# Substantial Amendment #2 to the FY 2021 Action Plan & Budget

**CDBG-CV CARES Act and CDBG Reprogramming** 

**Culture and Neighborhood Services Committee** 

Agenda Item #04 (20-7429)
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# Background

- On August 13, 2020 City Council approved the \$22.4 Million FY 2021 HUD Action Plan including \$13.3 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding
- On September 17, City Council approved Substantial Amendment #1 to FY 2021 Action Plan and Budget
  - Amendment #1 redirected \$4.8 Million from CDBG Rental Housing Development and Homeownership Gap funding to the COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program

FY 2021 Annual Action Plan (Approved August 13, 2020)	Budget	
Community Development Block Grant	\$13,351,216	
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	5,823,415	
Housing Opportunities for Persons w/AIDS	2,043,971	
Emergency Solutions Grant	1,131,767	
Total	\$22,350,369	

## Additional Funding

- On September 11, 2020 HUD awarded the City an additional \$10.2 Million in CDBG CARES funding
- Presents an opportunity to continue to respond to the pandemic by focusing on:
  - Housing services supporting response; and
  - Housing development for faster recovery



# Substantial Amendment # 2 Summary

- Staff recommends programming Second Allocation of Community Development Block Grant CARES funds (CDBG-CV) in the amount of \$10,249,127
  - -\$4.6 Million increase to Emergency Housing Assistance Program
  - -\$2 Million Affordable Rental Housing Gap Funding
  - -\$1 Million Affordable Homeownership Development Gap Funding
  - -\$900K Owner Occupied Rehab
  - -\$900K Temporary Shelter for Homeless\*
  - -\$425K Minor Home Repair
  - -\$159K Eviction Intervention\*
  - -\$189K Housing Counseling and Foreclosure Prevention\*

### Affordable Housing Programs Revised Budgets (CDBG)

Program	Current Budget	Recommended Adjustment	Revised Budget
EHAP	\$5,875,000	\$4,675,127	\$10,550,127
Owner Occupied Rehab	1,799,226	900,000	2,699,226
Minor Repair	500,000	425,000	925,000
Gap Financing (Owner and Rental)	_	3,000,000	3,000,000
Eviction Intervention	_	159,540	159,540
Housing Counseling and Foreclosure Prevention	_	189,460	189,460
Temporary Shelter for Homeless	_	900,000	900,000
Total	\$8,174,2261	\$10,249,127	\$18,423,353

### EHAP Phase 3 Budget

- With additional \$4.6 Million EHAP 3 budget will increase to \$28.9 Million
- Total investment in EHAP since April 2020: \$81.4 Million

Phase 1: \$25.6 Million Phase 2: \$26.9 Million

Phase 3: \$28.9 Million

# Budget and Program Impact

- Increases the EHAP Budget by \$4.6 Million to support approximately 1,800 families
- Provides additional staff support at the eviction courts for 18 months
- Provides additional staff support for housing counseling and foreclosure prevention services for 18 months
- Supports temporary shelter for homeless for an additional 18 months
- Provides \$2 million in gap funding for affordable rental housing and \$1 million for affordable single-family housing
- Increases the budget for the Minor Repair Program from \$500k to \$925,000. Allows the City to facilitate an additional 13 houses for a total of **53**
- Increases the funding for owner occupied rehab by \$900k to \$2,699,226. Allows
  the City to rehab an additional 7 houses for a total of 67

#### **EHAP and TERAP Funds**

Emergency Housing
Assistance Program (EHAP)

Phase 1 - 3:

\$81.4 Million

Total Funding \$87.8 Million

COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Funds

Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP) \$3.2 Million

\$960K Texas Diversion Program (TEDP)

County (TERAP) \$717K

County General Fund \$1.5M

#### **EHAP Assistance Approved**







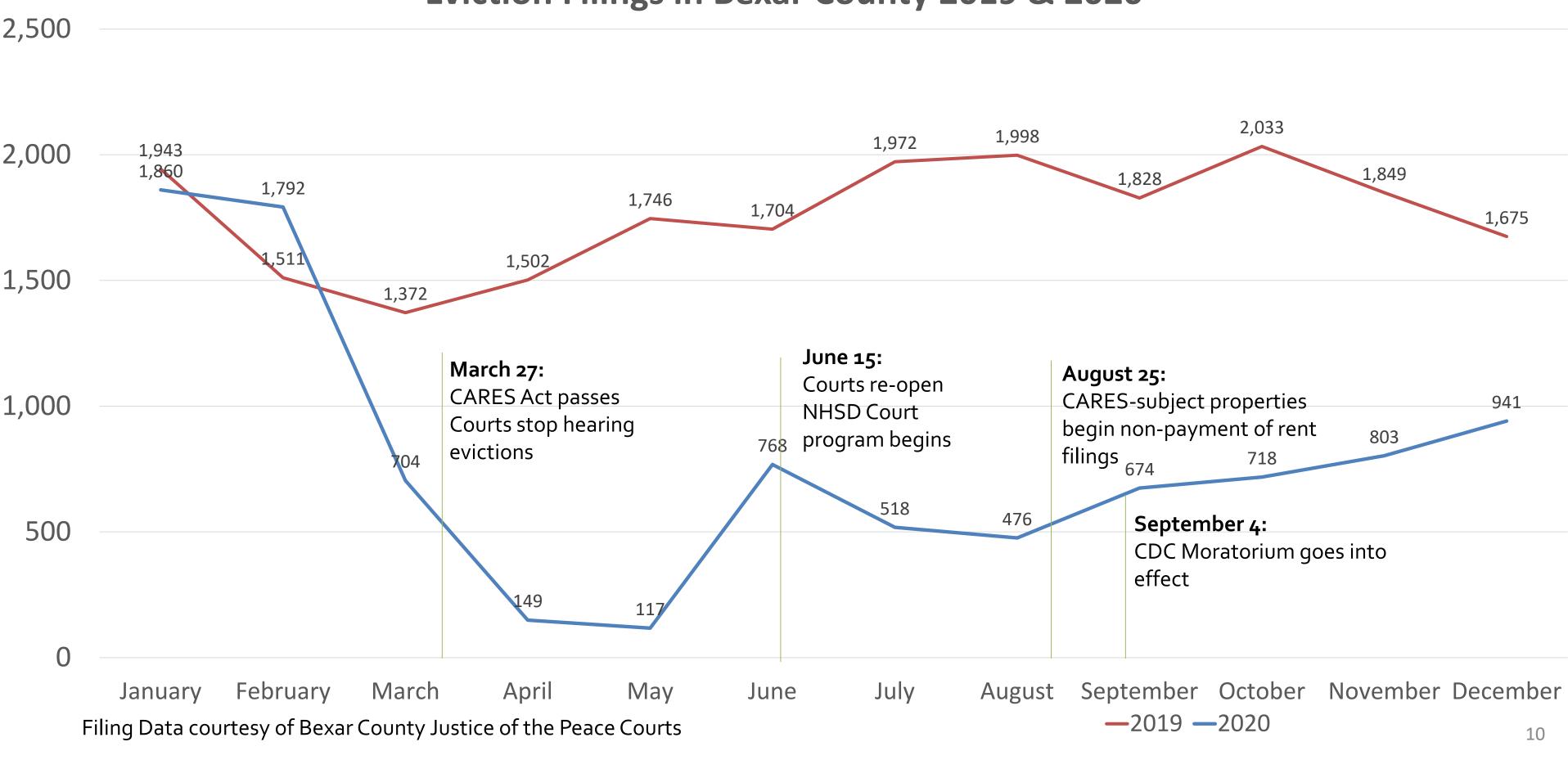




Total: \$65.9 Million

#### **Bexar County Eviction Filings**

#### **Eviction Filings in Bexar County 2019 & 2020**



# Eviction Hearing Outcomes

- Courts that are hearing cases are accepting declarations to reset or dismiss cases.
- City staff available at Court, declarations available

Precinct	Status	Cases Dismissed	Resets	Default Judgements	Judgement for Plaintiff	Jury Request
1	Pl.1: All hearings Pl. 2: All Hearings	188	155	228	227	6
2	Reduced hearing schedule	303	226	421	122	6
3	All Hearings	172	281	360	126	1
4	All Hearings	425	432	568	310	3
Total:		1,088	1,094	1,577	785	16
As Percent of Total:		24%	24%	35%	17%	<1%

<sup>•</sup> Data collected by courts staff June 15<sup>th</sup>- December 31st (N=4,560)

# Policy Landscape

A new COVID-19 relief package was signed into law on December 27th

#### **Eviction & Foreclosure Prevention**

- CDC Eviction Moratorium extended through January
- Congressional action sent \$25B in rental assistance to states
  - Estimated \$1.9B for Texas
- Federally-backed mortgages through FHFA are under a foreclosure moratorium through January
  - FHA, USDA, and VA through February

#### **Other supports**

- \$600 stimulus to all taxpayers who earned less than \$75,000 in 2019
- Additional \$300 weekly payments to unemployed households

#### **Extension of CRF spending deadline**

 States & localities have until December 31, 2021 to spend funds

#### After the Moratorium

- CDC Moratorium will end on February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Cases reset will start to be heard





Notice of Tenants' Rights



NHSD will conduct outreach and attend hearings



Courts will include City & County program information in citations issued

**Continue After the Moratorium** 

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