

**CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA**  
**CDBG ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
**For the Past Five Years**  
**FACT SHEET**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

The City of Norman has been a CDBG entitlement community from the inception of the program in 1974. Over the 36 years of the program, the City has provided needed infrastructure in low-income neighborhoods including replacing miles of undersized and inadequate water and sewer lines, constructing miles of sidewalks, repaving streets, correcting drainage problems, adding pedestrian lighting, purchasing land and developing neighborhood parks. We have also created and implemented housing programs, provided funding for public services, and administered other HUD grant programs including Emergency Shelter Grants, Continuum of Care grants, a Rental Rehabilitation Program, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing, and Neighborhood Stabilization Program and others. We also worked as a founding and active partner with Norman Oklahoma Affordable Housing (NOAH) to provide additional affordable housing in Norman and have successfully seen several hundred units built. HUD selected NOAH for one of the 100 best projects in the nation in 1999.

- For every one dollar of CDBG funding another \$5.00 in private and public funding was leveraged.
- **265,988** persons were assisted through the CDBG program in the past five years.
- CDBG created or retained **5.8 jobs** in the past five years with the CDBG-R stimulus funding.
- The City of Norman does not use CDBG funds on economic development activities such as direct financial assistance to businesses, commercial and industrial improvements, among others.
- CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,088,075 were spent on public improvements, such as the development and improvement of public facilities, street and sidewalk improvements, water and sewer improvements, senior centers and child care facilities, and the development of parks and recreational facilities, among others.
  - 10 street repaving/curb & gutter projects which improved 17 blocks
  - 3 drainage projects which improved 7 blocks
  - 1 traffic calming project was constructed
  - Pedestrian street lighting was installed in 5 neighborhoods which improved 33 blocks and 1 park
  - Park improvements have been accomplished and are scheduled in 6 parks located in 5 neighborhoods
- CDBG funds in the amount of \$644,092 were spent on public services, such as services for senior and youth projects, health services, employment training, services for abused and neglected children, and services for the disabled, among others. Over 20 agencies have provided services to 265,874 people including the ones noted below.
  - Meals on wheels
  - Before and after school care for children
  - Adult day care for the elderly

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- Programs for abused and neglected children
  - Health care services including prescriptions, dental work, prenatal, and general care
  - Bus passes
  - Food pantry
  - Equipment for disabled persons
  - Homeless programs for 5 agencies
  - School supplies
  - Programs for people with mental illness
  - Programs for disabled persons
  - Rides for the elderly to doctor appointments
  - Site based meal programs
  - Scholarships for technical training for displaced homemakers
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- CDBG funds in the amount of \$4,833,586 were provided for housing activities, such as construction, rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, lead-based paint testing and abatement, among others.
    - 114 homes of low-income families were rehabilitated including emergency repairs and accessibility modifications in addition to full rehabilitation
    - Related housing programs included the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and NOAH which allowed us to add affordable units in our community.

**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAM**

- For every one dollar of HOME funding another \$.68 in private and public funding was leveraged.
- 281 families were assisted through the HOME program in the past five years.
- HOME funds in the amount of \$2,866,516 were provided for housing activities such as homebuyer assistance, rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, and the production of affordable rental units
  - 218 families received down payment assistance to purchase a home
  - Rental assistance was provided to 12 homeless families to move them into permanent housing from homeless shelters
  - 33 homes were rehabilitated
  - 5 units of affordable housing were purchased through the CHDO
  - Leveraged funds provided an additional 19 units of affordable housing and purchased lots for Habitat for Humanity to build 10-12 homes

