

TO: James L. App, City Manager  
FROM: Bob Lata, Community Development Director  
SUBJECT: 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program  
DATE: March 4, 2003

Needs: For the City Council to conduct a noticed public hearing and decide which activities are to be approved for funding with the City's 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

- Facts:
1. The City expects to have \$318,000 in CDBG funds available for activities in 2003. Of this amount, \$274,000 is the City's 2003 allotment of CDBG funds and \$44,000 is "program income" from repaid CDBG-funded residential rehabilitation loans.
  2. Of the total of \$318,000 in CDBG funds, \$254,400 will be available for projects and programs, and \$63,600 would be used for program administration.
  3. The City currently has 22 applications for use of the \$254,400 in CDBG funds (including Homeless housing Project's application). The total amount requested in these applications is about \$1,148,100. Attached are a table and a narrative "Summary of the 2003 CDBG Applications", both of which summarize the applications.
  4. Binders containing all of the applications are available at the reference desk in the Library, at the public counter/reception desk at City Hall, and in the Council's office.

Applicants for public service activities were asked to submit additional information to clarify their applications and provide organizational and financial information. The additional information has been placed in a separate binder in the Council's office.

5. CDBG regulations stipulate that at least 70% of each year's funds be spent on activities that benefit low income persons, that no more than 30% may be spent on activities that eliminate blight, and that 20% of the total may be spent for administration.
6. If the \$318,000 in 2003 CDBG funds are allocated per the ratios mentioned above, the allotments would be as follows:  
  
\$178,100 for activities that benefit low income persons (70%)  
\$ 76,300 for activities that eliminate blight (30%)  
\$ 63,600 for administration  
\$318,000 Total 2003 expected CDBG allocation
7. CDBG regulations also provide that no more than 15% of each year's funds may be used for public service activities. In 2003, this 15% cap would amount to \$47,700. Public service activities are classified as benefiting low income persons.
8. Following City Council direction given at its meeting of December 3, 2002, a Draft One Year Action Plan for spending the City's allotment of 2003 CDBG funds was prepared and published for public review. The Council is not obligated to approve the

draft plan, and may, upon completion of a public hearing, approve any of the applications.

9. After the Council's discussion an approval of a draft annual action plan on December 3, 2002, the City opened bids for the CDBG-funded Carnegie Library Rehabilitation Project. An additional \$50,000 beyond the \$90,100 earmarked by the Council on December 3 will be needed to complete the project. An option to accommodate this increase is included.
10. Also after the Council's discussion of an approval of a draft annual action plan on December 3, 2002, the Council received a request from the Homeless Housing Project that they be permitted to submit a funding request. Based on Council direction given January 21, 2003, funding the Homeless Housing Project's application has been included as an option.
11. A public hearing on the Draft One Year Action Plan has been set for the Council's meeting of March 4, 2003. Notices of the public hearing were published in the *Tribune* on January 16. Copies of this staff report were mailed to all applicants for 2003 CDBG funds.
12. The One Year Action Plan is an annually-updated chapter of a larger "Consolidated Plan", which is a 5 year plan required by federal regulations governing the CDBG, HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs. The most current Consolidated Plan was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors in March 2000.

**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).

At its meeting of December 3, 2002, the City Council recommended that the applications listed below be included in the Draft One Year Action plan as being recommended for being funded in 2003.

Low Income Benefit

Carnegie Library Rehab (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 90,100
Muni Pool Changing Room Rehab (existing CDBG project).....	\$ 51,200
28th Street Improvements .....	\$ 51,200
Subtotal .....	\$192,500

Public Services (also Low Income Benefit)

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
Subtotal for Public Services.....	\$ 27,900

Blight Elimination

Alley Improvements (existing CDBG-funded project).....	\$ 8,000
LED-Lighted Crosswalks (existing CDBG-funded project).....	\$ 26,000
Subtotal for Blight Elimination.....	\$ 34,000

<u>Administration</u> .....	\$ 63,600
<u>Total</u> .....	\$318,000

Since the City Council made the above recommendations on December 3, the following has occurred, for which the Council may want to consider revising the allocation schedule:

- At its meeting of January 21, 2003, the Council indicated that it would consider Homeless Housing Project's application for \$24,000 to operate the Motel Voucher Program for another year.
- On December 13, 2003, bids were opened on the Carnegie Library Rehabilitation Project, and, beyond the \$90,100 recommended to be funded in 2003, an additional \$50,000 is needed to complete the project.

If the City Council was to revise the allocation schedule to include both of the above activities, some of the allocations indicated on December 3 for other activities would need to be decreased.

As noted under Fact #8, above, the Council is not obligated to approve the draft plan, and may, upon completion of a public hearing, approve any of the applications, provided that statutory limits for certain types of activities are not exceeded.

Three options have been prepared for the Council's consideration.

- A. Option A retains all of the applications recommended on December 3. However, it increases the amount for the Carnegie Library by \$50,000, and decreases amounts for the 28th Street Improvement and Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehabilitation projects by \$25,000 each (to leave them with \$25,600 each).
- B. Option B retains all of the applications recommended on December 3, deferring funding for the Carnegie Library Project. Under this option, the Carnegie Library Project would be advanced up to \$50,000 in General Funds, which could be paid back with CDBG funds from future years (e.g. 2004).
- C. Option C funds both the Carnegie Library Project and the Homeless Housing Project's application (at \$19,800), which would bring the total for public services to the maximum of \$47,700. The 28th Street Improvement and Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehabilitation projects would be further reduced by \$9,900 each (to leave them with \$15,700 each).

Details for the three options appear at the end of this staff report.

The Council is not obligated to approve the above-described options. The Council may choose to consider applications not listed among those in Options A, B, or C. However, it is necessary that the Council make a decision on the 2003 allocation on March 4, as the whole schedule for applying to HUD for the 2003 allocation depends on that date.

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:

Upon completion of a public hearing, take one of the following actions:

- a. Option A: Adopt the attached resolution to allocate the City's allotment of 2003 CDBG funds as follows (as earmarked on December 3, 2003, except that the Municipal Pool and 28th Street Projects are reduced to cover the increased cost of the Carnegie Library Project):

Carnegie Library Rehab (existing CDBG-funded project).....	\$140,100
Muni Pool Changing Room Rehab (existing CDBG project).....	\$ 25,600
28th Street Improvements.....	\$ 25,600
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
Alley Improvements (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 8,000

LED-Lighted Crosswalks (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 26,000
Administration (includes Capacity Building) .....	\$ 63,600
Total .....	\$318,000

- b. Option B: Direct that the attached resolution be modified to allocate the City's allotment of 2002 CDBG funds, as shown below (exactly as earmarked on December 3, 2002; Carnegie Library costs would be funded by a General Fund advance that could be repaid from 2004 CDBG funds):

Carnegie Library Rehab (existing CDBG-funded project).....	\$ 90,100
Muni Pool Changing Room Rehab (existing CDBG project) .....	\$ 51,200
28th Street Improvements.....	\$ 51,200
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
Alley Improvements (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 8,000
LED-Lighted Crosswalks (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 26,000
Administration (includes Capacity Building) .....	\$ 63,600
Total .....	\$318,000

- c. Option C: Direct that the attached resolution be modified to allocate the City's allotment of 2002 CDBG funds, as shown below (Funding both the Carnegie Library Project and Homeless Housing Project's application, further reducing the Municipal Pool Project):

Carnegie Library Rehab (existing CDBG-funded project).....	\$140,100
Muni Pool Changing Room Rehab (existing CDBG project) .....	\$ 15,700
28th Street Improvements.....	\$ 15,700
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
Homeless Housing Project Motel Voucher Program .....	\$ 19,800
Alley Improvements (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 8,000
LED-Lighted Crosswalks (existing CDBG-funded project) .....	\$ 26,000
Administration (includes Capacity Building) .....	\$ 63,600
Total .....	\$318,000

- d. Amend, modify or reject the proposed activities listed in this report.

