

RESOLUTION NO. 01-55

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 2001 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 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 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 \$296,200 in entitlement CDBG funds in 2001 and, since approval of the 2000 CDBG entitlement allotment, has received \$86,700 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, the amounts of CDBG funds listed below that were allocated in previous years will not be needed for the purpose for which they were originally allocated and will be added to the amount of CDBG funds available for use in 2001:

a.	1997 CDBG funds that had been allocated to the Seismic Structural Design Studies Program (National Objective: elimination of slums or blight)	\$8,000
b.	1999 CDBG funds that had been allocated to the Disabled Access Improvements for Classic American Theatre Project (National Objective: elimination of slums or blight).....	\$ 872
c.	2000 CDBG funds that had been allocated to the Public Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods Project (National Objective: benefit to low and moderate income persons)	\$8,000
Total.....		\$16,872; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2000, 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 November 21, 2000, 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 January 8, 2001; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2001, 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 2001; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2001, the urban county released a Public Review Draft Consolidated Plan, which indicated those projects to be proposed to receive CDBG funds in 2001; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 19, 2001, 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 2001 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. **Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehabilitation: \$100,092.** This project 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 preliminary estimate indicates that the full list of improvements will cost about \$200,000. The awarded funds will be used to prepare an assessment of the building's needs and to complete the most urgent rehabilitation work identified by the assessment.

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).

2. **Disabled Access Improvements for the Carnegie Library: \$53,500.** This project 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. The project was initiated with an allocation of \$100,600 in 1998 CDBG funds and \$129,454 in 2000 CDBG Funds. Based on a cost estimate prepared by the City's construction manager for this project, an additional \$53,500 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.

CDBG regulations consider the severely disabled to be a "limited clientele" that is principally low income. According to the 1990 Census, there were 633 persons, aged 16 years or older, with mobility limitations living in the City of Paso Robles. It is estimated that there were about 800 City residents in this category as of December 31, 2000.

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 Domestic Violence Shelter: \$10,000.** This project is initiated by the North County Women's Resource Center and consists of making repairs to a new domestic violence shelter in Paso Robles. The application indicates that the shelter expects to serve 70-100 clients per year. CDBG regulations consider battered spouses and abused children to be a "limited clientele" that is principally low and moderate income.

\$15,000 from 2000 CDBG funds have been allocated to this project. Those funds will be used for replacing carpeting, installing fencing, and replacing heating and air conditioning units. The request for an additional \$10,000 in 2001 is to be used for electrical repairs (\$3,000) and painting (\$7,000).

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.

4. **Homeless Ministry Center: \$36,150.** This activity is initiated by Isaac Henderson/the Second Baptist Church and consists of, which operates a homeless ministry consisting of serving the homeless by providing lunches and a place to take a shower. The applicants have requested \$36,150 to build an addition to expand the showers, restrooms and the kitchen. The application also seeks CDBG funds as a public service to purchase a new range/oven and a refrigerator.

CDBG regulations consider the homeless to be a “limited clientele” that is principally low income. The application indicates that this ministry has served about 200 homeless per year and expects the number of homeless to increase.

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)(2).

5. **Emergency Shelter Program: \$24,000.** This activity is initiated by the Homeless Housing Project, which will use CDBG funds for motel vouchers for the North County’s homeless. According to the application, \$12,000 will provide 270 shelter units (one night’s stays per room).

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).

6. **Food Bank Warehouse: \$31,000.** This activity is initiated by the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County has requested \$31,000 as part of a greater request of \$300,000 from other jurisdictions to assist the acquisition of property and construction of a new warehouse in Paso Robles. The applicants maintain that they have outgrown the current warehouse they lease.

More than 51% of the clients of the Food Bank are low income. This facility would serve the County as a whole.

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)(2).

7. **Senior Health Screening Program: \$2,000.** This activity is initiated by the Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County to contribute the City’s share to operate a county-wide senior health-screening program, which is expected to serve 600 seniors county-wide. CDBG regulations consider seniors to be a “limited clientele” that is principally low income.

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).

8. **Camp Fire Cabin Renovation: \$1,500.** This activity is initiated by the Camp Fire Council of the Central Coast to renovate the Camp Fire Cabin at 244 – 19th Street. Repairs would include (but not be limited to) such items as re-painting the building, rebuilding the fence, and replacing a storage shed. The application states that 50 – 100 families would be served.

The application states that 60% of the users of the cabin are low income, and that the deferred maintenance has made the building somewhat of an eyesore to the neighborhood. The cabin is not located within the Redevelopment Project Area, which is defined as a blighted area. However, the Council could make a finding that the proposed project would serve to eliminate “spot” blight. Therefore, this project has the potential of addressing the National Objectives of low-income benefit and elimination of blight.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c). The national objective achieved may either be benefit to low and moderate income persons in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) or elimination of slums and blight in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(b)(2).

9. **Installation of Street Lights in the Downtown: \$48,740.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of installing “historic” (ornamental) street lights in the downtown as a means of eliminating blight. A total of \$52,000 from in 1997 and 1999 CDBG funds have already been allocated to this project, with the goal of installing 14 lights. A cost estimate prepared by the design engineer indicates that an additional \$48,740 is needed to complete a 14 light 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 slums and blight in accordance with 24 CFR 570.208(b)(2).

10. **Installation of Alley Improvements in the Downtown: \$15,800.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of installing alley improvements (pavement, "Vee gutter" and concrete alley approaches) in a downtown alley where no such improvements exist. \$26,500 in 1999 CDBG funds have already been allocated to the alley improvement program. Construction plans and a detailed cost estimate have been completed. An additional \$15,800 will be needed to complete any one of three eligible alleys.

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).

11. **Capacity Building: \$30,600.** An administrative activity which consists of City staff work on the various housing programs listed in the Housing Element of the General Plan.
12. **Grant Administration: \$45,900.** 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 19th day of March 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: Finigan
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharlyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk