

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

students from the School of Architecture. We are currently recruiting a Director to replace the former Director who joined TAMU.

Implementation Schedule

Task	Expected Completion Date	Outcome Documentation	Actual Completion Date
Evaluate current and future needs and opportunities for community outreach	October 2001	Texas Commitment to Prairie View A&M University Strategic Plan	July 2001
Acquire equipment and hire consultants	December 2001	Equipment is in place and consultants are working on identified projects	December 2001
Progress Report	December 2001	Report to the Coordinating Board	December 2001
Faculty Recruitment	March 2002	Faculty numbers and credentials are appropriate for the needs of CURES	March 2002
Staff Recruitment	March 2002	Staff numbers and credentials are appropriate for the needs of CURES	March 2002
Progress Report	June 2002	Report to the Coordinating Board	June 2002
Component fully implemented	September 2002	Texas Commitment to Prairie View A&M University Strategic Plan with accomplishments identified	January 2003