

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT: 2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM  
DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2002

Needs: For the City Council to decide which applications for the City's 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds should be recommended in the ***Draft*** One Year Action Plan.

Facts:

1. The City's 2003 allocation of CDBG funds is expected to total about \$318,000. Of this, \$274,000 will come directly from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$44,000 will come from repaid CDBG-funded residential rehabilitation loans.
2. October 28, 2002 was the deadline for submittal of applications for 2003 CDBG funds. As of that date, the City received 21 applications. The total amount for the 21 applications comes to about \$1,124,100. Attached is a table and a narrative summary of the 21 applications. Binders containing all of the applications will be available at the Community Development Department counter, Library Reference Desk, and in the City Council's office.
3. The City receives its allocations of federal CDBG funds through the County of San Luis Obispo. The County takes the lead role in administration of the CDBG program. This includes the preparation, adoption and annual updating of a "Consolidated Plan", which HUD approves following adoption by the County Board of Supervisors. Under a cooperation agreement with the County, the City retains the right to decide how its allocation of CDBG funds will be used.
4. On or about January 15, 2003, the County will publish a Draft "Consolidated Plan", which will list all of the activities that are recommended for consideration by the city councils and Board of Supervisors at public hearings to be conducted in February and March 2003.
5. It is proposed that, at its meeting of December 19, 2002, the City Council review all of the applications and recommend those applications to be listed in the Draft Consolidated Plan as being recommended for funding.
6. The Draft Consolidated Plan will be considered by the Council at a public hearing to be conducted on either February 18 or March 4, 2003. At that hearing, the Council may consider any of the applications filed by October 28, whether or not they are recommended for funding in the Draft Consolidated Plan.
7. CDBG regulations require that at least 70% of all funds be spent on activities that benefit low income persons, and that no more than 30% may be spent on activities that eliminate blight. The \$318,000 are available to be divided among the proposed activities, as shown below (next page):

\$178,100 for activities that benefit low income persons (70%)  
\$ 76,300 for activities that eliminate blight (30%)  
\$254,400 subtotal for activities  
\$ 63,600 for administration  
\$318,000 Total 2003 expected CDBG allocation

10. CDBG regulations also limit the use of CDBG funds for public service activities to 15% of the City's annual allocation. Should the City Council desire to allocate CDBG funds to public service activities, the maximum amount that can be allocated is \$47,700 (15% of 318,000).

Analysis and  
Conclusion:

There are many more applications than there will be CDBG funds to support. Criteria upon which decisions on which activities to fund are varied and complex. The criteria used by the City Council for making CDBG funding decisions in prior years include those listed below. It should be noted that the Council has not applied each of the listed criteria for every funded activity.

- Thoroughness of an application, not only in the amount of information provided, but in the resources committed by/available to an applicant to carry out the project in a timely manner; (In general, CDBG funds should be able to be spent within 1.5 years of their availability.)
- Overall benefit of an activity to the City, including the number of persons to benefit from an activity given the amount of funds requested;
- Public health and safety benefits of an activity (including ability to eliminate blight);
- Whether the amount of funds requested is so large that, if an activity was funded, it would preclude other worthy activities from being funded. In such cases, the Council may wish to divide an activity into components that can be carried out over 2 or more years. Examples include the Carnegie Library Disabled Access Project (funded over 4 years) and the Skate Park and Park Street Improvements Projects (funded over 2 years).
- The need for additional allocations of CDBG fund to complete activities initiated in prior years;
- In the past two years, the Council has made awards for public services, and some for more than one year's operating funds (e.g. Homeless Housing Project's Motel Voucher Program and EOC's Senior Health Program).

Two potential funding options have been prepared, using the above criteria as a guide, for the Council's consideration. These options, together with justifications for amounts to be awarded, are shown in an attachment.

Both options emphasize completion of projects initiated with prior years' allocations of CDBG funds (Carnegie Library, Alley Improvements, and LED-Lighted Crosswalks).

Option A provides for completion of 28th Street improvements, which directly benefit the proposed Oak Park Senior Housing Project. This option does not provide any additional funding for the Municipal Pool Changing Room Project, which would mean that the re-roofing component would either have to be postponed a year, or accomplished with alternative funds (e.g. Park Development Fees). Under Option A, only \$27,900 would be allocated toward public service applications, but in lesser amounts than requested.

Option B does not include 28th Street improvements; it does include \$71,100 for the Municipal Pool Changing Room Project, which is not enough to complete the proposed re-roofing component (estimated to cost \$145,000). The \$71,100 could be used for other components, or used for re-roofing, either if supplemented with alternative funds, or held until supplemented with more CDBG funds in 2004. Option B also would allocate funds to the Fountain Fence Replacement Project and the Boys and Girls Club's Dark Room Project.

Option B proposes to allocate the full amount allowed for public service activities (\$47,700) to all of the public service organizations that applied for funds. As drafted, this option would allot the full amounts

requested to all applicants except Lifestyles Recovery Center, which would receive only \$14,600, or about one third of the \$39,000 they requested. A variation on Option B would be to give each public service applicant an equal percentage of the amounts they applied for.

The attached narrative summary of the applications includes an explanation for not recommending for funding those applications that are not included in either option.

Regardless of which activities are listed in the Draft Consolidated Plan as being recommended for funding, the Council will have the authority to approve any of the submitted applications for CDBG funds following a public hearing to be tentatively scheduled for either February 18 or March 4, 2003.

**Policy**

**Reference:** Federal regulations for the Community Development Block Grant Program

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**Impact:** Participation in the federal CDBG Program has involved and will continue to demand a commitment of staff resources. Utilizing CDBG funds avoids adverse impacts on the City's General Fund.

**Options:**

Subject to public testimony, identify the following applications to be listed in the Draft One Year Action Plan as being recommended for funding:

a.	Carnegie Library Rehabilitation (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 90,100
	Alley Improvements (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 8,000
	LED-Lighted Crosswalks (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 26,000
	28th Street Improvements .....	\$102,400
	EOC Senior Health Program .....	\$ 4,000
	EOC 40 Wonderful Program .....	\$ 2,000
	EOC Teen Academic Parenting.....	\$ 3,600
	Boys & Girls Club operations .....	\$ 5,000
	Literacy Council Program .....	\$ 2,500
	Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring .....	\$ 6,000
	Lifestyles Recovery Center.....	\$ 4,800
	<u>Administration</u> .....	<u>\$ 63,600</u>
		\$318,000
b.	Carnegie Library Rehabilitation (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 90,100
	Alley Improvements (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 8,000
	LED-Lighted Crosswalks (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 26,000
	Muni Pool Changing Room Rehab (existing CDBG-funded project).....	\$ 71,100
	Boys and Girls Club Dark Room.....	\$ 1,500
	Fountain Fence Replacement .....	\$ 10,000
	EOC Senior Health Program .....	\$ 5,000
	EOC 40 Wonderful Program .....	\$ 2,000
	EOC Teen Academic Parenting.....	\$ 3,600
	Boys & Girls Club operations .....	\$ 10,000
	Literacy Council Program .....	\$ 3,000
	Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring .....	\$ 9,500
	Lifestyles Recovery Center.....	\$ 14,600
	<u>Administration</u> .....	<u>\$ 63,600</u>
		\$318,000

c. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing options.

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Attachments:

1. Potential Options for Use of 2003 CDBG Funds
2. Table Summary of the 21 Applications for 2003 CDBG Funds
3. Narrative Summary of 2003 CDBG Applications

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## POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR USE OF 2003 CDBG FUNDS

### **Option A**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Proposed \$254,400</b>	<b>Low Income Benefit \$178,100 *</b>	<b>Blight Elimination \$76,300 **</b>
Carnegie Library Rehabilitation	\$ 90,100	\$ 90,100	\$ 90,100	\$ 0
Alley Improvements	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
LED-Lighted Crosswalks	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 26,000
Muni Pool Changing Room Rehab	\$ 145,000	\$ 71,100	\$ 38,800	\$ 32,300
Boys and Girls Club Dark Room	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 0
Fountain Fence Replacement	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
EOC Senior Health Program	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
EOC 40 Wonderful Program	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
EOC Teen Academic Parenting	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 0
Boys & Girls Club operations	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Literacy Council Program	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 0
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 0
Lifestyles Recovery Center	\$ 39,000	\$ 14,600	\$ 14,600	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$352,700</b>	<b>\$254,400</b>	<b>\$178,100</b>	<b>\$ 76,300</b>

\* \$178,100 is the minimum amount to be spent on activities that benefit low income persons.

\*\* \$ 76,300 is the maximum amount to be spent on activities that eliminate blight.

Under Option A, priorities would be given as follows:

- Complete the Carnegie Library, Alley Improvements, and LED-Lighted Crosswalks projects, initiated with prior years' CDBG funding;
- Continue to fund the Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehab project, bringing the total amount of CDBG funds allocated to \$250,000. The requested re-roofing component will not likely be completed in 2003, unless non-CDBG funds (e.g. Park Development Fees) are also allocated. However, the allocation of \$71,000 in 2003 CDBG funds would substantially reduce the amount of future CDBG funds needed to complete the re-roofing component;
- Provide allocations for certain public services up to the maximum amount allowed by federal regulations. Those public services proposed:
  - (a) EOC's Senior Health Screening, 40 Wonderful, and Teen Academic Parenting Programs (all of which were awarded 2002 CDBG funds);
  - (b) Boys and Girls Club operating funds;
  - (c) Literacy Council's Program (which was awarded 2002 CDBG funds);
  - (d) Big Brothers/Big Sister's Mentoring Program (which was awarded 2002 CDBG funds);
  - (e) Lifestyles Recovery Center operating funds (which was awarded 2002 CDBG funds).

### **Option B**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Low Income</b>	<b>Blight</b>
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	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Proposed \$254,400</b>	<b>Benefit \$178,100 *</b>	<b>Elimination \$76,300 **</b>
Carnegie Library Rehabilitation	\$ 90,100	\$ 90,100	\$ 90,100	\$ 0
Alley Improvements	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
LED-Lighted Crosswalks	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 26,000
28th Street Improvements	\$ 102,400	\$ 102,400	\$ 102,400	\$ 0
EOC Senior Health Program	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
EOC 40 Wonderful Program	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
EOC Teen Academic Parenting	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 0
Boys & Girls Club operations	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Literacy Council Program	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 0
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring	\$ 9,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Lifestyles Recovery Center	\$ 39,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$298,600</b>	<b>\$254,400</b>	<b>\$220,400</b>	<b>\$34,000</b>

\* \$178,100 is the minimum amount to be spent on activities that benefit low income persons.

\*\* \$ 76,300 is the maximum amount to be spent on activities that eliminate blight.

The objective of Option B is give priority as follows:

- Complete the Carnegie Library, Alley Improvements, and LED-Lighted Crosswalks projects, initiated with prior years' CDBG funding;
- Complete the 28th Street Improvements;
- The Re-roofing component of the Municipal Pool Changing Room Project would either have to be postponed a year or accomplished with alternative funds (e.g. Park Development Fee funds).
- All public services would be funded, but at a lower level than requested. EOC's 3 programs, Literacy Council's program, and the Boys and Girls Club program would be funded at the same levels awarded in 2002.

## CITY OF PASO ROBLES: 2003 CDBG APPLICATIONS

#	Program/Project	Brief Description	Sponsor (Applicant)	Amount Requested *	Natl Obj *
1	Muni Pool Changing Room	Re-roof building	City of Paso Robles	\$145,000	LI
2	Carnegie Library	Install elevator and restroom for disabled access	City of Paso Robles	\$90,096	LI
3	Alley Rehabilitation	Improve alley bounded by Spring, Park, 7th & 8th	City of Paso Robles	\$8,000	BE
4	Alley Rehabilitation	Improve alley bounded by Park, Pine, 8th & 9th	City of Paso Robles	\$45,000	BE
5	LED-Lighted Crosswalks	Install LED-lighted crosswalks at 24th & Oak	City of Paso Robles	\$26,000	BE
6	28th Street Improvements	Curb, gutter, sidewalk, street lights at Oak Park	City of Paso Robles	\$102,390	LI
7	Railroad St Improvements	Pave alley east of Oak Park Public Housing	City of Paso Robles	\$174,000	LI
8	City Park Playground Equip	Replace playground equipment	City of Paso Robles	\$90,000	BE
9	City Park Fountain Fence	Replace iron fence around fountain	City of Paso Robles	\$10,000	BE
10	The Fox Event Center	Rehabilitate the Fox Theatre at 1426 Spring Street	Turano, Turano & Thompson	\$175,000	BE/LI
11	Commercial Rehabilitation	Install elevator at 1214 Park Street (Acorn Bldg)	Mary Mastagni	\$160,000	BE/LI
12	Alcohol and Substance Abuse Outreach Program	Operating costs for an alcohol and substance abuse outreach service.	Lifestyles Recovery Center	\$39,000	LI/PS
13	Senior Health Screening Program	County-wide health screening program for seniors	Economic Opportunity Commission	\$5,000	LI/PS
14	Forty Wonderful Program	County-wide health screening program for very low income women	Economic Opportunity Commission	\$2,000	LI/PS
15	Home Repair Program	Home repair program for low income households	Economic Opportunity Commission	\$20,000	LI
16	Teen Academic Parenting Program	County-wide program that provides a variety of support services for teenaged parents	Economic Opportunity Commission	\$3,600	LI/PS
17	Boys & Girls Club Operations	Operating funds for Boys & Girls Club	Boys & Girls Club of No. SLO Co.	\$10,000	LI/PS
18	Dark Room & Photo Lab	Add a dark room & photo lab at the Boys & Girls Club's Clubhouse	Boys & Girls Club of No. SLO Co.	\$1,500	LI
19	The Literacy Program	English as a Second Language Program	The Literacy Council	\$3,000	LI/PS
20	Small Business Development Center	Business consulting for existing and start-up businesses for CALWORKS recipients and other low to middle income business owners	Small Business Development Center (in partnership with Cuesta College)	\$5,000	LI
21	Mentoring Program	Mentoring program for disadvantaged youth	Big Brothers & Big Sisters	\$9,500	LI/PS
	<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>			<b>\$1,124,086</b>	

\* Only \$254,400 are available for award, of which at least \$178,100 must be used to meet the National Objective of low income (LI) benefit and no more than \$76,300 may be used to meet the National Objective of blight elimination (BE). Additionally, no more than \$47,700 (of the \$254,500) may be used for public service programs (PS).

\*\* These figures are the total amounts requested collectively from San Luis Obispo County, the City of Paso Robles, and the City of Atascadero

## SUMMARY OF 2003 CDBG APPLICATIONS

### ACTIVITIES THAT BENEFIT LOW INCOME PERSONS

1. Disabled Access Improvements for the Carnegie Library: **\$90,100.** This project is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of installing an elevator and an accessible restroom to enable the Carnegie Library building to continue to be used as a public museum and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Presently there is no means by which physically disabled persons can access the main floor or an interior restroom.

\$319,900 from 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2002 CDBG funds have already been allocated to this project. A recent cost estimate indicates the expected project budget will need to be \$410,000. Bids for this project are scheduled to be opened on November 26, 2002. A refined budget will be prepared at that time.

CDBG regulations consider the physically disabled to be a class that is principally low income. According to the 2000 Census, there were 1,650 persons, aged 5 years or older, with physical disabilities living in the City of Paso Robles.

2. Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehabilitation: **\$145,000.** This project is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of rehabilitating the changing room building at the Municipal Pool at 28th and Oak Streets. There are several conditions making the building unsafe. The necessary rehabilitation work includes: replacing the roof and repairing the plumbing, block walls, flooring and electrical system.

The City Council has already allocated about \$180,000 in 2001 and 2002 CDBG funds for this project. Those funds are to be used for disabled access improvements, plumbing repairs, and miscellaneous items (e.g. remedying dry rot). The purpose of the requested \$145,000 is to re-roof the building.

The Municipal Pool serves the recreational swimming needs of the residents of the West Side of the City. According to the 1990 US Census, 62% of the 7,200 persons then residing in the West Side are low income (earning 80% or less of the County Median Income).

The Municipal Pool is located in the Redevelopment Project Area, and the Redevelopment Implementation Plan lists deteriorating and unsafe buildings as conditions contributing to blight. This project, therefore, would also serve to eliminate blight.

3. 28th Street Improvements: **\$102,390.** This project is initiated by the City to support the development of proposed new low-income senior housing at Oak Park Public Housing. Installation of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and street lights will be a requirement for the housing project. The City has previously used CDBG funds to install such improvements along the Park Street frontage of Oak Park and neighboring properties. The benefactors of the project would be the low income seniors to live in the housing project, as well as the current residents of Oak Park Public Housing, all of which are low and moderate income.

\$20,610 in 2002 CDBG funds were allocated for the design of these improvements.

Following passage of AB 637, Redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing (LMIH) Funds are no longer eligible as an alternative funding source for this project. However, regular redevelopment funds and general funds are.

4. Railroad Street Improvements: **\$174,000.** This project is initiated by the City to reconstruct a public street (which effectively functions as an alley) on the east side of Oak Park Public Housing, between 28th and 34th Streets. The work would consist of removing existing pavement (which is badly deteriorated), installing base material (which has never been installed), and repaving the street. The City has previously used CDBG funds to improve the Park Street frontage of Oak Park Public Housing. The benefactors of the project would be the residents of Oak Park Public Housing, all of which are low income.

This project is not included in either option for recommendation in the draft One Year Action Plan as there are insufficient CDBG funds to complete this project as well as already-initiated projects.



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5. Fox Event Center Rehabilitation: **\$175,000**. This application was filed by Turano, Turano & Thompson to rehabilitate the Fox Theatre Building at 1426 Spring Street. The proposed rehabilitation work includes disabled access improvements, including an elevator. As noted above under the description of the Carnegie Library project, the physically disabled as a class are considered to be low income.

This project is not included in either option for recommendation in the draft One Year Action Plan as there are insufficient CDBG funds to complete this project as well as already-initiated projects.

6. Acorn Building Rehabilitation: **\$160,000**. This application was filed by Mary Mastagni to rehabilitate the "Acorn" Building at 1214 Park Street. The proposed rehabilitation work includes installation of an elevator, fire sprinklers, and seismic bracing.

The installation of an elevator would benefit the physically disabled, which are considered by federal regulations to be low income. The installation of fire sprinklers and seismic bracing would be considered a project that serves to eliminate blight. The building is located within the Redevelopment Project Area, and the City's Redevelopment Implementation Plan lists unsafe buildings as a condition contributing to blight.

This project is not included in either option for recommendation in the draft One Year Action Plan as there are insufficient CDBG funds to complete this project as well as already-initiated projects.

7. Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counseling Program: **\$39,000**. Lifestyles Recovery Center has established requested funds for operating expenses for their drug and alcohol counseling services for low income persons. The applicants project that they expect to serve 200 low income households per year.

In 2002, the City Council allocated \$6,800 to Lifestyles for equipment and supplies for their counseling services. Option A for the Draft One Year Action Plan recommends only funding this program to \$14,600 as the amount of CDBG funds allocable to public services is limited, and funding this program to the full \$39,000 would significantly impact other public service requests.

8. Senior Health Screening Program: **\$5,000**. This program is initiated by the Economic Opportunity Commission of SLO County and requests the City to contribute its share (\$5,000 of \$20,000) to operate a county-wide senior health screening program, which is expected to serve 3,200 low income seniors.

The City Council has previously allocated \$2,000 in 2001 and \$4,000 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

9. Forty Wonderful Program: **\$2,000**. This program is initiated by the Economic Opportunity Commission of SLO County and requests the City to contribute its share (\$2,000 of \$8,000) to operate a county-wide health screening program restricted to serving about 800 low income women.

The City Council allocated \$2,000 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

10. Home Repair Program: **\$20,000**. This program is initiated by the Economic Opportunity Commission of SLO County and requests the City to contribute its share (\$20,000 of \$125,000) to operate a county-wide home repair program restricted to low income households. This program would provide grants of construction labor and materials to make minor repairs (valued at \$2,000 or less) to residences occupied by low income, elderly and disabled. EOC will use matching funds from other sources such as PG&E, Southern California Gas Co., State of California Low Income Energy Assistance Program, etc. Their goal is to assist 54 households county-wide and about 11 households in Paso Robles.

The EOC filed similar applications with the City in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2002. The City Council chose not to fund this program in those years. Staff is unaware of any conditions that may have changed that would support funding this program in 2003.

11. Teen Academic Parenting Program: **\$3,600**. This program is initiated by the Economic Opportunity Commission of SLO County and requests the City to contribute its share (\$3,600 of \$14,400) to operate a county-wide counseling and child care program for pregnant teens, teen-aged parents and their children. Their goal is to assist 300 low income persons (mothers, fathers and children) county-wide.

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The City Council allocated \$3,600 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

12. Boys & Girls Club Operations: \$10,000. The Boys & Girls Club of North SLO County has requested the City to assist in the operating costs for their after-school programs. The application expects that 100 persons would benefit from the requested grant. Records maintained by the Boys and Girls Club indicate that more than 51% of their members come from low income households.

The City Council allocated \$22,880 in 1999 CDBG funds for operation of a teen program offered by the applicant.

13. Boys & Girls Club Dark Room: \$1,500. The Boys & Girls Club of North SLO County has requested the City to assist in the costs of establishing a dark room at their clubhouse. The application expects that 3100 persons would benefit from the requested grant. Records maintained by the Boys and Girls Club indicate that more than 51% of their members come from low income households.
14. The Literacy Program: \$3,000. The Literacy Program requests the City to contribute its share (\$3,000 of \$15,000) to operate a county-wide program to provide English as a Second Language classes to an estimated 700 low income persons (county-wide). The funds would be used for salaries, equipment and operating expenses for one year.

The City Council allocated \$2,500 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

15. Small Business Development Center: \$5,000. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), in partnership with Cuesta College, requests the City to contribute its share (\$5,000 of \$49,000) to operate a county-wide program to provide training for small businesses operated or being started by an estimated 100 low income persons (county-wide).

The SBDC filed a similar application with the City in 2002. The City Council chose not to fund this program, and staff is unaware of any conditions that may have changed that would support funding this program in 2003.

16. Big Brothers & Big Sisters' Mentoring Program: \$9,500. Big Brothers & Big Sisters requests the City to contribute its share (\$9,500 of \$75,000) to operate a county-wide program to provide mentoring services to 75 "at-risk" youth from low income households (county-wide). The funds would be used for salaries, equipment and operating expenses for one year.

The City Council allocated \$6,000 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

### ACTIVITIES THAT SERVE TO ELIMINATE BLIGHT

17. Downtown Alley Rehabilitation II: \$8,000. The project consists of paving the alley bounded by Spring, Park, 7th and 8th Streets. This alley serves commercial, single family and multi-family land uses. This would be the second alley improved with CDBG funds.

\$51,000 in 2002 CDBG funds were allocated to this project. An updated cost estimate indicates that the budget needs to be increased to \$59,000 to complete this alley.

This alley is located in the Redevelopment Project Area, and the Redevelopment Implementation Plan lists inadequate public improvements as a condition contributing to blight.

18. Downtown Alley Rehabilitation III: \$45,000. The project consists of paving the alley bounded by Park, Pine, 7th, and 8th Streets. This alley serves commercial, single family and multi-family land uses. This would be the third alley improved with CDBG funds.

This alley is located in the Redevelopment Project Area, and the Redevelopment Implementation Plan lists inadequate public improvements as a condition contributing to blight.

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This project is not included in either option for recommendation in the draft One Year Action Plan as there are insufficient CDBG funds to complete this project as well as already-initiated projects.

19. LED-Lighted Crosswalks: **\$26,000**. The project consists of installing an LED-lighted crosswalks at the intersection of 24th & Oak Streets.

\$24,000 in 2002 CDBG funds were allocated to this project. An updated cost estimate indicates that the budget needs to be increased to \$50,000 to complete this project.

This intersection is located in the Redevelopment Project Area, and the Redevelopment Implementation Plan lists inadequate public improvements as a condition contributing to blight.

20. City Park Playground Equipment: **\$95,000**. The project consists of replacing the existing playground structure, which does not meet current safety standards, with a new structure that does.

City Park is located in the Redevelopment Project Area, and the Redevelopment Implementation Plan lists unsafe structures as a condition contributing to blight.

This project is not included in either option for recommendation in the draft One Year Action Plan as there are insufficient CDBG funds to complete this project as well as already-initiated projects.

21. City Park Fountain Fence: **\$10,000**. The project consists of replacing the existing ornamental iron fence around the fountain, which has deteriorated to a point that it no longer provides a safe barrier to prevent children from entering the fountain. The new fence would be constructed of solid bars, which are expected to last significantly longer than the hollow tube bars used in the existing fence.

City Park is located in the Redevelopment Project Area, and the Redevelopment Implementation Plan lists unsafe structures as a condition contributing to blight.