

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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DATE: July 10, 2007

TO: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

FROM: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

SUBJECT: **Approval of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2007 Program Year Action Plan**

Recommendation:

Approve the proposed projects described herein for the City of Lancaster's 2007 One-Year Action Plan application to be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Financial Impact:

\$1,407,972 new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds.

Summary:

The proposed One-Year Action Plan is intended to provide a summary of proposed program activities, eligibility criteria, and funding levels for the 2007 CDBG Program Year. All programs and/or projects submitted in the Plan are in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines for eligible activities.

In order to proceed with the City's One-Year Action Plan Application, which serves as the formal document to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for CDBG funding, it is necessary for the City Council to take public testimony on proposed projects.

PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR THE 2007 PROGRAM YEAR:

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| 1. Planning / Administration | \$99,130 |
| 2. Fair Housing Services | 23,150 |
| 3. Fair Housing Impediment Study | 15,000 |
| 4. Repayment of Section 108 Loan –
Industrial Infrastructure (Fox Field);
Housing Site Property Acquisition- (Fairgrounds);
Recreational Facilities -(Soccer Complex) | 281,501 |

5. Repayment of Section 108 Loan - (Industrial Corridor Infrastructure)	34,443
6. Repayment of Section 108 Loan - (Mental Health Association)	118,692
7. Repayment of Section 108 Loan - (Children's Center)	127,869
8. Alley Reconstruction Program	400,000
9. Code Enforcement Officer	82,815
10. Parks, Recreation and Arts Fee Waiver Program	15,000
11. The Lancaster CARES Program	<u>\$210,372</u>
TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING	\$1,407,972

The list of proposed projects for the 2007 CDBG One-Year Action Plan is in compliance with the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy along with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) project eligibility criteria and program guidelines. Approval of the proposed list of projects will enable CDBG funding availability as of July 1, 2007, the start of the 2007 Program Year. Action to delay submission of the current project application to HUD will substantially delay the receipt of monies and implementation of projects and activities dependent on such monies. Funds related to projects that are revised or canceled during the program year will be reprogrammed.