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Executive Summary

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), “On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) (“McKinney-Vento”); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4) above.”

The City of Irving developed this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (“Plan”) in accordance with Notice CPD-21-10 issued by HUD on September 13, 2021. The Plan was developed over the course of six months from October 2022 through March 2023. During this planning effort, the city engaged with local and regional social services providers, representatives of public agencies, local small business owners, non-profit housing developers, city residents, and other stakeholders to develop an understanding of the needs of individuals and families who may be served with HOME-ARP funds and the social services currently being provided to such individuals and families. Using stakeholder insight coupled with a review of available quantitative data, the City identified gaps in the housing inventory and social services delivery system and designated the highest priority needs for each of the qualifying populations.

Based on a review of these priority needs, the Irving City Council elected to target a substantial portion of its HOME-ARP expenditures on acquiring and developing a non-congregate shelter, which will be the first year-round emergency shelter located in Irving that serves the general population of individuals and families residing in Irving. Additional HOME-ARP funding is dedicated for eligible social services and for administration and planning.

Consultation & Public Participation

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

Summary of Consultation Process and Public Participation Process

The City of Irving engaged in a 6-pronged approach to seek and obtain meaningful feedback from agencies and service providers, along with members of the public. Efforts were made to obtain feedback from populations who are least likely to participate in a community engagement process, including persons currently experiencing homelessness.

Via this 6-pronged approach, the City of Irving made meaningful efforts to engage:

- CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area,
- homeless service providers,
- domestic violence service providers,
- veterans' groups,
- public housing agencies (PHAs),
- public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and
- public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

The six methods of outreach were:

1. **HOME-ARP Survey** - The City of Irving designed a two-part HOME-ARP survey that sought input from city residents and local social services providers. The HOME-ARP survey was open from October 18 through November 18, 2022. The City of Irving received 810 responses to the survey.

The HOME-ARP survey was deployed via SurveyMonkey. SurveyMonkey was selected as the online survey platform because it has a clean, functional user interface for desktop, tablet and mobile device users. Using a platform that functioned well on cell phones was important, since many low-income individuals and families may not have access to a desktop computer.

The City advertised the survey on its website, social media channels, and via the city newspaper, the *Irving City Spectrum* (printed and electronic versions). Flyers were shared electronically with local service providers and were hand-delivered to local libraries. Printed copies of the survey were made available at town hall meetings.

The first part of the survey was open to all respondents and consisted of questions that asked respondents to: (1) provide information on the experiences that shaped their understanding of homelessness, (2) provide feedback regarding the drivers of homelessness in Irving and (3) prioritize the eligible HOME-ARP activities.

Additionally, if respondents indicated that they "currently work or volunteer for an organization that provides services to people experiencing homelessness or to people who are at risk of becoming homeless," these respondents were asked to answer an additional set of questions. The additional questions were designed to collect information about the services that local agencies

were currently providing in Irving as well as the populations that they serve. Furthermore, these questions asked service providers to prioritize the affordable housing and social service needs of qualifying populations, to identify the gaps in the shelter/housing inventory and in the social services delivery system, and to prioritize eligible HOME-ARP activities.

2. **Town Hall Meetings** – The City of Irving held two town-hall style meetings on the following dates:
 - a. Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 12pm – Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St.
 - b. Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6pm – Irving City Hall. 825 W. Irving Blvd.
3. **Public Comment Period and Public Hearings** – The City of Irving opened the public comment period on January 23, 2023 and accepted comments through February 22, 2023. A link to the full draft of the HOME-ARP Plan was included on the City’s website and printed copies of the plan were available for review at Irving City Hall and the South Irving Library. The full draft of the plan included: (1) the amount of HOME-ARP that Irving will receive, and (2) the range of activities that Irving may undertake. During the public comment period, the City of Irving held 1 public hearing at Irving City Hall to consider public comments regarding the HOME-ARP Plan. This public hearing was held on February 15, 2023 during a meeting of the Housing and Human Services Board. Notice of the public comment period and public hearing was published in the *Irving Rambler* on January 21, 2023 and a link to the draft of the plan was included in the January 2023 issue of the *Irving City Spectrum*. Copies of the public notice are included in Appendix A.
4. **City Council Briefings and Meetings** – The Irving City Council received two public briefings regarding the HOME-ARP Plan and the Council’s Community Services Committee received an additional briefing. On December 8, 2022, the City Council was briefed on the HOME-ARP planning process. On January 12, 2023, the Council’s Community Service Committee was briefed on the initial draft of the HOME-ARP Plan. Later, on February 23, 2023, the City Council was briefed on the final draft of the HOME-ARP Plan. At the March 9, 2023 City Council meeting, the Irving City Council adopted the final HOME-ARP Plan.
5. **One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations** – The City of Irving conducted 20 consultations with local and regional service providers, representatives of various city departments, advocacy organizations, and local leaders during the months of October 2022 through January 2023.
6. **Focus Group with Persons Currently Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness** – During the month of December 2022, the City held one focus group meeting at *Bear Creek Church/Many Helping Hands/Helping Around Town* – a day shelter for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Clients were invited to discuss their housing and service needs, provide feedback regarding gaps in the housing/service delivery system, and provide input on funding priorities. Four currently unsheltered homeless persons and two service provider representatives attended the meeting.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - List the organizations consulted:

Table 1: Organizations Consulted

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Required Consultations			
Housing Forward	CoC serving Irving	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Crisis Ministries	Homeless service provider	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Christ Church Irving (Engaging Homelessness Ministry)	Homeless service provider	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Many Helping Hands	Homeless service provider	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Level Pathways	Homeless service provider	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Roger Velazquez/Former Homeless Outreach Case Manager	Homeless service provider	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Helen's Project	Homeless service provider	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Brighter Tomorrows	Domestic violence service provider	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Montrel Living	Veteran's group	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Dallas Housing Authority	Public housing agency (PHA)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Irving Independent School District	Public agency that addresses the needs of QPs	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Irving Family Advocacy Center	Public agency that addresses the needs of QPs	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Irving Police Department - Homeless Outreach Team	Public agency that addresses the needs of QPs	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations</i>
Metrocare Services/Dallas Aging and Disability Resource Center	Public agency that addresses the needs of QPs	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Irving Public Library	Public agency that addresses the needs of QPs	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
North Texas Fair Housing Center	Public or private organization that addresses fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Additional Consultations			
Irving Community Action Network (ICAN)	Non-profit organization (advocacy)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Housing Channel	Non-profit organization (housing developer)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Bear Creek Community Development Corporation	Non-profit organization (housing developer)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Irving Cares	Non-profit organization (service provider)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Salvation Army	Non-profit organization (service provider)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
All Things Made New	Non-profit organization (service provider)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Society of St. Vincent DePaul	Non-profit organization (service provider)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Visiting Nurse Association of N. Texas	Non-profit organization (service provider)	One-on-one consultation	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Community Council of Greater Dallas	Non-profit organization (service provider)	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
League of Women Voters	Non-profit organization (advocacy)	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Islamic Center of Irving	Non-profit organization (service provider)	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Services of Hope	Non-profit organization (service provider)	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Irving Bible Church	Non-profit organization (service provider)	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>
Amoud Foundation	Non-profit organization (service provider)	Town hall meeting	See <i>Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations - Town Hall Meetings</i>

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

Summary of Feedback Received and Results of Upfront Consultations

The feedback received from consultations has been incorporated into the analysis and strategies discussed throughout this plan. Below are brief summaries of the feedback that was received during each manner of consultation.

HOME-ARP Survey – Questions Posed to all Respondents

The first question in the survey was designed to gauge the varying experiences that shaped respondents' understanding of homelessness. Respondents were allowed to select all responses that applied.

Approximately 8% of respondents indicated that they were either currently experiencing homelessness or had experienced homelessness in the past (2.2% currently experiencing homelessness and 5.8% previously experienced homelessness). Roughly 9% of respondents reported that they were currently at risk of experiencing housing instability or had experienced housing instability in the past – including facing eviction, foreclosure, or some other kind of forced move (2.96% currently at-risk and 5.56% previously experienced housing instability). An additional 5.06% of respondents had previously been forced to leave their home due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

A larger share of respondents (13.83%) indicated that, while they had not personally experienced homelessness or housing instability, someone close to them was currently experiencing homelessness or has previously experienced homelessness or housing instability, including fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking.

Finally, the vast majority of respondents indicated that they had observed visible signs of homelessness, including observing homeless encampments or persons sleeping outside.

Respondents were provided with the list of HOME-ARP eligible activities and were asked whether they agreed that the City of Irving should spend funding on the activity. The eligible activities received the following support: Social services (85% of respondents said funding should be spent on this activity), operational and capacity-building support for non-profits (75%), develop affordable housing (64%), and purchase and remodel a building that will serve as a "non-congregate" shelter (60%).

Respondents were invited to share written comments after each question. The following themes arose in the written comments:

Visible Homelessness

- Increasing number of unsheltered homeless persons
- Increasing number of encampments; increasing health and public safety concerns

- Increasing numbers of persons who are panhandling & increased locations where people panhandle

“Invisible” Homelessness

- Personal stories about taking-in friends or family who had nowhere to live; letting people stay in garage
- Personal stories from teachers where their students mentioned living in a motel or keeping all of their food in an ice chest
- Personal stories from adults whose children had friends that were kicked out of their homes and had to couch surf
- Personal stories of observing people use City recreation centers and gas station restrooms for personal hygiene activities

Factors that Contribute to Homelessness

- Drug addiction and mental illness are primary reasons why people become homeless
- Many people are homeless by choice
- Rents are increasing rapidly and people can’t keep up

Thoughts on Service Delivery System

- Services should focus on sustainable solutions that provide a path off the streets and ultimately lead to independence for those who want the assistance.
- The City does not need homeless shelters/more low rent residences
- The City needs day shelters/emergency shelters
- Non-profits and churches should provide services, not the local government
- It is very common for multiple organizations to be duplicating services and not communicating with each other or with local government

Questions Posed Only to Service Providers

Survey respondents who indicated that they either worked or volunteered for a social services organization were asked to answer additional questions related to the needs and gaps in the social services delivery system and the affordable housing inventory in Irving.

Nearly 90% of respondents indicated that the organization for which they worked or volunteered serves people experiencing homelessness, while 63% said their organization serves persons at risk of experiencing homelessness; 50% said their organization serves people fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; 50% said their organization serves other at-risk populations; and 38% said their organization serves veterans.

Respondents indicated that their organizations provide a range of services and distribution of resources, including: hot/cold meals, groceries, clothing, hygiene products, emergency financial assistance, counseling, mentoring, and upskilling/job skills training. A smaller subset of respondents also served as direct housing providers – either by administering emergency rental assistance, recruiting host families, developing affordable housing, or operating emergency/inclement shelters.

Respondents were provided with the list of HOME-ARP eligible activities and were asked to prioritize the activities. The eligible activities that received the strongest support were: acquisition and

development of non-congregate shelter (highest priority for 30% of respondents), development of affordable housing (26%) and supportive services (25%).

Respondents were also provided with the list of HOME-ARP eligible social services and were asked to prioritize the services. The services that received the strongest support were: childcare, meals or groceries (highest priority for 32% of respondents), financial assistance (21%), job readiness/job skills training (18%) and life skills training (17%).

Finally, respondents were asked about the feasibility of developing a non-congregate shelter and were asked to prioritize various types of affordable rental housing development. Respondents indicated that they thought it would be most feasible to convert an existing hotel/motel to a non-congregate shelter, rather than build a new structure. Respondents also prioritized the development of new permanent supportive housing units and the development or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental units.

One-on-One Stakeholder Consultations – Twenty one-on-one stakeholder interviews were conducted with representatives from the City of Irving, local and regional non-profit service providers including a veteran’s service organization, and affordable housing developers. The feedback from these consultations is incorporated throughout this plan. Below are themes that arose from these consultations:

Collaboration & Leadership

- Irving Community Action Network – serves as convener of 50+ local non-profits (focused on poverty prevention/intervention, not just homelessness)
- There is a need for public, not-profit and/or private leadership specifically related to homelessness
- Churches & non-profits collaborate well to provide inclement shelter beds
- Different philosophies – serve people’s immediate needs vs. serve clients who are focused on exiting homelessness

Acute shortage of affordable housing

- Extended stay motels are full
- Calls for assistance are increasing but most non-profits are out of emergency rental assistance funding and emergency funding for hotel vouchers
- There are no more “second-chance” housing complexes left in the City
- There are very few low-income housing units

Funding & Compliance

- Families often can’t provide all documents required for eligibility for assistance
- Non-profits don’t have expertise or capacity to report data in HMIS
- Documentation requirements are burdensome and/or change midstream
- Non-profits used to receive training and pitch ideas (“ShareTank”), but it no longer occurs

Focus Group Session – One focus group session was held at the day shelter operated at Bear Creek Church by the agency Many Helping Hands. Four adult males attended, all of whom were unsheltered homeless persons. Two female social services agency representatives also participated; one of the representatives was a formerly homeless person. Some of the key observations voiced by the participants were:

- **Pathway to Homelessness** – Participants said that, for people with limited financial means, “one bad event” – including injury, job loss, and divorce – can cause a cascading series of repercussions that ultimately result in a person’s loss of stable housing. Participants noted that members of the general public often believe that people become homeless due to untreated mental illness and/or substance abuse. However, in their experience, untreated mental illness and/or substance abuse is often a reason why people *remain chronically* homeless, but is not the leading reason why they become homeless in the first place.
 - Participants said that, as a broad generalization, there are three types of persons who remain chronically homeless: (1) persons with severe untreated mental illness and/or substance abuse or persons who “don’t want to do anything in life,” (2) persons who want to find stable housing but don’t know how to “take the next step,” and (3) persons who want to find stable housing and who know how to “take the next step,” but don’t have access to the resources that will help them find and maintain stable housing.
- **Barriers to Exiting Homelessness** - Three out of the four unsheltered homeless persons said that they either regularly work or are actively seeking to work. (The remaining participant was permanently disabled, but his monthly disability payment was not sufficient to allow him to afford stable housing.) Participants identified the following barriers that have prevented them from maintaining employment:
 - Many emergency shelters require participants to line up for a bed sometime in the mid-afternoon and to leave the shelter in the early morning hours (as early as 6am). Such shelter schedules do not align with the needs of people who work unpredictable hours or the night shift. Likewise, although several shelters have modified entrance requirements for people who are employed, it can be difficult for persons to meet the shelter’s job documentation requirements – especially if they are day laborers or “gig” workers.
 - Many social services providers operate during limited daytime hours – therefore, if an unsheltered person is working but still needs assistance finding food or obtaining counseling, they have to “choose between a job or food.”
 - It is difficult to maintain employment when you are unsheltered for the following reasons: (1) employers often require workers to wear a uniform or clean clothes, but it can be difficult for unsheltered homeless persons to access free showers and laundry services outside working hours; (2) jobs are often not located close to public transportation, which requires participants to walk to work (often more than one hour) and (3) employers often require paychecks to be deposited via direct deposit, but unsheltered homeless persons often are turned away from opening a bank account because they do not have a permanent address.

- **Emergency shelters** – Participants were asked to describe their experience with emergency shelters. All of the participants voiced the opinion that some emergency shelters are operated in a manner that dehumanizes their clients. For example, participants said that one Dallas-based shelter only changes the sheets on its beds once per week instead of changing the sheets each time a new client is assigned to the bed.
- **Needs and Gaps in the Housing and Service Delivery System** – Participants said the following regarding the availability of services and housing:
 - **Services Regularly Available in Irving**
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Day-time showers
 - Tents and sleeping bags (although most agencies will only provide these once per year)
 - Primary care services (through the Parkland mobile van)
 - Government-issued identification
 - **Unmet Needs/Gaps in Irving**
 - Life skills
 - Counselors
 - Mental health treatment
 - Night-time showers
 - Day center/Respite center (open daily with extended hours)
 - Dental services
 - Banking services (since traditional banks require a mailing address)
 - Affordable housing units
- **Suggestions for Improvement** - Participants suggested that the City of Irving provide the following services:
 - Create a jobs program that pays unsheltered homeless persons on a daily basis to pick-up trash or clean out cages at the animal shelter.
 - Provide portable restrooms (port-a-potties) that are wheel-chair accessible in designated locations so that unsheltered homeless persons can manage their bodily functions with dignity and so that they do not have to resort to using fast-food or gas station restrooms.
 - Provide lockers for unsheltered homeless persons so that they can work or obtain services without worrying about theft of their personal belongings.
 - Create an encampment decommissioning policy for the entire DFW region that requires local governments to provide multiple notices to unsheltered homeless persons and service providers prior to closing the encampment. Also require workers to put personal belongings – such as tents and sleeping bags – in trash cans so that they can be retrieved by service providers.

Town Hall Meetings – The first town hall meeting was held at Heritage Senior Center, a city-owned building in South Irving. Approximately 68 people attended the meeting. The majority of attendees were representing social services organizations and, therefore, attendees had numerous questions about HOME-ARP, including the definitions of qualifying populations and eligible activities.

The second town hall meeting was held at Irving City Hall. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting; the majority of attendees were local residents who were not representing an organization. Many of the attendees voiced concerns about public safety issues related to people who were perceived to be homeless, including: (1) panhandling and sale of small items, such as flowers, at roadway intersections, (2) vandalization of businesses that refuse to allow homeless persons to use their restrooms or electrical outlets, and (3) homeless persons trespassing at local businesses and harassing employees and customers. Several attendees voiced the opinion that providing services to homeless individuals is a responsibility of local churches/non-profits and that government funds should not be used to address homelessness issues. Several attendees opined that any services provided to homeless individuals should give them a “hand up, not a handout.” A majority of the attendees voiced support for job skills and trade programs.

Summary of Public Participation Process and Comments Received

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- **Date(s) of public notice:** January 21, 2023
- **Public comment period:** Start date – January 23, 2023, End date – February 22, 2023
- **Date(s) of public hearing:** February 15, 2023

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe the public participation process:

The City of Irving initiated a 30-day public comment period on **Monday, January 23, 2023** and held one public hearing regarding a substantial amendment to the City of Irving’s FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to adopt a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Notice of the public comment and public hearing was published in the newspaper of general circulation, the *Irving Rambler*, on **January 21, 2023**.

The public hearing took place beginning at 6 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023** at Irving City Hall, First Floor, Council Room, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 during a meeting of the Housing and Human Services Board. Citizens wishing to speak at the public hearing were invited to individually sign the appropriate sign-in sheet for that purpose that was provided at the entrance of the meeting room prior to the start of the hearing. Each citizen was allotted three minutes to speak.

All facilities were wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking spaces were available. Requests for interpretation services or assistive hearing devices were required to be made 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Shanae Jennings, City Secretary, at (972) 721-2493 or (TDD) 800-RelayTx (1-800-735-2989) for assistance.

