

RESOLUTION NO. 02-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
DETERMINING PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH CITY'S ALLOTTED 2002
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 \$291,555 in entitlement CDBG funds in 2002 and, since approval of the 2001 CDBG entitlement allotment, has received \$58,000 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 11, 2001, 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 October 29, 2001; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2001, 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 31, 2002, 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, 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 2002; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 5, 2002, 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 2002 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: \$59,695 - \$79,695.** 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 \$100,592 from in 2001 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 \$200,000. The awarded funds will be used to supplement 2001 CDBG funds and address the building's most urgent needs.

The City Council will award \$59,695, to this project unless, based on the feasibility study for the Boys and Girls Club's proposed new clubhouse (described below), to be completed in May 2002, the City Council concludes that the proposed new clubhouse cannot be funded and completed in a timely manner, the \$20,000 in CDBG funds for the design of the clubhouse will be reallocated to the Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehabilitation project to bring the total amount allocated to \$79,695.

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: \$36,350.** 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 \$283,554 from 1998, 2000, and 2001 CDBG funds have been allocated to the project. Based on a cost estimate prepared by the City's architect for this project, an additional \$36,350 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 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 are now more than 800 City residents in this category. 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. **28th Street Improvements (Design): \$20,610.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of design of street improvements (curbs, gutters, sidewalk, paving, street lights, and storm drains) 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 34-40 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. 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 be 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. **Boys & Girls Club: Design for Proposed New Clubhouse: \$0 - \$20,000.** This activity is initiated by the Boys and Girls Club of north San Luis Obispo County and consists of assistance to the design of a proposed new 20,000 sq ft clubhouse on the campus of Flamson Middle School. The estimated cost of the new clubhouse is about \$4 million. Design fees can be expected to total about \$400,000; \$20,000 would help the applicants have schematic design plans prepared.

The City Council will award \$20,000, subject to the condition that CDBG funds will not be disbursed until the Council has reviewed a feasibility study, being prepared by the Boys and Girls Club, to be completed in May 2002, and finds that the feasibility study indicates that the construction of the proposed facility can be funded and completed in a timely manner. If, based on the feasibility study the City Council concludes that the proposed facility cannot be funded and completed in a timely manner, the \$20,000 in CDBG funds will be allocated to the Municipal Pool Changing Room Rehabilitation project described above.

Based on records maintained by the Boys and Girls Club, more than 51% of the participating youth comes 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).

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 1,000 low and moderate income women.

This project qualifies for CDBG funding as a public service 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).

6. **Senior Health Screening Program: \$4,000.** This activity is initiated by EOC to contribute the City's share to operate a countywide senior health-screening program, which is expected to serve 3,000 seniors countywide. CDBG regulations consider seniors to be a "limited clientele" that is principally low income. The City Council allocated \$2,000 in 2001 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. **Teen Academic Parenting Program: \$3,600.** This activity is initiated by EOC to contribute the City's share to operate a countywide counseling and childcare program for pregnant teens, teen-aged parents and their children. Their goal is to assist 247 low and moderate-income persons (mothers, fathers and children) countywide.

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. **Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counseling: \$6,800.** This activity is initiated by Lifestyles Recovery Center and consists of using CDBG funds for equipment and other operational costs related to the establishment of a counseling office in Paso Robles. The applicants project that they expect to serve 200 low and moderate-income persons clients per year.

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. **Supporting Childcare Program: \$4,000.** This activity is initiated by UCP of San Luis Obispo County to contribute the City's share to operate a countywide program to provide full and partial scholarships to an estimated 109 developmentally disabled children from low and moderate income households (county-wide) for participation in recreational programs and summer camps.

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).

10. **The Literacy Program: \$2,500.** This activity is initiated by the Literacy Council and consists of the City's share to operate a countywide 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.

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. **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

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).

12. **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 countywide program to provide adult mentors for low-income "at-risk" children. 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).

13. **LED-Lighted Crosswalk: \$24,000.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of installing an LED-lighted crosswalk in one of three intersections that are heavily used by elementary and middle

school students. The candidate intersections are: 17th & Spring Streets (used by Bauer/Speck students) and 34th & Spring Streets (used by Georgia Brown students), and 24th & Oak Streets (used by Flamson Middle School students).

All 3 intersections are 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).

14. **Downtown Street Lights: \$15,100.** This activity is initiated by the City of Paso Robles and consists of installing “historic” (ornamental) streetlights in the downtown as a means of eliminating blight. A total of \$100,740 from in 1997, 1999 and 2001 CDBG funds have already been allocated to this project, with the goal of installing 13 lights. This project is in progress; an additional \$15,100 is needed to cover all of the project’s expenses.

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).

15. **Alley Improvements: \$51,000.** 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. A total of \$42,300 in 1999 and 2001 CDBG funds were allocated to the improvement of an alley between Park, Pine, 7th and 8th Streets.

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).

16. **Capacity Building: \$34,950.** An administrative activity, which consists of City staff work on the various housing programs listed in the Housing Element of the General Plan.
17. **Grant Administration: \$34,950.** 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 5th day of March 2002 by the following vote:

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

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk