

# Community Students Learning Center receives \$596K to Rehab Housing

*BankPlus and FHLB Dallas provide funds for mostly rural homeowners*

LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI, March 31, 2021 – BankPlus and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) have awarded a \$596,160 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) subsidy to Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) to rehabilitate 60 homes for low-income, special-needs homeowners.

The funds will primarily assist individuals with mobility limitations who need wheelchair ramps, bathroom lift bars or wider doorways, but other individuals who own their own home and meet income restrictions may also qualify for help. Eighty percent of the homes are in the rural area of Mississippi's Holmes County, and the remaining 20 percent are in an economically diverse area.

"Applicants will be offered home maintenance training," said Beulah Greer, CSLC executive director. "With the help of the Affordable Housing Program subsidy, we are able to provide a program that is very much-needed in the community, at no cost."

BankPlus First Vice President and Director of Affordable Housing, Mark Ouellette, said the AHP helps the bank create a footprint in its

community.

"The Affordable Housing Program is a great offering that allows BankPlus to provide organizations with support to improve housing quality and availability," said Mr. Ouellette. "BankPlus is excited to partner with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas and work with Community Students Learning Center to carry out its mission."

AHP funds are intended to assist FHLB Dallas members in financing the purchase, construction and/or rehabilitation of owner-occupied, rental or transitional housing and housing for homeless individuals. AHP funds must be used to benefit households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the median income for the area.

In 2020, FHLB Dallas awarded \$19.3 million in subsidies to 38 affordable housing projects. The funds will help create 2,749 new or rehabilitated housing units. Included in that total are \$2.3 million in subsidies for 231 units of housing in the state of Mississippi.

Since the AHP's inception in 1990, FHLB Dallas has

awarded more than \$323 million in AHP and Homeownership Set-Aside Programs and has assisted more than 57,000 households.

"Residents in rural areas are oftentimes forgotten when it comes to helping those in need with affordable housing," said Greg Hettrick, first vice president and director of Community Investment at FHLB Dallas. "We are honored to partner with BankPlus to help Community Students Learning Center achieve its project goals."

For more information about the AHP, visit [fhlb.com/ahp](http://fhlb.com/ahp).

About BankPlus  
Founded in 1909, BankPlus is one of the Southeast's premier regional banks serving consumers and businesses with the latest technology through a full suite of financial services, including retail banking, commercial banking, mortgage lending and wealth management. With approximately \$4.5 billion in total assets, BankPlus operates 79 financial centers throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. For more information about

BankPlus, visit [www.bankplus.net](http://www.bankplus.net).

About the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas is one of 11 district banks in the FHLB Bank System created by Congress in 1932. FHLB Dallas, with total assets of \$64.9 billion as of December 31, 2020, is a member-owned cooperative that supports housing and community development by providing competitively priced loans and other credit products to approximately 800 members and associated institutions in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. For more information, visit our website at [fhlb.com](http://fhlb.com).

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we do ask that you comment/share the event with alumni, friends and family of Holmes Community College to let us know you participated. For more information please contact the Holmes Community College Alumni Office: 662-472-9134 or Email Katherine Ellard: [kellard@holmescc.edu](mailto:kellard@holmescc.edu).

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City of Tchula, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$450,000.00. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$23 million that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low- and moderate-income persons and households;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of economic development and public facilities. The City of Tchula's proposed project consists of sewer system improvements. The public hearing will be held April 26, 2021, at 4:00 p. m. at the Tchula City Hall and will provide more specific details regarding the activities, program requirements, and the rating system. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

The location for this hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If a translator is needed for non-English speaking persons, please contact Rio Winters at (662)283-2675 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting in an effort to accommodate this request. The City of Tchula does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment of employment in its program activities.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City of Lexington, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$450,000.00. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$25 million that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

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The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of economic development and public facilities. The City of Lexington's proposed project consists of sewer system improvements. The public hearing will be held April 26, 2021, at 5:00 p. m. at the Lexington City Hall and will provide more specific details regarding the activities, program requirements, and the rating system. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

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## ACROSS

- 1) Footnote abbr.
- 6) Meet activity
- 10) Type of solo performance
- 14) Go no further
- 15) Button on a deli scale
- 16) Archaeology projects
- 17) You can do this when you're 13
- 20) Cheap way to travel
- 21) Throw forcefully
- 22) Play for a sap
- 23) Mangy mutt
- 25) "\_\_\_ Miz"
- 26) Tight spot
- 30) "The Elder" of Rome
- 31) Screwdriver or gimlet
- 32) Kitchen wrap brand
- 33) Lobbying org.
- 36) You can do this when you're 17
- 40) Small, in Dundee
- 41) Autobahn autos
- 42) Nash's "one-I" fellow
- 43) Fingerboard ridge
- 44) Colorer's need
- 46) Riled, with "up"
- 49) "Go on ..."
- 50) \_\_\_ Carangi (Jolie title role)
- 51) Affair of the heart
- 53) Disney movie with dancing hippos
- 58) You can do this when you're 18
- 61) Buckwheat's affirmative
- 62) Stadium shape
- 63) Formal decree
- 64) Cartoon collectibles
- 65) Circus safety gear
- 66) Indian metropolis

## DOWN

- 1) Phil who sang "Draft Dodger Rag"
- 2) Bog growth
- 3) Spelunker's hangout
- 4) Words of understanding
- 5) Rip to shreds
- 6) Old West transport
- 7) Suffix with "soft" or "hard"
- 8) Vaccine spot
- 9) Louvre Pyramid architect
- 10) Wood-dressing tool
- 11) Match in ability
- 12) Brushoff to a solicitor
- 13) Volcanic spew
- 18) High-pH substance
- 19) Restroom seat, slangily
- 23) Golfers' transports
- 24) Zion National Park state
- 26) Slow-cooked fare
- 27) Gelato holder
- 28) Casting director's offer
- 29) "Aladdin" prince
- 30) "Shut up!"
- 32) Aligned oneself (with)
- 33) Make an appeal
- 34) Shells, but not ziti
- 35) Printer's blue hue
- 37) Serengeti outing
- 38) Go sour
- 39) Cotton State (Abbr.)
- 44) Pres.'s military title
- 45) Sang to the cops
- 46) Mass destruction
- 47) Overplay one's part
- 48) Wreck completely
- 50) Iona College athletes
- 52) 180-degree turns, slangily
- 53) Tuned too low
- 54) Errand runner
- 55) Flower pot filler
- 56) Ruler marking
- 57) Sparkling wine town
- 59) \_\_\_ sequitur
- 60) Genesis outcast

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