



**Department of Community Development**  
City of Jonesboro

**SUBJECT:** CDBG Plan Approvals

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Placed on City Council Agenda/Approval

**Council Communication**

<b>Date Submitted:</b>	3/10/08
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<b>To Be Presented to Finance Committee:</b>	3/20/08
<b>Approved By:</b>	Citizen’s Advisory, Mayor
<b>Background:</b>	The City has access to CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) annually and while the use of these monies are strictly mandated it is also required that an annual action plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for their approval in accordance with Title 1 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Request placement of CDBG Action Plan on the City Council April 1, 2008 Agenda for adoption. (Required by HUD.)
<b>Staff Request and/or Recommendation:</b>	Placement on City Council April 1 <sup>st</sup> Agenda. Note: We want to thank those of you who have supported our efforts to get the City’s CDBG Program in direct line with both the intention of the grant and the mandated procedures and requirements. HUD is extremely pleased with the current program. We are considered the most improved program in the state and have HUD’s full support. Thank you for your part in this endeavor.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	None
<b>Community Impact:</b>	\$545,251 Community Development Block Grant.
<b>Attachments:</b>	Legistar – City Council Communication, Resolution, Project/Activity Listing, Goals & Objectives as identified in City’s CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE, YEAR 12 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2008 ACTION PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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**WHEREAS**, the City has access to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on an annual basis, and

**WHEREAS**, the use of these monies are strictly mandated including the mandate that an annual action plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development in accordance with Title 1 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the City of Jonesboro to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in such a manner that the maximum feasible priority is given to activities which will benefit low to moderate income families and eliminate slum and blight.

**WHEREAS**, there is a total of \$545,251.00 for Year 12 funds allocated to the CDBG Program for budgetary purposes; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The Year Twelve CDBG program totaling five hundred, forty-five thousand, two hundred and fifty one dollars (\$545,251.00) for budgeting purposes is adopted by reference to the attached project/activity sheet;

**SECTION 2 :** The Department of Community Development Grants Coordinator is authorized to prepare, and submit the 2008 Action Plan, to carry out the activities and projects identified in the 5 – Year Consolidated Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. Once the approval by HUD has occurred, the Mayor is authorized to execute agreements, approved by the City Attorney, with his signature being attested by the City Clerk, with the agencies herein identified in the F. Y. 2008 Department of Community Development Budget as per attached items 7a – 7h to undertake the activities/projects in the Action Plan.

**SECTION 3:** All approved agencies of CDBG funds will use the city's procurement procedures for services or contracts.

**THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED THIS APPROVED:**

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

## **Public Services**

7-a.	JURHA Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority – Housing Education	22,500
7-b.	Foundation of Arts – Youth/elderly/disabled/low income individual education	22,500
7-c.	City Youth Ministries – LMI Youth	10,000
7-d.	Legal Aid of Arkansas-Fair Housing & Legal Education	5,000
7-e.	Hispanic Community Center Inc – Translation Services	5,000
7-f.	Mid-South Health – Employment Education	5,000
7-g.	Mid-South Health – Emergency One Time Subsistence	5,000
7-h.	FOCUS – Non Profit/Social Services Capacity Building Training	5,000

## CDBG 2008 PROJECT/ACTIVITY LISTING

The City of Jonesboro's 2008 allocation is \$545,251.00 for the Twelfth Year Community Development Program. The plan was developed using an all inclusive 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 the following projects:

### Housing

1.	Homeowner Rehabilitation	Emergency Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	95,000
2.	Homeowner Assistance	New Homeowner & Veteran Homeowner	25,000
3.	Rehabilitation Administration	Various inspection fees (i.e. termite), staff salaries	30,000
4.	Public Service-Housing/Financial Education	Counseling including credit repair, foreclosure, financial training, new homeownership assistance-JURHA	22,500
5.	Public Service- Legal Education	Fair Housing Education-Legal Aid of Arkansas	5,000
6.	Public Service-Homeless/Potentially Homeless	Subsistence-Emergency one time utility/rent assistance-Mid South Health	5,000

### Neighborhood Revitalization

7.	Demolition & Clearance	Elimination of slum and blight	102,251
8.	Code Enforcement	Demolition	25,000
9.	Public Facilities Improvements	E. Boone Watson Center-Resource Center	15,000
10.	Public Facilities Improvements - Community Centers	Expand security-I.D. Fingerprint Scanners/Park Registration System	25,000
11.	Public Facilities Improvements	Parker Park Sidewalk	6,000

### Public Services

12.	Public Service-Youth Mentoring	Mentor / Education: Helping Enhance Learning Processes – City Youth Ministries	10,000
13.	Public Service- Youth/Elderly/Disabled Low Income Individual Education	Education/self development/outreach/ programs and classes – Foundation of Arts	22,500
14.	Public Service-Service Provider Assistance/Education	Social Services Capacity Building Annual Conference-FOCUS	5,000
15.	Public Service- Community Services & Outreach	Translation Services-Hispanic Community Services, Inc.	5,000
16.	Public Services-Employment Training	Employment Training for mentally disabled-Mid South Health	5,000

### Other

17.	Unprogrammed Funds	Community Development Projects	33,000
18.	Administration	CDBG Program Administration & Planning	109,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>545,251</b>

## **YEAR TWO – FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN-CITY OF JONESBORO GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - 2008 ACTION PLAN**

The following are the Goals and Objectives to be addressed with the 2008 Program Year funding: As stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING & PUBLIC HOUSING**

#### **1. Goal: Improve livability and availability of affordable housing and assist in the improvement of housing opportunities.**

- 1.1 Objective 1: Improve low income homeowner housing conditions.
  - 1.1a Provide funding for emergency homeowner rehabilitation repairs.
- 1.2 Objective 2: Increase new homeownership opportunities.
  - 1.2a Continue First Time New Homeownership Program.
  - 1.2b Assist in the expansion of homeownership through financial, credit repair, foreclosure education to create new homeowners and retain current homeownership.
- 1.3 Objective 3: Assist developers in determining incentives/financial partnerships to promote more affordable housing projects.

### **BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **2. Goal: Address barriers to affordable and fair housing.**

- 2.1 Objective 1: Increase the number of qualified new homeowners through homebuyer education.
- 2.3 Objective 3: Create fair housing and resolution information for public distribution.

### **LEAD-PAINT HAZARDS - GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES**

#### **3. Goal: Increase lead safe housing stock.**

- 3.1 Objective 1: Maintain standards for lead-based paint abatement in all housing rehabilitation projects.

### **SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT - NON HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **4. Goal: Improve Livability, create better functioning, and more attractive neighborhoods**

- 4.1 Objective 1: Improve appearance and eliminate blight in low income neighborhoods.
  - 4.1a Demolition and Clearance.
- 4.2 Objective 2: Address needs of low income neighborhoods public facilities.
  - 4.2a Public Facilities maintenance and repair.
  - 4.2b Improve Parks and Recreation Facilities (Community Centers).
- 4.3 Objective 3: Provide public services to address the needs of low income citizens.
  - 4.3a Fund needed services for qualified low income citizens.
- 4.4 Objective 4: Improve low-income neighborhood livability through citizen participation in Neighborhood Revitalization.
  - 4.4a Explore the advantages of creating neighborhood revitalization strategy areas.
  - 4.4b Investigate the need and public interest in local neighborhood networks.

- 4.5 Objective 5: Economic Development and job creation for low income area.
  - 4.5b Encourage employment programs.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS - HOMELESSNESS**

#### **5. Goals: Increase housing and service opportunities extended to homeless persons.**

- 5.1 Objective 1: Support and assist existing emergency shelters and transitional living housing.
  - 5.1a Provide support for rehabilitation and/or services for existing shelters.
- 5.2 Objective 2: Address homeless prevention activities.
  - 5.2a Provide technical assistance for and/or actual funding assistance to non-profits addressing homeless prevention activities.
- 5.3 Objective 3: Collaborate with homeless providers.
  - 5.3a Provide staff assistance for homeless counts.
  - 5.3b Develop partnerships with non-profits to expand current services.
  - 5.3c Attend quarterly meetings with service providers in Jonesboro.

### **ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY**

#### **6. Goal: To assist in the reduction of households with incomes below the poverty line.**

- 6.1 Objective 1: Support services to prevent homelessness.
  - 6.1a Support services such as emergency rental/utility assistance, financial education, foreclosure resolution programs, and other educational services.
  - 6.1b Survival services needed to enable households to survive on their limited incomes.
- 6.2 Objective 2: Assist in the provision of job training and supportive services.

### **NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS**

#### **7. Goal: Explore the possibility of expanding services and/or access to services for our special needs population.**

- 7.1 Objective 1: To work with services providers to assist special needs groups' access needed services.