A draft of the HOME-ARP Plan was made available for public review and comment through February 22, 2023 on the City’s website at <https://www.cityofirving.org/581/Publications-and-Reports>. The draft was also available at the City of Irving’s Housing and Redevelopment Division, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 and South Irving Library, 601 Schulze Dr., Irving, Texas 75060.

Individuals, groups, and agencies were also invited to submit comments on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to the City of Irving, Housing and Redevelopment Division, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 or by email to dgierling@cityofirving.org.

All comments received by February 22, 2023 were considered by the City of Irving prior to City Council adoption of the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

City Council consideration of the adoption of the Substantial Amendment to the City's FY 2021 Annual Action Plan took place on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Irving City Hall, First Floor, Council Chamber, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

As discussed above, the City of Irving engaged in numerous efforts to broaden public participation prior to the release of the draft HOME-ARP Plan and after the draft was released for public comment. These efforts included: (1) a HOME-ARP survey, (2) town hall meetings, (3) a public comment period and public hearing, (4) City Council and Committee briefings, (5) one-on-one stakeholder consultations, and (6) a focus group with persons experiencing homelessness.

The City advertised the survey, town hall meetings, the public hearing, and the public comment period on its website, social media channels, and via the city newspaper, the *Irving City Spectrum* (printed and electronic versions). Flyers advertising the survey and town hall meetings were shared electronically with local service providers and were hand-delivered to local libraries. Printed copies of the survey were made available at town hall meetings and printed copies of the HOME-ARP Plan were made available at the City of Irving's Housing and Redevelopment Division, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 and South Irving Library, 601 Schulze Dr., Irving, Texas 75060.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

The City of Irving did not receive any written comments during the public comment period.

Five speakers spoke at the public hearing. Their comments are summarized below:

Topic – Non-Congregate Shelter

- All speakers spoke in favor of using some or all of the HOME-ARP funding for development of a non-congregate shelter (NCS).
- One speaker had questions about how the site, developer, & program design for the NCS would be selected.

Topic – Social Services

- Several speakers encouraged the City to use a portion of HOME-ARP funds to provide social services.
- Speakers voiced the opinion that it is important to fund activities that could be deployed in the "long-term" and "short term." These speakers noted that social services could be funded & operationalized quickly, while development of a NCS may take several years.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

All comments and recommendations were incorporated into the Plan.

Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis

Introduction

As part of the HOME-ARP planning process, HUD requires jurisdictions such as the City of Irving to evaluate the size and demographic composition of all four of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. In addition, according to HUD, the City of Irving must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A jurisdiction should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

***Continuum of Care (CoC):** A regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.*

Table 2 displays data from the 2021 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for the Dallas City & County, Irving Continuum of Care (CoC), which is the CoC that serves the City of Irving. According to HUD, the HIC tallies the number of beds and units available on the night designated for the count by program type, and includes beds dedicated to serve persons who are homeless as well as persons in Permanent Supportive Housing. The beds and units displayed in Table 1 are located throughout the geography of the CoC – very few are actually located within the City of Irving. As discussed below, only one domestic violence shelter (Brighter Tomorrows) provides year-round emergency shelter beds and transitional housing units in Irving.

Table 3 displays data specifically related to the City of Irving. The “Current Inventory” columns display data related to the housing beds/units provided by Brighter Tomorrows. The “Homeless Population” columns provide an estimate of the homeless population and subpopulations in Irving based on several public datasets and insight provided by service providers. The “Gap Analysis” columns provide estimates of the number of additional shelter beds and units that are needed to adequately serve the existing homeless population in Irving. The method used to calculate the homeless population is discussed in further detail in the subsequent pages.

Table 2: Housing Inventory Count

Housing Inventory Count for Dallas City & County, Irving CoC									
	Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing	Emergency Shelter	Safe Haven	Transitional Housing	Permanent Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Rapid Re-Housing	Other Permanent Housing	Grand Total
Family Units	269	155	0	114	532	173	199	160	801
Family Beds	828	424	0	404	1577	446	658	473	2405
Adult-Only Beds	1474	1114	46	314	2000	1523	450	27	3474
Child-Only Beds	208	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	208
Total Year-Round Beds	2510	1746	46	718	3577	1969	1108	500	6087
Seasonal	1363	1363	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1363
Overflow/ Voucher	30	30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
Subset of Total Bed Inventory	Chronic Beds	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1066	n/a	n/a	1066
	Veteran Beds	169	78	21	70	882	150	0	1201
	Youth Beds	304	208	0	96	30	39	0	373

Table 3: Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	16	6	4	4	0								
Transitional Housing	25	8	0	0	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Sheltered Homeless						34	14	0	23				
Unsheltered Homeless						91	136	4	50				
Current Gap										84	28	146	146

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

Size and Demographics of Qualifying Population

Homeless Persons as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Defining Sheltered and Unsheltered Homelessness - Before discussing how the City of Irving estimated its sheltered and unsheltered homeless population for purposes of Table 2, it is important to clarify that the persons who are counted during the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count are only those individuals and families who meet the definition of “homeless” as defined in paragraphs (1) through (4) of Section 103(a) of Subtitle 1 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento), which is codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 24 C.F.R. § 91.5. Persons who exclusively qualify as “at-risk” of homelessness per McKinney-Vento or children or youth who meet the expanded definition of “homeless children and youths” per Section 725 of McKinney-Vento are not included in the PIT Count.

The PIT Count uses the following definitions of “sheltered” and “unsheltered”:

Sheltered Homeless People - *An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals).*

Unsheltered Homeless People - *An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.*

(Source: HUD, Point-in-Time Methodology Guide (2014), last accessed on Nov. 29, 2022 at <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/PIT-Count-Methodology-Guide.pdf>)

Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless - Family Household (with at least one child) – The City of Irving estimated the size and demographic composition of this population by examining trends in the Point-in-Time Count (2019-2022), the Texas Education Agency Student Program and Special Population Report (2021-2022), and data provided by local social services providers.

Point in Time Count – During the most recent (2022) Point in Time (PIT) Count, there were no unsheltered or sheltered homeless families with children that were counted in Irving. In fact, over the past four years of PIT Counts, (2019-2022), there were no unsheltered homeless families with children that were counted and there were only 7 sheltered families that were counted (2021.)

However, nearly all stakeholders who were consulted regarding the PIT Count stated the belief that the PIT Count drastically underestimates the number of unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons living in Irving. This undercounting may be especially acute for unsheltered homeless families with children because it is very rare for them to stay in known homeless encampments – which are the areas where volunteers for the PIT Count are most likely to visit on the night of the count. Instead, as explained by the service providers who were consulted, an unsheltered homeless family with children – which is usually a single mother with one or more children – is most likely to be living in their car. Because the family is living in a car, they are not likely to be identified and counted during the PIT Count.

Therefore, the data on homeless students collected by the Texas Education Agency is likely to paint a more accurate picture of the number of homeless families living in Irving. However, it is important to note that the McKinney-Vento Section 725 definition of homelessness (which is used to categorize homelessness in the elementary and secondary school setting) defines homelessness more broadly than the HUD definition of homelessness that is used for the PIT Count. Therefore, children who are “sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason” or are “living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations” are categorized as “homeless” in Texas Education Agency reports, but they would not necessarily be counted as “homeless” during the PIT Count.

Texas Education Agency Data – Three separate public school districts serve school-aged children living within the City of Irving. These school districts are the Irving Independent School District (ISD), the Coppell ISD and the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. Irving ISD’s boundaries cover most of the geography of the City of Irving.

The Texas Education Agency Student Program and Special Population Report (2021-2022) indicates that 584 students attending Irving ISD were reported as being homeless. Coppell ISD reported 11 homeless students and Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD reported 441 homeless students. The Project P.A.S.S. (Program for Assisting Students in School) coordinator for the Irving ISD estimated that the number of homeless students in Irving ISD has fluctuated between approximately 600-1000 students over the past few years.

Service Provider Insight - Many of the service providers who were consulted during the development of this plan helped to administer emergency rental assistance funding that was funded through allocations of federal pandemic-relief funding. The service providers noted that this emergency funding, along with eviction moratoriums, helped prevent many families with children from becoming homeless because it paid for back rent or helped families pay for the costs of moving into a new unit. Some, but not all, local service providers have access to alternative (but limited) funding sources that allow them to pay for short-term hotel stays (2-3 nights) for families with children who are at risk of homelessness, with the hope that the family can quickly identify an alternative housing plan – such as identifying family members or friends with whom they could stay.

However, now that funding for emergency rental assistance has dwindled and emergency eviction moratoriums have expired, numerous local service providers indicated that they are receiving an increased volume of calls from homeless families with children who are seeking emergency

housing assistance because they have recently been evicted. Many of these families have already begun living in their cars. Service providers stated that they are hearing that landlords are becoming more aggressive with their eviction practices because, once a unit is vacated, the landlord can often lease the unit at a substantially higher rental rate. A local service provider that works with homeless families noted that families with children are especially vulnerable to eviction because “landlords don’t like kids – especially teenagers,” and will use a teenager’s violation of curfew rules or other community rules as a reason to evict the family.

All of the service providers who were consulted about family homelessness indicated that they believe family homelessness will continue to increase in Irving due to aggressive eviction tactics, rapidly rising rents, and lack of affordable childcare.

Prior to the start of the in-person Focus Group Meeting at Bear Creek Church/Many Helping Hands/Helping Around Town, a family of 5 persons (mother, father, 6-year old, 4-year old, and an infant) arrived at the church. They were seeking assistance because they were homeless and sleeping in their car. The father was a truck driver who had recently been unable to work due to an injury. He had recovered from his injury but was afraid to get “back on the road” until his family had a safe place to stay. He also needed two replacement tires for his truck so that it was safe to drive. Many Helping Hands and Helping Around Town worked to secure funding for a week’s hotel stay and 2 new tires for the father’s truck.

Final estimate – Therefore, based on the Texas Education Agency data indicating that approximately 600-1000 homeless students attend Irving ISD, and using Census data indicating an average household size in Irving of approximately 3 persons, this plan estimates that there are approximately 250 homeless families with children living in Irving.

However, since the McKinney-Vento Section 725 definition of homelessness includes families that are doubled-up or who are staying in hotel/motels without a housing voucher, we estimate that approximately half of homeless families are not considered unsheltered or sheltered homeless families per HUD’s definition. The remaining half of families (125 families) are estimated to meet HUD’s definition of unsheltered or sheltered homelessness.

In order to estimate the share of homeless families who are sheltered during their experience with homelessness, we examined two data points – shelter/transitional housing inventory and service provider capability to provide emergency hotel vouchers. The Brighter Tomorrows Domestic Violence shelter is the only agency providing emergency shelter for victims currently fleeing domestic violence and/or sexual assault and transitional housing services in Irving. Per the Housing Inventory Count, they have the capacity to serve 5 families and 5 single women in their emergency shelter and 8 families in their transitional housing. Likewise, based on interviews with other local service providers who provide emergency funding for hotel stays, this plan estimates a local capacity to provide emergency hotel vouchers to approximately 20 families.

Based on this methodology, approximately 34 of 125 homeless families would likely be considered sheltered homeless families, while the remaining 91 are unsheltered.

Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless - Adult Household (without children) – The City of Irving estimated the size and demographic composition of this population by examining trends in the Point-in-Time Count (2019-2022), data provided by local social services providers, and “hotspot” data provided by the Irving Police Department.

Point in Time Count – During the most recent (2022) Point in Time (PIT) Count, there were 28 unsheltered adult households (with no children). Over the past four years of PIT Counts, (2019-2022), the number of unsheltered adult households (with no children) has ranged from a low of 22 to a high of 40 households.

PIT Count data for the number of sheltered adult households (with no children) was only available for 2021 and 2022. Prior to 2021, data for sheltered households living in Irving was not entered into the “Counting Us” application that serves as the basis for the PIT Count report. In 2021, there were 55 sheltered adult households (with no children) and in 2022 the number rose slightly to 59.

The City of Irving does not have any year-round emergency shelters or transitional housing for persons who are *not* fleeing domestic violence. However, over the past several years, 6-7 Irving-based churches have collaborated to provide emergency shelter space during inclement (cold) weather. In 2021, they were able to provide 85 emergency shelter beds for a total of 43 days during the winter months. Therefore, the vast majority of sheltered adult households (with no children) who were identified during the PIT Count were likely staying in inclement weather shelters. (Both the 2021 and 2022 PIT Counts occurred on days when the inclement shelters were operating.)

Service Provider Insight - Stakeholders noted that unsheltered homeless adults often sleep behind shopping centers or in drainage ditches. Sometimes, if the adults are able to earn money from day labor work or even permanent employment, they will stay in a hotel room for a few days in order to have a respite from sleeping outside. Many of the service providers who were consulted during the development of this plan stated the belief that the PIT Count undercounts the number of unsheltered homeless adults (without children).

The stakeholders who primarily serve unsheltered adults (with no children) stated that Irving’s unsheltered adult homeless population is growing. Key input included:

- Service providers that provide hot or cold meals to unsheltered homeless persons report that they serve between 30-60 people per day. This number has increased over the past decade, when both the number of service providers and the number of persons seeking services was lower.
- There is disagreement amongst service providers regarding how to characterize the residence of some of the unsheltered homeless persons who seek services in the City of Irving. Some service providers expressed the belief that unsheltered persons travel to Irving during the day to receive the food, clothing, and other services provided in Irving, but then return to other cities, such as Dallas, to live. Other service providers noted that

when large homeless encampments are closed in Dallas, unsheltered persons are “pushed out” to other cities, such as Irving.

Irving Police Department/Homeless “Hotspot” Locations – The Irving Police Department collects data from various city department and local non-profit organizations regarding the locations where unsheltered homeless persons have been reported to reside or to congregate during the day. City departments that provide data include the Fire Department, Code Enforcement Department, and Housing and Redevelopment Division. The list of “hotspots” currently includes 141 distinct locations throughout the City. Not every hotspot is occupied on a regular basis.

Final estimate – Therefore, based on the PIT Count data from the past 5 years along with stakeholder estimations on the number of clients who are served, and police department data regarding “hotspots,” this plan estimates that there are approximately 150 homeless adults (without children) living in Irving on any given day.

In order to estimate the share of homeless adults (without children) who are sheltered during their experience with homelessness, we examined two data points – shelter/transitional housing inventory and service provider capability to provide emergency hotel vouchers. As discussed earlier, the Brighter Tomorrows Domestic Violence shelter is the only agency providing emergency shelter and transitional housing services in Irving. Per the Housing Inventory Count, they have the capacity to serve 4 single adults in their emergency shelter and no single adults in their transitional housing. Likewise, based on interviews with local service providers, this plan estimates a local capacity to provide emergency hotel vouchers to approximately 10 adults without children; since anecdotally, service providers prioritize using their limited emergency financial assistance to serve families rather than single adults. This plan does not take into account any inclement shelter beds that may be available because they are seasonal.

Based on this methodology, approximately 14 of 150 homeless adults (without children) would likely be considered sheltered homeless persons, while the remaining 136 are unsheltered.

Demographics – Unsheltered Population

In the most recent PIT Count report where demographic data was available (2021), the demographics of the unsheltered adult population were as follows:

Table 4: Demographics of Unsheltered Population

Total Persons	29
Adults (18+)	29
Children (Under 18)	0
Unknown Age	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0
Young Adults (18-24)	4
Female	5
Male	24
Transgender	0
Chronically Homeless	1
Veterans	0

Race and Ethnicity of Unsheltered Adults (*no children were identified as being unsheltered*)

- Hispanic/Latino – 4
- Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino – 17
- White – 15
- Black or African American – 10
- Asian – 0
- American Indian or Alaska Native - 0
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 1
- Multiple Races – 1

Race and Ethnicity of Unsheltered Youths

- Hispanic/Latino – 0
- Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino – 4
- White – 0
- Black or African American – 3
- Asian – 0
- American Indian or Alaska Native - 0
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 1
- Multiple Races - 1

Ethnicity data was not collected for 8 persons and race was not collected for one person.

Demographics – Sheltered Population

In the most recent PIT Count report where demographic data was available (2021), the demographics of the sheltered population were as follows:

Table 5: Demographics of Sheltered Population

Total Persons	83
Adults (18+)	63
Children (Under 18)	20
Unknown Age	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0
Young Adults (18-24)	4
Female	26
Male	55
Transgender	0
Chronically Homeless	6
Veterans	6

Race and Ethnicity of Sheltered Adults and Children

- Hispanic/Latino – 20
- Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino – 23
- White – 42
- Black or African American – 36
- Asian – 0
- American Indian or Alaska Native - 1
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 0
- Multiple Races – 0

Race and Ethnicity of Sheltered Youths

- Hispanic/Latino – 2
- Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino – 0
- White – 3
- Black or African American – 0
- Asian – 0
- American Indian or Alaska Native - 0
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 0
- Multiple Races - 0

Ethnicity data was not collected for 39 persons and race was not collected for 2 persons.

Participants in the focus group meeting said that they are seeing a rising number of single adult females (without children) who are unsheltered as well as older persons. Service providers noted that the racial

demographics of Irving's population of unsheltered adults (with no children) are different than the overall demographics that are reported in the consolidated report for the CoC; namely that unsheltered Caucasian persons make up a higher percentage of Irving's homeless population.

[At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5](#)

The City of Irving estimated the size and demographic composition of this population by examining local real estate data, census data related to income and housing cost burdens, and data provided by local social services providers.

Rental Rates, Vacancy, and Eviction Data – Individuals and families who are extremely low-income often struggle to afford market rate rents, especially when they live in strong real estate markets. Over the past three years, the Irving apartment rental market has been very strong as evidenced by consistently rising rents and low vacancy rates.

Rental Rates - The City of Irving has two distinct commercial real estate submarkets related to apartment leasing – North Irving and South Irving. The average effective rents in these two submarkets are as follows:

- North Irving Average Asking Monthly Rent Per Unit in 2022: **\$1,492**
- South Irving Average Asking Monthly Rent Per Unit in 2022: **\$1,088**

Average asking rents for apartment units in North Irving have risen from \$854 in 2007 to \$1,492 in 2022, which is an increase of \$638 or nearly 75% over the past 15 years. Average asking rents for apartment units in South Irving have risen from \$663 in 2007 to \$1,088 in 2022, which is an increase of \$425 or 64% over the past 15 years.

Over the same time period, while average hourly earnings for private-sector workers in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA have risen, they have not kept pace with rising rents. Average hourly earnings rose from \$24.31 in 2007 to \$33.50 in 2022, which is an increase of approximately 38%.

Rising rental rates can hit low-income households especially hard because these households are less likely to have money saved up that they can use to cover the increased rental costs. Therefore, these households become vulnerable to evictions when rental rates rise.

Eviction Filings - The most recent Dallas County eviction data published by the North Texas Eviction Project indicates that there were 43,068 evictions filed from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023. This equates to a rate of 93 evictions filed per 1000 renters. The median filing amount (i.e. the amount the landlord alleges they are owed) was \$2,130.

Using Irving's asking rental rate of \$1,300 per month as a rough estimate of rents in Dallas County, the median filing amount suggests that landlords in Dallas County are filing evictions based on 2 months or less of rental delinquency.

Vacancy Rates - Rental unit vacancy rates in both markets are currently below 5%, indicating a high demand for rental units throughout the City.

- North Irving Apartment Vacancy Rate in 2022: **3.4%**
- South Irving Apartment Vacancy Rate in 2022: **2.6%**

Starting in 2011, vacancy rates in North Irving dipped below 5% and remained there through 2017. Vacancy rates rose slightly above 5% from 2018-2020 before again trending downwards and remaining below 5%. In South Irving, the apartment vacancy rate has remained below 3% since 2014.

When vacancy rates are low, there is less incentive for landlords to work with tenants who have fallen behind on their rent, since there is a strong likelihood that the landlord will be able to quickly lease the unit to a new tenant. Additionally, with the turnover in tenants, the landlord is often able to lease the unit at a higher monthly rate.

As discussed in the eviction section above, it appears that landlords are giving tenants very little opportunity to resolve rental delinquencies since they are filing for eviction after, on average, less than two months of delinquency. Low-income tenants who fall behind in their rent and are unable to resolve the delinquency are faced with two choices: (1) the renter can voluntarily leave their rental unit before the landlord obtains an order of eviction, which may result in the renter becoming homeless if they can't find another housing unit to lease or they are unable to stay with friends or family, or (2) the renter can stay housed for a slightly longer period of time and leave the rental unit only after the final eviction order has been entered. In the second instance, the renter's eviction record will make it more difficult for the renter to lease a conventional rental unit, since Irving's low vacancy rates allow landlords to choose to rent to only the most qualified tenants. Thus, renters with eviction records are highly susceptible to becoming homeless.

U.S. Census American Community Survey Data - The chart below uses 2015-2019 American Community Survey data to examine the population of renter-occupied housing units in Irving where the occupants reported being housing cost-burdened (i.e. spending more than 30% of their income on housing and related costs). The chart categorizes renters by their annual household income. The examination of data revealed that the number of renter-occupied housing units where the occupants reported being housing cost-burdened has increased significantly over the past decade, especially for renters earning incomes between \$20,000 - \$75,000 in annual income.

An estimated 20,089 renter-occupied housing units are occupied by cost-burdened renters and 11,903 of these rental units are occupied by households that earn less than \$35,000 per year.

Table 6: Housing Cost Burden Trends for Owners and Renters

Housing Cost Burdens - Owners and Renters				
	# of Housing Units	% of Housing Units	# of Housing Units	% of Housing Units
	2010		2020	
Total Housing Units	80,615		86,023	
Renter-occupied housing units:	48,716		53,578	
Less than \$20,000:	9,520		5,223	
Less than 20 percent	44	0.46%	80	1.53%
20 to 29 percent	223	2.34%	71	1.36%
30 percent or more	9,253	97.20%	5,072	97.11%
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	11,767		7,258	
Less than 20 percent	218	1.85%	38	0.52%
20 to 29 percent	3322	28.23%	389	5.36%
30 percent or more	8227	69.92%	6,831	94.12%
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	8721		9,178	
Less than 20 percent	1373	15.74%	191	2.08%
20 to 29 percent	5144	58.98%	3884	42.32%
30 percent or more	2204	25.27%	5,103	55.60%
\$50,000 to \$74,999:	9,549		12,281	
Less than 20 percent	4902	51.34%	2734	22.26%
20 to 29 percent	4275	44.77%	6876	55.99%
30 percent or more	372	3.90%	2671	21.75%
\$75,000 or more:	7,382		17,806	
Less than 20 percent	6356	86.10%	13,122	73.69%
20 to 29 percent	949	12.86%	4272	23.99%
30 percent or more	77	1.04%	412	2.31%
Zero or negative income	817		723	
No cash rent	960		1109	

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data – According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), each year it receives custom tabulations of American Community Survey (ACS) data from the U.S. Census Bureau. This data, known as the "CHAS" data (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy), demonstrate the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low-income households.

For the purposes of this plan, the CHAS data allows for an analysis of housing cost burden that is correlated to HAMFI – HUD Area Median Family Income. This is the median family income calculated by HUD for specific jurisdictions in order to determine Fair Market Rents (FMRs) and income limits for HUD programs and is also commonly referred to as “AMI.” The City of Irving is part of the Dallas, TX HUD Metro FMR Area, which contains the following areas: Collin County, TX; Dallas County, TX; Denton County, TX; Ellis County, TX; Hunt County, TX; Kaufman County, TX; and Rockwall County, TX. Households that earn less than 30% of AMI are considered “extremely low-income households.” Households that earn less than 50% of AMI are considered “very low-income households.” And households that earn less than 80% of AMI are considered “low-income households.”

The 2022 HUD Income Limits for the Dallas, TX HUD Metro FMR Area are included in the table below:

Table 7: 2022 HUD Income Limits

HUD Income Limits for the Dallas, TX HUD Metro FMR Area								
Income Limits	Persons in Family							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30% AMI	\$20,450	\$23,400	\$26,300	\$29,200	\$32,470	\$37,190	\$41,910	\$46,630
50% AMI	\$34,100	\$39,000	\$43,850	\$48,700	\$52,600	\$56,500	\$60,400	\$64,300
80% AMI	\$54,550	\$62,350	\$70,150	\$77,900	\$84,150	\$90,400	\$96,600	\$102,850

The CHAS data is reported at the household level. According to the Irving CHAS, there are 53,900 renter households living in Irving and 7,595 of those households earn less than 30% of AMI, which is \$29,200 for a household of four people. There are an additional 8,595 renter households who earn between 30% and 50% of AMI. Fifty percent of AMI for a household of four people is \$52,600.

Table 8: Income Distribution by HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI)

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)			
Income Distribution Overview	Owner	Renter	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	1,880	7,595	9,475
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	3,155	8,565	11,720
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	5,395	11,980	17,375
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	3,095	6,550	9,645
Household Income >100% HAMFI	17,860	19,210	37,070
Total	31,385	53,900	85,285

The CHAS provides detailed data on housing costs burdens. As discussed above related to the U.S. Census data, a household is considered “housing cost-burdened” when they are spending more than 30% of their income on housing and related costs. A household is considered “severely housing cost-burdened” when they are spending more than 50% of their income on housing and related costs. Extremely low-income

households that are spending more than half of their household income on housing are at the highest-risk of experiencing housing instability and homelessness, since they have the least ability to weather an economic shock such as an unexpected car repair, a reduction in work hours that leads to a loss of income, or a severe injury that leads to a permanent inability to earn an income.

The table below displays data on housing cost-burdens based on a renter household's reported AMI.

Table 9: Renter Income by Cost Burden

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)					
Income by Cost Burden (Renters only)	Cost burden > 30%	% of Total Renters	Cost burden > 50%	% of Total Renters	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	6,565	12.18%	5,590	10.37%	7,595
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	6,670	12.37%	1,780	3.30%	8,565
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	4,345	8.06%	340	0.63%	11,980
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	1,050	1.95%	15	0.03%	6,550
Household Income >100% HAMFI	160	0.30%	0	0.00%	19,210
Total	18,790	34.86%	7,725	14.33%	53,900

Slightly more than 12% of all renter households (6,665) can be characterized as having a household income that is less than 30% AMI and are *housing cost-burdened*. And slightly more than 10% of all renter households (5,590) can be characterized as having a household income that is less than 30% AMI and are *severely housing cost-burdened*.

The CHAS also asks respondents whether they are experiencing one or more of the following housing problems: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden greater than 30%. When comparing Table 8 (above) to Table 9 (below), it is evident that the vast majority of renters with incomes below 30% AMI are experiencing housing cost-burden, rather than any of the other 3 housing problems.

Table 10: Renter Income by Housing Problems

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)			
Income by Housing Problems (Renters only)	Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	6,615	980	7,595
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	7,305	1,260	8,565
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	5,405	6,575	11,980
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	1,740	4,815	6,550
Household Income >100% HAMFI	1,470	17,745	19,210
Total	22,530	31,370	53,900

Service Provider Insight – One of the larger local service providers reported that it receives approximately 120 calls per week from individuals and families seeking rental assistance, financial counseling, or utility assistance.

Persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as Defined by HUD in the Notice

The City of Irving estimated the size and demographic composition of this population by examining Texas Department of Public Safety data and data provided by local social services providers.

Texas Department of Public Safety - The Texas Department of Public Safety publishes an annual report of crime statistics reported by local law enforcement agencies. Below is a summary of data related to domestic/family violence, dating, violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, including the gender and age of victims.

Domestic/Family Violence ¹- According to the *Texas Crime Report for 2021* published by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Irving Police Department reported 2,258 incidents of family violence in 2021. This compares to 1,087 incidents reported in Grand Prairie; 2,126 incidents reported in Garland; and 1,269 incidents reported in Mesquite during the same time period. Between 2020 and 2021, incidents of family violence rose 8.1% across the state. Approximately 71% of family violence victims were female, and approximately 55% of all victims were between the ages of 24-39 years old.

Sexual Assault - According to the *Texas Crime Report for 2021*, the Irving Police Department reported 250 incidents of sexual assault in 2021. This compares to 56 incidents reported in Grand Prairie; 29 incidents reported in Garland; and 83 incidents reported in Mesquite during the same time period. Nearly 90% of sexual assault victims were female, and slightly more than 67% of all victims were under the age of 20 years old.

Human Trafficking - According to the *Texas Crime Report for 2021*, the Irving Police Department had the 8th highest reported incidents of human trafficking involving commercial sex acts² in the state. The Irving Police Department reported 8 instances of this form of human trafficking. Agencies reporting a similar number of incidents included the Arlington Police Department (11 incidents), the San Antonio Police Department (9 incidents) and the Lubbock Police Department (8 incidents.) Approximately 67% of human trafficking victims were female, and nearly 60% of all victims were between the ages of 15-24 years old.

Service Provider Insight – The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) regularly surveys domestic violence service providers across the state regarding the demographics, experiences, and needs of persons who have experienced domestic violence. In its most recent report titled *Creating a Safer Texas*, which was published in 2019, TCFV reported the following regarding the connection between domestic violence and housing instability:

¹ The Texas Family Code, Chapter 71.004, defines Family Violence as “an act by a member of a family or household against another member of the family or household that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, but does not include defensive measures to protect oneself.” The law includes abuse, defined as physical injury that results in substantial harm or genuine threat; sexual contact, intercourse, or conduct; or compelling or encouraging the child to engage in sexual conduct. The law excludes the reasonable discipline of a child. For Family Violence Reporting, the law defines “family” to include individuals related by consanguinity (blood) or affinity, marriage or former marriage, biological parents of the same child, foster children, foster parents, and members or former members of the same household (including roommates regardless of gender). This definition includes “Dating Violence” in the family violence reporting. The law defines a “Dating Relationship” as a relationship between individuals who have or have had a continuing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. (Source: Texas Crime Report for 2021, Texas Department of Public Safety)

² The FBI defines Commercial Sex Acts as inducing a person by force, fraud, or coercion to participate in commercial sex acts or in which the person induced to perform such act(s) has not attained 18 years of age. (Source: Texas Crime Report for 2021, Texas Department of Public Safety)

- 90.1% of domestic violence survivors interviewed in Texas were homeless one or more times due to domestic violence.
- In 47% of programs with project-based or scattered-site transitional housing, six or more survivors are wait-listed or turned down for housing every month due to lack of available units and 55% of agencies with rapid re-housing programs wait-list or turn down six or more survivors every month due to capacity.
- 65% of programs indicated that more affordable housing options are the most pressing need.

The Irving Family Advocacy Center reported that approximately 200 cases of domestic violence are reported in Irving each month, which is a 13% increase in the past 5 years.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

It is difficult to estimate the size and demographics of the population of households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability. However, they share characteristics with the At-Risk of Homelessness qualifying population. Therefore, these households are likely included in the census data related to households earning less than 50% AMI who are housing cost-burdened.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):

Current Resources Available

Funding

The City of Irving received an overall total of \$3,328,525 in funding from HUD for FY 2021 (\$808,960 in HOME funds, \$2,322,904 in CDBG funds, and \$196,661 in ESG). The City of Irving is an entitlement City that is authorized by HUD to receive and administer the Federal allocation of grant funds each year. These funds must be expended with services or activities to meet at least one or more of the three (3) National Objectives set by HUD:

1. Benefitting low-to-moderate income persons and families,
2. Preventing, reducing, or eliminating slum and blight, or
3. Meeting an urgent community need (ex. disaster relief).

Housing

Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing - As stated previously, Irving does not have any year-round emergency shelters or transitional housing for persons who are *not* fleeing domestic violence.

Permanent Supportive Housing Units – There are no permanent supportive housing units within the City of Irving.

Rental Assistance Programs – Rental assistance is available to Irving residents via the following programs:

City of Irving - Using its Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, the City operates two programs that serve persons who are currently homeless or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. The City's Rapid-Rehousing Program offers short term rental assistance, housing counseling and budget counseling to eligible homeless persons, who are defined as a person who meets all of the following criteria: is living in a place not meant for habitation, living in an emergency shelter, or are fleeing domestic violence. The City expended the following amounts for rental assistance pursuant to this program in the past 3 years: 2019 - \$108,276; 2020 - \$173,351; and 2021 - \$86,748. The City also operates a Homeless Prevention Program that also offers short term rental assistance, housing counseling and budget counseling to persons who are at the greatest risk of becoming homeless, which is defined as a person who meets all of the following criteria: at imminent risk of losing primary nighttime residence within 14 days; and has no subsequent residence identified; and lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain permanent housing. The City expended the following amounts for rental assistance pursuant to this program in the past 3 years: 2019 - \$28,350; 2020 - \$6,966; and 2021 - \$0. In PY 2021, a total of 83 households were provided rental assistance through both programs.

Family Promise of Irving – Family Promise previously worked to secure housing for people who had recently become homeless by housing the persons at various participating churches. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic (2020), the organization began securing rental housing for its clients by serving as a master lessor and subleasing housing units to families. It served 11 families through the sublease program in 2020. Currently, the sublease program serves about 22 families.

Level Pathways – Level Pathways assists homeless youth who are 18-24 years by identifying local residents who are willing to serve as “host families” for youth participating in the non-profit’s program. Level Pathways also serves families with children by providing emergency rental assistance. In recent years, Level Pathways has served 88 persons.

Various Non-Profits – Numerous non-profits operating in Irving provide emergency rental assistance to residents of Irving. Based on stakeholder interviews, non-profits will provide this rental assistance on an ad-hoc basis as individuals and families contact the organization seeking assistance and if funding is available. If the organization does not have funding, non-profit leaders stated that they will contact other non-profit organizations in an effort to find agencies that have available funding.

Affordable Rental Housing Units – In the City of Irving, affordable housing units have been developed using two strategies: (1) providing grants of funding to affordable housing developers and (2) providing resolutions of support (without funding) to developers seeking an allocation of housing tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Services.

Housing Channel, which is currently one of two certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) working in Irving, noted that they are in the process of working on several small-footprint housing options that can be developed at lower price points. The two housing options are: (1) working with the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) School of Architecture to design small cottages for older adults/seniors and (2) working with YouthBuild to source materials for tiny homes. (Numerous homes have already been constructed; they are seeking home sites.) To date, Housing Channel has completed construction or rehabilitation of seven affordable single-family homes that were sold to a low- to moderate-income family through the City's Down Payment Assistance Program for First-Time Homebuyers. Housing Channel has is also in the process of constructing 10 homes that will become available for purchase by low- to moderate-income families when completed.

Additionally, the Bear Creek Community Development Corporation previously built and currently operates 8, 2-bedroom rental units that are leased for approximately \$1100/month. Bear Creek Community Development Corporation is in the process of completing construction of one single-family affordable home.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits - Over the years, the Irving City Council has provided resolutions of support to housing developers who apply for a state-administered allocation of housing tax credits.

The chart below lists the apartment communities in Irving that previously received an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and are required to provide rent-restricted units to income-qualified households for a 30-year period. While 18 rental housing communities are included on the list (for a total of 2254 affordable housing units), many of these rental housing communities are no longer under an obligation to provide affordable housing units or will be released from their obligation within the next three years. If all of the “at-risk” units exit the LIHTC program at Year 30, Irving will lose 1062 units from its affordable housing inventory.

Table 11: Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Units in Irving									
Project Name	Address	Zip Code	Allocation Year	Year Placed in Service	Construction Type	Total Units	Low Income Units	Year 15	Year 30
TREEHOUSE APTS	3203 W WALNUT HILL LN	75038	1988	1988	Acq/Rehab	160	160	2003	2018
PARK SPRINGS OF IRVING	2001 W IRVING BLVD	75061	1990	1990	Acq/Rehab	102	102	2005	2020
BRIGHTON WAY EAST	2432 FINLEY RD	75062	1990	1990	Acq/Rehab	128	128	2005	2020
BRIGHTON WAY WEST	2432 FINLEY RD	75062	1990	1990	Acq/Rehab	142	142	2005	2020
BENJAMIN GARDEN APTS	500 W SIXTH ST	75060	1989	1990	Acq/Rehab	76	76	2005	2020, demolished
OAK PARK APTS	2800 W PIONEER DR	75061	1991	1991	Acq/Rehab	105	105	2006	2021
ZACHARY PLACE APTS	3327 WILLOW CREEK DR	75061	1991	1991	Acq/Rehab	130	130	2006	2021
TIMBERS	1516 E IRVING BLVD	75060	1990	1992	Acq/Rehab	169	169	2007	2022
CLOVERLEAF APTS	1900 CLOVERLEAF LN	75061	1990	1992	Acq/Rehab	50	50	2007	2022
NORTH OAK APTS	1417 N NURSERY RD	75061	1992	1994	Acq/Rehab	132	132	2009	2024
COOPERS CROSSING	1101 OXBOW DR	75038	1993	1995	New Construction	93	93	2010	2025
VALLEY TRAILS APTS	8903 VALLEY RANCH PKWY E	75063	1993	1995	New Construction	204	204	2010	2025
WATERFORD AT VALLEY RANCH	151 COWBOYS PKWY	75063	1993	1995	New Construction	300	300	2010	2025
JACKSON SQUARE APTS	3722 JACKSON ST	75061	1994	1995	Acq/Rehab	17	17	2010	2025, demolished
RESERVE AT LAS BRISAS II	4323 NORTHSORE DR	75038	2003	2005	New Construction	180	144	2020	2035
BRITAIN WAY	1954 SHOAF DR	75061	2010	2011	Insufficient Data	168	168	2026	2041
CANOVA PALMS	1717 W IRVING BLVD	75061	2018	2020	New Construction	58	50	2035	2050
HERITAGE AT MACARTHUR	400 S MACARTHUR	75060	2021	Ins. Data	New Construction	76	76	Ins. Data	Ins. Data
LAKEVIEW PRESERVE	2800 S MACHARTHUR BLVD	75060	2020	Ins. Data	New Construction	84	84	Ins. Data	Ins. Data
Total Units						2374	2330		
Lost LI Units							160		
Potentially-Lost LI Units							1062		
At-Risk LI Units							746		

Services

There are numerous non-profit organizations that provide a range of social services to residents of the City of Irving. Many of such organizations are headquartered in Irving and focus exclusively (or primarily) on serving Irving residents. These non-profit organizations tend to be smaller – both in terms of number of paid employees, their capacity to provide a range of services, and their experience with managing federal grants – and some, but not all, are faith-based. There are also several regional non-profit organizations that provide services to residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, including residents of Irving. These organizations tend to have more paid staff members, including staff members with significant federal grant management experience.

