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REPORT NO: 06-047

ATTENTION: Council President and City Council
Docket of May 8, 2006

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Council President and City Council from Ronne Froman, Chief Operating Officer, Dated March 29, 2006 –
Subject: FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Social Service Programs

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

- Authorize the City Auditor and Comptroller to accept CDBG funds in the amount of \$15,506,862 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City's FY 2007 CDBG Program.
- Approve the funding allocations and recommendations for the City's FY 2007 CDBG Program, set forth in Report to the City Council No. 06-047, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR-_____, contingent upon certification of funds availability by the City Auditor and Comptroller, and direct that the Core City Priorities and CDBG-Funded Projects approved for funding be incorporated into the City's FY 2007 CDBG Action Plan.
- Authorize the Mayor or his designee to negotiate and execute agreements with those CDBG-Funded Projects approved for funding, contingent upon certification of funds availability by the City Auditor and Comptroller.
- Authorize the Executive Director of the San Diego Housing Commission to negotiate and execute agreements with those CDBG-Funded Projects approved for funding whose allocations the Mayor or his designee asks the San Diego Housing Commission to administer, contingent upon certification of funds availability by the City Auditor and Comptroller.
- Authorize the City Auditor and Comptroller to appropriate and expend the CDBG funds for the Core City Priorities and CDBG-Funded Projects approved for funding, contingent upon certification of funds availability by the City Auditor and Comptroller.
- Authorize the City Auditor and Comptroller to reprogram funding from prior year CDBG-funded projects to FY 2007 projects approved for funding, contingent upon certification of funds availability by the City Auditor and Comptroller.
- Authorize the Mayor or his designee to suspend the initiation of new HUD Section 108 Loans during FY 2007 that rely on CDBG and/or General Funds as a repayment source.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Adopt the Requested Actions.

SUMMARY:

Background

The Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 established the Community Development Block Grant Program (Program), which is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of San Diego has participated in the Program since its inception. The overarching goal of the Program is to develop viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic activities for persons of low and moderate income.

The Program allows local jurisdictions broad latitude in deciding upon a community development strategy and determining the types of projects to fund. However, there are restrictions on the types of activities that are eligible for funding. These restrictions are defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR 570).

Community Services staff is responsible for grant compliance and the overall administration of the City's CDBG Program. Each year, the City is obligated to follow a HUD-defined "consolidated planning" process to insure community involvement, project eligibility, and a strategic approach to utilizing CDBG funds. Grantees are required to submit both a five year strategic plan and annual action plans (which are subject to HUD approval) in order to qualify for funding.

On July 26, 1993, the City Council adopted Council Policy 700-02 "Community Development Block Grant Program" to create a formula for funding that apportions 60% of the annual CDBG entitlement to Council Districts, and 40% to the City-wide category. The amounts to Districts are based upon the number of low and moderate income residents in each District as a percentage of the whole City. Under these Program guidelines, each Councilmember allocates respective District funding to specific projects at his/her discretion.

Discussion

The City's CDBG entitlement grant amount for FY 2007 is \$15,506,862, which is a \$1,776,120 (10.3%) reduction from the current fiscal year.

The City opened a CDBG application process on December 12, 2005, which remained open until January 31, 2006. A total of 163 applications were received by the City, for an amount requested totaling approximately \$26.7 million.

On March 30, 2006, the above-referenced memorandum (dated March 29, 2006) along with the 163 CDBG applications, were provided to the City Council. Attachment 3 of that memorandum includes proposed CDBG allocations for the following Core City Priorities:

• CDBG Administration	\$ 1,360,000 (Administrative)
• CIP Project Management	\$ 350,000 (Administrative)
• Section 108 Loan Payments	\$ 3,275,256 (prior City Council action)
• Social Services (15%)	\$ 2,326,029 (Council Policy 700-02)
• Housing Commission	\$ 1,277,478 (Council Policy 700-02)
• ADA Barrier Removal Program	\$ 1,131,749 (past practice)
• ADA Transition Plan	\$ <u>473,000</u> (past practice)
 Total	 \$10,193,512

Each of the above-listed allocations is categorized into one of four areas: (1) specified by Council Policy 700-02; (2) directed by prior City Council action; (3) an on-going City practice reflective of Community Development goals; or (4) an administrative obligation to meet grant requirements.

Discretionary CDBG-Funded Projects

After netting out the above Core City Priorities, \$5,313,350 of discretionary CDBG funds from the FY 2007 entitlement grant is available to fund eligible projects. In addition, a total of \$2,056,383, from prior year projects is recommended for reprogramming into new projects. The amount of FY 2007 Discretionary CDBG funding available to each Council District is as follows:

<u>Council District</u>	<u>FY2007 Discretionary CDBG</u>	<u>Prior Year Reprogramming</u>	<u>Total Allocations</u>
1	\$ 455,881	\$ 191,418	\$ 647,299
2	\$ 510,982	\$ 114,842	\$ 625,824
3	\$1,119,968	\$ 246,845	\$ 1,366,813
4	\$ 532,179	\$ 479,464	\$ 1,011,643
5	\$ 443,949	\$ 246,151	\$ 690,100
6	\$ 932,445	\$ 125,430	\$ 1,057,875
7	\$ 669,320	\$ 410,947	\$ 1,080,267
8	\$ 533,318	\$ 21,710	\$ 555,028
Citywide	\$ 115,308	\$ 219,576	\$ 334,884
 Total	 \$5,313,350	 \$ 2,056,383	 \$ 7,369,733

In accordance with Council Policy 700-02 and City practice since FY1994, each Councilmember identifies his/her respective funding priorities in a written memorandum. In addition, the Mayor’s Office has put forth funding recommendations for discretionary funding in the

“Citywide” category. All project funding recommendations have been incorporated into a complete list of FY2007 CDBG funding recommendations, and are included as **Attachment 1** of this report. This list has been made available to all CDBG applicants, and put on the City’s website for public review from April 25, 2006 to May 8, 2006.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There is no impact to the City's General Fund from this action. Funding for each project described in this report is available from the CDBG Program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION:

None.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

The application for federal entitlement grants (which includes the City's CDBG entitlement grant) is referred to as the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Planning process includes a community input process, during which staff presented the Plan and requested feedback from each community planning group representing low and moderate income communities. Further, the process was brought before the Land Use and Housing Committee and the San Diego Housing Commission for discussion. Moreover, the CDBG application process was noticed in the San Diego Union Tribune newspaper, and notices were mailed to the City's CDBG mailing database.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Residents of low and moderate income communities; community-based organizations; community planning groups; and other community development organizations.

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Attachment

1. [FY2007 CDBG Funding Recommendations](#)