

Task	Expected Completion Date	Outcome Documentation	Actual Completion Date
Progress Report	December 2009	Report to the Coordinating Board	
Progress Report	June 2010	Report to the Coordinating Board	
Component fully implemented	September 2010	Program supported through formula funding	

**Plan Component: 14.3 Community and Urban Rural Enhancement Studies Center**

Create the Community and Urban Rural Enhancement Studies (CURES) Center.

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Funding:	
Appropriated 2002 (millions)	\$0.20
Appropriated 2003 (millions)	\$0.20
Expended as of 8/31/03	\$0.13
Unexpended balance as of 08/31/03.	\$0.27
Appropriated 2004 (million)	\$0.00
FY 04 Expended and Committed as of 06/30/04	\$0.08
Available as of 06/30/04	\$0.19

**Summary**

Current projects include: a Community Center, Marlin, Texas; Mary Allen Seminary, Crockett, Texas; Ex-Student Association, Taylor, Texas; Main Street Revitalization Project, Waller, Texas; City Hall/Municipal Complex, Katy, Texas; Navasota Beautification Project, Navasota, Texas; Master Plan Study, Prairie View, Texas; Carmine City Park, Carmine, Texas; Good Shepherd Church, Prairie View, Texas. Possible future projects include: Freedman’s Town Project, City of Houston; African-American Museum Project, City of Houston. The CURES Center is also involved in the following community outreach services: organized a Town Hall meeting that was held in Taylor, Texas; prepared a Town Hall meeting that was held in Crockett, Texas; organized a Town Hall meeting that was held in Marlin, Texas; and is preparing for the CDC conference that will be held in October in Prairie View, Texas. We continue to write proposals seeking additional funding for the center so we can continue community projects that benefit rural and urban communities in Texas with elderly and low-income citizens. We were featured on Cross Roads on Channel 13 with two of our staff publicizing the CURES Center. The Acting Director of CURES continuously meets with members of the community and disseminates information about the services provided by the Center. Almost all projects are joint efforts by the CURES Center, TIPHC, the Masters degree program in Community Development and Architects and

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Appropriated 2004 (millions)	\$ ---
Expended as of 8/31/04	\$ (0.18)
FY04 Budget Reallocation	\$ ---
Appropriated 2005 (millions)	\$ ---
FY 05 Expended and Committed as of 12/31/04	\$ (0.09)
Available as of 12/31/04	\$ 0.13

## Summary

A new Director was hired for the CURES Center this fall 2004 Semester. Projects completed are: The Booker T. Washington High School project in Marlin, Texas, which was completed in summer 2003. The scope of this project was to provide a comprehensive history of the Booker T. Washington High School alumni and faculty. The goal of this project is to ultimately provide a historical marker for the building. Phase One of the Mary Allen Seminary project in Crockett, Texas was completed at the town hall meeting in spring 2004. Four intern students completed a comprehensive history of this project and made a restoration presentation to the town of Crockett, Texas. The next phase of this project will include securing grant money for this restoration phase. The Director of the Texas Historical Commission has informed us that the commission would be interested in investing approximately two to five million dollars in this project as part of its minority initiative. Phase One of the James Dickey Museum project in Taylor, Texas was completed in the summer of 2004. The project included the completion of as-built drawings of the existing three-bedroom home that will be converted into a museum. A presentation to the ex-students association and the town of Taylor and a detailed PowerPoint presentation and a scale model depicting the completed project was made. Possible fundraising opportunities that are available to the ex-student association are being pursued that will assist in the restoration of the Dickey Museum. The Good Shepherd Church in Katy, Texas is another project located in a small community that needed a church sanctuary building on a restricted site.

Intern students in the School of Architecture presented drawings of the site development and a floor plan of the new sanctuary building in Hempstead. Phase One of The Rock Building in Hempstead, Texas, was completed during spring 2004. A presentation was made to the county judges in February 2004 seeking to preserve this building and recapture its history and importance to the community. The Historical Society of Hempstead is now gathering funds for the further restoration phase of this project. CURES Center has underway many other such projects of interest which will benefit the education of our students and the rural and urban communities of Texas.

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Appropriated 2007 (millions)	\$ 0.00
Cumulative Appropriations	\$ 0.40
FY 04 Budget Reallocation	\$ 0.00
FY 05 Budget Reallocation	\$ 0.00
Cumulative Reallocations	\$ 0.00
Cumulative Expenditures through 8/31/07	0.27
Balances as of 8/31/07	\$ 0.13
Encumbrances as of 8/31/07	\$ 0.00
Unencumbered/Unexpended 8/31/07	\$ 0.13

**Summary**

The center over the last six months has continued to work with existing projects and has sought out new opportunities to expand the center’s objective, which is to be an agent for positive enhancement in communities. As director, Dr. Sabouni in April completed a weeklong grant writing workshop sponsored by the international grant writing association. We are currently researching grant opportunities to assist a broad client base throughout Texas in their restoration efforts to preserve legacies. The center has also worked with Prairie View A&M University officials on three different seminars/symposiums/exhibits. The projects are: TAMU Young Faculty and Students’ Symposium, the Juvenile Justice College Symposium and the Women of Hope 2007 Exhibit, all in the School of Architecture building. We have continued a dialog with Mr. Ferrel Bonner (National Trust and Historic Preservation) in an effort to find funding regarding the preservation status of Barbara Jordan's childhood home. The center has completed the design of the sign in front of the “Williams' Historic Homestead” which depicts the original conditions of the house. Working along with community leaders, we have completely redesigned and presented the revised renderings of the Freedman’s Town Memorial Park project. The

community pastors were pleased to use the rendering to make a strong case to stop the closing of Cushing Street. The Wilson/Victor and the Pullum properties' documentation are completed, and the next phase is to find funding for restoration. The Pullum elevations were perfect and made a strong case for the Marker Approval by the Harris County Archaeological Commission. We successfully completed collaboration with the Blackshear/O.P. Price Ex-Student Association and the CURES center to prepare the documentation for the historic plaque for the James Dickey home in Taylor Texas. The ceremony was conducted on June 16, 2007 to install the plaque in front of the property. The CURES center has also collaborated with graduating construction science program students to prepare the construction budget for the restoration of the historic home of Mr. James Dickey. In addition, the center is continuing its collaboration that started Fall 2006 with Gary Smith of the Texas Tech University College of Architecture on a project to document buildings at a Buffalo Soldier Fort near Victoria, Texas. The project is at the point of discussing a work schedule for students to come out and assist in the documentation of the fort.

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