

CSBG Needs Assessment Overview

Presentation to the City of Austin
Community Development Commission

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Overview

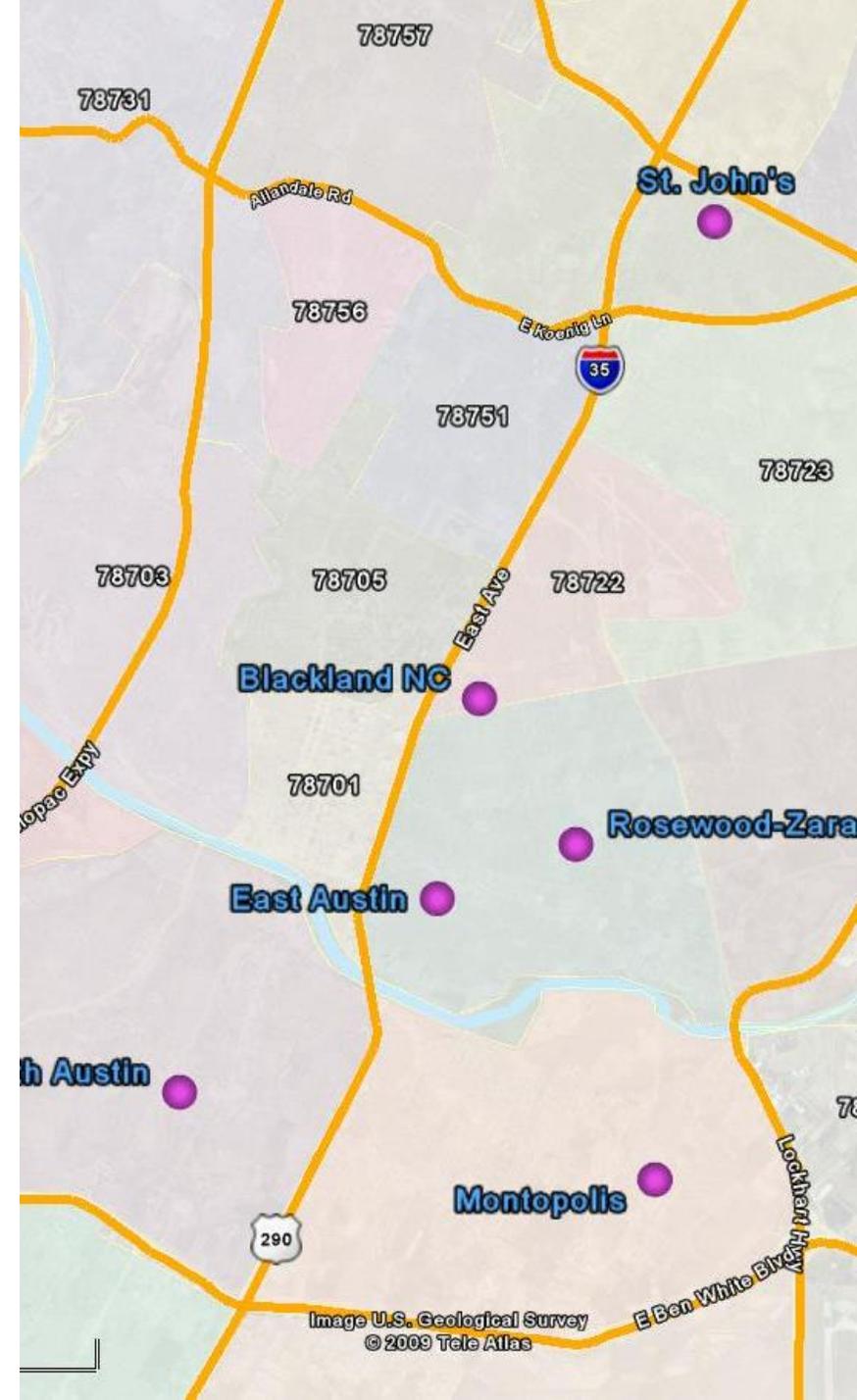
1. Another Needs Assessment?!
(Background & Justification)
2. Proposed Needs Assessment Plan
3. Discussion

Background & Justification

- Austin Public Health is identified as the Travis County Community Action Agency (CAA) receiving Community Services Block Grant Funds (CSBG) – federal funds passed through the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA)
- Federal regulations require CAA's to conduct needs assessments and use the results to design programs to meet community needs.
- The Community Development Commission is the designated CSBG community board and must approve the needs assessment plan and accept the final completed assessment

Where are CSBG Services Currently Offered?

Currently, there are 6 Neighborhood Centers utilizing CSBG funding to support case management and public health services. In addition, CSBG services are provided at Turner-Roberts Recreation Center (Colony Park), Dove Springs and Gilbert Elementary



TDHCA Community Needs Assessment Standards

- Conduct every 3 years
- Collects current poverty data and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity
- Collects and analyzes both qualitative and quantitative data on its service areas
- Includes key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs
- Governing board formally accepts the completed assessment
- Informs an outcome-based and anti-poverty focused Community Action Plan
- Customer satisfaction data and input identified is considered in the strategic planning process

Proposed Needs Assessment Plan

- 1. Work Plan Development**
- 2. Collect Quantitative Data**
 - Community Assessment Tool
 - Census/ACS data
 - Other community data (e.g. 211)
- 3. Collect Qualitative Data**
 - Key informant interviews (CDC members)
 - Polls during responsible organization meetings (residents)
 - Electronic survey (Neighborhood Center clients)
 - Service provider survey/interviews
- 4. Analyze Data**
 - Include key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs
 - Requirement to rank top 5 community needs
- 5. Develop Report**
 - Report due to TDHCA by June 1, 2021

Discussion

- 10-15 minute interactive polling sessions at responsible organization virtual meetings in March and April to engage resident perspectives. Can CDC members assist?
- Pros and cons of **surveying** versus **interviewing** service providers right now?
- Other questions or considerations?