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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Community and Economic Development Agency
DATE: May 3, 2005

RE: **A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE REPORT AND RESOLUTION 1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-2010; 2) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TOTTALLING \$16,594,652 FOR THE HOME, EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS, AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS; AND 3) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-2007 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

This report addresses additional questions and recommendations made by the members of the Community and Economic Development Committee at the April 12, 2005 meeting around the Consolidated Annual Action Plan and the recommendation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACT

CED Committee Action

The CED Committee took the action of increasing the funding recommendation to Alice Street Learning Center by eliminating the \$20,000 funding recommendation for Centro Legal de La Raza to provide legal services to Latino low-income residents and reducing the Housing and Economic Development allocations each by \$2,666. East Bay Community Law Center also provides these services as part of their continuum of services, so the Committee action eliminated this duplication of services, yet these services will continue to be available.

The committee directed staff to provide a summary of the 2003-04 Gibson & Associates evaluation of the City Housing and Economic Development programs funded by CDBG.

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HOUSING

The evaluation conducted by Gibson & Associates of the City Housing Programs includes the Home Maintenance and Improvement Program (HMIP), Vacant Housing Program and the Lead Paint Program (LPP). Below is an excerpt from a chart in Gibson's evaluation which summarizes their assessment of the various programs' performance and whether the programs met their goals and objectives.

Gibson Chart (Executive Summary, Page 5)

Program	CDBG Funds	Data Reported	Services Delivered	Client Benefit	Community Benefit	Fiscal Resources Leveraged
HMIP	\$3,535,602	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vacant Hsg.	\$216,181	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	No
Lead Paint Prg.	\$225,000	Partially	Partially	Yes	Yes	No

Home Maintenance and Improvement Program (HMIP)**Gibson Evaluation (Housing Program Section, Pages 6-14)**

- HMIP exceeded its goal of originating 45 loan applications and its objective to complete 35 projects. HMIP approved 55 applications totaling \$1,917,805 and completed 46 construction projects covering 58 units.
- HMIP benefits the clients with the correction of dangerous health and safety issues and violations of City codes in their homes. Also, the client benefits from home management counseling, protection against predatory contractors and/or lenders given independent monitoring and project evaluation staff conducts.
- HMIP benefits the community with the preservation of the quality of housing stock in areas where the City's most vulnerable population lives. It also enhances the housing values within the community because the repair and improvement of one home motivates other residents to improve their properties.

Staff Evaluation

- HMIP leverages fiscal resources by generating program income from loan repayments. This program income is currently budgeted at \$1.8 million which is distributed 80% to fund additional Housing loans and 20% for Economic Development Activities. Over the past 5 years, housing loan repayments have generated an additional \$4 million in program income from higher than expected repayments. These additional funds were utilized to pay a non-budgeted \$4 million debt from the Martin Luther King (MLK) Plaza to Children's Hospital. Without this excess program income, the City's annual allocation of \$10 million in CDBG funds would have been reduced by \$4 million.
- HMIP contractors indirectly generates general fund income to Building Services from fees paid to acquire permits for the improvements made to the home. Additionally, the contractors that are working on the homes are employing residents of the City of Oakland and purchasing materials from Oakland based suppliers. This economic cycle impacts

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property taxes as well as business licensing fees.

- HMIP provides direct loan underwriting services and construction management services, and maintains detailed demographic and statistical reporting records for loan applications and approvals. Program staff also track loan application processing times and the time between loan approval and project completion.

Overall, HMIP is a program that provides a much needed service for the most vulnerable population in City of Oakland; it generates an income stream into the City to make additional loans; and it preserves and enhances the housing values within the community.

Vacant Housing Program

The Vacant Housing Program address urban blight resulting from abandoned or neglected properties. Staff concurs with Gibson's evaluation that the program is ineffective and duplicates services and has therefore eliminated the program. The elimination of the program provides an additional allocation of approximately \$200,000 to non-City housing programs.

Lead Paint Program (LPP)

Gibson Evaluation (Housing Section, Pages 22-25)

- At the time of its evaluation, the LPP reported completion of 14 homes out of a goal of 20. There were, however, an additional 11 under construction that were completed shortly after the June 30th fiscal year concluded, indicating the program exceeded its goals.
- The LPP benefits the clients with exterior improvement of their home, eliminating health hazards through lead abatement and violations of City codes in their homes.
- The LPP benefits the community with the preservation of quality housing stock and preventing further deterioration through the fresh paint accompanied by proper preparation.

Staff Evaluation

- The LPP leverages fiscal resources by partnering with the Alameda County Lead Poisoning and Prevention Program and receiving reimbursement for lead remediation costs where children under age six reside. For the current year the program has received reimbursements totaling \$49,000 or (21) projects.
- The LPP maintains detailed files containing client applications, income verification information, written descriptions of the homes' conditions with photographs, and records of charges and payments.

Overall, the LPP is a program that provides a much needed service for the most vulnerable population in City of Oakland; it eliminates a significant health hazard and it preserves and enhances the housing values within the community.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The evaluation conducted by Gibson & Associates of the City Economic Development Programs includes the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) and the Commercial Lending Program (CLP). Below is an excerpt from a chart in Gibson's evaluation which summarizes their assessment of the program's performance meeting its goals and objectives.

Gibson Chart (Executive Summary, Page 5)

Program	CDBG Funds	Data Reported	Services Delivered	Client Benefit	Community Benefit	Fiscal Resources Leveraged
NCR	\$1,983,784	Partially	Partially	Yes	Yes	Yes
CLP	\$285,848	N/A	Reorganized	N/A	N/A	N/A

Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization**Gibson Evaluation (Economic Development Pages 27-39)**

- NCR's program met most of its objectives with the exception of the façade improvement program which fell short of its goal to complete 40 projects and only completed 25. Prior to FY 03-04, NCR assigned one professional staff person to each of the six (6) CD Districts. Today, NCR assigns only three (3) staff to the CD Districts. This staffing reduction will be remedied in FY 05-06 once the new redevelopment areas are fully staffed and can perform some NCR program functions e.g., façade improvements, as well as monitor streetscape improvements projects, resulting in improved performance.
- NCR benefits the clients by improving the physical appearance of their business which in turn attracts consumers into their business.
- NCR benefits the community by improving the physical appearance of Oakland's commercial districts. The façade improvements provide an incentive within the neighborhoods for others to do the same. The improvements attract consumers to the modernized clean retail outlets.
- NCR leverages \$384,314 in CDBG grant funds with \$768,074 in private dollars for a total of \$1,253,389 invested in rehabilitation of commercial properties. The Business Improvement District (BID) Program leverages the City's General Funds to establish assessment districts that generate \$854,489 annually.

Staff Evaluation

- The NCR program also indirectly generates general fund income to Building Services from fees paid to acquire permits for the facade improvements. Additionally, the contractors that are working on the façade improvements are employing residents of the City of Oakland and purchasing materials from Oakland based suppliers. This economic cycle impacts property taxes as well as business licensing fees.
- NCR maintains files with architectural depictions of the before and proposed completed upgrades, photos and detail records and files of the façade improvements. Staff also track the streetscape projects and provide year end status reports. The partially completed

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ranking is due to the merchant associations not providing information to the evaluator.

- In addition to the quantifiable Façade and BID work, NCR staff provides assistance to property owners pursuing development opportunities, oversees over 20 professional service contracts including Main Street efforts, inventories opportunity sites and attempts to motivate property owners to pursue development, and conducts and assists with local merchant marketing and promotions.

Overall, NCR program provides a valuable service that leads to increased commercial activity. The need for the façade improvements is clearly strong and the number of qualified businesses is sufficient to fulfill its objectives.

Commercial Lending Program (CLP)

Due to the restructuring of this program during the evaluation period, Gibson & Associates was not able to complete the evaluation of this program. However, recommendations were made on how the program should be restructured based upon best practices found. City Council approved the restructuring and the program is currently operating under the reconstruction.

Alice Street Learning Center

As a part of the April 12, 2005 Council Report, staff included options for City Council to fund a \$25,332 deficit for the Alice Street Learning Center lease. They were as follows:

- Reduce Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 allocations each by \$6,273 to cover the difference.
- Reduce all Seven District allocations by \$3,585 to cover the difference.
- Reduce the Housing and Economic Development allocations by \$12,546 to cover the difference.
- Reduce all seven districts, Housing and Economic Development allocations by \$2,788 to cover the difference.

During the CED Committee meeting, an additional option was presented.

- Eliminate the funding of \$20,000 recommended to Centro Legal de la Raza and reduce the Housing and Economic Development allocations each by \$2,666.

Meeting Minutes

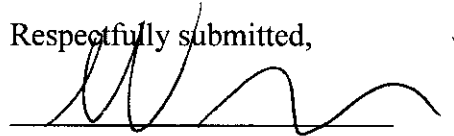
The committee also directed staff to provide the minutes of the meeting, on March 17, 2005, when the Community Development (CD) District Boards and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) reviewed and discussed the FY 05-07 CDBG funding recommendations for the Citywide Housing and Economic Development Programs. **Attachment B** is the letter inviting the CD Board Members and CAC Members to the meeting, the agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the meeting.

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RECOMMENDATION

Fund projects and programs as recommended in the April 12, 2005 staff report with the modification of funding to Alice Street Learning Center by eliminating funding for Centro Legal de la Raza (\$20,000) and reducing the Housing and Economic Development allocations each by \$2,666. **Attachment A** is the revised Consolidated Plan Recommended Projects, FY 2005-06 and **Attachment A-1** is the revised Recommended CDBG Third Party Contracts for Approval for FY 2005-07 reflecting these changes.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENT A
CONSOLIDATED PLAN RECOMMENDED PROJECTS, FY 2005-06**

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	TOTAL
Acorn Housing	38,000				38,000
Alameda County Community Food Bank/Shared Maintenance & Delivery Scholarships	121,980				121,980
Alameda County Health Care Services – Project YES	30,000				30,000
Allen Temple Housing & Economic Development: Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr. Training Academy	25,000				25,000
Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay Dementia-Specific Adult Day Health Services	20,000				20,000
A New America Community Corporation: Assets for New Americas/Virtual Business Incubator	40,000				40,000
American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)		135,263			135,263
Bananas, Inc.: Count Me In/Making Connections for Children and Special Needs	20,000				20,000
Bay Area Community Services/Meals on Wheels for	131,900				131,900
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland/Smart Moves Program	25,000				25,000
Camp Fire Boys & Girls, Oakland East Bay Council/Kids with Dreams Project	60,000				60,000
CDBG Program Monitoring/Administration	1,426,788				1,426,788
Center for Independent Living/Housing Search & Counseling for the Disabled	100,000				100,000
Community & Economic Development Agency - Access Improvement Program	207,675				207,675
Community & Economic Development Agency - Economic Development/Business Development Program Delivery Costs	261,238				261,238
Community & Economic Development Agency – Project Delivery/Commercial Lending	253,287				253,287
Community & Economic Development Agency – Commercial Lending Small Growth Center	118,958				118,958
Community & Economic Development Agency - Economic Development/Project Development and Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Personnel Costs	1,635,034				1,635,034
Community & Economic Development Agency - Rehabilitation Services-Home Maintenance & Improvement Program	2,621,070				2,621,070

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PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	TOTAL
Community & Economic Development Agency - Rehabilitation Services- Emergency Home Repair	382,619				382,619
Community & Economic Development Agency - Rehabilitation Services-Loan Servicing	214,168				214,168
Community & Economic Development Agency-Rehabilitation Services -Minor Home Repair Program	242,932				242,932
Community & Economic Development Agency-Rehabilitation Services -Lead Paint and Hazard Program	215,287				215,287
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation: Eastlake Strong Business, Strong Neighborhood Program	63,607				63,607
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation: 23 rd Avenue Safety & Beautification Improvements	30,000				30,000
East Bay Community Law Center - Housing Advocacy Project	68,000				68,000
Eastside Arts Alliance/Youth Performance Workshop	25,000				25,000
Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity - Home Equity Conversion Counseling	21,000				21,000
Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity - Rental Assistance Program	93,000				93,000
Eden Information & Referral Services	80,000				80,000
Emergency Shelter Program			346,110		346,110
Emergency Shelter Program - Admin			18,216		18,216
Ethiopian Community and Cultural Center: Ethiopian Case Management Program	35,000				35,000
Family Violence Law Center/Domestic Violence Prevention Project	36,411				36,411
Girls Inc. of Alameda County	45,000				45,000
Grandparents & Relatives as Second Parents (GRP): Getting a Grip On Parenting Again	25,000				25,000
Healthy Babies Project, Inc.: Healthy Families Program	60,000				60,000
HOME Program Monitoring and Administration		470,413			470,413
HOPWA - Alameda County				1,378,514	1,378,514
HOPWA - City Monitoring and Administration				37,580	37,580
HOPWA - Contra Costa County				462,906	462,906
Housing Development		4,233,720			4,233,720
Housing Rights, Inc.	30,000				30,000
International Institute of the East Bay: The New Immigrant Employment Project	13,775				13,775

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PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	TOTAL
Lao Family Community Development, Inc./Multilingual Homeownership Center	37,000				37,000
Legal Assistance for Seniors/ Legal Services and Community Education	62,000				62,000
Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Hunger Program	17,900				17,900
Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Oakland Shelter	247,174				247,174
Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Winter Relief Program	225,000				225,000
Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Oakland Senior Companion Assessment and Referral Network	36,093				36,093
Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Safe Walk to School	70,849				70,849
Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Violence Prevention Task Force Pilot Project	30,000				30,000
Life Enrichment Agency-Library Services: Golden Gate Library Computer Lab	15,000				15,000
Life Enrichment Agency-Parks and Recreation: Enhanced Middle School Sports Program	24,840				24,840
Life Long Medical Care-Over 60 Health Center/East Oakland Clinic	40,000				40,000
Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute/Prescott Clown Troupe	50,000				50,000
National Development Council	10,000				10,000
Oakland Asian Students Educational Services: Youth Programs and Strengthening Families Program	34,000				34,000
Oakland Business Development Corporation	372,750				372,750
Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal-Eastmont Computing Center/East Oakland Community Connector Project	95,500				95,500
Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal-Façade Improvement	139,252				139,252
Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal-East Bay Conservation Corps-Community Garden	27,000				27,000
Oakland Unified School District: Alice Street Learning Center	73,140				73,140
Oakland Youth Chorus: Music in the Schools	38,843				38,843
Precision Drill Ministries	83,000				83,000
Project Re-Connect	158,000				158,000
Project SEED, Inc.: A Mathematical Pathway to Success	15,615				15,615

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PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	TOTAL
Rebuilding Together Oakland	48,185				48,185
Sentinel Fair Housing - Fair Housing and Landlord/Tenant Counseling Program	150,000				150,000
Southeast Asian Community Center: Microenterprise Assistance	70,000				70,000
Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation: Succeed! Academic Coaching Project	38,000				38,000
Spanish Speaking Unity Council: Fruitvale Safety, Beautification and Economic Development Project	40,186				40,186
St. Mary's Center: Senior Homeless Case Management	30,000				30,000
The First Place Fund for Youth/Emancipation Training Center	101,454				101,454
Volunteers of America: Day Labor Job Development Program	30,420				30,420
Women's Initiative for Self Employment	84,000				84,000
TOTAL	11,311,930	4,839,396	364,326	1,879,000	18,394,652

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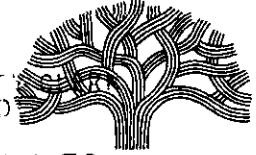
Recommended CDBG Third Party Contracts for Approval for FY 2005-07

