



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 29, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Housing and Redevelopment, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2009 Community Development Block Grant
Reprogrammed Capital Funding Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Approve the funding recommendations of the Community Development and Human Services Committee (CDHSC) for Fiscal Year 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) reprogrammed capital funds in the amount of \$150,000; and
- B. Authorize the Community Development Director to negotiate and execute agreements implementing the funding recommendations, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

DISCUSSION:

During Fiscal Year 2009, as part of a larger sidewalk, curb and gutter project on Loma Alta, the City's Neighborhood Improvement Task Force received a \$200,000 CDBG grant to install pedestrian lighting. The larger project was funded by State Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement (STIP-TE) funds administered through Caltrans. The bids for the project came in well under the proposed budget resulting in approximately \$150,000 of unspent CDBG funds.

Normally, any unused CDBG funds would be reprogrammed and added to the new entitlement funding for the next application cycle, in this case, Fiscal Year 2011. However, due to the large amount of these reprogrammed funds, staff felt it was prudent to reallocate them immediately. Waiting until Fiscal Year 2011's CDBG/Human Services application cycle may compromise the annual CDBG Timeliness Test which will be conducted on May 2, 2010 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As of this date, the City must not have more than 1.5 times its current CDBG allocation in unspent funds.

In order to reallocate the funds, a substantial amendment to the City's 2008 Action Plan is required, including a 30-day public comment period. Therefore, the following timeline was developed:

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July 21, 2009 Public Notice was published announcing the availability of funds and public hearing to assess community needs;
July 28, 2009 Public Hearing was held;
July 29, 2009 Applications released;
August 13, 2009 Applications due;
August 18, 2009 CDHSC interviewed all applicants;
August 25, 2009 CDHSC met to approve recommendations;
August 26, 2009 Public Comment Period began;
September 25, 2009 Public Comment Period ended;
September 29, 2009 Recommendations submitted to City Council for approval.

Nine applications were received; however one applicant subsequently withdrew its application. The remaining eight applications totaled \$365,899 in requests. A total of \$150,000 is allocated to be reprogrammed and available for capital projects. Each application was scored based on the need and timeliness of the project. The attached spreadsheet contains a listing of all the applicants by rating. The CDHSC is recommending funding five of the eight remaining applications. The Committee emphasized its strong commitment to housing programs and neighborhood revitalization, "bricks and mortar" projects that are the cornerstone of the CDBG program. Following are short descriptions of each project:

Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics requested \$26,696 to refinish damaged flooring and paint the interior at the Eastside Medical Clinic and replace worn carpeting with hardwood flooring, paint the interior and replace a window at the Eastside Dental Clinic. The Committee is recommending full funding for this project.

Legal Aid Foundation requested \$6,640 in supplemental funding to cover increased costs associated with their Fiscal Year 2010 capital grant to replace windows and doors, repair the roof, and fund electrical work. The Committee is recommending \$4,240 for this project to cover the increased costs associated with their current grant.

City Neighborhood Improvement Task Force – Eastside Park requested \$75,000 to replace an old playground designed for 2 – 5 year olds in this low to moderate-income census tract. The Committee is recommending \$74,247 for this project.

Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse requested \$16,817 to replace the roof on their Project Recovery buildings located at 133 East Haley Street. The Committee is recommending full funding for this project.

Storyteller Children’s Center requested \$30,000 to replace the roof at their children’s center located at 2115 State Street. The Committee is recommending \$28,000 for this project.

Women's Economic Ventures requested \$25,000 to provide trainings, loans and technical assistance to low to moderate-income clients who wish to start or expand a small business. The Committee is not recommending funding for this project.

Unity Shoppe requested \$116,520 to upgrade and renovate portions of the 1236 Chapala Street and 1219 State Street locations. The Committee is not recommending funding for this project.

United Boys and Girls Club requested \$69,226 to reconfigure the inside of their building to construct a music room to provide access to musical instruments and instruction at the Westside Community Center located at 602 West Anapamu Street. The Committee is not recommending funding for this project.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The CDHSC is recommending funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the above projects, using reprogrammed funds from the Fiscal Year 2009 Loma Alta Project that have been carried over to Fiscal Year 2010.

ATTACHMENT: Community Development and Human Services Committee Fiscal Year 2009 CDBG Reprogrammed Capital Funding Recommendations

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

Community Development and Human Services Committee
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Attachment

AGENCY	PROGRAM	REQUEST	AVERAGE SCORE	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
SB Neighborhood Clinics	Building Repairs	\$26,696	4.5	\$26,696
Legal Aid Foundation	Window Door Supplemental	\$6,640	4.4	\$4,240
City SB - NIP	Eastside Neighborhood Park	\$75,000	3.3	\$74,247
Council on Alcoholism	Roof Replacement	\$16,817	3.2	\$16,817
Storyteller Children's Center	Roof repair	\$30,000	3.2	\$28,000
Women's Economic Ventures	Small Business Loan Fund	\$25,000	3.2	\$0
Unity Shoppe	Building Renovation	\$116,520	3.0	\$0
United Boys/Girls Club	Music Room	\$69,226	2.3	\$0
Total		\$365,899		\$150,000