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The City of Jonesboro is responsible for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Citizen Participation plan approved by the City and HUD requires the City to conduct a public hearing, receive approval by the Citizen Advisory Committee of changes in scope and allocation of project activities, approval by the Mayor and City Council and then approval of the amendment by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. As a result of bidding out various projects, and a change in the planning of several projects, it is desirous to propose changes in the estimates and scope of some of the projects as set out below.

A citizen advisory committee meeting and a public hearing was held on March 7, 2005 to review the current projects and to suggest changes in our projects. The revisions were approved by the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee and were recommended for approval to the Mayor and City Council. It is desirous to close out some projects and to change the program allocations and scope of various Community Development Projects for Jonesboro, Arkansas as follows:

Delete \$1,703.81 from Improvements to Earl Bell Center, 2002 Project Number 831-38 *45. This project was bid out and the purchase and installation have been completed within the budget, and it is desirous to close the project out and transfer the balance amount to another line item. This will decrease and revise the line item from \$20,000.00 to \$18,296.19.

Delete \$23,095.87 from Administration, 2004 Project Number 831-00 *56. We have closed the 2004 year administrative line item and we need to decrease the administration line item, close it out, and transfer that amount to another line item. This will decrease and revise the administration line item from \$122,000.00 to \$98,904.13.

Delete \$14,527.22 from Fairview Park Improvements, 2003 Project Number 831-39 *46 We have completed the project and it needs to be closed out with the balance of funds remaining transferred to another project line item. This will decrease and revise the budget line item from \$85,000.00 to \$70,472.78.

Delete \$84.00 from University Lions Park Improvements, 2004 Project Number 831-45 *53. This project has been completed and needs to be closed out. This will decrease and revise the budget line item from \$45,000.00 to \$44,916.00.

Delete \$9,934.44 from E. Boone Watson Center Improvements, 2003 Project Number 831-34 *41. This project has been completed and needs to be closed out. This will decrease and revise the budget from \$102,000.00 to \$92,065.56.

Delete \$5,000.00 from Parker Park Improvements, 2003 Project Number 831-37 *44. We have completed this project and need to close it out. This will decrease and revise the budget line item from \$86,850.00 to \$81,850.00.

Delete \$11,300.00 from Administration, 2005 Project Number 831-00*67. This will decrease and revise the administration line item from \$127,000 to \$115,700.00.

Note!!!! All deletions above equal the additions set out above at \$65,645.34. Add \$5000.00 to Miles Park Improvements, 2001 Project Number 831-23 *29. We originally estimated that the CDBG program would construct a baseball-softball field, soccer field park pavilions, shelter areas, parking area and other expenses. We have cleared and cut down the fields, and constructed a parking area. Based on the needs, the parks program desires is to complete the lighting of the park area, and complete ADA requirements for parking spaces. The estimated cost of the park improvements is greater than budgeted; therefore the City of Jonesboro is desirous to increase the budget line item by \$5,000. This will increase and revise the Budget Line Item from \$63,520.85 to \$68,520.85.

Add \$20,645.34 to Continuum of Care, 2004 Project Number 831-42 *50. We intend to offer 5 \$5,000 grants to continuum members for new projects to alleviate homelessness. This will increase the budget line item from \$10,000 to \$30,645.34.

Add \$40,000 to Homeowner Assistance, 2005 Project Number 831-54 *66. We have established a program to assist owner-occupied rehabilitation of homes, as well as a down payment assistance program for low to moderate income individuals to encourage home ownership. This will increase the budget line item from \$0.00 to \$40,000.00.