The list below contains information about the non-profit organizations that are providing services to Irving residents. While this list is not exhaustive, it encompasses the organizations that were most frequently mentioned by local stakeholders.

Additionally, an Irving-based non-profit organization, the Irving Community Action Network (ICAN), serves a unique role within the social services delivery system. They serve as convener of local government entities, non-profit service providers, businesses, and faith communities who desire to improve the lives of Irving residents. Over 50 organizations are members of ICAN and participate in various working groups.

Service providers – Focused Primarily on Serving Homeless Individuals and Families

- **Crisis Ministries** – Provides food, self-service laundry, showers, job assistance, and limited financial assistance to unsheltered homeless adults.
- **Many Helping Hands** – Provides hot meals, showers, clothing, hygiene items, coats, blankets, and other seasonal items to unsheltered homeless persons.
- **Irving School District Project PASS (Homeless Services)** – Provides homeless services for families with school-aged children.
- **Level Pathways** – Provides housing, food, clothing, school tutoring, medical care, and other services (as needed) to students in North Texas, age 14 to 24, who are homeless or living with their family who is homeless or in unstable shelter.
- **Family Promise of Irving** – Provides food, shelter, community resources to children and families who have lost their house or who are at risk of losing their housing.
- **City of Irving** – Operates rental assistance, home repair assistance, and down payment assistance programs.

Service providers – Focused on Serving Individuals and Families Who are Experiencing Economic Difficulty (including persons “at risk” of homelessness)

- **Irving Cares** – Provides food, emergency financial assistance, employment assistance.
- **St. Luke’s Catholic Church** – Operates a Food Pantry, “The Ark.”
- **St. Vincent de Paul** – Provides food, mini-loan program, financial assistance, free public pharmacy.
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** – Operates Loaves & Fishes food pantry.
- **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church** – Operates a food pantry and offers ESL classes.
- **Northgate United Methodist Church** – Operates a food pantry and clothes closet.
- **Carter’s House** – Provides children’s clothing, including school uniforms.
- **The Main Place** – Provides clothing (by referral only).
- **Oak View Baptist Church** – Provides bus passes.
- **My Ride** – Assists seniors with finding transportation.

- **City of Irving** – Operates rental assistance, home repair assistance, and down payment assistance programs.
- **Volunteers of America (Texas)** – Provides housing, community re-entry, services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance abuse prevention and treatment.
- **LifeChange Housing Associates** – Provides assistance with exploring and qualifying for housing.
- **Veterans Resource Center** – Provides job assistance, clothing, food, and a legal clinic.
- **Community Council/ Dallas Area Agency on Aging** – Provides senior services.
- **Metrocare Services/MHMR** – Provides mental health and other services to adults and children.
- **Kinwest Clinic** – Provides health care to adults and children.
- **Irving Community Clinic** – Provides health services including prescriptions.
- **Irving Health Center (Parkland Clinic)** – Provides health and dental services.
- **Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Clinics** – Provides food, formula, nutrition education.
- **Family Advocacy Center** – Provides counseling, parenting classes, domestic violence support.
- **Brighter Tomorrows** – Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and related services to victims of domestic violence.
- **All Things Made New (ATMN)** – Provides mentoring to 5th-12th grade students.
- **Salvation Army** – Provides case management services (focused on homelessness prevention; funded through City of Irving CDBG).

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Unmet Housing and Services Needs

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 – Based on feedback from persons experiencing homelessness as well as service providers, unsheltered homeless persons living in Irving are often “stuck” in homelessness because there is not a coordinated service system that meets more than their emergency needs. Stakeholders consistently stated that, during the daytime hours, unsheltered homeless persons can obtain food, clothing, showers, and hygiene products. Additionally, due to strong coordination amongst local churches, unsheltered homeless persons can access emergency shelter during inclement weather. However, it is difficult for unsheltered homeless persons to seek and maintain steady employment because they do not have access to a safe space to leave their belongings (such as a locker) and cannot access shower facilities during the early morning or late evening hours. Also, without a targeted job program within Irving, unsheltered homeless persons often need to travel long distances to work at warehouses or food production facilities. Shelter and affordable housing options are nearly non-existent, which was consistently mentioned as an unmet need for all qualifying populations.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 – For low- and moderate-income individuals and families who experience *housing instability due to mild and short-term economic shocks*, there are numerous social service providers in Irving who, as part of their mission, will pay for a short-term hotel stay or will provide other forms of financial assistance to help the family pay for rental arrears or otherwise “get back on their feet.” However, as a cautionary note, social services providers consistently stated that the need for such emergency services is rising and that they do not have sufficient funding to meet the rising need. Additionally, there appears to be a need for more strategic collaboration related to eviction-prevention efforts. Landlords are reportedly becoming more aggressive in their eviction procedures by filing for eviction after only one or two months of delinquent rent. When individuals and families are unable to avoid eviction, they often face difficulty finding a new landlord who will be willing to lease a unit to a family with an eviction history. Therefore, collaborative efforts related to tenant advocacy, legal services, and emergency financial assistance are needed, as is the funding to support these services.

Where low- and moderate-income individuals and families are experiencing *housing instability due to rapidly rising rents*, they are increasingly unable to find alternative rental options in Irving that offer affordable rents. Stakeholders reported the disappearance of “all bills paid” apartment complexes that tend to offer more affordable rents due to their age and lack of amenities. Likewise, the analysis of existing LITHC units within the City indicates that many of these apartment complexes have likely transitioned to charging market rate rents. Therefore, an increasing number of low- and moderate-income individuals and families are becoming increasingly housing-cost burdened because rent is rising faster than their household income. Many are forced to move into extended stay hotels that allow payment on a weekly basis. However, providers noted that extended stay hotels are becoming full, which removes this last-chance housing option for many families. Long-term residency in extended-stay motels is also the least-desirable housing option – especially for families – because cooking space is limited, there are few options for children to find a quiet place to study, and the monthly sum of the weekly rental payments often exceeds the rent charged for a traditional apartment unit.

Persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice – There is only one domestic violence agency in Irving that provides housing for victims of domestic violence – Brighter Tomorrows. This agency has both emergency and transitional housing beds that serve persons feeling domestic violence. However, per the Housing Inventory Count, they have the capacity to serve 5 families and 5 single women in their emergency shelter and 8 families in their transitional housing. However, the Family Advocacy Center reported that approximately 200 cases of domestic violence are reported in Irving each month, which is a 13% increase in the past 5 years. Therefore, there is likely a need for more emergency shelter and transitional housing beds that serve victims fleeing domestic violence.

Additionally, social service providers noted that many domestic violence victims do not want to enter an emergency shelter due to the disruptions to school and work that result from moving out of their home and into the communal living environment of the shelter. Therefore, when their safety can be maintained through a protective order that bars their abuser from returning to the residence, victims often choose to stay in their home. However, where the abuser was earning the only or the primary income in the household, victims often struggle to cover their rent. Stakeholders noted that abusers will often isolate their victims, which includes preventing the victim from obtaining an education or working. Therefore, when victims flee their abuser, they often have limited ability to earn an income – due to lack of skills or a thin resume of prior work. State crime victim assistance funds are available to help victims move into an alternative housing unit, but these funds may not be used to help the victim maintain their existing housing. Due to these dynamics, there is a need for extended rental assistance that allows a victim to remain in stable housing while also developing the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment that pays a livable wage.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice – Households or families who previously met the definition of homeless and are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance are likely to either need additional months of rental assistance so that they can stabilize their household's finances, or – if they have been temporarily housed in a long-term stay motel - they are likely in need of housing navigation services so that they can identify a suitable long-term rental unit.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

Gaps in the Service Delivery System

Street Outreach - The City of Irving does not currently employ any civilian homeless street outreach workers. The City previously funded one outreach/counselor position using CDBG-funds, but the position was funded for only one year. Recently, the City's police department has expanded its efforts to engage with the unsheltered homeless population by creating a team of officers who are dedicated to homeless outreach. There are 2 officers in the unit and they drive vehicles that are prominently branded as Homeless Outreach. Service providers and unsheltered persons offered their praise for the officers in the unit – in particular one officer who has reportedly made sincere and consistent efforts to engage with unsheltered homeless individuals and to connect them to services. Expansion of street outreach (a combination of civilian and uniformed personnel) would help the City of Irving gather regular data on the size and demographics of its qualifying populations and would allow the City of Irving to build trust with qualifying populations as well as with business owners and homeowners who are impacted by homeless encampments.

Active Participation in the Continuum of Care by Social Services Providers – Very few social service providers are active members of the TX-600 Continuum of Care (CoC) representing Dallas and Collin Counties. As such, there are no “access points” within Irving where the needs of persons experiencing homelessness or at risk-of homelessness can be assessed. This lack of access points likely delays such persons from receiving the interventions that are designed to end their experience of homelessness and rehouse them as quickly as possible.

Likewise, very few service providers in Irving collect and share client data within the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). According to Housing Forward, HMIS is, “a local information technology system used to collect data from service providers serving individuals or households experiencing or at risk of homelessness.” When service providers do not enter client data into HMIS (and review existing system data) it is harder for the provider to develop a holistic understanding of their clients' needs and the services that they have previously received. Therefore, such clients may fail to receive necessary services and interventions. If more Irving-focused service providers actively participated in the CoC, the positive impact of their existing work would be magnified. Not only would their clients receive appropriate interventions in a timely manner, but the agencies would receive client referrals that were matched to the services provided by the agency.

Gaps in the Current Shelter and Housing Inventory

Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Beds – As stated earlier, the City of Irving does not have any year-round emergency shelter or transitional housing beds for persons who are *not* fleeing domestic violence. Therefore, unsheltered homeless persons who do not want to leave Irving in order to find an emergency or transitional housing bed are left with no alternative except to sleep outside, in their car, or in a structure not meant for human habitation (such as a storage unit).

***Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability. (Source: HUD)*

Permanent Supportive Housing Units – The City of Irving does not have any Permanent Supportive Housing Units, which often serve persons who have been chronically homeless, i.e., have been homeless for at least one year or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years. As such, social service providers may be able to provide for the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless persons – such as food, clothing and temporary shelter (tents) – but they do not have housing options for clients who are in need of housing coupled with supportive services.

Priority Needs

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The City of Irving has identified the following priority needs for the qualifying populations:

- **Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**
 - Counseling
 - Mental health treatment
 - Dental services
 - Banking services
 - Secure storage space for personal belongings (“lockers”)
 - “After-hours” services (showers, laundry, hot meals)
 - Emergency shelter
 - Permanent supportive housing units
 - Affordable housing units
- **At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**
 - Short-term, emergency financial assistance (including rent and rent arrears)
 - Longer-term rental housing assistance
 - Comprehensive case management services, including housing navigation services
 - Affordable housing units
- **Persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice**
 - Short-term, emergency financial assistance (including rent and rent arrears)
 - Longer-term rental housing assistance
 - Comprehensive case management services, including housing navigation services
 - Job skills services
 - Life skills services
 - Childcare services
- **Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice**
 - Short-term, emergency financial assistance (including rent and rent arrears)
 - Longer-term rental housing assistance
 - Comprehensive case management services, including housing navigation services
 - Affordable housing units

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ’s shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

Below is a summary of the key insights related to the needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

- Individuals and families can obtain food, clothing, personal hygiene items, day-time showers and health services from numerous agencies offering such services throughout the city. However, individuals and families have more limited access to “after-hours” services such as showers,

laundry, and hot meals that are provided in the early morning or late evening hours. They also have limited access to counseling, mental health treatment, dental services, and banking services.

- During periods of inclement weather, individual adults can access inclement shelter facilities and homeless families can obtain emergency financial support for hotel stays.
- There are very few safe locations where an individual or family sleeping in their car can park overnight with the authorization of the property owner.
- Individuals and families (who are not fleeing domestic violence) cannot access emergency shelter beds within the city.
- There are no permanent supportive housing units within the city.
- There is a steadily decreasing number of available affordable housing units and very few landlords will rent to someone with a history of eviction, a criminal background, or bad credit.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

- Until recently, individuals and families could obtain emergency rental assistance, rapid-rehousing assistance, vouchers for short-term hotel stays, and emergency financial assistance (non-housing) from numerous service providers. However, the number of people seeking assistance is rising while the amount of assistance that is available has drastically declined.
- Extended stay motels – which serve as last-chance housing – are often full.
- There is a steadily decreasing number of available affordable housing units and very few landlords will rent to someone with a history of eviction, a criminal background, or bad credit.

Persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

- Victims can access emergency shelter within the city, but available beds are limited. Victims are regularly forced to seek emergency shelter outside of Dallas County because all emergency shelter beds are full.
- Families can access a limited number of transitional housing units located within the city. However, families often have to extend their stay in the emergency shelter until a transitional housing unit becomes available.
- Victims who are unwilling or unable to stay in an emergency shelter can obtain financial assistance to move to a new housing unit, but there is no financial assistance available for victims who obtain a protective order and remain in their home. Many victims who are leaving their abuser have been unemployed or underemployed and are in need of life skills and job skills services.
- There is a steadily decreasing number of available affordable housing units and very few landlords will rent to someone with a history of eviction, a criminal background, or bad credit.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

- See insights related to At-Risk populations.

HOME-ARP Activities

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

The City of Irving expects to use one or more of the following method(s) to solicit applications for funding and/or select developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

- **Non-Congregate Shelter** - The City may engage in a competitive procurement process to select a qualified firm to acquire, rehabilitate, and operate a non-congregate shelter as a developer/owner for the City. In such an instance, the City will not own the shelter. No HOME-ARP funds will be provided for costs related to the operation of the non-congregate shelter.
- **Non-Congregate Shelter** - The City may choose to directly acquire a building to be used as a non-congregate shelter. The City may then engage in a competitive procurement process to select a qualified firm to operate the City-owned non-congregate shelter as a contractor for the City. No HOME-ARP funds will be provided for costs related to the operation of the non-congregate shelter.
- **Social Services** - The City may engage in a competitive procurement process to select a qualified firm or firms to provide eligible social service activities as a contractor for the City.
- Instead of using a competitive procurement process, the City may select a public agency or non-profit organization to act as a subrecipient and receive HOME-ARP funds to deliver some or all of its HOME-ARP programs or activities. The City may use an application process or may directly select its subrecipient.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Irving will administer its HOME-ARP funds directly.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

Not applicable. The City of Irving will administer its HOME-ARP funds directly.

Table 12: Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 492,157		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 2,000,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 439,792	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ \$2,931,949		

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:

Acquisition of a Non-Congregate Shelter – The City of Irving plans to use a substantial portion its HOME-ARP funding to acquire, rehabilitate and/or develop a non-congregate shelter.

While members of the public did not prioritize acquisition of a non-congregate shelter, social services providers indicated it was a top priority. Likewise, the Irving City Council identified acquisition of a non-congregate shelter as their primary focus.

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis identified the lack of a year-round, emergency shelter serving the general population as a gap in the housing inventory. Therefore, unsheltered homeless persons and families who do not want to leave Irving in order to find an emergency or transitional housing bed are left with no alternative except to sleep outside, in their car, or in a structure not meant for human habitation (such as a storage unit).

Therefore, the City of Irving will seek to identify an existing building that would be suitable for use as a non-congregate shelter that will provide private rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. It is envisioned that the shelter would not only provide emergency beds but would also provide space for social services delivery.

Social Services – The City of Irving plans to use a portion of its HOME-ARP funding to provide one or more eligible supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP projects and activities.

This activity was added to the Plan based on comments received during the public comment period. Public speakers requested that a portion of HOME-ARP funding be used for social services so that the City, through its social service partners, could quickly mobilize to address the needs of all qualifying populations while simultaneously engaging in the longer-term planning and development of a non-congregate shelter.

As a result of the Gap Analysis and Needs Assessment, eligible social services were identified as a priority need for all of the qualifying populations. Specific social services priority needs included, life skills training,

job training, childcare, mental health services, housing navigation services, and short-term assistance for rent.

Administration and Planning – The City of Irving plans to use up to 15% of its HOME-ARP funding for payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs as described in the HUD Notice CPD-21-10.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis revealed that the housing and social services needs of qualifying populations living in Irving far surpass the ability of the City to meet those needs exclusively through the expenditure of HOME-ARP funds. However, it is possible for the City to engage in activities that build a framework for reducing the number of households who experience homelessness or housing instability in the City. Because the City does not currently have a year-round shelter that serves the general population of individuals and families, these households must travel outside of the City to obtain emergency housing, or they remain homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Therefore, the City of Irving will acquire, rehabilitate and/or develop a non-congregate shelter as a means of beginning to address the emergency housing needs of individuals and families who are members of qualifying populations. Prior to beginning operation of the non-congregate shelter, the City will distribute HOME-ARP funding to social services providers so that they can provide eligible social services that address unmet social service needs of the qualifying populations, including: life skills training, job training, childcare, mental health services, housing navigation services, and short-term assistance for rent.

HOME-ARP Housing Production Goals

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

Not applicable. The City of Irving does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to develop rental housing.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:

Not applicable. The City of Irving does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to develop rental housing.

Preferences

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

Non-Congregate Shelter Project - The City of Irving intends to prioritize admission of individuals or households in the homeless qualifying population for admission to the non-congregate shelter project.

Although members of the homeless qualifying population will receive priority for admission to the non-congregate shelter, members of the remaining qualifying populations will be eligible to apply for and be admitted to the non-congregate shelter if units are not occupied by members of the homeless qualifying population.

