



Department of Community Development

City of Jonesboro

SUBJECT: CDBG Plan Approvals

REQUESTED ACTION: Placed on City Council Agenda/Approval

Council Communication

Date Submitted:	June 29, 2007
Submitted By:	GAYLE VICKERS – 933-4635
Presented to Finance Committee:	Special meeting to be called
Approved By:	Citizen's Advisory, Mayor
Background:	HUD requires a full Consolidated Plan every five years, and an annual Action Plan/Reports. The deadline for submission is July 20, 2007. The 2007 projects reflect those projects that can be completed in a timely manner in order to meet the timeliness expenditure deadline we must meet in order to maintain funding.
Synopsis:	Request placement on the City Council Agenda July 17, 2007 to adopt the five year Consolidated Plan and annual plan/reports in order to meet HUD deadline requirements.
Staff Request and/or Recommendation:	Amendment Approval
Fiscal Impact:	None
Community Impact:	\$564,000 Community Development Block Grant.
Attachments:	Legistar



CITY OF JONESBORO PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Applicants must meet at least one of the priority objectives noted below. Using the Performance Measurement form (provided in the CDBG application), applicants should identify the specific objective(s) the program/project is designed to meet: (Note: HUD Objectives are listed below for your immediate reference.)

Improve the livability and quality of life in the City of Jonesboro.

A. Housing Rehabilitation/Homeownership

- Stabilize neighborhoods through rehabilitation of existing units and by eliminating vacant and uninhabitable housing units through clearance.
- Increase home ownership opportunities and improve knowledge base of homebuyer education and counseling.

B. Neighborhood Revitalization/Beautification

- Develop specific neighborhood revitalization strategies with the participation of the residents of the neighborhood.
- Provide needed Public Works/Construction projects in targeted LMI (low-moderate income) neighborhoods (i.e. sewer, drainage, streets, curb and gutter, and sidewalks.)

C. Economic Development/Job creation

- Develop and implement targeted strategies to improve education and life/workforce skills that are responsive to the challenges and demands of today's economy.

D. Public Services - Non-Housing Special Needs

- Provide assistance to homeless and non-homeless persons with special needs.

Not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet *one* of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

Definition: HUD OBJECTIVES are based on the broad statutory purpose of the CDBG Program that include:

1. **Suitable Living Environment** relates to activities that are designed to benefit communities, families or individuals by addressing issues in their living environment. This objective relates to activities that are intended to address a wide range of issues faced by low and moderate-income persons, from physical problems with their environment, such as poor quality infrastructure, to social issues such as crime prevention, literacy or elderly health services.
2. **Decent Housing** covers the wide range of housing activities that are generally undertaken with CDBG funds. This objective focuses on housing activities whose purpose is to meet individual family or community housing needs. It does not include programs where housing is an element of a larger effort to make community-wide improvements, since such programs would be more appropriately reported under Suitable Living Environments.
3. **Creating Economic Opportunities** applies to activities related to economic development, revitalization, or job creation.

NOTE: A RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE CDBG FUNDS CAN BE EXPENDED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND CDBG PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING THE 2007-2011 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED AND 2007 ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY, DATED JULY 17, 2007 INCLUDING THE 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS AND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro is required to hold at least one public hearing and approve their Five Year Consolidated and Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan must include an Action Plan for the first year of the new Five Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan contains the eleventh year (2007) Community Development Block Grant Projects and Budget.

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

SECTION 1: That the Five Year Consolidated and Action Plans, dated July 17, 2007, attached hereto is hereby approved.

SECTION 2: That the eleventh year Action Plan (2007) CDBG Projects and Budget are noted and approved as a part of the Plan;

SECTION 3: That the Mayor is directed to sign all documents, as necessary to assure the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about July 20, 2007.

SECTION 4: Those any and all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th, day of July 17, 2007.

Doug Formon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna K. Jackson, CMC City Clerk