domestic violence including transportation, childcare, housing, and counseling.

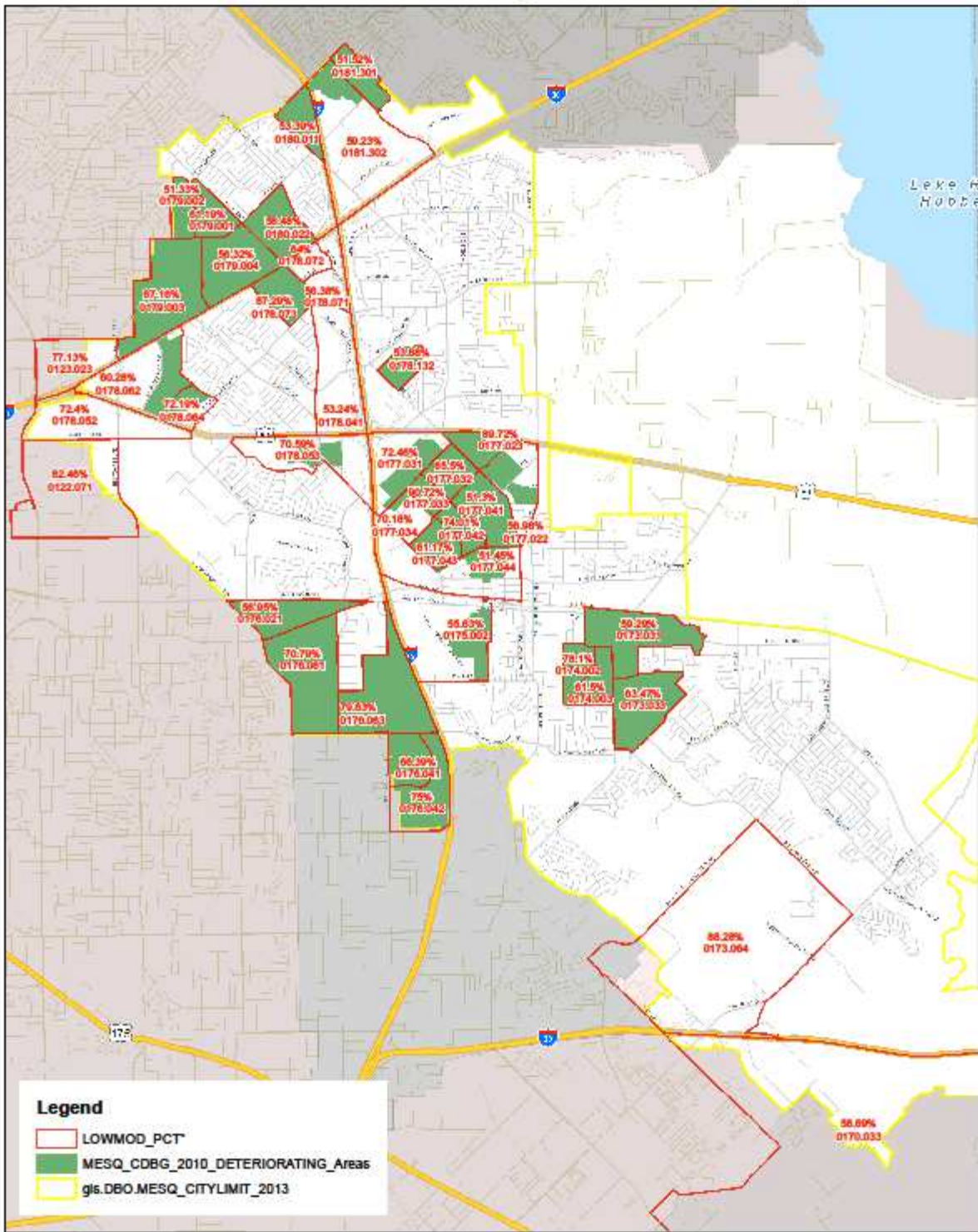
### **Public Meetings**

Public comments were accepted at two public hearings on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan which were held during City Council meetings on June 15, 2015 and August 3, 2015. One request for increased funding for domestic violence victims was received.