Social Services Activities - The City of Irving does not intend to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for social services activities.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

The City of Irving currently has one domestic violence shelter that has the capacity to serve 5 homeless families and 5 single women, but the City has no year-round emergency shelter beds that serve the general population of Irving residents. Homeless persons – including persons who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; persons who are at immediate risk of losing their housing; and unaccompanied youth and families who experience persistent housing instability – are most in need of the emergency housing that a non-congregate shelter provides. This plan estimates that there are 125 homeless families (91 who are unsheltered) and 150 homeless adults without children (136 of whom are unsheltered) living in Irving – but virtually no emergency shelter capacity to meet their immediate needs.

Persons who are at risk of homelessness and members of the “other” qualifying population may benefit from an emergency shelter bed if it allows them to leave an undesirable housing situation, but their need for emergency shelter is not as great as those who are currently homeless. Therefore, by creating a preference in the non-congregate shelter project for the homeless qualifying population, the City of Irving will serve the unmet housing needs of this population.

Referral Methods

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):

The City of Irving intends to use *project*-specific waitlists to select qualifying households for admission to HOME-ARP funded projects; specifically non-congregate shelter units.

The City of Irving intends to use *activity*-specific waitlists to select qualifying households to receive HOME-ARP funded social services. Applicants will be selected in chronological order and no preferences will be used for social services activities.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

Not applicable. The City of Irving does not plan to use any limitations.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Not applicable. The City of Irving does not plan to use any limitations.

HUD HOME-ARP Plan Requirement - If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):

Not applicable. The City of Irving does not plan to use any limitations.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

Not applicable. The City of Irving does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

Appendix A

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Group delivers regional flood plan

Texas' Trinity River Basin—After meeting to review public input and approve final plan revisions in November, the Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group (Trinity RFPG) has submitted the first-ever Regional Flood Plan for the Trinity River Basin to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

The Trinity Regional Flood Plan draws on the best available science, data, models and flood risk mapping to recommend over \$1 billion in flood mitigation actions designed to fix local flooding issues and reduce flood-related loss of lives, property and livelihoods throughout the region. The full 2023 Trinity Regional Flood

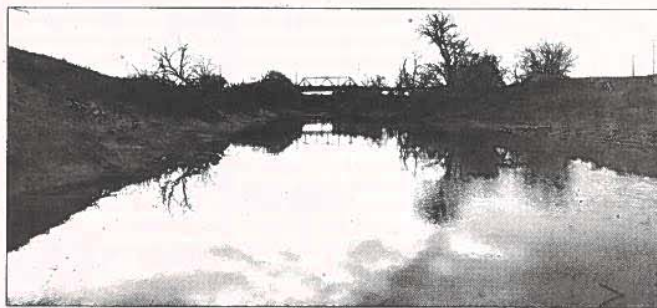
Plan can be found on the Planning Documents page of the Trinity RFPG website (trinityrfg.org), using the Categories tool to sort by "2023 Final Plan."

"It's hard to believe that two years ago, we were beginning this important, novel regional flood planning process not only here in the Trinity River Basin but also across the entire state, and now here we are with the first-ever regional plan," Glenn Clingenpeel, chair of the Trinity RFPG, said. "While the adoption of this Regional Flood Plan is something our local communities should be both proud of and excited about, there is still much work to be done. As we progress toward the adoption of the first-ever State Flood Plan in 2024, we continue to encour-

age the submission of other potential flooding solutions to the Planning Group, so we can enhance our plan over the coming months."

Potential Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) sponsors from across the Trinity River Basin still have until Friday, Jan. 27, to submit project data for potential inclusion in the Amended Regional Flood Plan, which will be delivered to the TWDB in July 2023. This will be the last major opportunity for Regional Flood Plan enhancements before the next five-year planning cycle. All FMPs included in the Amended Regional Plan and the 2024 State Flood Plan could be eligible for possible state funding in the near future.

To submit proposed FMP data for consideration, please



The Elm Fork of the Trinity River flows through Irving. Photo by John Starkey.

contact Trinity RFPG technical consultant team member David Rivera with Freese and Nichols at 214-217-2263 or David.Rivera@freese.com.

All proposed project submissions will be grouped into tiers, based on certain criteria.

After all proposed FMP data has been reviewed, the 2023 Trinity Regional Flood Plan will be amended to include additional flood mitigation solutions. The amended plan will be submitted to the TWDB in July 2023. Based on all the

amended regional flood plans, the TWDB will prepare and adopt Texas' first-ever State Flood Plan and present it to the Texas Legislature in September 2024.

SOURCE The Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group

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SKIMMERS

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an astronomical amount of fraud from other types of credit card skimming committed by foreign nationals including ATM and point-of-sale skimming that specifically targets state benefit cards.

2022 FCIC Operational Results

Total amount of loss prevented or recovered
\$48,493,324

Multi-jurisdictional cases coordinated 91

Skimmers recovered by TDLR 396

Suspects identified 217

Intelligence products distributed to law enforcement 472

Intelligence products distributed to private industry 213

Credit cards recovered 1,629

Skimmers recovered with information provided by financial institutions 79.

"The FCIC has put Texas at the forefront of financial crime investigation in the nation," Jacob Putman, Smith County criminal district attorney, said. "It is the first of its kind and has already proven to be successful for law enforcement and all Texans. Their continued work will prevent millions of dollars in fraud, promote a safe environment for Texas banks and businesses, and let those who would exploit others from coming to Texas."

In 2022, FCIC investigators saw several significant changes in the ways that criminals approached gas pump card skimming.

Several Texas-based criminal organizations have moved their skimming activities out of state so they could avoid Texas-specific laws related to skimmer devices as well as our coordinated law enforcement efforts.

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EMPLOYMENT

Vastika Inc. seeks an Application Analysts in Irving, TX to design, build and configure applications to meet business process and application requirements. 50% domestic travel req'd. Telecommuting req'd. Apply @ jobpostingtoday.com Ref# 79010

Vastika Inc. seeks Application Analyst Ps in Irving, TX to design, build and configure apps to meet business process and apps reqs. Domestic travel required 55% of the time throughout the U.S. Apply @ www.jobpostingtoday.com Ref#62041

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE CITY OF IRVING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, "UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC)" BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 2.3.5 "CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OVERLAY (CUP)" AND ADDING REGULATIONS FOR THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; AMENDING SECTION 3.3 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: SALE, SERVING OR STORAGE" TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE CITY OF IRVING; AMENDING SECTION 1.12.5 "ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS" TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO APPROVED R-AB SITE PLANS; AMENDING SECTION 2.5.6 "NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-N)" TO ALLOW OUTDOOR DINING; AMENDING SECTION 3.18 "OUTSIDE STORAGE" TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE STORAGE REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 9.3 "DEFINITIONS" TO ADD OR AMEND DEFINITIONS FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENT; HOTEL; PRIVATE CLUB; PRIVATE SCHOOL; RESTAURANT; IMPROVED SURFACE; OUTSIDE STORAGE; ACCESSORY; AND OUTSIDE STORAGE, PRIMARY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A PENALTY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is hereby given that the following public hearings will be held for the purpose of considering amending the Unified Development Code of the City of Irving, Texas and as referenced in the caption above:

Creating UDC Section 2.3.5 "Conditional Use Permit Overlay (CUP)" to add regulations for the creation and operation of a Conditional Use Permit
Amending UDC Section 3.3 "Alcoholic Beverages: Sale, Serving or Storage" to amend regulations for the sale of alcohol in the City of Irving
Amending UDC Section 1.12.5 "Administrative Amendments" to add provisions for amendments to approved R-AB site plans
Amending UDC Section 2.5.6 "Neighborhood Commercial (C-N)" to allow outdoor dining
Amending UDC Section 3.18 "Outside Storage" to distinguish between residential and nonresidential outside storage regulations
Amending UDC Section 9.3 "Definitions" to add or amend new definitions for Eating Establishment; Hotel; Private Club; Private School; Restaurant; Improved Surface; Outside Storage, Accessory; and Outside Storage, Primary

Planning and Zoning Commission: Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City of Irving City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas

City Council: Thursday, February 9, 2023, 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City of Irving City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas

The public may attend the public hearings as outlined herein and express their

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City of Irving Housing and Redevelopment Division Public Notice

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

The City of Irving is initiating a 30-day public comment period on Monday, January 23, 2023 and will hold one public hearing regarding a substantial amendment to the City of Irving's FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to adopt a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law. ARPA provided additional federal resources for economic stimulus and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including \$5 billion in supplemental allocations under the HOME Program from the new Homeless Assistance and Supportive Services (HASS) Program. The City of Irving's allocation of these HOME-ARP funds is \$2,931,949. The HASS program benefits individuals or families who are: (1) homeless, (2) at risk of homelessness, (3) fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, (4) in populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability, and (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in (1)-(4) above. HOME-ARP funds may be used for the following eligible activities: rental housing, non-congregate shelter, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, administration and planning, and non-profit capacity-building and operational support.

The public hearing will take place beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Irving City Hall, First Floor, Council Conference Room, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 during the Housing and Human Services Board regular meeting. Citizens wishing to speak at the public hearing may sign up prior to the start of the hearing. Each citizen will have three minutes to speak.

A draft of the HOME-ARP Plan will be available for public review and comment through February 22, 2023 on the City's website at <https://www.cityofirving.org/581/Publications-and-Reports>. Copies of the draft report will be available at the City of Irving's Housing and Redevelopment Division, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 and South Irving Library, 601 Schulte Dr., Irving, Texas 75060.

Proposed Activities - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

A brief description of all proposed activities to be funded and implemented through the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is provided below.

Category	Description	Proposed Amount
Administrative- up to 15%	Miscellaneous Administrative cost such as, but not limited to: Staffing, Supplies, Training, Creation of the Allocation Plan	\$439,792.35
Non-Congregate Shelter	Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	\$2,492,156.65

City Council consideration for the adoption of the Substantial Amendment to the City's FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will take place beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Irving City Hall, First Floor, Council Chamber, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060.

Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan may submit comments to the City of Irving, Housing and Redevelopment Division, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 or by email to gdierling@cityofirving.org.

All comments received by February 22, 2023 will be considered by the City of Irving prior to City Council adoption of the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. Written comments should specify which notice they are addressing. For any questions about the proposed Substantial Amendment, please contact the Housing and Redevelopment Division at (972) 721-4800.

All facilities are wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking spaces are available. Requests for interpretation services or assistive hearing devices must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Shanae Jennings, City Secretary, at (972) 721-2493 or (TDD) 800-RelayTx (1-800-735-2989) for assistance.



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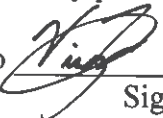
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Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the County of Dallas,
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Vincenzo Favarato _____
Signature

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and State that is generally circulated in Irving, Coppell and Grand Prairie, TX who being
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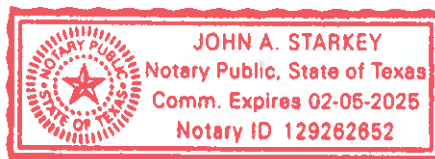
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And that the attached is a true copy of said advertisement. SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED
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Irving, TX 75060
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City Holiday/No Trash Collection

In observance of Thanksgiving, there will be no residential trash, curbside recycling or brush/bulky collection on Thursday, Nov. 24. In addition, the following facilities will be closed Nov. 24-25:

- City Hall
- Hunter Ferrell Landfill
- Irving Arts Center
- North Lake Natatorium
- Heritage Aquatic Center
- Irving Archives and Museum
- Irving public libraries
- Recreation centers

All city offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 28. Visit CityofIrving.org for more information. ■



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Irving residents selected the final design for the new Central Fire Station, which is expected to open in mid-2024.

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**IRVING
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HERITAGE PARK ~ 217 S. MAIN ST. DEC. 3-17

The Irving Holidays at Heritage event series will kick off the season with the festive annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony to light up the streets of the Irving Heritage District.

IRVING TEXAS HERITAGE DISTRICT Park Place DEALERSHIPS

CityofIrving.org/HolidaysAtHeritage | (972) 721-2501

Dec. 3 • 6 P.M.
PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Dec. 9 • 7 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC & MOVIE NIGHT
THE MERRY BAND OF CHRISTMAS *After JACK FROST (1998) PG*

Dec. 10 • 6 TO 8 P.M.
CAROL-OKE

Dec. 16 • 6 P.M.
DANCE & MOVIE NIGHT
DANNY'S DANCE ACADEMY & BALLA IRVING PERFORMING ARTS CENTER *After THE POLAR EXPRESS (2004) G*

Dec. 17 • 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
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SOLID WASTE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

If collection day falls on a city holiday, collection will shift to the next day for each service day within the holiday week (Monday to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday, Wednesday to Thursday and Thursday to Friday).

Visit CityofIrving.org/SWS for full details, or call (972) 721-8059. ■



Visit Irving Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Irving has changed quite a bit since the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau (ICVB) made its debut in November 1972 to welcome and encourage visitors to Irving. The simultaneous developments of Texas Stadium, Las Colinas and Dallas Fort Worth International (DFW) Airport created a need for the bureau. Through the decades, the bureau has built Irving as a top destination for weekenders, tourists and business visitors. Additionally, ICVB has helped foster a steady stream of visitor taxes flowing into the local economy.

The ICVB plans to mark its five-decade milestone with an industry celebration complete with a Mayoral proclamation. It will also launch new marketing and community initiatives, including a new meetings-focused advertising campaign.

Hospitality Highlights: The Big Five

- **The 1970's - The Big Bird:** DFW International Airport Brings the World to Irving's Doorstep
- **The 1980's - The Big Boom:** Las Colinas and the Business Traveler Arrive in Irving
- **The 1990's - The Big Win:** America's Team and Three World Championships put Irving in Sports Center
- **The 2000's - The Big Picture:** An Irving Convention Center Finally Takes Off
- **The 2010's - The Big Dance:** Irving Rocks with the Toyota Music Factory and Entertainment District Development

Visit IrvingTexas.com for live music and things to do. ■

HOLIDAY COMFORT AND JOY DRIVE

Residents, neighborhood groups and local organizations can bring comfort to an Irving shelter pet by donating during the Irving Animal Care Campus (IACC) holiday donation drive. The annual Comfort and Joy Drive returns on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Items on every Irving cat and dog's wish list:

- Dry and/or canned food
- Treats
- Toys
- Blankets

Before shopping, grab a Comfort and Joy Drive tag from the IACC tree in the shelter's lobby or print an online tag at CityofIrving.org/Comfort-and-Joy-Drive.

Donations will be accepted from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the shelter located at 4140 Valley View Lane. The last day of the donation drive is Tuesday, Jan. 3.

For more information, call (972) 721-2256 or visit CityofIrving.org/Animal-Services.

Donate Through Amazon

Shopping on Amazon? Residents can also select items on the Irving Animal Shelter's Amazon wish list to donate to the shelter.

Items purchased from the Amazon list will be delivered directly to the shelter. Scan the QR code for more details. ■



Events to Salute Veterans, Support Troops



The City of Irving partners with community organizations to pay tribute and show appreciation to the men and women of the armed forces.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Irving Veterans Memorial Park Committee will host a Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Jack D. Huffman Community Building auditorium, 801 W. Irving Blvd., with music, moments of reflection

by military personnel and remarks by city officials. After, attendees will move to the nearby Veterans Memorial Park, 644 Rock Island Road, where a wreath will be placed on the Wall of Commemoration. For more information, call Irving Parks and Recreation at (972) 721-2501.

Unite for Troops Veterans Day Celebration

Enjoy live music, food, community booths, military vehicles, crafts, free games and more at the Unite for Troops Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Porter's Army Navy, 600 E. Irving Blvd.

Bring donations for care packages that will be shipped overseas to the troops. Items requested are toiletries, snacks, socks, batteries and most importantly, letters. Donations must be new items in original packaging. For more information and this year's donation list, visit UniteForTroops.com or call (972) 579-1155. ■



Make Holiday Food Safety the Main Ingredient

The holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends — to celebrate life, to be grateful and to reflect on what is important. They also are a time to appreciate and safeguard the gift of health.

Each year an estimated 1 in 6 Americans get sick from eating contaminated food.
(Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

Make food safety the main ingredient this holiday season in every dish served. Irving's health inspectors offer these tips to help protect everyone's health at any gathering:

- Always thoroughly wash your hands with soap and warm water before, during and after preparing food.
- Keep kitchen surfaces clean.
- Raw meat, poultry and seafood products should be kept refrigerated at or below 41°F before cooking, including when marinating.
- Use separate cutting boards for raw and cooked foods.
- Buy and use a food probe thermometer.
- Keep cooked foods at or above 135°F and cold foods at or below 41°F.
- Do not cover food when it is cooling because it traps the heat inside the food.



- Food left to cool slowly is a major cause of foodborne illness. Refrigerate food within two hours of serving. Cooked food should be cooled quickly.
- Cut large pieces of meat into smaller ones.
- For large pots of food such as beans, store them in small containers no more than 4 inches deep.
- Put hot food in the freezer to help it cool down rapidly. Remove it within an hour if freezing is not the desired storage method.

Food poisoning can ruin even the most festive celebrations. Learn more about food preparation safety by using the QR code or visiting [FDA.gov/Consumers](https://www.fda.gov/Consumers). ■



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Residents are reminded to set clocks back one hour for the ending of daylight saving time Sunday, Nov. 6.

As part of the Irving Fire Department's Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery campaign, it is also recommended that residents replace smoke detector batteries when changing clocks this month. ■



Tips for Taking a Winter Vacation from Irrigation

As turf becomes dormant — changing from spring green to fall beige — it is a sign to take a break from weekly watering. Trees, shrubs and dormant grass require irrigation every four to six weeks in the winter. The best approach is to turn off the irrigation controller and operate the system manually, no more than once per month, when temperatures remain well above freezing. Also, keeping the controller off helps prevent accidental activation that can cause icing.



From Nov. 1 to April 1, it is acceptable to irrigate during daytime hours, when it is typically

warmest. Residents are encouraged to refrain from weekly watering during the winter to help lawns recover and prepare for spring. Additionally, this will aid in saving on water costs. It is always a good idea to conduct a checkup on an irrigation system before use, including the rain/freeze sensor, to ensure proper operation. To prevent irrigation lines from freezing, turn off and drain the system. For more information, contact a licensed irrigator in the Water Utilities Department at (972) 721-2281.

Visit [CityofIrving.org/Water-Utilities](https://www.cityofirving.org/Water-Utilities) for more information. ■

IRVING ARTS CENTER IN THE GALLERIES

Free to view. Open Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. No advance reservation needed.

Ex Cathedra: Recent Work by Byron Black Through Nov. 12 | Focus Gallery

Byron Black uses dynamic compositional structures and a range of materials and styles in this collection of works. Found object constructions and digital drawings provide the right vehicle for an exploration of an unlikely subject: chairs. Beyond supporting physically, they help to expand understanding of the human form and condition.

