

**NOTICE REGARDING THE TRANSITION POLICY**  
**FOR LOW/MODERATE INCOME SUMMARY DATA**

**JUNE 23, 2014**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income.

The Office of Community Planning and Development provides estimates of the number of persons that can be considered Low, Low to Moderate, and Low, Moderate, and Medium income persons according to annually revised income limits.

On June 18, 2014 HUD issued updated 2014 Low/Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD). The LMISD support the CDBG National Objective of providing benefit to low- and moderate-income persons on an area basis. On June 10, 2014 HUD issued a policy for transitioning between the prior data and the updated 2014 data.

**Effective Date for Updated LMISD**

HUD has established an effective date of July 1, 2014 for the updated 2014 LMISD.

**Transition Policy**

Upon July 1, 2014, if the service area of an area benefit activity no longer qualifies because the updated LMISD demonstrates a percentage of low- to moderate-income persons that is not at least 51% or the determined level per the exception criteria, then the activity cannot be started. In order for the prior LMISD to remain in use, an activity must meet the following four part test which requires:

- an obligation (subaward or executed contract) before July 1, 2014,
- a specific activity,
- a specific amount, and
- a clearly defined service area.

Therefore, prior to executing any contracts for FY 2014 projects, Fort Bend County will re-evaluate all public improvement projects for current eligibility according to the updated LMISD. If as a result of this re-evaluation any projects are determined ineligible, the public will be notified in accordance with the Citizens Participation Plan and appropriate amendments to the FY 2014 Consolidated Annual Action Plan will be made.