

RESOLUTION NO. 99-41

**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 1999 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS
AND WITH RE-ALLOCATED 1997 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 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 \$286,380 in entitlement CDBG funds in 1999 and, since approval of the 1998 CDBG entitlement allotment, has received \$34,000 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, the City Council has determined that a total of \$50,000 in CDBG funds from the 1997 program year that had been allocated to the Seismic Structural Design Study Program (a blight elimination activity) will not be spent for said activities and are, therefore, available for re-allocation to other CDBG-eligible activities in 1999; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 1998, 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 December 1998, the urban county published a "Request for Proposals" for projects to be funded under the 1998 CDBG Programs, which provided that proposals were to be submitted by January 22, 1999; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1999, the City published a notice in the *Telegram-Tribune*, indicating those projects to be proposed in the Public Review Draft One Year Action Plan to receive CDBG funds in 1999 and indicating that unspent CDBG funds for the Seismic Structural Design Study Program from the 1997 program year may be re-allocated; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 1999, the urban county released a Public Review Draft One Year Action Plan, which indicated those projects to be proposed to receive CDBG funds in 1999 and indicated that unspent CDBG funds for the Seismic Structural Design Study Program from the 1997 program year may be re-allocated; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 16, 1999, the City Council conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed Draft One Year Action 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 1999 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. **Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation Center: \$135,000.** This activity consists of acquisition of property and design and construction of adjacent street improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalk and undergrounding of overhead utility lines) at a site to be located north of 24th Street. The Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation is a non-profit organization that has offered to construct a building ("center") to house performing arts programs and other recreational activities primarily for youth from low income families. According to the 1990 US Census, 81% of the persons residing in the area in north of 24th Street are low and moderate income (80% or less of the County median income). This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(a) and (c).
2. **Classic American Theatre Disabled Access Improvements: \$50,000.** This activity consists of design and construction of disabled access improvements in a portion of a privately-owned building, located at 810 - 11th Street, leased by Classic American Theatre. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) require that several disabled access improvements be made to the building before it can be used as a theater.

Federal Regulations, 24 CFR Part 570.208(a)(2)(A) provides that adults meeting the Bureau of the Census' definition of "Severely Disabled" qualify as a limited clientele that is considered to be low and moderate income. Based on information from the 1990 US Census and annual population estimates provided by the State Department of Finance, it is estimated that 382 City residents 16 years or older have mobility limitation disabilities.

The need for compliance with the ADA makes this project a form of commercial rehabilitation that is eligible for CDBG funding under Section 24 CFR 570.202(a).

3. **Loaves and Fishes Program: \$20,000.** This activity consists of operating expenses (rent payments, furnishings, and/or equipment), tenant improvements and/or other necessary site improvements to assist Loaves and Fishes, an existing non-profit organization that provides food and referrals to shelter to low and moderate income persons and transients, relocate from a City-owned building, which is scheduled to be demolished, to a new location. At Loaves and Fishes' present location, they pay no rent; at their new location, it is expected that they may pay as much as \$2,000 per month rent. Such a program qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e).
Loaves and Fishes is also presently seeking private donations that could result in the construction of a new building. If they are successful in this endeavor, an alternative use of the CDBG funds would be to construct street improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalk) and underground any existing overhead utilities. Such an alternative project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c).

For either alternative, Loaves and Fishes has indicated that the new building should be located on the West side of the City, in or near the Downtown.

4. **Boys and Girls Club Teen Program: \$22,880.** This activity consists of operating expenses for a new teen program. Expenses would include salary for Director of Teen Services. Based on records maintained by the Boys and Girls Club, more than 51% of the participating youth come from low and moderate income families. The Boys and Girls Club is located on the Flamson Middle School Campus at the western terminus of 26th Street, west of Spring Street. This program qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service under Section 24 CFR 570.201(e).

5. **Main Street's Street Lights in the Downtown: \$52,000.** This activity consists of installation of "historic" street lights in the downtown in areas that are poorly-lit and, as such, are hazardous to pedestrian safety. The Downtown is located within the City's Redevelopment Project Area, which is defined as a blighted area. This project, therefore, will serve to eliminate blight. This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c).
6. **Alley Improvement in the Downtown: \$26,500.** This activity consists of construction of alley improvements (paving and drive approaches) in the Downtown where such improvements have never been previously installed. The Downtown is located within the City's Redevelopment Project Area, which is defined as a blighted area. This project, therefore, will serve to eliminate blight. This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public facility under Section 24 CFR 570.201(c).
7. **Capacity Building: \$25,600.** An administrative activity which consists of City staff work on the various housing programs listed in the Housing Element of the General Plan.
8. **Grant Administration: \$38,400.** Grant administration consists primarily of staff time managing CDBG-funded projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th day of March 1999 by the following roll call vote:

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


 MAYOR DUANE J. PICANCO

ATTEST:


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