Danville Chadbourne: New Works in Wood Through Nov. 12 | Main Gallery

Primarily a sculptor in clay and wood, Chadbourne works in a range of materials in both two- and three-dimensional formats. Over the years he has created a complex body of work unified by a primal iconography and artifact-like quality emerging from a personal and consistent formal, aesthetic and philosophical sense.

Urban Sketchers DFW Nov. 19 - Jan. 28 | Focus Gallery

An exhibition featuring 30-35 framed drawings by more than 20 individual members from DFW group of Urban Sketchers. The Urban Sketchers blog was created as a place "for all sketchers out there who love to draw the cities where they live and visit, from the window of their homes, from a cafe, at a park, standing by a street corner ... always on location, not from photos or memory."

State Fair: Photographs by Arthur Grace Through Nov. 26 | Dupree Lobby Gallery

This is a visual distillation of his odyssey through fairs in 10 states — California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Virginia. Grace's images capture the strange mixture of the traditional, the kitsch and the off-the-wall that is unique to the annual gatherings that evolved into extravaganzas.

Aqui/Ahora (Here/Now)

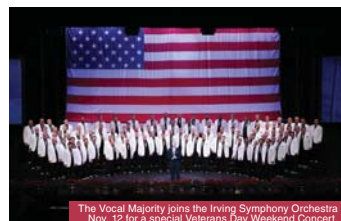
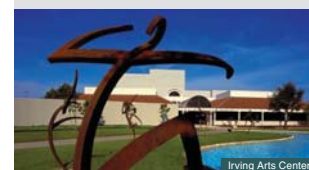
Through Nov. 26 | Carpenter Lobby Gallery

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, this group exhibition highlights local Latina artists and Art Connection members: Alfredo Santesteban, Fannie Brito, Flores, José Angel Hernandez, Maria Ruenes and Ximena M. Peryea. The works span a variety of media: painting, mixed media, sculpture and photography.

Miguel Covarrubias: Caricaturista

Through Nov. 26 | Courtyard Gallery

Miguel Covarrubias (1904-1957) was one of the foremost Mexican artists of the 20th century. A quintessential humanist, he made important contributions in the fields of anthropology, archaeology and dance. His caricatures that he is known for give a unique view into the cultural and political milieu of the 1920s and '30s.



The Vocal Majority joins the Irving Symphony Orchestra Nov. 12 for a special Veterans Day Weekend Concert.



Taking inspiration from the traditions and customs of Mexico, Noche Buena comes to Irving Dec. 2.

Art in Autumn at Irving Arts Center

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Nov. 4-19 | Gypsy

Presented by MainStage | \$25-\$32
Gypsy tells the story of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success while secretly yearning for her own. Set in 1920s and '30s America, this landmark musical explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart and sophistication.

Nov. 6 | The 3rd Annual Miss Nigeria International Pageant

6 p.m. | \$37.50-\$77.50
This nonbikini pageant celebrates the beauty and culture of young Nigerian women ages 18-26.

Nov. 9 | New Beginnings

Presented by Lone Star Youth Orchestra
7 p.m. | \$7.50-\$14.50
The season opener features the beginnings of three famous musical works: Beethoven's Overture to "Egmont"; Arthur Sullivan's Overture to "The Pirates of Penzance"; and Mozart's Overture to "The Magic."

Nov. 12 | The Vocal Majority in Concert

Presented by Irving Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m. | \$39-\$50
A multiaward-winning vocal ensemble joins the Irving Symphony Orchestra to perform a tribute to the veterans who have served our country.

Nov. 17 | My Dear: A Greg Ellis Movie Sneak Peek

Presented by Irving Black Arts Council
7:30 p.m. | \$12.50-\$50
A sneak peek of a new movie, "My Dear," written and produced by former Dallas Cowboy Greg Ellis. The evening also includes the launch of a new mental health awareness movement, titled "I Am Getting My Help."

Nov. 18 | Chris McGuire: From Bach to the Beatles!

Presented by Entertainment Series of Irving
7:30 p.m. | \$27.50
Prepare to be transported back in time as guitarist Chris

McGuire performs interpretations of Beatles' tunes, colorful classic works and everything in between!

Nov. 19 | Christopher Collins Lee (Violin)

Presented by Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m. | \$17.50-\$47.50
Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra presents violinist Christopher Collins Lee.

Nov. 25-27 | The Nutcracker

Presented by Momentum Dance Company
\$20.50-\$25
Momentum Dance Company presents Hayley Grafflin and Lacie Sereika's production of "The Nutcracker."

Dec. 2 | Noche Buena: A Christmas Spectacular

Presented by Irving Arts Center
7:30 p.m. | \$27.50-\$42.50
A unique collaboration between Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles and Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar blends indigenous culture, Spanish heritage and influences from other cultures into a holiday celebration like no other. Inspired by the traditions and customs celebrated in Mexico on Noche Buena (Christmas Eve), these two highly acclaimed performance ensembles from Los Angeles perform together in Irving, one night only.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Nov. 3 | JumpstART Stories & Art: Numbers!

10 a.m. | Free
This month's program features stories and art activities that are super fun.

Nov. 13 | Second Sunday Funday: Sculpt It and Teen Open Studio

1 to 4 p.m. | Free
Enjoy an awesome exploration of the third dimension by making sculptural creations with clay, cardboard and other materials. Teens can participate in an open art studio held during the same timeframe.

For more information, visit [IrvingArtsCenter.com](https://www.IrvingArtsCenter.com).

Parks and Recreation Activities

Thanksgiving Camp

Register today for the Thanksgiving Camp taking place Nov. 21-23 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Irving recreation centers. The camp is open to elementary students and the cost is \$60 per participant. Campers will play games and make arts and crafts in a supervised environment. Snacks will be provided daily. Register in person at a neighborhood recreation center. Space is limited.

Cimarron Park Recreation Center

201 Red River Trail, (972) 721-0702

● Nov. 11 | Teen Summit

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Ages 12-17 | Free

Make some new friends, work for a good cause and learn new skills.

● Mondays | Home-school Remote Control Cars

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Ages 6-14 | \$10

Build a car, improve driving skills and race friends. Fee includes car to take home.

Georgia Farrow Recreation Center

530 W. Davis Drive, (972) 721-2519

● Nov. 11 | Turkey Basket Giveaway

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | All Ages | Free

Come by to pick up a Thanksgiving turkey and the sides. Baskets are limited and will be first come first serve. Must register by Nov. 4.



Holiday Craft Fair

Heritage Senior Center

200 S. Jefferson St., (972) 721-2496

● Nov. 3 | Irving Symphonic Band's Autumn Breeze and Fall Colors Concert

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. | All Ages | Free

Irving Symphonic Band will perform some favorite familiar pieces reminiscent of the fall season. Light refreshments will be provided.

● Nov. 10 | Games and Vittles

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages 50 and older | Free

A game night with prizes and camaraderie. Light

dinner and refreshments will be served. Bring a board game. Space is limited. Register by Nov. 7.

● Heritage Craft Fair

Nov. 16 and 17 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 18 | 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ages 18 and older | Free
Wondering what to get for loved ones? Look no further, the Heritage Craft Fair is where to find a variety of vendors to fill those holiday stockings.

● Nov. 18 | Heritage Open House

6 to 8:30 p.m. | All Ages | Free

An evening full of music, food and fun. A variety of family friendly activities, craft fair and live entertainment. Heritage staff and outside instructors will showcase all the facility has to offer.

Lively Pointe Youth Center

909 N. O'Connor Road, (972) 721-8090

● Nov. 16 | Turkey Shootout

4 to 7 p.m. | Ages 12-17 | Free

Gobble Gobble! Lively Pointe will host a variety of basketball games to win a free cooked turkey dinner. In addition, a free Thanksgiving feast will be available for teens afterwards.

Mustang Park Recreation Center

2223 Kinwest Parkway, (972) 556-1334

● Nov. 7 and 14 | Holiday Craft Series

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. | Ages 6-12 | Free

Make fun holiday-inspired DIY projects to take home.

● Tuesdays | Gym Sports Camp

3 to 4 p.m. | Ages 8-12 | Free

Enjoy a fun and safe environment learning skills of various sports.

Northwest Park Recreation Center

2800 Cheyenne St., (972) 721-2529

● Nov. 18 | Pottery Painting

5:30 to 8:30 p.m. | All Ages | Starts at \$5

Paint pottery for a friend or yourself. Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Staff will glaze and fire the pottery.

Senter Park Recreation Center

901 S. Senter Road, (972) 972-2641

● Nov. 8 | Home-school Friendship

Noon to 2 p.m. | Ages 4-12 | Free

Home-school friends: time to get together to give thanks while enjoying games, arts and crafts and refreshments. Call the center by Nov. 4 to save a spot.



DISABILITY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The Irving Advisory Committee on Disabilities has recognized eight students for their artwork as part of National Disability Awareness Month. There were 96 entries. Students were presented the awards during the Oct. 13 City Council meeting.

First Place Winners

Angeline Cuadra
Grace Kouam
Gabriela Mendez
Umamah Sakarwala

Honorable Mention

Jonas Rojas Chauran
Jazmin Juarez
Lindsay Linares
Fernando Sanchez

The annual poster contest provides fourth grade elementary school students with an opportunity to showcase artistic talents as they express how persons with disabilities can use their abilities to be part of the community. Entries were judged on originality and the content of how it relates to persons with disabilities. Visit CityofIrving.org/Posters to view the poster images. ■



HOLIDAY GREASE ROUNDUP

Don't pour grease down the drain. Round it up, and recycle it for free instead. When fats, oils and grease are washed down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes, hardening and building up until they cause clogs and sewer backups.

Dispose of used cooking oil and grease, stored in a closed container, in the collection bin at Valley View Municipal Complex, 333 Valley View Lane through Jan. 31, Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information on how to defend the drains, visit DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com. ■

Library Activities, Novel Writing and MiY Zone

NaNoWriMo

Craft a novel in 30 days during November's National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). By writing a certain number of words each day, reach 50,000 words by the end of the month. Get those words down on paper or screen by writing independently and sharing the journey with others at these community events for adults:

● Nov. 1 | Kickoff

7 p.m. | West Irving Library

Looking at a blank page? Meet the challenge with other writers at the NaNoWriMo kick off.

● Nov. 15 | Irving Writers Salon

7 p.m. | West Irving Library

All writers and readers are welcome. Sharing work is not required.

● Nov. 29 | The End Party

7 p.m. | West Irving Library

Celebrate "The End" of a successful NaNoWriMo!

Role-Playing Board Games

Adventure awaits at each library location with tabletop role-playing kits. Games are available for checkout for one week and include all materials necessary.

November Schedule and Programs

Each library location offers free programs and activities for all ages and interests. Contact (972) 721-2440 for information about MiY Zone Makerspace program registration requirements.

South Irving Library story times are on break Nov. 20-26. Valley Ranch Library story times are on break through Nov. 12.

● Nov. 1-30 | MiY Zone: Zipper Bag | Adults

MiY Zone Hours | South Irving Library
Stop by and pick up materials to create a reusable zipper bag. For MiY Zone hours, check CityofIrving.org/3800/MiY-Make-It-Yourself-Zones.

This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Grant #LS-246193-OLS-20). (2021)

● Nov. 5 | Friends Holiday Book Sale | Adults

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Friends Warehouse, 3000 Rock Island Road

Start the jingle bells ringing with a wide selection of entertainment at the Friends Holiday Book Sale.



David Chicken

Most books are a dollar or less. All proceeds benefit the Irving Public Library. For more information, visit FriendsOfIrvingLibrary.org. Sponsored by the Friends of the Irving Public Library.

● Nov. 12 | Irving Chautauqua Presents David Chicken | All Ages

2 p.m. | South Irving Library

This high-energy interactive family show features Emmy Award-winning entertainer David Chicken.

● Nov. 12 | MiY Zone Create: Saving Memories | Adults

3 p.m. | West Irving Library

Transform old memories into digital ones by using a variety of techniques. This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Grant #LS-249990-OLS-21). (2021)

● DIY Geek Chic: Create a Zen Rock Garden | Teens

Nov. 17 | 6 p.m. | Valley Ranch Library

Nov. 19 | 2 p.m. | South Irving Library

Nov. 19 | 2 p.m. | West Irving Library

● Nov. 19-26 | Wimpy Kid Scavenger Hunt | Kids

Library Hours | South Irving Library

Find the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" characters hiding in the Kids Zone and enter a drawing! Three winners will receive a copy of the newest title in the series, "Diper Överlöde."

● Nov. 22 | Midday Matinee: Diary of a Wimpy Kid | Kids

2 p.m. | South Irving Library

Get excited about the release of the latest installment with a movie and snacks.

The online calendar at CityofIrving.org/Library provides more details, including information about virtual programs and services available around the clock.

PICTURE BOOK MONTH AT THE LIBRARIES

Irving Public Library's Picture Book Genre Project is complete! On Saturday, Nov. 12, Picture Book Parties for kids are planned at each library location. Each celebration features a different book title and includes character visits, crafts, refreshments and more.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

11 a.m.

South Irving Library

Pete the Cat

2:30 p.m.

Valley Ranch Library

Curious George

2:30 p.m.

West Irving Library

Visit CityofIrving.org/Library for more information. ■

CITY SNAPSHOTS

From entertainment and history to outdoor activities and educational programs — Irving's got it all! Take a peek at community engagement throughout the city at [Facebook.com/TheCityofIrving](https://www.facebook.com/TheCityofIrving) or [Instagram/TheCityofIrving](https://www.instagram.com/TheCityofIrving). ■



The Mustangs of Las Colinas Museum and Visitors Center is now open. Learn the story behind the making of the monument. Visit MustangsofLasColinas.com for details, location and hours.



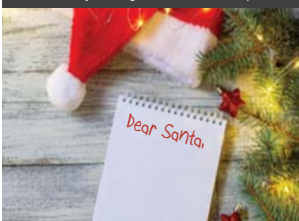
The annual Fiesta celebration kicked off the Irving Public Library's Hispanic Heritage Month activities that included featuring books with Latino diversity and historical figures.



Participants personalized lanterns to remember the victims and survivors of domestic violence on Oct. 18 at Illuminate Irving. Visit CityofIrving.org/illuminate for more information.



All of the carnival games, rides, photo ops, face painting and other not-so-scary attractions were a hit at Eerie Irving Park on Oct. 22 hosted by the Irving Parks and Recreation Department.



Santa's mailbox will be in the front lobby at Irving City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd., for children to send letters to Santa Claus Nov. 16 to Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Holidays at Heritage kicks off with a nighttime parade. This year's theme is "Irving's Polar Express." Parade entries are due by Sunday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. Apply today at IrvingEvents.org.

New Central Fire Station Demolition, Construction Planning Underway



The votes are in and the community has spoken. During the Aug. 25 City of Irving Town Hall Meeting, residents had the opportunity to vote for one of three façade options for the new \$6.9 million Central Fire Station, which is scheduled to open in mid-2024. Irving residents selected option No. 3, which features limestone detailing and a dedicated Old Central Fire Station memorial structure. The dedicated portion will include the original brick from Central Fire Station and will mirror the former structure's architectural aesthetic.

In September, crews began the demolition process of the former Central Fire Station. The teams worked diligently to preserve much of the original building's bricks, bay doors and other historic pieces for the new facility.



The city expects construction to begin by the end of 2022.

Visit CityofIrving.org/IrvingInvests for more information on the city's ongoing infrastructure initiatives. ■



City Hall Landscape Renovation Project Now Complete



Outside of Irving City Hall's north entrance, lush flower beds filled with native grasses and cheery, colorful blossoms line a crisp white concrete path. The sidewalk is freshly cured from the city's exterior sidewalk, water feature and landscape renovation project.

Irving City Hall, which was built in the 1970s, originally featured concrete fountains and water channels that wove around the north side of the building. Over the decades, the pumps, fountains, pools and piping surpassed their life expectancy, while pavement shifted and was patched for repair. With the safety of residents, visitors and city employees in mind, the Irving City Council approved proceeding with the project in September 2021.

Construction on the project began in the summer and was completed in October. The upgrades to the exterior include landscape, irrigation, drainage, lighting and pavement.



The project is one of many the city has supported to refresh the downtown Irving landmark. In 2021, the exterior painting of City Hall and the adjacent parking garage was completed. As Irving looks toward City Hall's next chapter, some departments will relocate to other areas of the building or to the adjacent Jack D. Huffman Community Building at 801 W. Irving Blvd. The elevators inside City Hall will also be renovated as part of the facility improvements.

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Homeless Solutions Survey and Town Halls

The City of Irving is seeking feedback on homeless solutions for the community. To provide input, take the community survey at SurveyMonkey.com/r/IrvingHOMEARP and/or attend Town Hall meetings. The survey closes Friday, Nov. 18.



Homeless Solutions Town Hall Meetings

- Nov. 3 | Noon | Heritage Senior Center, Ballroom 200 S. Jefferson St.
- Nov. 9 | 6 p.m. | Irving City Hall, City Council Chambers 825 W. Irving Blvd.

Irving recently received approximately \$3 million in federal HOME-ARP funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funding must be used to address the needs of people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless, including people who are fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking.

To read more about the funding source, visit the HUD Exchange at HudExchange.info/Programs/Home-ARP/. For more information, contact Irving Housing and Redevelopment at (972) 721-4800. ■

Property Tax Exemptions Explained

The Irving City Council adopts a tax rate for property taxes each September when the budget is approved. City property taxes are the primary funding source for many city services, such as police, fire, streets and parks.

Irving offers a 20% Homestead Property Tax Exemption to residential properties used as a primary residence. The city also provides tax relief for disabled and homeowners age 65 and older, but they must already qualify for a Homestead Exemption.

- Property Owner 65 or older — \$50,000
- Disabled Person — \$50,000
- Disabled Veteran — \$12,000 maximum

These exemptions only affect Irving's portion of a homeowner's total property tax bill, which is approximately 25% of a property owner's overall tax bill.

Property Tax Timeline

- On Jan. 1, the value of property is established by the Dallas Central Appraisal District. An owner of a property may render their estimate of the value, or the Appraisal District will place an estimate on the tax roll. If the Appraisal District disagrees with the owner's estimate or increases the value of the property more than 10% over the prior year, a notice of value is sent to the property owner.
- Between Jan. 1 and April 30, exemption applications are processed by the Appraisal District.
- In July, the Appraisal District certifies final values to

FY23 Total Property Tax Bill

Based on Average Single-Family Taxable* Home Value of \$263,852 with a 20% Homestead Exemption

Irving residents are served by one of three independent school districts: Irving ISD, Carrollton-Farmers Branch (CFB) ISD or Coppell ISD

50% School Districts in Irving			25% Dallas County Entities		25% City of Irving	
	Tax Rate	Annual Taxes		Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Annual Taxes
Coppell ISD	\$1.2173	\$3,090				
CFB ISD	\$1.1429	\$2,901				
Irving ISD	\$1.1474	\$2,913				
				\$0.579645	\$0.5891	\$1,196

*Average taxable value based on tax rate/\$100 valuation. Homeowners age 65+ or with proof of disability qualify for a \$50,000 exemption off their residence's taxable value.

the city. In September, the City Council adopts a tax rate for the level of services requested to be provided and debt payments.