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME	05-06	06-07	TOTAL
Acorn Housing	38,000	38,000	76,000
Alameda County Community Food Bank/Shared Maintenance & Delivery Scholarships	121,980	129,910	251,890
Alameda County Health Care Services – Project YES	30,000	30,000	60,000
Allen Temple Housing & Economic Development: Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr. Training Academy	25,000	25,000	50,000
Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay Dementia-Specific Adult Day Health Services	20,000	20,000	40,000
A New America Community Corporation: Assets for New Americas/Virtual Business Incubator	40,000	40,000	80,000
Bananas, Inc.: Count Me In/Making Connections for Children and Special Needs	20,000	20,000	40,000
Bay Area Community Services/Meals on Wheels for	131,900	103,000	234,900
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland/SMART Moves Program	25,000	25,000	50,000
Camp Fire Boys & Girls, Oakland East Bay Council/Kids with Dreams Project	60,000	60,000	120,000
Center for Independent Living/Housing Search & Counseling for the Disabled	100,000	100,000	200,000
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation: Eastlake Strong Business, Strong Neighborhood Program	63,607		63,607
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation: 23 rd Avenue Safety & Beautification Improvements	30,000	30,000	60,000
East Bay Community Law Center - Housing Advocacy Project	68,000	68,000	136,000
Eastside Arts Alliance/Youth Performance Workshop	25,000	25,000	50,000
Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity - Home Equity Conversion Counseling	21,000	21,000	42,000
Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity - Rental Assistance Program	93,000	93,000	186,000
Eden Information & Referral Services	80,000	80,000	160,000

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME	05-06	06-07	TOTAL
Ethiopian Community and Cultural Center: Ethiopian Case Management Program	35,000	47,500	82,500
Family Violence Law Center/Domestic Violence Prevention Project	36,411	57,839	94,250
Girls Inc. of Alameda County	45,000	45,000	90,000
Grandparents & Relatives as Second Parents (GRP): Getting a Grip On Parenting Again	25,000	25,000	50,000
Healthy Babies Project, Inc.: Healthy Families Program	60,000	60,000	120,000
Housing Rights, Inc.	30,000	30,000	60,000
International Institute of the East Bay: The New Immigrant Employment Project	13,775	13,775	27,550
Lao Family Community Development, Inc./Multilingual Homeownership Center	37,000	37,000	74,000
Law Center for Families: Domestic Abuse Prevention Project		50,000	50,000
Legal Assistance for Seniors/ Legal Services and Community Education	62,000	62,000	124,000
Life Long Medical Care-Over 60 Health Center/East Oakland Clinic	40,000	40,000	80,000
Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute/Prescott Clown Troupe	50,000	50,000	100,000
National Development Council	10,000	10,000	20,000
Oakland Asian Students Educational Services: Youth Programs and Strengthening Families Program	34,000		34,000
Oakland Business Development Corporation	372,750	372,750	745,500
Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal-Eastmont Computing Center/East Oakland Community Connector Project	95,500	95,500	191,000
Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal-Façade Improvement	139,252	139,252	278,504
Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal- East Bay Conservation Corps-Community Garden	27,000	27,000	54,000
Oakland Youth Chorus: Music in the Schools	38,843	38,843	77,686
Precision Drill Ministries	83,000	113,000	196,000
Project Re-Connect	158,000	124,000	282,000

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME	05-06	06-07	TOTAL
Project SEED, Inc.: A Mathematical Pathway to Success	15,615	15,615	31,230
Rebuilding Together Oakland	48,185	48,185	96,370
Sentinel Fair Housing - Fair Housing and Landlord/Tenant Counseling Program	150,000	150,000	300,000
Southeast Asian Community Center: Microenterprise Assistance	70,000	70,000	140,000
Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation: Succeed! Academic Coaching Project	38,000	38,000	76,000
Spanish Speaking Unity Council: Fruitvale Safety, Beautification and Economic Development Project	40,186	40,186	80,372
St. Mary's Center: Senior Homeless Case Management	30,000	30,000	60,000
The First Place Fund for Youth/Emancipation Training Center	101,454	101,454	202,900
Volunteers of America: Day Labor Job Development Program	30,420	30,420	60,840
Women's Initiative for Self Employment	84,000	84,000	168,000

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March 1, 2005

TO: Citizen Advisory Committee Members
Community Development District Board Members

Please find attached for your review spreadsheets with the funding recommendations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for FY 05-07. There are two different spreadsheets: 1) the recommendations for all the Community Development (CD) District Board's recommendations for FY 05-07 CDBG funding and; 2) the recommendations for Citywide Housing and Economic Development Programs for FY 05-07 CDBG funding. Please review the spreadsheets and be prepared for discussion on FY 05-07 CDBG funding on Thursday, March 17, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Project YES!, 8711 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94608 (Next door to Castlemont High School).

Project Yes!, a project funded by CDBG, has graciously volunteered to host the meeting at their site. They have also agreed to serve a light dinner and provide tours of their new facility. Dinner and tours will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

As you know the CD District Boards only reviewed and made recommendations on proposals funded from the allocation for the seven CD Districts which were public services, neighborhood improvement/ infrastructure, housing and economic development projects that operate in their respective districts.

Applicants for district-wide Housing, Economic Development and Administration programs receiving funding from the allocations for those program components did not submit applications to the seven CD District Boards for review and funding recommendation. The applicants requesting funding for these programs submitted a letter of intent with a description of the proposed services and a budget amount.

The recommendations for the Housing Programs reflects the continuation of funding to those programs who received funding in FY 04-05 to allow for consistency in the provision of services. The recommendation also reflects the funding of two additional new programs, Housing Rights and Centro Legal de la Raza, which did not receive funding in FY 04-05. There was only one program, Bay Area Legal Aid, requesting funding not recommended for funding due to a duplication of services.

The recommendations for the Economic Development Program reflects the continuation of funding to those programs who received funding in FY 04-05 to allow for consistency in the provision of services. There was one program, Oakland Small Business Growth Center, previously funded not recommended for funding due problems providing services in the prior year. There was one other program, Locally Wrapped, not recommended for funding due to a duplication of services and lack funds available.

If you have any questions regarding the spreadsheets or the information above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Michele Byrd, Manager
Community Development Block Grant Program

Attachments

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
FY 05-07 Funding Recommendation Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2005
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Project YES!
8711 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94608

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome & Meeting Overview | Michele Byrd, Manager
CDBG Programs |
| II. | Overview & Discussion of Recommendations for
FY 2005-07 CDBG District Funded Programs | Michele Byrd |
| III. | Overview & Discussion of Recommendations for
FY 2005-07 Citywide Housing & Economic Development Programs | Michele Byrd |
| IV. | Comments and Questions | |
| V. | Open Forum | |
| VI. | Adjournment | |

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2005-07 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS SEVEN CD DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS

PROPOSAL NO	REQUESTING AGENCY AND PROGRAM TITLE	PROGRAM COMPONENT					TOTAL FY05-07 REQUEST	LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY							TOTAL	
		PUBLIC SERVICES	NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT	HOUSING	ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		NORTH OAKLAND - #1	EAST LAKE/SAN ANTONIO/CHINATOWN - #2	WESTERN OAKLAND - #3	CENTRAL OAKLAND - #4	FRUITVALE/SAN ANTONIO - #5	CENTRAL EAST OAKLAND - #6	ELMHURST - #7		
2 to 8	Alameda County Community Food Bank Food Security Scholarships	x					\$618,406	FY 05-06	\$25,033	\$37,447	\$17,500	\$12,000			\$30,000	\$121,980
								FY 06-07	\$25,033	\$45,377	\$17,500	\$12,000			\$30,000	\$129,910
12	Alameda County Health Care Services Agency: Project YES! Youth Upsring Youth Center	x					\$700,000	FY05-06							\$30,000	\$30,000
								FY06-07							\$30,000	\$30,000
13	Allen Temple Housing & Economic Development: Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr. Training Academy	x					\$100,000	FY 05-06							\$25,000	\$25,000
								FY 06-07							\$25,000	\$25,000
15	Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay. Dementia-Specific Adult Day Health Services	x					\$100,000	FY 05-06							\$20,000	\$20,000
								FY 06-07							\$20,000	\$20,000
16	Anew America Community Corporation. Assets for New Americas/Virtual Business Incubator				x		\$170,000	FY 05-06				\$40,000				\$40,000
								FY 06-07				\$40,000				\$40,000
18	Bananas, Inc.: Count Me In/Making Connections for Children With Special Needs	x					\$140,000	FY 05-06		\$10,000					\$10,000	\$20,000
								FY 06-07		\$10,000					\$10,000	\$20,000
19 to 25	Bay Area Community Services, Inc.: Meals on Wheels	x					\$563,505	FY 05-06	\$27,500	\$28,900		\$45,500		\$30,000		\$131,900
								FY 06-07	\$27,500			\$45,500		\$30,000		\$103,000

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27	Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland: SMART Moves Program					\$366,444									\$25,000		\$25,000
																\$25,000	
28	Camp Fire Boys & Girls, Oakland East Bay Council: Kids With Dreams					\$130,000				\$60,000							\$60,000
		x									\$60,000						
39	East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation: Eastlake Strong Business, Strong Neighborhood Program					\$148,664				\$63,607							\$63,607
					x												
41	East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation: 23rd Avenue Safety & Beautification Improvements					\$75,000								\$30,000			\$30,000
		x												\$30,000			\$30,000
45	EastSide Arts Alliance: Youth Performance Workshop					\$50,000				\$25,000							\$25,000
		x									\$25,000						\$25,000
47	Ethiopian Community and Cultural Center: Ethiopian Case Management Program					\$150,000				\$12,500	\$10,000	\$12,500					\$35,000
		x								\$12,500	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$12,500				\$47,500
48	Family Violence Law Center: Domestic Violence Prevention Project					\$300,000				\$15,000	\$21,411						\$36,411
		x								\$15,000	\$21,428	\$21,411					\$57,839

