

RESOLUTION NO. 97-50

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 1997 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

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 9, 1996, 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 1995 Consolidated Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County on May 9, 1995 included Part IV - One -Year Action Plan, which must be updated annually to indicate which projects and programs will receive CDBG funding each year; and

WHEREAS, the City expects to receive \$293,311 in entitlement CDBG funds in 1997 and, since approval of the 1996 CDBG entitlement allotment, has received \$68,630 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 October 28, 1996, 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 One Year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, in November, 1996, the urban county published a "Request for Proposals" for projects to be funded under the 1996 CDBG Programs, which provided that proposals were to be submitted by January 10, 1997; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1996, the urban county released a Public Review Draft One Year Action Plan, which indicated those projects to be proposed to receive CDBG funds in 1997; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 1, 1997, the City Council conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed Draft One Year Action Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND, by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, that the Draft One Year Action Plan, which proposes that 70 percent of the City's non-administrative CDBG funds be allocated to a Public Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods Assistance Program and to the Expansion of the George Stephans Recreation Center meets the National Objective of providing benefit to low income persons; and

BE IT FURTHER FOUND, by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, that the Draft One Year Action Plan, which proposes that the 30 percent of non-administrative CDBG funds be allocated to the Seismic Structural Design Study Program and to the Commercial Rehabilitation of 1226-1234 Park Street meets the National Objective of eliminating slums and/or blight; and

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 1997 Draft One Year Action 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. **Public Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods Program: \$157,687.** This program proposes to construct public improvements such as curbs, gutters, sidewalks and storm drains within the area between Highway 101 and Vine Street north of 17th Street, with special emphasis on the subarea north of 24th Street. Recreation facilities such as basketball courts may be included in these improvements. The number of public improvement deficiencies, in residential areas, such as those listed above greatly exceed the \$157,687 requested. However, it is possible to complete several needed improvement projects within this amount.

More than 51% of the residents in this area are in the low and moderate income category. Throughout these block groups are residential areas without adequate storm drains, handicapped curb cuts, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The lack of such public improvements helps contribute to poor property maintenance and an overall lack of pride in the neighborhood. Additionally, handicapped access in these areas is inadequate, and there is an absence of adequate recreational facilities.

2. **Expansion of George Stephans Recreation Center and Related Improvements in Oak Park Public Housing: \$45,000.** This program proposes to add a modular unit, including a kitchen, to the George Stephans Recreation Center at Oak Park Public Housing. This project also includes related improvements such as outdoor lighting, awnings, parking lot paving and additional recreation facilities. The Paso Robles Housing Authority has pledged to match the City's contribution with an additional \$45,000 for this project.

3. **Seismic Structural Design Study Grants: \$86,866.** This program is a continuation of that program funding with 1995 and 1996 CDBG funds. Funds will be used for grants to the owners of commercial unreinforced masonry buildings, most of which are located downtown, for the preparation of seismic structural design studies.

In the event that all or a portion of the CDBG funds allocated to the Seismic Structural Design Study Grant Program are not used, the unused funds may be applied to the **Commercial Rehabilitation of 1226-1234 Park Street** to correct deficiencies under California Administrative Code Title 24 and the Americans with Disabilities Act related to handicapped access. The cost of compliance with these codes is estimated to be less than \$86,866. If the amount of funds necessary to complete this work exceeds what is available from the CDBG program, the building owners will be required to supplement CDBG funds with private funds.

4. **Capacity Building: \$36,194.** An administrative activity which consists of City staff work on the various housing programs listed in the Housing Element of the General Plan.
5. **Grant Administration: \$36,194.** Grant administration consists primarily of staff time managing CDBG-funded projects.

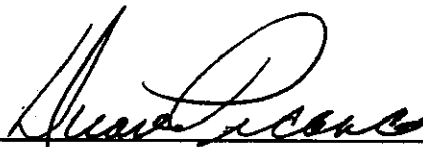
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th day of April, 1997 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Swanson, Iversen, Macklin and Picanco

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


MAYOR DUANE J. PICANCO

ATTEST:


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