- On Oct. 1, tax bills are mailed to each property owner, mortgage company or agent. Taxpayers have until Jan. 31 of the following year to remit payment.
- On Feb. 1, taxes become delinquent and begin to accrue penalty and interest charges.

Exemption applications are made through the Dallas County Appraisal District. Learn more at DallasCAD.org or call (214) 631-0910.

Visit CityofIrving.org/Property-Taxes for more information. ■



City Holiday/No Trash Collection

In observance of New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no residential trash, curbside recycling or brush/bulky collection on Mondays, Jan. 2 and 16. In addition, the following facilities will be closed Jan. 2 and 16:

- City Hall
- Hunter Ferrell Landfill
- Irving Arts Center
- North Lake Natatorium
- Heritage Aquatic Center
- Irving Animal Services
- Irving public libraries
- Recreation centers

All city offices will resume normal business hours on Tuesdays, Jan. 3 and 17. Visit CityofIrving.org for more information. ■



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The 2022 Year in Review features noteworthy highlights and accomplishments based on the city's 'Future in Focus' organizational strategy.

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Save the Date for 2023 Special Events in Irving

The city hosts several special events each year, and everyone is invited! Parks and Recreation coordinates free events for the community to enjoy, so be sure to mark the calendar and make plans with family and friends to attend.

Jan. 15 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
Irving Arts Center

Feb. 18 | Frost Fest
Levy Event Plaza

April 7-28 | Music on Main
Heritage Park

May 20 | Fusion
Heritage Park

July 4 | Sparks & Stripes Independence Day Celebration
Parade | Irving Heritage District
Live Music & Fireworks | Levy Event Plaza

Sept. 23 | Barley & Bites
Levy Event Plaza

Oct. 6-27 | Movies on Main
Heritage Park

Oct. 21 | Eerie Irving
Trinity View Park

Dec. 2-16 | Holidays at Heritage
Heritage Park

Visit IrvingEvents.org
or call (972) 721-2501 to
confirm dates and times. ■



CITY FACILITIES CLOSED JAN. 16 FOR MLK DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an official city holiday in 2023, and several city facilities will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16.

Irving celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with dance, songs and poetry performed by the Dallas Black Dance Theatre and Musically Me Unlimited.

Sunday, Jan. 15 | 6 p.m.

Irving Arts Center
Carpenter Performance Hall
3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no residential trash, recycling or brush/bulky waste collection on Jan. 16. Collection will shift to the next day for each service day within the holiday week. Visit CityofIrving.org/SWS for more information or call (972) 721-8059. ■



City of Irving: Future in Focus

This past year, the City Manager adopted a new organizational strategic plan framework called Future in Focus. Built on five pillars and several goals, the 2022 Year-in-Review on pages three and four is based on the new Future in Focus organizational strategy. ■



CITY OF IRVING ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGY

Future in Focus serves as the city's operational strategic plan framework for all services and works in tandem with the city's 5-year capital plans, City Council priorities and annual budget.

VIBRANT ECONOMY	INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT	SENSE OF COMMUNITY	GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY	SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support strategic development and redevelopment including revitalization of targeted areas. Support business retention and recruitment. Effectively plan and manage land use. Market Irving as a destination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain roadways, sidewalks and transportation infrastructure. Maintain water, wastewater and drainage infrastructure. Provide an adequate water supply now and in the future. Support strategic investment in city facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities. Actively engage and communicate with the community. Foster a culture of diversity and inclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect the city's financial integrity and credibility. Recruit, retain and develop a qualified, competent and diverse workforce. Improve efficiency through data, technology and thoughtful, innovative approaches. Ensure government transparency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguard public safety, security and health. Improve property conditions and overall appearance of the city. Promote environmental stewardship.

Mayor Rick Stopfer to Present State of the City Jan. 26

Join the Irving business community on Jan. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Irving State of the City address at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 500 W. Las Colinas Boulevard. The 2023 State of the City event will feature Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer and WFAA Anchor Cynthia Izaguirre discussing the accomplishments of 2022 and future opportunities in 2023.



Throughout the past year, Irving adjusted to a new normal and reinvested in the community to continue working toward a brighter future. This year's program will focus on the new milestones reached, achievements in economic development and ongoing efforts to continue advancing as a community, capitalizing on Irving's diverse population and skilled workforce.

To register for the 2023 State of the City, visit IrvingChamber.com or call (214) 217-8484. ■

2023 IRVING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Irving City Council regular session meetings are generally held on Thursdays and begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd. Residents are encouraged to attend Council meetings or view proceedings live on Irving Community Television Network (ICTN) cable broadcast (Channel 95 on Spectrum or Channel 31 on Frontier). Livestream and on-demand services also are available at CityofIrving.org/ICTN or ICTN.tv.

2023 City Council Meeting Schedule

Jan. 12
Feb. 9 and 23
March 9 and 30
April 20
May 4
June 8 and 29
July 13
Aug. 3 and 31
Sept. 14
Oct. 12 and 26
Nov. 9
Dec. 7

Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Visit CityofIrving.org/Agendas or call the City Secretary's Office at (972) 721-2493 to confirm a meeting date. ■



Household Document Shredding, Electronics Recycling & Chemical Collection

Household Document Shredding, Electronics & Recycling

Feb. 3 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Briery Municipal Compound
128 N. Briery Road

Two-box limit for document shredding. This event is for Irving residents only, and proof of residency is required. Materials from businesses will not be accepted. Note, CRT monitors or televisions are no longer accepted.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the truck reaches capacity.



Home Chemical Collection Day

Feb. 25 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Briery Municipal Compound
128 N. Briery Road

Residents who have unused household chemicals can participate in a special collection event for these materials. A maximum of 20 gallons of paint per resident and paint from businesses is not accepted.

Residents must request a voucher to participate. Register at CityofIrving.org/Activities or call Solid Waste Services at (972) 721-2232. ■



Profile Emerges of Irving's Small Businesses

The city's Office of Economic Development recently updated the Irving City Council on its Small Business Initiative and reported on the results of last year's survey of small businesses. Armed with new information, Economic Development plans to revamp its current Small Business Incentive Program to meet the needs of today's small businesses.

Interesting Survey Facts

The survey of small businesses conducted last year yielded an interesting demographic profile.

- Of those who responded to the survey, home-based businesses made up almost 46%, followed by 22% with a retail store front.
- Nearly half of the respondents (49.6%) have been in business more than 10 years.
- More than 87% have less than 10 employees.
- Woman-owned small businesses made up 51% of the respondents, while 28% were minority-owned and 9% were veteran-owned.

City staff continues to build out the program by creating industry alliances. In addition to working with the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and the Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development is looking at resources available through groups such as



the U.S. Small Business Administration, Dallas College, University of Dallas and the North Texas Small Business Development Center.

Plans for the upcoming year include more engagement with the small business community and developing a strategy that can work in collaboration with the current small business assistance ecosystem. The department is also examining programs available to small businesses to identify any gaps and ensure the city's efforts will not duplicate those of other organizations.

For more information, visit CityofIrving.org/SmallBiz. ■



The King Lives: Entertainment Series brings popular Elvis tribute artist, Kraig Parker, back to Irving Jan. 7



David Brighton's Space Oddity pays tribute to David Bowie on Jan. 27

January Rocks with Tributes to Elvis, Bowie and More

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Jan. 7 | Kraig Parker, The Ultimate Elvis!
Presented by Entertainment Series of Irving
7:30 p.m. | \$37.50-\$42.50

An annual favorite, Kraig Parker has been hailed as the ultimate image of the King, Elvis Presley. Kraig Parker looks and sounds just like the king of rock 'n' roll. His powerful voice, electric moves and tasteful charisma will leave you "all shook up" and screaming for more!

Jan. 20 - Feb. 4 | Ada & The Engine

Presented by MainStage
Times Vary | \$22-\$29
Jane Austen meets Steve Jobs in this pretech romance heralding the computer age. As the British Industrial Revolution dawns, young Ada Byron Lovelace (daughter of the flamboyant and notorious Lord Byron) sees the boundless creative potential in the "analytic engines" of her friend and soul mate Charles Babbage, inventor of the first mechanical computer. Together, they envision a whole new world where art and information converge — a world Ada might not live to see.

Jan. 21 | Iona Batchelder, Cello

Presented by Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m. | \$17.50-\$47.50
The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra will be joined by accomplished cellist Iona Batchelder. The evening's repertoire includes "Roses from the South" composed by J. Strauss II; "Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor" composed by Saint-Saëns; and "Symphony No. 5 in D Minor" composed by Shostakovich.

Jan. 27 | David Brighton's Space Oddity

Presented by Irving Arts Center
7:30 p.m. | \$27.50-\$42.50

A live, theatrically staged, multi-media spectacle that transports the audience on a musical journey through the constantly metamorphosing career of David Bowie, one of rock 'n' roll's most celebrated innovators. Bowie's career was notable for its constant reinvention ... from the music he created to the moving visuals, characters and personas he brought to the stage during the course of his remarkable career.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Jan. 5 | Jumpstart Stories & Art: Winnie the Pooh Day

10 a.m. | Free
Read stories about the beloved bear from the Hundred Acre Wood and celebrate the author A.A. Milne's birthday with a special craft.

Jan. 7-Feb. 11 | Saturday School: The Fundamentals of Painting

2 to 4 p.m. | \$95 for six-week session
This class for ages 6-10 offers a fun introduction to painting, exploring the elements and principles of art and design. Use these basics as the building blocks to create projects using different painting mediums and styles inspired by great painters and their masterworks.

Jan. 8 | Second Sunday Funday: Making a Mark + Teen Open Studio

1 to 4 p.m. | Free
Find your inner artist with creative arts and crafts activities for the whole family. This month, drawing is the focus of the activities. Teens can participate in an open art studio held during the same timeframe.

For more information about all activities planned, visit IrvingArtsCenter.com.

CITY SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

The City of Irving Housing and Redevelopment department is requesting public input on the proposed allocation plan for the use of HOME-ARP funds. Irving recently received approximately \$3 million in federal HOME-ARP funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless.

A draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be made available to the public for review beginning Monday, Jan. 23. Residents can access the draft report and learn how to provide input by visiting CityofIrving.org/581/Publications-and-Reports. ■



IRVING ARTS CENTER IN THE GALLERIES

Free to view. Open Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. No advance reservation needed. Guided tours are offered the first Saturday of every month at 2 p.m.

Aqui/Ahora (Here/Now)

Through Jan. 7 | Carpenter Lobby Gallery
Irving Arts Center presents a group exhibition which highlights local Latin artists and Art Connection members: Alfredo Santesteban, Fannie Brito, Flores, José Angel Hernandez, Maria Ruenes and Ximena M. Peryea. The exhibited works span a variety of media; painting, drawing, mixed media, assemblage, sculpture and photography are featured.

Showing the World One Sketch at a Time:

Urban Sketchers DFW Through Jan. 28 | Focus Gallery
An exhibition featuring 30 to 35 framed drawings by more than 20 individual members from DFW group of Urban Sketchers. The Urban Sketchers blog was created as a place "for all sketchers out there who love to draw the cities where they live and visit, from the window of their homes, from a cafe, at a park, standing by a street corner ... always on location, not from photos or memory."



Sketch of dragon from Buddhist Temple in Fort Worth by Bill Dale

Hello Sophie: The Picture Book Art of Sophie Blackall

Through Feb. 25 | Dupree Lobby Gallery
Curated by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature in Abilene, Texas, "Hello Sophie: The Picture Book Art of Sophie Blackall," showcases the work of award-winning children's author and illustrator Sophie Blackall.



Illustration by Sophie Blackall

Faces of the Southern Ocean: Wildlife

Photography by J.J. L'Heureux Through Feb. 25 | Courtyard Gallery
The work of photographer, painter, adventurer and naturalist J.J. L'Heureux is featured in this exhibition. Amazing photos from her travels in Antarctica reveal the penguins, seals and unique birds who make their home in the frozen landscape of the Southern Ocean.



2022

City of Irving YEAR IN REVIEW

Strategic thinking, planning and management play a strong role in the City of Irving's organizational culture. The city's organizational strategy, Future in Focus, consists of five focus areas and 18 operating strategies. Based on input from city leadership and key stakeholders, the plan works in tandem with the city's five-year capital plans, City Council priorities and annual budgets. Future in Focus encompasses key initiatives that allow the city to stay focused on what matters most: to deliver exceptional services and promote a high quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors.



VIBRANT ECONOMY



- Support strategic development and redevelopment including revitalization of targeted areas.
- Support business retention and recruitment.
- Effectively plan and manage land use.
- Market Irving as a destination.

Highlights

Completed the revitalization of **Williams Square Plaza**

Began the **Nursery Road Neighborhood Planning Program** to engage residents on their vision for the future

Surveyed the small business community to gather insight for engagement and programs

Initiated the review and updates to the **Imagine Irving Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code**

Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau Sales Department **exceeded their annual room night goal with 106,022 room nights booked, reaching 126% of their goal**

Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau hosted the **USA Triathlon Multisport Championship Festival**, bringing thousands of people to Irving with an **economic impact of \$1.83 million**

Irving brought professional golf back to the city with the **debut of the ClubCorp Celebrity Classic tournament** at the Las Colinas Country Club

Sold city-owned land for the **development of the Heritage Square project, a 194-unit residential project** promoting downtown revitalization



By the Numbers

- Hosted **95 live shows** at The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory and approximately **97 live shows** at Texas Lottery Plaza
- Hosted **213 events with 189,024 attendees** at the Irving Convention Center
- Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce reported **31 recruitment wins resulting in 5,849 new jobs** and more than **\$506 million in new private investments**
- Provided **more than \$9 million in rental assistance** through the U.S. Department of Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, **assisting 2,217 Irving individuals and 967 households**



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT



- Maintain roadways, sidewalks and transportation infrastructure.
- Maintain water, wastewater and drainage infrastructure.
- Provide an adequate water supply now and in the future.
- Support strategic investment in city facilities.



Highlights

Completed the **fifth year in the Road to the Future** initiative

- **312 Roads Improved** – 145 Center Line miles

Began **Irving Boulevard reconstruction** project

- \$22 million project – **48% complete**

First pilot city to **deploy a new wrong way driving detection program with 20 intersection cameras** along the SH 183 and SH 161 corridors

Developed and completed key pipeline projects recommended in the strategic Water and Wastewater Master Plans



Renovated the 40-year-old Irving Community Television Network building

Completed construction on a new five-million-gallon water storage tank at the Northgate Pump Station



Completed the first year of water quality sampling and testing required to gain approvals for an indirect water reuse project to supplement Irving's future water supply

Continued to design and construct the Campion Trail Elm Fork Extension, including trail additions at Oak Meadows Park, Keeler Park and Lanotte Park



By the Numbers

- **Completed \$59,918,761** in capital improvement projects
- **Swept 9,991 miles** of streets
- **Replaced 3,675 traffic signs**
- According to the 2022 Resident Survey, **roadway conditions improved by 38%** with residents rating them as "good" or "excellent" since the start of the Road to the Future initiative
- **Completed \$38.7 million in drainage improvements and maintenance projects** throughout the city, including Delaware Creek and Wyche Park Detention Pond



SENSE OF COMMUNITY



- Provide exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities.
- Actively engage and communicate with the community.
- Foster a culture of diversity and inclusion.

Highlights

Finalized the **purchase of 8.74 acres of land for the expansion of Mustang Park**

Completed the **renovation of Irving's Heritage Park**

Increased Neighborhood Services outreach and **added 14 new Neighborhood Associations**



Facilitated the 2022 Resident Survey to gauge resident satisfaction

Launched the Irving Ambassadors Program to increase engagement and build resident relationships

Completed year four of Irving 360 Civic Academy

Enhanced the city's swim lesson program and **taught 1,578 swim lessons**



Received a **\$62,445 Texas State Library Archives Commission grant** to build out the West Irving Library Makerspace



Completed Senter Park renovations, including improvements to the racquetball court, restrooms, ADA accessibility and more

The Irving Arts Center presented **multiple exhibitions and performances** to reflective Irving's diverse population



By the Numbers

- Completed **\$6.5 million in Parks and Recreation capital improvement projects**
- Processed **2,119 open records requests**
- Processed **2,217 resident inquiries**
- **1,183,620 unique visitors** to CityofIrving.org
- **395,895 visits** to the libraries
- **3,852 recreation classes** offered
- **45,641 rounds of golf** were played at Irving Golf Club





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City of Irving YEAR IN REVIEW



GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY



- Protect the city's financial integrity and credibility.
- Recruit, retain and develop a qualified, competent, and diverse workforce.
- Improve efficiency through data, technology, and thoughtful, innovative approaches.

Highlights

Passed a structurally balanced budget with a half-cent property tax reduction for FY23



Issued \$164 million in Pension Obligation Bonds to stabilize pension obligations for the next 20 years



Saved more than \$110 million over time by refinancing existing liabilities at a lower interest rate

Completed the Williams Square and Levy Event Plaza public Wi-Fi projects

Completed phase 1 of the Consolidated Fee Schedule project

Hosted the grand opening of the Public Safety Wellness Unit new offices

Created a Data Academy for upskilling employees on the use of data and evidence-based practices



Established the Irving Leadership Education and Development (ILEAD) program to continuously develop effective leaders employed by the city

Implemented a paid parental leave benefit for city employees

Increased Homestead Exemption to \$50,000 for Ages 65 and older/Disabled Persons

By the Numbers

- Continued to meet employee wellness goals by providing 22 Public Safety Wellness Unit trainings to police and fire personnel
- Awarded 33% of contract dollars to Minority/Women-owned Business vendors
- Modernized records for the city by converting 151,355 microfiche to 2,634,598 images



SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL CITY



- Safeguard public safety, security and health.
- Improve property conditions and overall appearance of the city.
- Promote environmental stewardship.



Highlights

Reached \$1.128 billion in construction valuation with 9,148 permits issued



Conducted 7,533 plan reviews, 5,174 health inspections and 29,452 building-related inspections

Awarded more than \$250,000 in home repair services to low- and moderate-income families to promote neighborhood vitality

Implemented code enforcement initiatives that promote safe lighting and multifamily property maintenance

Completed the \$3.9 million Communications Tower Project for five newly constructed towers that support communications for Public Safety, Traffic Management and Advanced Metering Infrastructure



Added two clinicians and a police officer to the Mental Health Response Team and a new domestic violence field clinician to the Family Advocacy Center

Adopted out 264 animals during the national Clear the Shelters pet adoption event

Created a Homelessness Outreach Team to reduce crime stemming from homelessness in Irving

Received a \$100,000 grant from the United States Conference of Mayors to enhance and expand the Police Department's Shop Talk program



By the Numbers

- Hosted 217 environmental outreach programs
- Average Emergency Police Response Time – 05:53
- 91% of 911 calls answered within 15 seconds
- 315 Fire Safety classes conducted
- Police held 65 Community Engagement events
- 1,843 fire protection plans reviewed
- 22,264 EMS responses
- Collected more than 121 million pounds of trash
- Landfilled more than 368 million pounds of trash
- Diverted 17 million pounds of brush from the landfill



AWARDS



Irving named **second most culturally diverse city in the country** – Dallas Morning News

Keep Irving Beautiful won the 2022 **Keep Texas Beautiful Governor's Achievement Award** – Keep Texas Beautiful/TxDOT

Irving Archives and Museum awarded a **National Award of Excellence** – American Association for State and Local History



Irving Archives and Museum received the **John L. Nau, III Award of Excellence in Museums** – Texas Historical Commission

Irving ranked **#9 in the 125,000 – 249,999 population category of the Top-Ten Digital Cities** – Center for Digital Government's 2022 Digital Cities Survey

City Secretary's Office received the **Award of Excellence** – Texas Municipal Clerks Office

Awarded a **Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence** – Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association

Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau received five **Adrian Awards** – Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International

Municipal Court received the **Municipal Traffic Safety Initiative Award** – Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

Municipal Court received the **Texas Employer Traffic Safety Award** – National Safety Council

Triple Crown Winner – Government Finance Officers Association



Irving Community Television Network **won nine awards** – National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors

Irving Community Television Network **won 17 awards** – Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors

Communications Department received the **Award of Excellence** – Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers



Fleet Department received **Leading Fleets Top 50 Award** – Government Fleet Magazine

Fleet Department received **DFW Clean Cities Silver Award** – North Central Texas Council of Governments

Parks and Recreation Activities

Cimarron Park Recreation Center

201 Red River Trail, (972) 910-0702

- **Jan. 7 | Mardi Gras Festival**
noon to 4 p.m. | All Ages | Free
Walking parade begins at noon followed by food, games, entertainment and prizes.
- **Jan. 20 | Home-school Field Trip Series-Movie Matinee**
6-12 years | \$10 (includes ticket and snack)
Enjoy a movie with popcorn and friends.
- **Mondays and Wednesdays | Senior Breakfast Club**
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Ages 50 and older | Free
Enjoy a free breakfast, and stay for fun activities.

Georgia Farrow Recreation Center

530 W. Davis Drive, (972) 721-2519

- **Jan. 14 | NAACP Luncheon and MLK Celebration**
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | All Ages | Free
Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A program will be followed by lunches to take home.

Heritage Senior Center

200 S. Jefferson St., (972) 721-2496

- **Jan. 13 | Coffee with the Crew**
8:30 to 9:30 a.m. | Ages 50 and older | Free
Join the Heritage Crew for a cup of coffee and conversation. Talk to peers or learn something from a guest speaker. Registration deadline is Jan. 11.
- **Jan. 13 and 17 | Texas Hold'em Poker**
6 to 8:30 p.m. | Ages 50 and older | \$3
Join a friendly game of poker. Six to eight players per table with play promptly starting at 6:20 p.m. Last hand dealt before 8:20 p.m. New players welcome.
- **Jan. 18 | Lunch Bunch to Cheesecake Factory**
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Ages 50 and older | Free
This outing is a way to make and reconnect with friends. Participants are responsible for paying for their meal and beverages. Register by Jan. 13.



Lee Park Recreation Center

3000 Pamela Drive, (972) 721-2508

- **Jan. 14 | Family Winter Games**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Ages 6 and older | Free
Families can participate in a variety of games and challenges to see who can come out on top. Registration deadline is Jan. 5.
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays | STEM Activities Program**
4 to 5:30 p.m. | Grades K-5 | \$5
Learn a variety of activities that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
- **Wednesdays | My Life Story Writing & Scrapbook**
9:30 to 11 a.m. | Ages 50 and older | \$50
Learn how to write a life story with traditional scrapbook techniques and journaling.

- **Fridays | Senior Paint & Take**
10 a.m. to noon | Ages 50 and older | \$10
Learn how to paint on a variety of different mediums. Some projects may require longer to complete.
- **Saturdays | Winter Craft Creations**
10 a.m. to noon | Ages 7-12 | \$20
Learn to create a variety of projects using various mediums. Some projects take longer to complete.

Lively Pointe Youth Center

909 N. O'Connor Road, (972) 721-8090

- **Jan. 12 | Dream Big! Vision Board Party**
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. | Ages 12 to 17 | Free
Bring in the new year with new goals and big dreams. Design a vision board and 2023 goals using magazines, newspapers, crafty arts pieces and more!

Mustang Park Recreation Center

2223 Kinwest Parkway, (972) 556-1334

- **Jan. 18 | Home-school Field Trip to Quiggley's Clay House**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Grades 1-8 | \$10 per child
Adventure awaits to explore new activities, make friends and take learning to a whole new level. Space is limited, and registration is required.
- **Jan. 20 | Superhero Training Party**
10 to 11:30 a.m. | Ages 3-6 | Free
Children will have a hands-on experience learning to fight crime through various fun activities with trained superhero actors. Participants are encouraged to dress up as a superhero. Registration is required.



Northwest Park Recreation Center

2800 Cheyenne St., (972) 721-2529

- **Jan. 20 | Pottery Painting**
5:30 to 8:30 p.m. | All Ages | Prices start at \$5
Paint pottery for a friend or yourself. Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Staff will glaze and fire the pottery.
- **Wednesdays | Home-school Park Crawl**
noon to 2 p.m. | Ages 6-14 | \$20
Students have a chance visit and play at different parks throughout Irving. Wear tennis shoes.
- **Wednesdays | Beginning Pickleball**
9:30 to 11 a.m. | Ages 50 and older | \$10
Come see what the pickleball hype is about and learn the basic skills.

Senter Park Recreation Center

901 S. Senter Road, (972) 721-2641

- **Jan. 6 | MLK National Day of Service**
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | All Ages | Free
Family and friends can join in a day of giving back to the community.

IRVING INDOOR AQUATIC ACTIVITIES

Indoor Pool Schedules

Heritage Aquatic Center (HAC)

200 S. Jefferson St. | (972) 721-7310

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday | 5 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday | 1 to 5 p.m.

North Lake Natatorium (NLN)

5001 N. MacArthur Blvd. | (972) 756-0860

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 5 to 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday | 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday | noon to 4 p.m.

Register online at CityofIrving.org/IrvingRec for any of the following aquatic activities.

Aqua Sunrise Aerobics

Jan. 3-31 | 7 to 7:45 a.m. | 18+ | \$16 | NLN

This low-impact class is performed in shallow water and is designed to improve joint stability, coordination, heart health and strength.

Night Steppers Water Aerobics

Jan. 3-31 | 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. | 18+ | \$10 | HAC

This upbeat evening class increases strength, endurance and flexibility.

Senior EZ Water Aerobics

Jan. 4-30 | 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. | 18+ | \$20 | HAC

This low-impact class is performed in shallow water and is designed to improve joint stability, coordination, heart health and strength.

Guard Ready

Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 | noon to 2 p.m. | 14+ | Free | NLN

Get lifeguard ready by working with an instructor to improve swimming skills. All participants are eligible to attend a City of Irving Lifeguard Certification once they have passed the pretests.

Power H2O

Jan. 7-28 | 10 to 10:45 a.m. | 18+ | \$10 | NLN

Join Power H2O for a medium- to high-intensity water fitness class designed for cardio-conditioning endurance and body-toning.

AquaStars

Jan. 14 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Under 18 | HAC

This program is custom-designed for children with special needs, ages 18 and under. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. AquaStars provides special needs children with an opportunity to experience water play.



January Library Schedule and Programs



Each library location offers free programs and activities for all ages. For more details, visit the online calendar at CityofIrving.org/Library. Call (972) 721-2440 for information about MIY Zone Makerspace program registration requirements. In addition, the online library is always open by visiting the website and social media.

Jan. 1 to 30 | MIY Zone: Sew a Heating Pad | Adults
MIY Zone hours | South Irving Library
Stop by to pick up supplies needed to make a heating pad.

Jan. 9 | Mindfulness Mondays | Adults
10 a.m. | West Irving Library
Learn how to slow down at mealtime and enjoy the experience.

Jan. 14 - Feb. 14 | MIY Zone: Create a Heart-Shaped Puzzle | Adults
MIY Zone hours | Valley Ranch Library
Visit the Valley Ranch Library MIY Zone and laser etch a wood heart-shaped puzzle as a Valentine's Day gift.

Jan. 14 | Chautauqua Presents: The Films of Sidney Poitier | Adults
10:30 a.m. | South Irving Library
From 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., celebrate the work of Sidney

Poitier, the first black performer to win an Academy Award for best actor. Three films will be shown.

Jan. 14, Jan. 21 and Jan. 25 | Career Talks | Teens
Get an exclusive insight from career professionals in a day in the life of a specific vocation and the paths taken to achieve career success.

- **Jan. 14 | Dermatologist** | 4 p.m. | Valley Ranch Library
- **Jan. 21 | Social Media Coordinator** | 2 p.m. | South Irving Library
- **Jan. 25 | Culinary Arts Career** | 2 p.m. | West Irving Library

Jan. 15 | Dream of Peace | All ages
2 p.m. | South Irving Library
Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of peace and unity, and participate in a collaborative art project.

Jan. 18 | MIY Zone: Code a Drone | Ages 8 and up
4 p.m. | West Irving Library
Use block-based coding to create a drone that flies and performs tricks.

Jan. 21 | Book It! | Kids
2:30 p.m. | Valley Ranch Library
Kids enjoy games and crafts featuring the Geronimo Stilton book series.

Jan. 23 | Computer Basics | Adults
6 p.m. | West Irving Library
Learn how to use the basic features of a computer.

Jan. 30 - Feb. 28 | Blind Date with a Book | Adults
All locations
Take a chance on a mystery book, and enter a drawing to win a prize!

LINKEDIN LEARNING

Link in to free video classes taught by real-world industry experts with LinkedIn Learning, formerly known as Lynda.com. LinkedIn Learning offers more than 16,000 video courses covering a wide selection of topics, including programming languages, business training, creative skills and more, in a variety of skill levels. Features include:

- Courses available in Brazilian Portuguese, English, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.
- New content introduced weekly.
- Access by signing in with an Irving Public Library card and PIN.
- A mobile app providing "learning on the go."

LinkedIn is available to learners ages 16 and older. For more information, visit CityofIrving.org/3885/LinkedIn-Learning.





Rise to the
Level of Love

City of Irving
Martin Luther
King Jr.
OBSERVANCE

Sunday Jan. 15
6 p.m.

Irving Arts Center
Carpenter Performance Hall
3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Free Admission
Performances by Musically Me Unlimited
and the Dallas Black Dance Theatre

Visit IrvingEvents.org
or call (972) 721-2501.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Become a certified lifeguard! Irving hires Red Cross-certified lifeguards, ages 15 and older, for part- and full-time summer and year-round positions at its aquatic facilities. Successful completion of the course will result in American Red Cross Lifeguard/First Aid, CPR-Professional Rescuer and AED certifications.

Jan. 14-16 | 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. | \$125

Course Prerequisites: Must complete a swim test one week prior to class start or must have instructor approval. Swim 300 yards. Retrieve a 10-pound brick from a 7- to 10-foot depth, followed by a 20-yard return carrying the brick. Tread water for two minutes, no hands.

Register in-person at the North Lake Natatorium, 5001 N. MacArthur Blvd. Visit CityofIrving.org/Lifeguard for more information. Scholarships are available. ■



City to Begin Improvements on Embassy Channel in February



As the City of Irving launches the \$27,967,633 MacArthur Boulevard Reconstruction Project this month, the Capital Improvement Program is preparing for the Embassy Channel Improvements Project to begin in February.

The two-year, \$15,196,366 project will improve the storm drain system capacity of MacArthur Boulevard, reduce the 100-year floodplain limit, and protect about 273 residential and commercial structures.

As part of the improvement project, crews will lower

the channel 5 feet and construct bridges at Weathered Street and Rochelle Road, as well as modular block walls to match the aesthetics of the downstream Embassy Channel improvements. Additionally, large storm boxes will be installed under the pavement along Rochelle Road from Embassy Channel to MacArthur Boulevard.

The project, which is part of the Drainage Solutions for a Better Tomorrow initiative, is slated for completion in 2025, weather permitting.

Visit CityofIrving.org/IrvingInvests for more information on the city's ongoing infrastructure initiatives. ■

City Council Candidate Packets Available for 2023 General Election

Residents who are interested in becoming a candidate for a City Council position can pick up a candidate packet beginning Jan. 5 for the May 6, 2023, General Election from the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd. Packets will also be available on the city's website at CityofIrving.org.

This year, the Mayor and Council Districts 3 and 5 will be elected in the General Election. Districts 3 and 5 represent "single-member" districts, which require that the candidate live within the boundaries of the district in which they plan to run. The Mayor is an "at-large" position which will allow the candidate to reside anywhere within the city limits of the City of Irving. A candidate must be a resident of the city and their district in which they intend to run for at least 12 months immediately prior to Election Day.

The filing period is Jan. 18 through Feb. 17 and the City Secretary's Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at (972) 721-2493. ■

Paquetes de Candidatos al Concejo Municipal disponibles para las Elecciones Generales de 2023

Los residentes que estén interesados en convertirse en candidatos para un puesto en el Concejo Municipal pueden recoger un paquete de candidatura a partir del 5 de enero para las Elecciones Generales del 6 de mayo de 2023 en la Oficina de La Secretaría Municipal, localizado en 825 W. Irving Blvd. Los paquetes también estarán disponibles en la página web de la ciudad: CityofIrving.org.

Este año, el Alcalde y el Concejo de los Distritos 3 y 5 serán elegidos en las Elecciones Generales. Los Distritos 3 y 5 representan Distritos de "un solo miembro", lo cual requieren que el candidato viva dentro de los límites del distrito en el que planea postularse. El Alcalde es un puesto "en general" que permitirá que candidato resida en cualquier lugar dentro de los límites de la Ciudad de Irving. Un candidato debe ser residente de la ciudad y su distrito en el que pretende postularse durante al menos 12 meses inmediatamente antes del Día de las Elecciones.

El período de inscripción es del 18 de enero al 17 de febrero y la Oficina de La Secretaría Municipal está abierta de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. De lunes a viernes. Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina de La Secretaría Municipal al número (972) 721-2493. ■

Những Bưu Kiện Thông Tin Có Sẵn Cho Ứng Cử Viên Hội Đồng Thành Phố Cho Cuộc Tổng Tuyển Cử Năm 2023

Những cư dân có nguyện vọng trở thành ứng cử viên cho một vị trí của Hội Đồng Thành Phố có thể nhận bưu kiện thông tin cho ứng cử viên bắt đầu từ Ngày 6 Tháng 5 Năm 2023 từ văn phòng của Thư Ký Thành Phố tại Tòa Thị Chính, 825 W Irving Blvd. Các bưu kiện thông tin cũng sẽ có sẵn trên mạng của thành phố tại CityofIrving.org.

Năm nay, chức vụ Thị Trưởng và Nghị Viên Hội Đồng Khu Vực 3 và 5 sẽ được bầu trong cuộc Tổng Tuyển Cử. Các Khu Vực 3 và 5 sẽ đại diện cho các quận chỉ có "một thành viên", nên cần yêu cầu ứng cử viên phải cư trú trong ranh giới của khu vực mà họ dự định tranh cử. Chức vụ thị trưởng là một vị trí "tự do" nên vị trí này cho phép ứng cử viên có thể cư trú bất kỳ đâu trong giới hạn thành phố của Thành Phố Irving. Ứng cử viên phải là cư dân của thành phố và trong khu vực mà họ dự định tranh cử trong ít nhất là 12 tháng ngay trước Ngày Bầu Cử.

Thời gian nộp đơn là từ Ngày 18 Tháng 1 đến Ngày 17 Tháng 2 và Văn Phòng Thư Ký Thành Phố mở cửa từ 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều. Từ Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu. Để biết thêm thông tin, xin hãy gọi Văn Phòng Thư Ký Thành Phố theo số (972) 721-2493. ■

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HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

The City of Irving was recently awarded approximately \$3 million dollars in federal HOME-ARP funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the needs of resident who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless. Prior to expending these fund the City must complete an Allocation Plan and is in the process of completing this plan. Public comment period is open from January 23 - February 22, 2023. Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment may submit comments in writing to the City of Irving, Housing and Redevelopment Division, 825 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, Texas 75060 or by email to dgierling@cityofirving.org.

[Irving HOME-ARP Allocation Plan DRAFT](#)[Public Notice](#)

Upcoming Meetings

February 15, 2023 - Public Hearing at the Housing and Human Services Board Meeting

February 23, 2023 - overview of final Allocation Plan at the City Council Work Session

March 9, 2023 - Adoption of the Allocation Plan at the City Council Meeting

[PowerPoint from Dec. 8th City Council work session](#)[PowerPoint from Jan. 20th Community Services Committee Meeting](#)

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QUICK LINKS

- [Social Services Brochure \(PDF\)](#)
- [Home Rehabilitation Brochure \(PDF\)](#)
- [Programas de Restauración y Rehabilitación del Vivienda \(PDF\)](#)

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.



Signature of Authorized Official

3/9/2023

Date

Mayor

Title

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OMB Number: 4040-0009
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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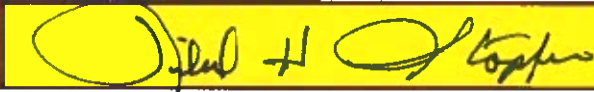
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

City of Irving

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

75-6000566

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M-21-MP4-80-231

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City Of Irving, Texas

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

75-6000566

* c. UEI:

M69VQ23H8Y17

d. Address:

* Street1:

825 W. Irving Blvd

Street2:

* City:

Irving

County/Parish:

* State:

TX: Texas

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

75060

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Housing and Redevelopment

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

DeLiza

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Gierling

Suffix:

Title: Community Development Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 972-721-4800

Fax Number:

* Email: dgierling@cityofirving.org

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

General Administration of these funds and to assist qualifying populations with eligible activities under the HOME ARP guidelines.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="2,931,949.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
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* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
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* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,931,949.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed: