

- 1. New Construction Housing:** Tarrant County Housing Partnership, a certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), acquired nine vacant lots and constructed new, single family homes on Peach and Rogers Streets. The project was completed in 2005 with a combination of HOME funds (\$458,398) and private funds (\$150,000). HOME proceeds from the sale of the homes were also used for construction. From project inception to the present, property values for the nine units increased from \$100,106 to \$1,037,600, and provided stability for this low income neighborhood. A similar development was completed in 2011 on Jordan Lane with 11 new, energy efficient single-family homes.
- 2. Center Street Pedestrian Trail:** The trail provides nearly two miles of improved streetscape on the west side of Center Street from Randol Mill to Ray Street. The trail improves pedestrian access and connections to jobs, services and resources for residents in the Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). The project also serves as a catalyst for redevelopment along the entire corridor. CDBG provided funding for various portions of the trail (\$3.5M), and City bond funds, tax increment financing, and the University of Texas at Arlington funded other portions (\$4.2M).
- 3. Center Street Townhomes:** Five new owner-occupied housing units were constructed and sold in 2009. Two of the units are market rate and 3 were for households with incomes less than 80 percent of area median income. The units are energy efficient and conveniently located within walking distance to major employment centers. The total project cost was \$1.3M with \$347,000 in HOME funds providing gap funding.
- 4. Vandergriff Building:** The Thannisch-Vandergriff building, known as The Historic V, is an adaptive reuse of Arlington's oldest commercial structure. The \$2.2 million project leveraged funding from CDBG (\$350,000), federal historic preservation tax incentives (\$200,000), tax increment financing (\$360,000), and developer funding. The building opened in 2008 with 17,000 square feet of new office and retail space, and is a registered historic landmark.
- 5. Job Creation:** The Center Street Station area consists of the renovated Arlington Theater, Babes Chicken Restaurant, Mellow Mushroom restaurant, and the Shelton Office complex. CDBG funds assisted in the construction of a new 6,000 square foot building for the Mellow Mushroom, resulting in the creation of over 50 new full time equivalent jobs in the heart of Central Arlington. The restaurant also served as a catalyst for other new investment and this area has now become a destination place for residents and visitors alike. The \$2.5 million building included \$484,000 in CDBG funds. Improved infrastructure in this area was supported by City bond funds and tax increment financing (\$2.2M).
- 6. Big Brothers Big Sisters:** This youth mentoring program serves 90 at-risk Arlington youth each year. CDBG funds (\$26,923) support a full time match specialists to connect caring adults to low income youth. BBBS has an office in Arlington, which was also improved with CDBG funds (\$473,148) in the 1990s.
- 7. Skills Training and Literacy Programs:** The Arlington Reads Program at the Central Library provides basic literacy classes, GED preparation, family literacy and youth services for over 1,000 individuals each year. The annual cost of the program is \$190,000 and CDBG provides a \$25,000 grant.
- 8. Founders Plaza:** The 1.18 acre Founders Plaza showcases the City's founding families, provides a venue for free outdoor concerts, a splash fountain for children, walking trail, and green space for outdoor activities. Concerts celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the neighborhood with a focus on varied musical styles and children's concerts on weekends. The \$4.3 million project was funded with CDBG (\$1.7M) and leveraged funds (\$2.6M) from local, private, and foundation resources.
- 9. Technology Incubator:** The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) partnered with the Arlington Chamber and the City of Arlington to provide a multi-purpose facility to support new businesses. The 12,500 square foot center is managed by UTA College of Business and the Chamber. This center co-houses 30 to 35 nonprofit organizations that provide support of business start-ups, formal and informal business workshops and seminars, and coaching/counseling for small businesses. The project was funded with HUD Economic Development Initiative funds (\$148,000) and local funds (\$881,000).
- 10. Workforce Development Center:** The Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development was completed in 2004 as a joint project of the Tarrant County Workforce Development Board, University of Texas at Arlington, and the City of Arlington. The Center serves over 5,000 individuals each year with job training, job search, and career counseling for recipients of food stamps, TANF, and unemployment insurance. The CDBG funds for the project were \$1.6M and leveraged funds totaled \$7M.
- 11. Mission Arlington:** The Mission provides an array of services for homeless and low-income Arlington residents. The facility hosts an on-site medical clinic, job search center, food pantry, and counseling services. CDBG funds (\$43,441) support transportation to jobs, training, child care, social services, and medical appointments for 500 Arlington citizens each year.
- 12. Salvation Army Family Life Center:** The shelter offers a 24-week transitional housing and self-sufficiency program for approximately 150 homeless individuals annually. The shelter receives funding through the Emergency Solutions Grant. The Center will be the site of the NFL's Youth Education Town to help at risk youth with recreational activities, mentoring, and educational support services.
- 13. Housing Rehabilitation Program:** The Arlington Housing Authority operates a housing rehabilitation program, and since 2006 has rehabilitated 468 housing units for low- to moderate-income homeowners. The program provides a mechanism for homeowners to bring their properties into compliance with local codes and provide safe, decent housing. The program also includes accessibility improvements for individuals with disabilities and emergency repairs for items such as heating/air conditioners and plumbing issues. A combination of CDBG and HOME funds support the program with \$1.2M annually.
- 14. George Stevens Park:** This historic park serves a low income neighborhood where 23% of residents are below the poverty level. Before the renovation and neighborhood involvement, the park was not well used due to safety concerns. The park is now the site for frequent neighborhood gatherings and children's groups of all ages after new sidewalks, a pavilion, and playground equipment were installed and the Town North Neighborhood group was formed and became involved in community planning and neighborhood watch efforts. Funding for park improvements were provided by CDBG (\$177,300).
- 15. Arlington Human Service Center:** The public facility was first constructed with CDBG funds (\$3.4M) in the 1980s, and subsequently CDBG has supported energy efficiency and other improvements. The facility provides space for the Arlington Housing Authority and various nonprofit organizations. In 2011, these organizations assisted 14,500 persons, including abused and neglected children, domestic violence victims, homeless individuals, adults with disabilities, senior citizens, and other low income households. The facility also serves as a community and neighborhood meeting space.
- 16. Arlington New Beginnings:** ANB is an organization dedicated to providing a safe, affordable housing alternative for low to moderate income elderly. HOME funds (\$442,775) were used to construct 14 residential units and CDBG funds (\$850,107) used to construct a multi-purpose community room for low income seniors.
- 17. Homeless Shelters and Services:** The Arlington Life Shelter provides emergency shelter and a nine-week rehabilitation program for homeless individuals. ESG funding supports shelter operations, maintenance, and essential services for about 900 men, women, and children each year. SafeHaven is a domestic violence shelter that was constructed with CDBG funds (\$1.3M) in 2000. The shelter serves over 1200 women and children annually.
- 18. Old Town Historic District:** The Old Town Historic District is in the city's original town site and represents the largest group of intact early 20th century homes in the city. It is bordered by Sanford Street on the north, Oak Street on the west, Prairie Street on the south, and Elm Street on the east. CDBG funds contributed to street lights throughout the area (\$167,419), and various historic preservation funds contributed to local markers, street signs, log cabin park restoration, and residential preservation (\$60,767).
- 19. Dental Health Services:** Dental Health Arlington was created in 1993 in response to a study conducted by United Way that identified low cost dental care as a pressing need in Arlington. The dental clinic is funded partially by CDBG (\$35,021) to provide dental exams, x-rays, fillings, cleanings, and other services to low-income clients. The SMILES program serves 25 low-income Arlington elementary schools to provide oral health instruction, new toothbrushes, and sealants, as needed, for students in grades one to three. Last year DHA served 9,727 Arlington residents.
- 20. Boys and Girls Club Façade Improvements:** CDBG funded the façade portion of the Boys & Girls Clubs facility renovation and expansion (\$146,988). Exterior improvements included new windows, doors, lighting, signage, permanent landscape improvements, and roof improvements. Interior work included two new technology labs, learning center, multi-purpose space, food serving area, restrooms, and office space. The total project cost was \$967,325, and the center serves over 500 at-risk youth annually.

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