The City of Mesquite accepted public comments in person or by mail for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan Drafts during the 30 day comment period occurring from June 15, 2015 to July 14, 2015. No comments were received.

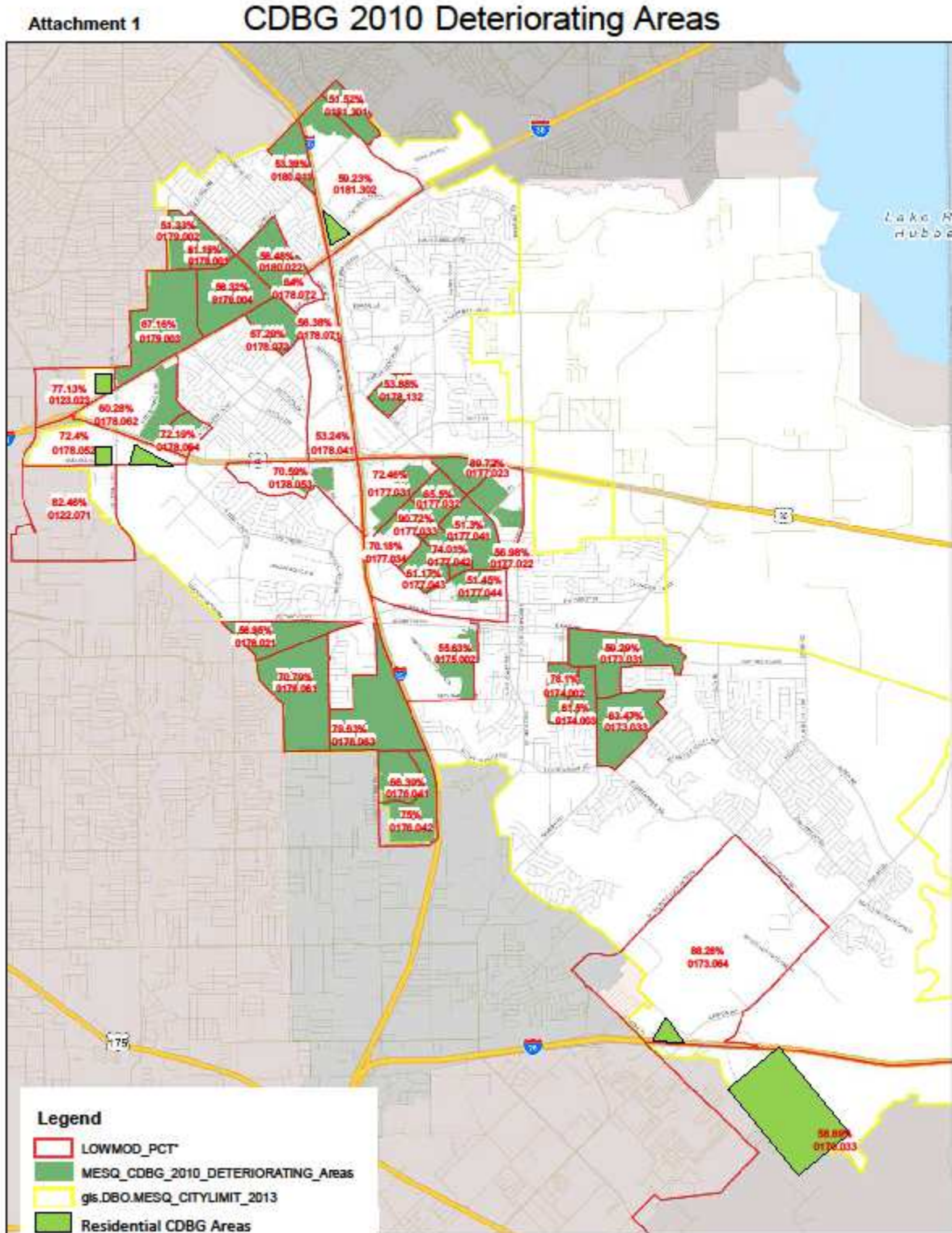
ATTACHMENT C: CODE ENFORCEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT MAP

Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development



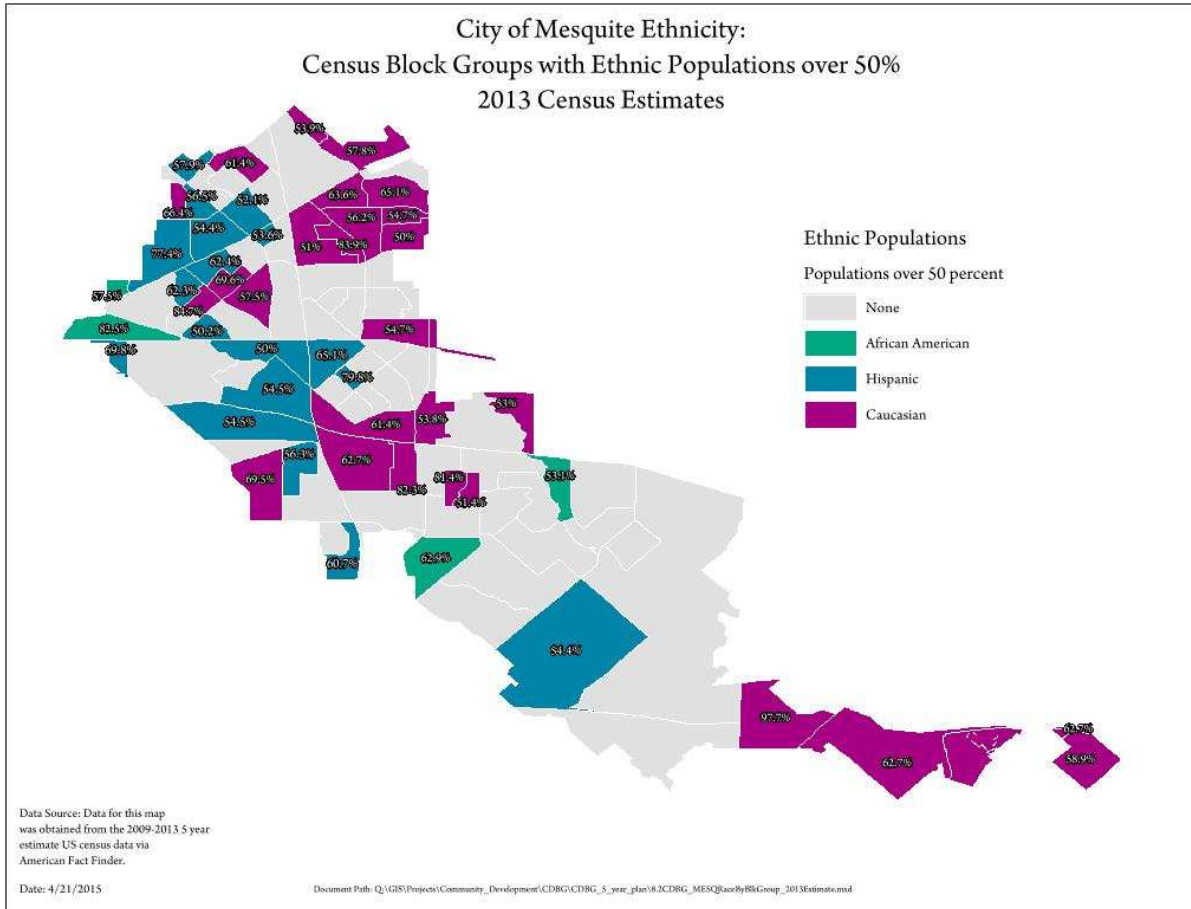


ATTACHMENT D: PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING MAP





Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources



<b>1</b>	<b>Data Source Name</b> HUD FMR
	<b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
	<b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b> HUD designated Fair Market Rent, High HOME Rent, and Low HOME Rent.
	<b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b>
	<b>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</b>
	<b>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</b> PY2014
	<b>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</b>