

Subject: CDBG 2006 Action Plan

Council Communication & Attachment

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Title:	Adoption of the Action Plan for the One Year Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2006
Dept:	Community Development Department
Date:	March 7, 2006
Submitted By:	Gayle Vickers, Community Development
Approved By:	Mayor Doug Formon and Citizen's Advisory Committee
Synopsis:	<p>The City of Jonesboro anticipates the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocation of \$565,498 (inclusive of 10% cut) to the City of Jonesboro for the 2006 program year.</p> <p>The Action Plan is required to show consistency in the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds with Jonesboro's five-year Consolidated Plan. This is our fifth and final year to accomplish the goals set forth in said plan. The 2006 programs address our "high" priorities allowing us to meet the standards set forth and report them in our final CAPER (report) to HUD.</p> <p>The programs must be selected and approved by the Citizen's Advisory Committee then approved by resolution by the Mayor and City Council.</p> <p><i>The Department of Housing and Urban Development must then approve the Action Plan prior to the release of the 2006 CDBG allocation. The funds are normally released in March/April and are retroactive to January 1, 2006. All environmental and other federal requirements must be met before the City can expend any funds for these projects.</i></p>
Recommendation:	Staff, Citizen's Advisory Committee, and Mayor recommend the Council adopt the 2006 CDBG Action Plan.
Fiscal Impact:	None. The 2006 Action Plan explicitly identifies the use of the CDBG funds allocated to the City of Jonesboro. Additionally, 20% (\$113,100) of the total program year grant award (\$565,498) is designated to be used for administration, thus the staff time expended for administration of the program is not paid out of the General Fund.
Attachments:	Fiscal Year 2006 Project Listing

FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECTS
CDBG PROGRAM
JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

1. Housing - Land Acquisition For Affordable Housing	\$105,000
2. Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$ 90,000
3. Homeownership Assistance – new homeowner program	\$ 10,000
4. Transitional Group Home - Rehabilitation	\$ 31,820
5. Homeless Facilities – Shelter Rehabilitation	\$ 55,000
6. Continuum of Care	\$ 32,778
7. Demolition of Substandard Housing and Clearance	\$ 55,000
8. Code Enforcement	\$ 20,000
9. Low Income Children/Disabled/Elderly Programs	\$ 22,500
10. Low Income Medicine Assistance	\$ 6,000
11. Low/Mod community services	\$ 24,300
12. Administration	<u>\$113,100</u>
Total Project Expenses	\$565,498

PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

The City of Jonesboro's 2006 allocation is \$565,498.00 for the Tenth Year Community Development Program. The plan was developed using an efficient citizen participation process in compliance with the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 91. The City has evaluated all projects, conducted public hearings, held citizen advisory committee meetings, invited public comments and suggestions, and obtained the Mayor and City Council approval for the expenditures of following projects:

1. Housing - Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing - Increase the availability and accessibility of affordable LMI family housing through the provision of land acquisition for single family units.
2. Homeowner Rehabilitation - Assist in the improvement of housing conditions for LMI homeowners, thereby preserving our existing affordable housing stock.
3. Homeownership Assistance - Increase the viability for potential homeownership through the provision of homeownership assistance programs.
4. Transitional Group Home - Rehabilitation – Fund the rehabilitation of transitional group housing units serving the mentally ill who are potentially/at risk of becoming homeless.
5. Homeless Facilities – Shelter Rehabilitation - Directly address the needs of our homeless and low income citizens through the renovation of homeless shelter kitchen facilities serving daily meals.
6. Continuum of Care - Fund, assist and support services whose primary purposes are to address the root causes of homelessness and related needs, including job training, financial management, and self sufficiency through life skills.
7. Demolition of Substandard Housing and Clearance – The elimination of slum and blight, its prevention from recurrence of blighting influences.
8. Code Enforcement – necessary costs directly related to enforcement of local codes.
9. Low Income Children/Disabled/Elderly Programs - To provide educational programs and opportunities to low/moderate income families, school children, the elderly and disabled.
10. Low Income Medicine Assistance - To assist in the delivery of long-term medicine assistance to low-income persons.
11. Low/Moderate Income Community Services - To increase self-sufficiency through Hispanic community services, employment, translation, pregnancy & parental counseling, and other life skill training.
12. Administration - CDBG administrative costs are necessary for project management, implementation, compliance reporting, and planning.

The above listed activities are the proposed and approved projects for the Tenth Year-2006 program year. The Mayor and City Council approved the action plan and projects by Resolution on March 7, 2006 and allocated \$565,498.00