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**Attachments:**

- 1. Resolution adopting Option "A"**
- 2. List of 22 Applications (Table)**
- 3. Summary of 2003 CDBG Applications**
- 4. Newspaper Notice**

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RESOLUTION NO. 03-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES  
DETERMINING THOSE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH THE CITY'S ALLOTMENT  
OF 2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

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WHEREAS, the City has been notified by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it is entitled to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; and

WHEREAS, via a Cooperation Agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo (hereafter referred to as "County") executed on July 16, 2002, the City waived its individual entitlement status for a period of three years in order that the County and the cities located therein may qualify as an "Urban County"; and

WHEREAS, via the Cooperation Agreement, the City retains the authority to determine which projects are to be funded with its allotment of CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, the City expects to receive \$274,000 in entitlement CDBG funds in 2003 and, since approval of the 2002 CDBG entitlement allotment, has received \$44,000 in CDBG "program income" in the form of repaid residential rehabilitation loans from previous CDBG grants from the State's Small Cities Program; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2002, the urban county published a "Request for Proposals" for projects to be funded under the 2003 CDBG Programs, which provided that proposals were to be submitted by October 28, 2002; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2002, the urban county conducted a public hearing in Paso Robles for residents of the City and of northern San Luis Obispo County to ascertain the housing and community development needs to be addressed in the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2003, the urban county released a Public Review Draft Consolidated Plan, which indicated those projects to be proposed to receive CDBG funds in 2003; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2003, the urban county published notices in the *Tribune* indicating those projects to be proposed in the Public Review Draft Consolidated Plan to receive CDBG funds in 2003; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 4, 2003, the City Council conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed Draft Consolidated Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, to recommend that the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Luis Obispo adopt the 2003 Draft Consolidated Plan, a copy of which shall be kept on file in the Community Development Department, which shall include the following programs to be funded with the City's allotment of CDBG funds:

1. **Disabled Access Improvements for the Carnegie Library: \$140,100.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of design and construction of an elevator and disabled-accessible restroom in the Carnegie Library Building (a public building used for museum purposes). Presently there is no means by which disabled persons with mobility limitations can access the main floor or an interior restroom. A total of about \$320,000 from 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2002 CDBG funds have been allocated to the project. Based on the contract awarded for this project, an additional \$140,100 is needed to complete the project.

CDBG regulations consider the severely disabled to be a "limited clientele" 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. This project is eligible for CDBG funds in accordance with 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2), which considers the severely disabled as predominantly of low and moderate income.

2. **Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehabilitation: \$25,600.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of rehabilitating the building housing the changing rooms at the Municipal Pool at 28th and

Oak Streets. There are several conditions making the building unsafe. The rehabilitation work necessary to correct this condition includes: replacing the roof and repairing the plumbing, block walls, flooring and electrical system.

A total of about \$180,000 from 2001 and 2002 CDBG funds have already been allocated to this project, with the goal of preparing an assessment of the building's needs and to complete the most urgent rehabilitation work identified by the assessment. A preliminary estimate indicates that the full list of improvements will cost about \$500,000. The awarded funds will be used to supplement 2001 and 2002 CDBG funds and address the building's most urgent needs.

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 and moderate income. This project is eligible for CDBG funds in accordance with 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1).

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: \$25,600.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of construction of street improvements (curbs, gutters, sidewalk, paving, and street lights for the north side of 28th Street, between Park Street and the Union Pacific Railroad. This segment of street is unimproved and borders a vacant portion of Oak Park Public Housing on which a 40 unit senior housing project is proposed to be built. Installation of street improvements will be required by City Code for the construction of the senior housing. The \$25,600 will supplement \$20,610 in 2002 CDBG funds allocated to this project. Street improvements along the Park Street frontage of Oak Park Public Housing were designed and constructed with 1997 and 2000 CDBG funds.

Residents of Oak Park Public Housing must qualify as being low and moderate income. This project is eligible for CDBG funds in accordance with 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1).

4. **Senior Health Screening Program: \$4,000.** This activity is initiated by EOC to contribute the City's share to operate a county-wide senior health screening program, which is expected to serve 3,200 seniors county-wide. CDBG regulations consider seniors to be a "limited clientele" that is principally low income. The City Council allocated \$4,000 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2).

