

RESOLUTION NO. 00-46

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 2000 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 13, 1999, 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 \$286,000 in entitlement CDBG funds in 2000 and, since approval of the 1999 CDBG entitlement allotment, has received \$154,000 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 November 5, 1999, the urban county published a "Request for Proposals" for projects to be funded under the 2000 CDBG Programs, which provided that proposals were to be submitted by December 31, 1999; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1999, 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 February 4, 2000, the urban county released a Public Review Draft Consolidated Plan, which indicated those projects to be proposed to receive CDBG funds in 2000; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2000, the urban county published notices in the *Tribune* and *Country News-Press*, indicating those projects to be proposed in the Public Review Draft Consolidated Plan to receive CDBG funds in 2000; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 7, 2000, 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 2000 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. **Public Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods Program: \$117,000.** This project consists of constructing curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street lights in Park Street, between 28<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets and in front of 721 – 28<sup>th</sup> Street. The project was initiated with an allocation of \$157,687 in 1997 CDBG funds. Based on the lowest bid for completing this project, an additional \$117,000 is needed to complete it in a single phase and to achieve overall cost savings. The City has advanced \$117,000 in general funds that were earmarked for street maintenance in Fiscal Year 2001/2002; the requested CDBG funds would reimburse the City's General Fund for the advanced moneys.

According to the 1990 US Census, 81% of the residents in the project area are in the low and moderate income category. Park and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets lack complete improvements, including handicapped curb cuts, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street lights. As a result, pedestrian paths in the public rights-of-way are unsafe and storm water does not drain. In addition to the aforementioned public safety and health problems, the lack of such public improvements helps contribute to poor property maintenance and an overall lack of pride in the neighborhood.

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).

2. **Disabled Access Improvements for the Carnegie Library: \$129,400.** This project consists of design and construction of an elevator and disabled-accessible restroom in the Carnegie Library Building (a public building used for museum purposes). The project was initiated with an allocation of \$100,600 in 1998 CDBG funds. Based on a cost estimate prepared by the City's architect for this project, an additional \$129,400 is needed to complete the project. If this project is not pursued, continued occupancy of the building would be in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The 1990 US Census indicated that 633 City residents 16 years or older have mobility limitation disabilities. It is estimated that there may currently be as many as 780 persons with such limitations.

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.

3. **Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation's Youth Center: \$7,000 - 37,000.** This activity consists of assistance to the development of a youth arts center, a public facility that will be owned and operated by the Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation, a non-profit organization. Assistance may include payment of building permit (administrative) fees and design and construction of adjacent street improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalk, street lights and undergrounding of overhead utility lines). The youth arts center will be located on the northwest corner of Spring and 32nd Streets. \$135,000 in 1999 CDBG funds were allocated for the acquisition of the site for this center.

The City has allocated \$65,000 in general funds for the design and construction of adjacent street improvements. Approximately \$30,000 of the CDBG funds requested are planned to be contingency funds, should the cost of street improvements exceed the cost estimate. In the event that not all of the allocated \$37,000 is needed for this project, it will automatically be reallocated to the Skate Park project described below.

According to the 1990 US Census, 81% of the persons residing in the area surrounding the site for the youth arts center are low and moderate income. Additionally, the Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation has indicated its agreement to ensure that 51% or more of participating youth come from low and moderate income households.

This project 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)(1) and (2).

4. **Women's Shelter: \$15,000.** This project consists of rehabilitating an existing residence in Paso Robles so that it might be used as a domestic violence shelter. The applicant is the North County Women's Resource Center. The nature of the services provided by the shelter mandate that its location within the City remain confidential.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as residential rehabilitation under Section 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1). The national objective achieved is benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2), which lists “battered spouses” and “abused children” as being a limited clientele that is predominantly low and moderate income.

5. **Skate Park: \$53,600 - \$83,600.** This project consists of construction of a skate park in Pioneer Park. The project was initiated with an allocation of \$96,978 from 1996 and 1998 CDBG funds. Based on the lowest bid for completing this project, an additional \$113,300 is needed to complete it in a single phase and to achieve overall cost savings. The City has advanced \$113,300 in Park Development Impact Fee funds; the requested CDBG funds would partially reimburse the City’s Park Development Impact Fee Fund for the advanced moneys.

Pioneer Park is located within the City’s Redevelopment Project Area, which is defined as a blighted area. The Skate Park will serve to eliminate blight by offering a safe venue for skateboarding and in-line skating, which has proven to be an attractive nuisance on downtown sidewalks and parking lots, and by providing a diversion from gang activity.

In the event that not all of the allocated \$37,000 allocated to the Youth Arts Foundation project described above is needed, it will automatically be reallocated to the Skate Park project.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved is elimination of blight in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(b).

6. **Capacity Building: \$35,200.** An administrative activity which consists of City staff work on the various housing programs listed in the Housing Element of the General Plan.
7. **Grant Administration: \$52,800.** Grant administration consists primarily of staff time managing CDBG-funded projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 21st day of March 2000 by the following vote:

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| AYES:    | Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson and Picanco |
| NOES:    | None  |
| ABSENT:  | None  |
| ABSTAIN: | None  |

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Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk