



Department of Community Development

City of Jonesboro

SUBJECT: 2010 CDBG Plan Approvals

REQUESTED ACTION: Placed on City Council Agenda/Approval

Council Communication

Date Submitted:	11/3/09
Submitted By:	GAYLE VICKERS – 933-4635
To Be Presented to Finance Committee:	11/3/09
Approved By:	Citizen’s Advisory Committee, Mayor
Background:	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.
Staff Request and/or Recommendation:	Request approval of 2010 CDBG Action Plan
Synopsis:	<p>Note: The City CDBG Program was recognized by Garland Yates, Mobilizing Communities, and consultant to Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, as one of the few CDBG programs in the nation fulfilling the “true intention” of the Community Development Block Grant Program. James Slater, of HUD, joined in the accolade given to the City.</p> <p>As a direct result of your support we now have the interest federal and state agencies and new funding opportunities through multiple sources. Thank you for your part in this endeavor.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None
Community Impact:	\$556,508 Community Development Block Grant.
Attachments:	City Council Communication, Resolution, Action Plan, Project/Activity Listing, and Goals & Objectives as identified in City’s CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

The City of Jonesboro's 2010 allocation is anticipated to be \$556,508.00 for the Fourteenth 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	5,000
2.	Homeownership Assistance	35,000
3.	Rehabilitation Administration	5,000
4.	Land Acquisition	35,000
Neighborhood Revitalization		
5.	Demolition & Clearance	19,500
6.	Code Enforcement	40,000
7.	Property Disposition/Maintenance	2,500
8.	Economic Development Pilot Program	25,000
9.	Public Facility – North side/Lions Park Renovation	30,508
10.	Public Facility – Rehab Gym of Youth Center	35,000
11.	Public Facility – Historic Bridge for Greenway	8,000
12.	Public Facility – Phase II Allen Park Sec. & Lighting	60,000
13.	Public Facility – University Lions Park Expansion	30,000
Public Services – Housing/Non Housing		
14.	Public Service - Summer/After School Mentoring (CY)	20,000
15.	Public Service - Educational Enrichment (FOA)	20,000
16.	Public Service - Housing Counseling (JURHA)	15,000
17.	Public Service – Subsistence (JURHA)	5,000
18.	Public Service – Subsistence (MSHS)	5,000
19.	Public Service - Employment (Job Skills Training) (MSHS)	5,000
20.	Public Service - City North Jonesboro Initiative	12,000
Other		
21.	Administration	111,000
22.	Unprogrammed Funds	33,000
Total		556,508

The following are the Goals to be addressed with the 2010 Program Year funding as they are 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.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

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

Lead-Paint Hazards – Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

3. Goal: Increase lead safe housing stock.

Suitable Living Environment – Non Housing Community Development

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

Special Needs - Homelessness

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

Anti-Poverty Strategy

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

Non-Homeless Special Needs

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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE, YEAR 14 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2010 ACTION PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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, 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, there is a projected total of \$556,508.00 for Year 14 funds allocated to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for budgetary purposes;

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

SECTION 1: The Year Fourteen Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program totaling five hundred, fifty-six thousand, five hundred and eight dollars (\$556,508.00) for budgeting purposes is adopted by reference to the attached project/activity budget table;

SECTION 2: The director of Department of Community Development is authorized to prepare, and submit the 2010 Action Plan to HUD for review and approval, to administer and carry out the activities and projects in said plan as identified in the 5 – Year Consolidated Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Once the approval from HUD has been obtained, the Mayor is authorized to execute contractual agreements with his signature being attested by the City Clerk, for the execution of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Community Development Block Grant Action Plan as per attached project/activity table.

SECTION 3: CDBG project funding overages at the completion of any/all CDBG projects will transfer to unprogrammed funds for reallocation through amendment.

SECTION 4: All approved agencies receiving CDBG funds will use the City's procurement procedures for any services or contracts.

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED THIS APPROVED: