



# News Release

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**SUBJECT:** CDBG and Home Funds

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Every year the City of Odessa receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has informed the City that it's 2010 allocation has not been established. However, the City will proceed with an estimated amount of \$1,133,482 in CDBG funds and an estimated amount of \$497,182 in HOME funds. Additionally, the City has \$157,300 of unprogrammed CDBG funds available for reallocation.

HOME funds are designed strictly for housing activities. CDBG funds can be used for a variety of activities, however they must meet one of three of the following objectives: low mod benefit, removal of slum and blight or an urgent need. Nonprofit organizations can apply for funding for a variety of public service activities such as services to the elderly, youth, childcare, mental health services and health services. Funds can also be used for public facility improvements such as improvements to childcare centers, neighborhood centers, senior centers or health care centers.

In an effort to prepare the Five-Year 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and the One-Year 2010-2011 Action Plan, *it is important* that citizens and organizations participate in this important planning process in order to identify needs within the community that need to be addressed. The following is a schedule of the public hearings the Community Development Department will conduct in order to obtain public comments concerning the City of Odessa Five-Year Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment and to advise the public of the availability of federal funds for the 2010 program year:

The public hearings are scheduled for *6 pm, Thursday, February 25, 2010* at Southside Senior Citizen Center, 900 S. Dixie and *6 pm, Tuesday, March 2, 2010* at Key West Senior Village, 1600 West Clements.

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