

## Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

**Action Plan:** A one-year plan required by the Dept. of HUD in which municipalities report the programs and activities to be funded that year using federal CDBG and HOME grant funds.

**BVCAA (Brazos Valley Community Action Agency):** Local non-profit service provider, providing a variety of services to the low-income and special needs populations.

**BVCOG (Brazos Valley Council of Governments):** Multi-county consortia providing services to the public and coordinating efforts between various agencies and governmental entities.

**CDBG (Community Development Block Grant):** A grant from the Dept. of HUD, available for activities that benefit lower-income persons, eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need.

**CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization):** A specific type of nonprofit agency eligible to receive HOME grant funds for the development of affordable housing.

**Consolidated Plan:** A five-year plan required by the Dept. of HUD to identify community needs and guide programs and projects addressing those needs (Also see Action Plan).

**ESG (Emergency Shelter Grant):** Federal funds for emergency shelters and to help meet operating costs related to homeless programs and activities.

**HOME (Home Investment Partnership Grant):** A Depart. of HUD grant that provides funds for affordable housing programs and projects.

**HTC (Housing Tax Credit):** A state financing program to support development of affordable housing. It provides dollar-for-dollar credits toward taxes owed by the housing owner/developer.

**HUD:** U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**I&R (Information and Referral):** Programs and activities that ensure the efficient sharing of information and resources, especially as it relates to Health and Human Service needs.

**JRFRC (Joint Relief Funding Review Committee):** A committee of Council appointees from both Bryan and College Station, responsible for recommending allocations of federal funds to local agencies.

**Low Income or L/M:** Households whose income is below 80% of the area median income. This is referred to as low-moderate income in the CDBG program.

**MHMR (Mental Health Mental Retardation):** Agency providing services to mentally delayed or disabled persons.

**ORP (Optional Relocation Program):** A HOME funded program for low-income owner-occupants of distressed housing that replaces the dilapidated unit with a new unit.

**PJ (Participating Jurisdiction):** A governmental entity that receives federal HOME grant funds directly from the U.S. Dept. of HUD. The City of College Station is a PJ.

**Rehab (Rehabilitation Program or Project):** Housing assistance that provides owner-occupants needed renovation and repairs to their homes.

**TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance):** A HOME funded rental subsidy provided to low-income individuals for rent or security deposit expenses.

**TDHCA (Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs):** State agency that administers state and federal funding for all the major HUD sponsored grants.