

**State of Tennessee
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report
Summary for Public Comment
Fiscal Year 2011-12**

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The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), the lead agency for the State of Tennessee Consolidated Plan and annual reporting requirements, has completed this initial summary of program performance for the State's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. Instructions and the deadline on how to comment are presented at the end of this summary. The purpose of this summary is to provide information to citizens of Tennessee regarding the amount of funding received by the four programs listed below, which provide funds to local governments, nonprofits and other service providers for housing, community and economic development activities. Each year the State of Tennessee receives funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are administered through two departments and one agency of state government. The administering entities and the programs they administer are as follows:

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD)

- Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program (CDBG)

Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA)

- Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)

Tennessee Department of Health (DOH)

- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The overall goals of the four programs include: to preserve and develop affordable housing, to provide essential community services and infrastructure, to stimulate job creation, and to provide emergency shelter and services to persons threatened with homelessness. Each program is administered in a specific geographic area and is noted in the following summaries of program accomplishments.

Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program (CDBG)

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities program. All cities and counties *except* for large cities designated as *entitlements* are eligible to apply for CDBG funds. CDBG funds must be used to meet one of three statutory requirements: benefit low and moderate income people, address imminent threats, or eliminate slums and blight. Each year the department has an annual grant competition to award funds to local governments for (1) essential public facility improvements, (2) housing rehabilitation programs; or (3) development or rehabilitation of critical community services. The department also has an economic development component with an open application process. During Fiscal Year 2010-11, ECD awarded a total of \$23,955,506 to 59 local governments. Of the total award, 34% was awarded in East Tennessee, 43% in Middle Tennessee, and 23% in West Tennessee.

Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG)

THDA administers the State ESG program. During the reporting period, \$2,398,189 was made available through two allocations for homeless shelters, service providers, and program administrative costs. The first allocation was \$1,534,841 and THDA awarded a total of \$1,495,330 to 33 non-profit organizations and local governments. THDA provided \$100,000 for a statewide Homeless Prevention Project through the Department of Mental Health. This activity meets HUD's Discharge Planning requirement to ensure persons released from hospitals, prisons and mental health facilities are not discharged without a place to go. Of the total funds available, \$39,511 was used for state administrative expenses. Of the total award, excluding the funds for the statewide Homeless Prevention Project, and program administrative costs, 47% was awarded in East Tennessee, 29% in Middle Tennessee, and 25% in West Tennessee. THDA reports that 33,178 persons received assistance through the programs funded with the first allocation of Emergency Shelter Grant funds. The second allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant Funds had not been awarded at the time of this report.

HOME Investment Partnership

THDA administers the HOME Investment Partnership program. The purpose of the program is to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low and very low income households. In Tennessee, eight local PJs and one consortium receive direct HUD funding and administer the program in their respective jurisdictions. THDA administers the program for the remainder of the State. For Fiscal Year 2011-12, THDA awarded a total of \$15,763,061 to 45 entities throughout the state. Of the total award, 36% was awarded in East Tennessee, 46% in Middle Tennessee, and 18% in West Tennessee. Based upon the completion reports of projects funded in previous years, THDA reported HOME program beneficiaries totaling 332 households.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The Tennessee Department of Health (DOH) administers HOPWA, a program designed to assist HIV infected individuals and their families who are threatened with homelessness, by providing funds to nonprofit service providers, known as HOPWA sponsors. State HOPWA funds may be used in any of 84 counties in the state. Areas excluded from the state program are covered by sponsors in the Memphis area and the Nashville-Davidson County area, which receive direct funding from HUD. In Fiscal Year 2011-12, the department awarded a total of \$889,300 to seven sponsors. Sixty-three percent of the funds went to East Tennessee, followed by Middle Tennessee with 22% of the funds and West Tennessee with 15% of the funds.

Instructions for Public Comment

Written comments on this summary will be accepted through Friday, September 21, 2012. To access the public comment forum, please go to the THDA website at www.thda.org and select "Public Notices" under "About THDA". The complete performance report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in September, 2012 and will be available for review by going to the THDA website at www.thda.org and clicking on the "Research & Planning" and "Consolidated Planning" pages.