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50	Friends of Bella Vista Park/City of Oakland Public Works Agency. Bella Vista Park Capital Improvements	x				\$197,000	FY 05-06									\$0
							FY 06-07		\$38,642							
51	Girls Incorporated of Alameda County, Middle School Program at Concordia Park	x				\$100,000	FY 05-06						\$45,000			\$45,000
							FY 06-07						\$45,000			
52 to 53	Grandparents & Relatives as Second Parents (GRP): Getting a Grip On Parenting, Again	x				\$150,000	FY 05-06							\$25,000		\$25,000
							FY 06-07						\$25,000			
54 to 57	Healthy Babies Project, Inc.: Healthy Families Program	x				\$200,000	FY 05-06	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000						\$60,000
							FY 06-07	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000						
58 to 61	International Institute of the East Bay: The New Immigrants Employment Project	x				\$145,000	FY 05-06	\$13,775								\$13,775
							FY 06-07	\$13,775								
70	Lao Family Community Development, Inc.: Multilingual Homeownership Center	x				\$200,000	FY 05-06					\$37,000				\$37,000
							FY 06-07					\$37,000				
71 to 72	Law Center for Families: Domestic Abuse Prevention Project	x				\$200,000	FY 05-06									\$0
							FY 06-07		\$50,000							
73 to 79	Legal Assistance for Seniors. Legal Services and Community Education	x				\$345,000	FY 05-06	\$20,000		\$30,000	\$12,000					\$62,000
							FY 06-07	\$20,000		\$30,000	\$12,000					
80 to 86	Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Hunger Program	x				\$200,400	FY 05-06	\$7,900						\$10,000		\$17,900
							FY 06-07	\$7,900	\$16,100						\$10,000	

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87	Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Oakland Senior Companion Assessment and Referral Network	x				\$236,488	FY 05-06		\$16,093		\$10,000				\$10,000	\$36,093
							FY 06-07			\$10,000			\$10,000	\$20,000		
88	Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Oakland Violence Prevention Task Force Pilot Project			x		\$133,202	FY 05-06			\$30,000						\$30,000
							FY 06-07			\$30,000				\$30,000		
89 to 95	Life Enrichment Agency-Aging, Health & Human Services: Safe Walk to School	x				\$528,000	FY 05-06			\$30,000	\$15,615				\$25,234	\$70,849
							FY 06-07			\$30,000	\$15,615			\$25,234	\$70,849	
98	Life Enrichment Agency-Library Services: Golden Gate Library Computer Lab	x				\$115,000	FY 05-06	\$15,000								\$15,000
							FY 06-07	\$15,000							\$15,000	
99 to 104	Life Enrichment Agency-Parks and Recreation: Enhanced Middle School Sports Program	x				\$1,059,840	FY 05-06		\$24,840							\$24,840
							FY 06-07		\$24,840						\$24,840	
105	LifeLong Medical Care: Over 60 Health Center-East Oakland	x				\$161,984	FY 05-06							\$40,000	\$40,000	
							FY 06-07							\$40,000	\$40,000	
109 to 111	Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute: Prescott Circus Theatre	x				\$134,000	FY 05-06			\$30,000			\$20,000		\$50,000	
							FY 06-07			\$30,000			\$20,000	\$50,000		
112	Oakland Asian Students Educational Services: Youth Programs and Strengthening Families Program	x				\$80,000	FY 05-06		\$34,000							\$34,000
							FY 06-07								\$0	

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113	Oakland Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal. Façade Improvement Coordination Phase II						\$200,000	FY05-06							\$166,252	\$166,252
						x		FY 06-07							\$166,252	\$166,252
114	Oakland Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal-Eastmont Computing Center. Technology Support for Youth & Families						\$180,000	FY 05-06						\$65,500	\$30,000	\$95,500
		x						FY 06-07						\$65,500	\$30,000	\$95,500
121 to 127	Oakland Youth Chorus. Music In The Schools						\$200,004	FY 05-06		\$14,286	\$14,286		\$10,271			\$38,843
		x						FY 06-07		\$14,286	\$14,286		\$10,271			\$38,843
129	Precision Drill Ministries' *Positive Role Models* Mentoring Program						\$420,000	FY 05-06			\$30,000	\$12,000	\$21,000		\$20,000	\$83,000
		x						FY 06-07		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$12,000	\$21,000		\$20,000	\$113,000
130	Project Re-Connect						\$560,000	FY05-06	\$20,000	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$17,000	\$22,000		\$30,000	\$158,000
		x						FY 06-07	\$20,000		\$35,000	\$17,000	\$22,000		\$30,000	\$124,000
131 to 137	Project SEED, Inc.: A Mathematical Pathway to Success						\$670,000	FY 05-06				\$15,615				\$15,615
		x						FY 06-07				\$15,615				\$15,615
140	Southeast Asian Community Center. Microenterprise Assistance						\$343,900	FY05-06					\$70,000			\$70,000
						x		FY 06-07					\$70,000			\$70,000
141	Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation. Succeed! Academic Coaching Project						\$80,000	FY 05-06					\$38,000			\$38,000
		x						FY 06-07					\$38,000			\$38,000

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142	Spanish Speaking Unity Council Fruitvale Safety, Beautification and Economic Development Project				x	\$188,372							\$40,186				\$40,186
													\$40,186				\$40,186
143	St. Mary's Center. Senior Homeless Case Management	x				\$122,754			\$30,000								\$30,000
									\$30,000								\$30,000
144	The First Place Fund for Youth. Emancipation Training Center	x				\$325,878	\$20,000	\$23,227		\$17,000	\$21,227			\$20,000			\$101,454
							\$20,000	\$23,227		\$17,000	\$21,227			\$20,000			\$101,454
146	Volunteers of America: Day Labor Job Development Program	x				\$111,600							\$30,420				\$30,420
													\$30,420				\$30,420
	TOTAL FOR FY 05-06						FY05-06	\$164,208	\$336,400	\$365,697	\$131,230	\$418,104	\$321,752	\$355,234			\$2,092,625
	TOTAL FOR FY 06-07						FY 06-07	\$164,208	\$336,400	\$365,697	\$131,230	\$418,104	\$321,752	\$355,234			\$2,092,625
	TOTAL FOR FY 05-07					\$11,288,841	FY 05-07	\$328,416	\$672,800	\$731,394	\$262,460	\$836,208	\$643,504	\$710,468			\$4,185,250

**FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 05-07 CDBG
FOR CITYWIDE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	AMOUNT REQUESTED	STAFF RECOMMENDATION	COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATION	DIFFERENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Community & Economic Development Agency/Economic Development-Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Program	Works with businesses, property owners, community groups in 15 NCR areas to improve the physical and economic condition of the commercial district.	\$1,795,613	\$1,635,034		\$160,579
Community & Economic Development Agency/Economic Development/Business Development	Provides management, technical, referral and financial assistance to retain and increase employment.	\$304,354	\$260,707		\$43,647
Community & Economic Development Agency/Economic Development/Commercial Lending	Provides owners of small businesses and entrepreneurs in Oakland with training, resources and information.	\$354,758	\$253,491		\$101,267
National Development Council	Provides technical assistance to eligible neighborhood and small business clients of CEDA.	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$0
Oakland Business Development Corp.	Serve Commercial Loan Program clients requesting loans of less than \$100,000.	\$389,933	\$372,750		\$17,183
Community & Economic Development Agency/Economic Development-	Development and operation of a small-business attraction and retention program	\$127,991	\$122,000		\$5,991
Oakland Small Business Growth Center	Development and operation of a small-business attraction and retention program	\$225,000	\$0		\$225,000
Women's Initiative for Self Employment	Microenterprise training, technical assistance and financial services to low-income Oakland residents.	\$300,000	\$84,000		\$216,000
Locally Wrapped	Provide on-going technical support to businesses and artists, maintain the website, and develop and distribute marketing materials.	\$100,000	\$0		\$100,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOTAL		\$3,607,649	\$2,737,982		\$869,667
HOUSING					
Community & Economic Development Agency/Rehabilitation Services-Home Maintenance & Improvement Program (HMIP)	Housing rehabilitation financing; Emergency repair and rehabilitation financing; and Exterior house painting and lead hazard remediation grants.	\$3,465,368	\$3,220,573		\$244,795
Community & Economic Development Agency/Rehabilitation Services-Loan Servicing and Projects Fund Monitoring	Servicing of rehabilitation loans and monitoring of project funds.	\$253,526	\$214,168		\$39,358
Community & Economic Development Agency/Access Improvement Program	Grants for accessibility modifications to 1-to-4 unit properties where owners or tenants have disabilities.	\$213,717	\$207,675		\$6,042
Community & Economic Development Agency/Minor Home Repair Program	Grants to seniors or disabled for minor home repairs Administered by Alameda County Renovation of homes and community facilities	\$250,000	\$242,932		\$7,068
Health & Human Services Div./Winter Relief Program	Additional beds, services and motel/hotel vouchers in the City's shelter network between November 1 and April 1 each year.	\$225,000	\$225,000		\$0
Health & Human Services Div./Oakland Shelter	Lease costs for the East Oakland Shelter, operated by East Oakland Community Project.	\$296,000	\$296,000		\$0
Rebuilding Together Oakland	Repairs and rehabilitates homes of low income elderly and disabled Oakland residents.	\$98,000	\$48,185		\$49,815
Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity/Home Equity Conversion Counseling*	Provides education and counseling regarding Home Equity Conversion.	\$25,500	\$21,000		\$4,500

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FOR CITYWIDE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	AMOUNT REQUESTED	STAFF RECOMMENDATION	COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATION	DIFFERENCE
Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity/Rental Assistance Program*	Rental Assistance Program/Prevention of Homelessness	\$95,000	\$93,000		\$2,000
Center for Independent Living*	Housing Search & Counseling for persons with disabilities	\$110,000	\$100,000		\$10,000
Sentinel Fair Housing/Fair Housing and Landlord-Tenant Counseling Program*	Investigate complaints of discrimination; Tenant/Landlord Counseling; Dispute Resolution; Community Education Sessions	\$172,500	\$150,000		\$22,500
Eden I&R, Inc./Housing Outreach/Information Access*	Housing/Supportive Housing Information and Referral. Connect tenants & property owners to available low-income housing shelters; transitional housing and direct service organizations.	\$100,000	\$80,000		\$20,000
East Bay Community Law Center /Housing Advocacy Project*	Legal Services-Legal Representation. Tenant Workshops, Low-Income Eviction at the Alameda County Courthouse.	\$121,000	\$68,000		\$53,000
Housing Rights*	Audit Tests of rental housing and tenant workshops.	\$45,000	\$30,000		\$15,000
Centro Legal de la Raza	Free legal aid, tenants' rights education, and technical assistance for Latino residents in low-income neighborhoods	\$35,000	\$20,000		\$15,000
Acorn Housing	Comprehensive Housing Counseling services to assist low and moderate income families in preparing for homeownership.	\$99,100	\$38,000		\$61,100
Bay Area Legal Aid	Provide free, civil legal assistance to low-income Oakland residents.	\$100,000	\$0		\$100,000
HOUSING TOTAL		\$5,704,711	\$5,054,533		\$650,178
ADMINISTRATION		\$1,491,140	\$1,426,790		\$64,350
PUBLIC SERVICES		\$2,092,625	\$2,092,625		\$0
TOTAL CDBG ALLOCATION		\$11,311,930	\$11,311,930		\$0

*These agencies are a part of the Oakland Housing Collaborative (OHC). The OHC is a collaborative of six agencies that provide quality comprehensive housing services for renters within the City of Oakland.

NOTES: The Total CDBG Allocation includes the \$1.8 million in Program Income.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
FY 05-07 Funding Recommendation Meeting
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Board Members Present

Cleveland Thomas – District 2	Karen Smulevitz – District 6
Helen Robinson – District 3	Frank P. Thomas, Jr. – District 6
William Miller, Chairperson – District 4	Gladys Green, Chairperson – District 7
Thomas Thurston – District 5	Thelma Lawrence – District 7

Meeting Commenced at 7:15 p.m.

Prior to the meeting tours were conducted of the Project Yes facility for attendees of the meeting as they arrived.

Michele Byrd, CDBG Manager welcomed everyone to the meeting. Michele then gave insight on the Project Yes Facility and informed attendees that tours would also be conducted at the end of the meeting for those who did not receive a tour.

New Funding Recipients

Hi-lighting changes in funding recommendations for FY 05-07, Michele gave names of first time recipients of the CDBG funding

- Allen Temple Housing & Economic Development
- A New America
- Bananas, Inc.

Feedback from Board members of the Review Process

District 3 – Helen Robinson of District 3 spoke of the concern that their board about violence that exists in their community. The board's focus was to fund organizations that would help abate the problem of violence.

District 5 – Tom Thurston from District 5 spoke of the board's unanimous approval of services provided to the community by EBALC. Unity Council provided economic development and services that are needed in their community.

District 6 – Frank Thomas of District 6 stated the board focused on funding organizations that would benefit their community as a priority. Mr. Thomas spoke of efforts by District 6 board members to monitor organizations that were receiving CDBG funding to see if they were in fact doing what the boards envisioned for the community.

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District 7 – Gladys Green, Chairperson for District 7, spoke of the districts approval of the Allen Temple Housing & Economic Development program, a newly funded organization. The organization provides assistance to men coming out of the prison system who tend to have trouble getting employment and working their way back into society after being incarcerated.

Michele Byrd stated that this year after board elections, staff will work with the boards providing any necessary tools, checklists and information to assist them in monitoring funded programs. This will allow boards to determine on a continual basis whether or not the organizations they funded are providing services as anticipated by the boards. Michele encouraged board members to focus on what are the priorities for the districts during the year recommendations are not being done. Then this information can be incorporated in the RFP.

Final Recommendations

Recommendations will go forth as follows:

Community & Economic Development Committee mtg: April 12, 4-6 p.m.
City Hall, Hrg. Room 1

Council Hearing: May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

Citywide Housing & Economic Development Programs

Stephanie Floyd-Johnson, Manager in NCR with the City Oakland gave an overview projects underway/completed. NCR has a goal of 40 projects to be completed a year.

Only Public Service dollars were included in district monies. Most of the Housing & Economic Development dollars are used for City programs so these dollars were included in the city budget. There was a 4.5% cut in CDBG dollars received from HUD. The cut was taken across the board, including cuts in the Housing & Economic Development funds.

Proposal by President Bush

Michele spoke on the changes proposed by President Bush to CDBG. The concept is that CDBG monies were basically used for economic development and should be moved to the Department of Commerce where they are already focusing on economic development. This would also supposedly reduce duplication of services. The proposed change would eliminate housing and public services which go out into the community. The Conference of Mayors had a conference in Washington voicing their opposition to President Bush's proposal. There are two amendments on the floor. 1) Fully fund CDBG as well as the other seventeen programs funded by HUD or 2) Only fund CDBG and leave the other seventeen programs battling for the money. Michele stated that ideally, CDBG and the other seventeen programs should continue to be funded fully. Michele read an e-mail received from a contact in Washington. It looks like

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CDBG monies will remain with HUD through Fiscal Year 2006. Michele encouraged persons to write to their representatives and senators urging them to oppose the changes being proposed to CDBG monies and let them know how important CDBG is to the City of Oakland.

Open Forum

Frank Thomas expressed a desire to see Housing monies being used to work with the schools to alleviate the problem of overcrowding in the schools. As new housing units are built more kids are brought into the area adding to the problem of overcrowded classrooms. Mr. Thomas mentioned he has voiced this request over the last few years and has not gotten a response. Michele stated that staff is starting to have discussions with administrative staff at the school district to look at student/teacher ratio. Michele also discussed the concern of not having programs available for the youth providing appropriate activities after school. Michele stated although an answer is not yet available but the issue is being addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.