5. **40 Wonderful Program: \$2,000.** This activity is initiated by the Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County (EOC) to contribute the City's share to operate a county-wide health screening program restricted to serving about 800 low and moderate income women. The City Council allocated \$2,000 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2).

6. **Teen Academic Parenting Program: \$3,600.** This activity is initiated by EOC to contribute the City's share 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 and moderate income persons (mothers, fathers and children) county-wide. The City Council allocated \$3,600 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2).



7. **Boys & Girls Club Operations: \$5,000.** This activity is initiated by the Boys and Girls Club of North San Luis Obispo County and consists of operating costs for their after-school programs. The application expects that 100 persons would benefit from the requested grant. The City Council allocated \$22,880 in 1999 CDBG funds for operation of a teen program offered by the applicant.

Based on records maintained by the Boys and Girls Club, more than 51% of the participating youth come from low and moderate income families. This program qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2).

8. **The Literacy Program: \$2,500.** This activity is initiated by the Literacy Council and consists of the City's share to operate a county-wide program to provide English as a Second Language classes to an estimated 700 low and moderate 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.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2).

9. **Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Program: \$6,000.** This activity is initiated by Big Brothers/Big Sisters and consists of the City's share to operate a county-wide program to provide adult mentors for 75 low income "at-risk" children. The City Council allocated \$6,000 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2). The City Council allocated \$2,500 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

10. **Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counseling: \$4,800.** This activity is initiated by Lifestyles Recovery Center, who have requested using CDBG 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 and moderate income persons clients per year. The City Council allocated \$6,800 in 2002 CDBG funds for this activity.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2).

11. **Alley Improvements: \$8,000.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of installing alley improvements (pavement, "Vee gutter" and concrete alley approaches) in the alley between Spring, Park, 7th and 8th Streets where such improvements have deteriorated over decades to a point where they are virtually unrecognizable. The \$8,000 will supplement \$51,000 in 2002 CDBG funds allocated to this project.

The Downtown is located within the City's Redevelopment Project Area, which is defined as a blighted area. The Redevelopment Implementation Plan states that lack of adequate public improvements is a condition contributing to blight. This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved is elimination of slums and blight in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(b)(2).

12. **LED-Lighted Crosswalk: \$26,000.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of installing an LED-lighted crosswalk in the intersection of 24th & Oak Streets, which is used by Flamson Middle School students and persons attending city-wide sporting and entertainment events at that campus. The \$26,000 will supplement \$24,000 in 2002 CDBG funds allocated to 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. This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved is elimination of slums and blight in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(b)(2).

13. **Capacity Building: \$31,800.** An administrative activity which consists of City staff work on the various housing programs listed in the Housing Element of the General Plan.

14. **Grant Administration: \$31,800.** Grant administration consists primarily of staff time managing CDBG-funded projects.
15. ***FOR OPTION "C" ONLY: Motel Voucher Program: \$19,800.*** This activity is initiated by Homeless Housing Project (HHP) and consists of providing motel rooms for the North County's homeless. According to the application, \$19,800 will provide 396 shelter units (one night's stays per room). HHP proposes to use 20% of the funds for administrative costs to support the motel voucher program

CDBG regulations consider the homeless to be a "limited clientele" that is principally low income. The Homeless Housing Project estimates that the number of homeless in the North County is about 3,000 persons. This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2).

NOTE: If Option C is selected, amounts awarded to one or more of items #1-14 would have to be reduced by a total of \$19,800.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2003 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Mayor Frank R. Mecham

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

## 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
22	Motel Voucher Program	Motel room rental for the homeless	Homeless Housing Project	\$24,000	LI
	<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>			<b>\$1,148,086</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 indicate 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.
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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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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).
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.

17. Motel Voucher Program: **\$24,000**. This activity is initiated by Homeless Housing Project (HHP) and consists of providing motel rooms for the North County's homeless. According to the application, \$24,000 will provide 480 shelter units (one night's stays per room). HHP proposes to use 20% of the funds for administrative costs to support the motel voucher program

### ACTIVITIES THAT SERVE TO ELIMINATE BLIGHT

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

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22. 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.