

Agenda Report

DATE: MARCH 28, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAMS
REPROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION (2004/2005 AND 2005/2006)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council/Community Development Commission approve the following reprogramming:

1. CDBG funds in the amount of \$48,000 (\$24,000 per year) to Community Health Alliance of Pasadena's Making Smiles Bright: Dental Health for Children;
2. ESG funds in the amount of (a) \$35,000 to the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches' Emergency Homeless Response Program; and (b) \$11,324 to Union Station Foundation's Sources: Job Training/Preparation Program.

ADVISORY BODY

On February 22, 2005, the Human Services Commission recommended to the City Council/Pasadena Community Development Commission approval of the subject recommendation.

BACKGROUND

On Monday, May 24, 2004, following the CDBG/ESG public hearing the City Council/Pasadena Community Development Commission approved the funding recommendations for program years 2004-2006. Several months later, two of the agencies awarded funding informed the City that they were not able to implement their respective projects: 1) Pasadena Prevents (Coalition for Zero Violence) and 2) Expansion of Social Services (Salvation Army). The Pasadena Prevents project had been awarded \$46,324 (\$24,000 per year) in CDBG funds, and Expansion of Social Services had been awarded \$46,324 (\$23,162 per year) in ESG funds. At this time, funding from these projects has been de-obligated, as set forth in the Request for Proposals, and is available for reprogramming.

Reprogramming Process

The staff review team has reexamined the previously transmitted proposals in response to the RFP and submits the above recommendation for the City Council/Commission's approval. The rationale and staff comments regarding the recommendations are provided in Exhibit A.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

During the Council/Commission deliberations, Making Smiles Bright Dental Health was identified for priority consideration if funds became available. The funding requested for the project was \$49,534, the project proposal received an average score of 86% and the project is next in line for CDBG funding. Based on the availability of CDBG funds, staff returned to the Human Services Commission at its February 22, 2005 meeting with the recommendation that Community Health Alliance of Pasadena's (CHAP) Making Smiles Bright Dental Health program receive funding in the amount of \$24,000 for the 2004/05 PY and \$24,000 for the 2005/06 PY.

The Sub-recipient Agreement for use of the aforementioned funds will allow for eligible project costs effective January 1, 2005. Additionally, based on project performance and the availability of federal funding the Agreement will also be amended to fund the project for the second program year (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006).

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funding

In accordance with the federal regulations, Emergency Shelter Grant funds must be used to support projects/activities that directly benefit homeless persons. On November 23, 2004, correspondence was sent to the four eligible ESG project sponsors in the Homeless category advising them of availability of ESG funds. Three of the four eligible projects replied. Based on review of the responses, including the projects' demonstrated need, proposed use of additional funding and consistency with the original funding request(s), staff provided the Human Service Commission with its recommendation for the reprogramming of ESG funds in the amount of \$35,000 to the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches' Emergency Homeless Response Program and \$11,324 to the Union Station Foundation's Sources: Job Training/Preparation Program.

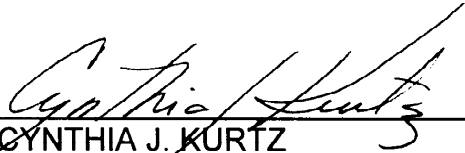
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY IMPACT

Approval of the CDBG funding recommendation will expand the delivery of dental healthcare for children from low-income households. Approval of the ESG funding recommendations will provide an increase in essential services and homeless prevention activities.

FISCAL IMPACT


The funds referenced in this report are federal dollars and are subject to timely expenditure guidelines. The expansion of services provided through the approval of this recommendation will augment existing public/human service activities. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



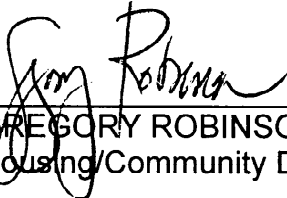
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Attachment: Exhibit A

**City of Pasadena
Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs
Reprogramming Rationale/Comments**

Proposed Project	Proposed Use of Funds	Rationale/Comments	Proposal Requested (PY 04/05)	Current Funding Level (PY 04/05)	Reprogramming Recommendation (PY 04/05)	Reprogramming Recommendation (PY05/06)
HEALTH (CDBG)						
Making Smiles Bright Dental Health (Community Health Alliance of Pasadena)	Purchase dental supplies (sealants). Support staff/consultant costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of needed dental services to children in Benefit Service Area. • Provides a safety net for uninsured youth (dental). • Project proposal received a high score (86 points) 	\$49,534	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
HOMELESSNESS (ESG)						
EHRP (Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches)	Serve 18 – 20 additional families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in units of service. • An expansion client services. • Greater capacity for homeless prevention services. • Greater public benefit to the community. 	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$40,000 (No change)	\$75,000

Sources (Union Station Foundation)	Serve 5 additional clients; Support % of Job Developer's Costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in units of service. • An expansion of direct client services. • Support unique project –serves homeless. • Anticipated increase in job placements and individualized post placement support services. 	\$95,000	\$61,000	\$61,000 (No change)	\$72,324
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The Meals Program is not recommended for Reprogramming:

Meals Program (Union Station Foundation)	To support staff costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No expansion of client services or units of service. • Funds would help agency address on-site security issues. • The proposed use of funds is not in original proposal. 	\$60,000	\$52,000	\$52,000 (No change)	\$52,000 (No change)
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