

Introduction

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Congress passed HR 78, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Stimulus Act, (CARES Act) on March 27, 2020. Following the CARES Act, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the City of Mesquite that it would receive \$1,583,307 in Community Development Block Grant – COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funds for emergency assistance to individuals, families, public service agencies and small businesses directly impacted by COVID-19.

In addition to the valuable programs featured, CDBG-CV is also a proud funder of the City of Mesquite's Housing Rehabilitation Program to assist qualified homeowners with emergency home repairs that threaten health and safety.



For questions regarding the CDBG-CV program, please contact:

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2021 - 2022 CDBG COVID-19 Funded Activities

Available to qualified Mesquite residents



1. **AZAR Foundation** *Mental Health Counseling Center*

Services are offered free-of-charge to any Mesquite resident who is in a mental crisis or in need of referral services. Through individual or group counseling sessions, participants will be introduced to skills that will help each of them to learn how to manage and cope with the stress of everyday living. The Mental Health Program offers the following free services:

- Counseling Services (Individual, Couple, Group and Family)
- Parenting Classes, Food Resources, Housing Assistance and other Social Work Services
- Texas Health and Human Services Benefits Partner
- On-Call Certified Therapists

Website: www.azarfoundation.org
Phone: 833-298-9111

Note: Suicide Crisis Center of North Texas
24/7 Crisis Line 214 828-1000 or
800-273-8255



2. **Mission East Dallas** *Medical, Dental & Mental Health Counseling Services*

Mission East Dallas (MED) is a community-based, not-for-profit, award-winning medical, dental and counseling center based in Mesquite. While the focus is on low income and uninsured individuals and families, MED sees and treats everyone regardless of their inability to pay or their insurance status and they do so in a COVID-19 safe environment. Services include but are not limited to wellness visits, vaccines, pap smears, family planning, dental exams and cleanings, tooth fillings and extractions, root canals, crowns, bridges and dentures. MED also provides counseling services through their License Clinical Social Worker and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner on-site and via tele-health.

Website: www.missioneastdallas.org
Phone: 972- 682-8917



3. **Helen's Project** *Outreach Services*

Helen's Project is a nonprofit organization that provides case management including housing assistance, street outreach, emergency financial assistance, transportation services and mental health counseling services. Our purpose is to provide stability and solution-focused social support to individuals and families for homeless prevention. We aim to improve the livelihoods of individuals and families by removing immediate barriers to self-sufficiency. Our organization targets clients with immediate needs and limited financial means.

Website: www.hlproject.org/
Phone: 830-400-7037
Transportation Requests: 214-226-8625



4. **Mesquite Independent School District** *Opening Doors Program*

Opening Doors is a partnership program between Dallas College at Eastfield and Mesquite Independent School District that seeks to help diminish homelessness among young adults. Young adults aged 17-24 who currently attend or recently graduated from an MISD high school and/or who are enrolled in the Eastfield location of Dallas College may qualify for thirty days' assistance of hotel accommodations. These are transitional services with the objective of housing stability. Supportive services will be provided including case management, vital document retrieval and academic support.

Safe Landing Program

Safe Landing provides a safe and nurturing after-school environment for counselor-recommended Mesquite High School students and middle school students in the Mesquite High feeder pattern. Safe Landing utilizes a holistic approach drawing upon an educational, emotional and relationship-based framework. Students who participate are given a "safe landing" after school for homework, dinner and other activities. Teachers and counselors are present each evening to provide supervision and support for the students.

Phone: 972- 882-8758 or 214-435-0146



5. **Sharing Life Community Outreach** *Utility and Housing Assistance Program*

Sharing Life exists to demonstrate compassion by effectively and efficiently providing dignified, benevolent services to families in need in Southeastern Dallas, Rockwall and Kaufman County. They offer a myriad of services to clients: food pantry, clothing closet, financial assistance, empowerment classes, holiday and educational programs. As a nonprofit, the primary goal is to come alongside individuals and families who need help obtaining the basic necessities of life. A place of encouragement and opportunity – a place where 'demonstrating compassion' is not just a tagline, it's who we are at our core.

Website: www.sharinglifeoutreach.org
Phone: 972-285-5819



6. **Hope's Door New Beginning** *Domestic Violence Counseling & Emergency Shelter*

HDNBC empowers victims of abuse to build lives free from violence with free services in English and Spanish. (Interpreter line available). Comprehensive services available including:

- Trauma Support: Counseling, peer support and educational groups.
- Safety: Emergency shelter/ Supportive housing and Legal Services.
- Advocacy: Systems connections to resources for food, shelter, housing assistance and CPS referrals received.
- Prevention: Education/ awareness presentations and prevention program for offenders (BIPP).

Website: www.hdnbc.org
Phone: 972-276-0057



7. **The Family Place** *Domestic Violence Counseling*

The Family Place empowers victims of family violence by providing safe housing, counseling and skills that create independence while building community engagement and advocating for social change to stop family violence. We are the largest family violence service provider in Texas with three emergency shelters providing 177 shelter beds each night, including the state's only shelter for men and children, and three counseling centers that offer both individual and group counseling. All services are available in Spanish and English.

Website: www.familyplace.org/
Phone: 214-941-1991

