

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Greater East Texas HOME Consortium  
Also known as  
Brazos Valley HOME Consortium  
Also known as  
Washington County HOME Consortium  
Also Known as  
Burleson County HOME Consortium

**Proposed 2010-2014 Five Year Consolidated Plan and  
2010 Annual Action Plan  
Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Citizen Input  
For Affordable Housing Needs of the  
10-County Region**

The HOME Consortium is preparing their 2010-2014 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. The Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan is prepared in order for the Consortium to receive HOME Investment and Partnership Program funds for the period of October 1, 2010-September 30, 2015. These funds may be used to support the rehabilitation, purchase, and new development of affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents within the 10-county region. The Five Year Consolidated Plan is the application and planning document that details how the Consortium will expend the funds.

Based on comments received during the first round of public hearings the following goals and proposed budget appear below:

The Consortium will be receiving an estimated \$3,470,000 over a five year period or roughly \$680,000 a year with the exception of the first program year 2010 being the minimum \$750,000 in HOME Program Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with the first fiscal year beginning 10-1-10. Based on citizen input during public hearings these funds may be used to support the rehabilitation, purchase, and new development of affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents within the rural areas of the 10 County Region.

**Housing Goals:**

1. To ensure adequate, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for lower income citizens.
2. To encourage the practice of fair housing and eliminate barriers to housing choice and opportunity.
3. Continuum of Care: Assist low-income residents in avoiding homelessness

**Non-housing Goals:**

1. Encourage the delivery of health and human services and economic opportunities that encourage Self-sufficiency, reduce poverty, and assist lower-income persons in achieving their full potential.
2. Support public facility improvements to provide safe, secure, and healthy environment.

Proposed budget for 2010 and combined Five Year 2010-2014 budget for HOME Program is:

<b>Annual % estimate</b>	<b>5-Year \$ estimate</b>	<b>Program</b>
10%	347,000	Program Administrator
15%	\$520,500	Owner Occupied Home Repair / Replacement
16.6%	\$625,000	Down Payment Assistance
53.4%	\$1,852,980	CHDO Set-aside Projects (New Construction)
5%	\$173,500	CHDO Operating

A public hearing will be held **Tuesday, July 20th, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Center for Regional Services 3991 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street Bryan Texas 77802.** The intent of this meeting will be to receive public comment regarding the proposed 5-Year Strategic Plan and 2010 Annual Plan. Copies will be made available at the public hearing and placed at the County Judge's offices by June 28th in Washington, Robertson, Grimes, Leon, Brazos, Burleson, and Madison, Walker, Cherokee, and Houston Counties as well as at the office of BVCOG, located at 3991 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Bryan, Texas. This Public Notice will be followed by a 30-day comment period regarding the Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan. Written comments regarding the proposed usage of funds for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan should be sent to Mr. Tom Wilkinson, BVCOG, P.O. Drawer 4128, Bryan, TX, 77805.

Interpretive services for deaf or non-English speaking citizens will be available with an advance notice of 48 hours. Arrangements for such services can be made by calling the Brazos Valley Council of Governments at 979-595-2800 or TDD 1-800-735-2989.