



**CITY OF TYLER
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Agenda Number: O-1

Date: July 25, 2007

Subject: Request that the City Council consider approving an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs.

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Item Reference:

On April 4, 2007 the Neighborhood Services Department held the first of two (2) public hearings to inform the public of the availability of federal funds for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and to solicit citizen and neighborhood input. The second hearing was held on April 5, 2007. On March 29, 2007, Staff conducted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Application workshop and on March 30, 2007, a Public Facilities and Housing Application workshop. The workshops provided an in-depth overview of the CDBG and HOME programs and further explained the application process. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Service, Public Facility, and Housing were solicited beginning March 30 through May 1, 2007 and technical assistance provided as requested. The RFP committee reviewed each proposal, conducted site visits, and recommended funding based on guidelines required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and City Staff.

Total allocation from HUD for the CDBG Program is \$966,747. The total allocation for the HOME Program is \$433,984. Attached is the proposed budget recommendation which includes Staff requests, external requests, and administrative and direct delivery costs. The administrative budgets are subject to the same review process as all other City departments and will be finalized with the City budget.

Final public hearing was held July 11, 2007 at the City Council meeting, during which Staff requested direction on the proposed programs. No changes were submitted.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Annual Plan.

**Drafted/Recommended By:
Department Leader**


Brenda Johnson

**Edited/Submitted By:
City Manager**

EXHIBIT A

ORDINANCE No. 0-2007-92

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME APPLICATION AND BUDGET FOR 2007-2008, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, for many years, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated funds through grant applications to the City of Tyler for housing rehabilitation and neighborhood improvement programs, along with administrative costs associated with such programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler has obtained extensive statistical demographic and research information, solicited citizen input, and developed a strategic plan to address identified community needs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that such proposed application and budget for 2007-2008 be approved by Council, subject to approval and allocation by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

WHEREAS, The City of Tyler is proposing implementation of its 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

Part 1: That the proposed budget for 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Grant funds, attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C" and made a part hereof for all purposes, is hereby approved, subject to approval and allocation by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (this ordinance is labeled as Exhibit "A").

Part 2: That the City of Tyler grants and designates the City Manager with the authority to execute and submit all documentation and certifications necessary to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to receive CDBG and HOME program funding to be utilized to provide eligible services and programs for low-income residents in the City on or before the submission deadline of August 16, 2007.

Part 3: That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of July, A. D., 2007.

JOSEPH O. SEEBER, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

APPROVED:

A T T E S T:

CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "B" to ORDINANCE 0-2007-92

PROPOSED 2007 CDBG AND HOME BUDGET

Projects	Activities	2007 CDBG	2007 HOME	Total 2007 CDBG and HOME
Administration		\$193,349	\$43,398	\$236,747
Public Services		\$72,000		\$72,000
	<i>Tyler AIDS Services</i>	\$42,000		
	<i>Literacy Council</i>	\$30,000		
Owner Rehab		\$300,000	95,000	\$395,000
Homebuyers		\$35,000		\$35,000
Demolition		\$50,000		\$50,000
Code Enforcement		\$50,000		\$50,000
Public Facility		\$251,398		\$251,398
	<i>Curb and Gutter – Proyecto Rosalinda</i>			
Interim Assistance		\$15,000		\$15,000
Andrew's Center Tenant Based Rental Assistance			\$60,000	\$60,000
New Construction			\$235,586	\$235,586
	<i>City of Tyler</i>		\$200,586	\$200,586
	<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>		\$35,000	\$35,000
TOTALS		\$966,747	\$433,984	\$1,400,731

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HOUSING AND CODE RELATED PROJECTS

Organization	Program Name and Description	2007 CDBG			2007 HOME		
		# to be Served	Amount Requested	Proposed Amount	# to be Served	Amount Requested	Proposed Amount
City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department	“Clearance/Demolition” : Provides funding for project delivery costs and the removal of dilapidated structures and site clearance to eliminate slum and blight.	17 projects	\$50,000	\$50,000	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
	Population Served : Not Applicable Area Served : City wide demolition only						
City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department	“Interim Assistance” : Provides funding for special neighborhood clean-up events in conjunction with neighborhood revitalization efforts.	2 projects	\$15,000	\$15,000	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
	Population Served : Not Applicable Area Served : Low-income Census Tracts and Block Groups						
City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department	“Code Enforcement – Housing Inspections” : Provides funding for project delivery costs and the identification of housing code violations related to neighborhood revitalization.	500 inspections	\$50,000	\$50,000	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
	Population Served : Not Applicable Area Served : Low-income Census Tracts and Block Groups						
City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department	“Housing Rehabilitation Program” : Funding for project delivery costs for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of dwellings occupied by low-income homeowners to bring units into compliance with housing and building codes. CDBG funds are also used for emergency rehabilitation assistance to remove conditions that threaten the immediate safety and health of homeowner occupants and to increase handicapped accessibility for disabled.	21 projects	CDBG: \$300,000	CDBG: \$300,000	1 project	HOME \$95,000	HOME \$95,000
	Population Served : Low-income homeowners Area Served : 100% Tyler – Funds are available city-wide for Emergency Rehab and Removal of Architectural Barrier Program; CDBG funds are available for use in the target area that is designated annually for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Population Served : Low-income households Area Served : 100% Tyler –city-wide/ Low-income Census Tracts and Block Groups						
City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department	“First-Time Homebuyer’s Program” : Provides project delivery costs & funds for Downpayment & Closing Cost assistance to low-income first-time homebuyers.	4-6 low-income households	\$35,000	\$35,000	Not Requested	Not Requested	Not Requested
	Population Served : Low-income first-time homebuyers Area Served : 100% Tyler Population Served : Not applicable Area Served : 100% Tyler						
City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department	“New Construction” : HOME program allows New Construction of modest and affordable dwellings for low-income households	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	2 low-income households	\$200,586	\$200,586
	Population Served : Low-income households Area Served : 100% Tyler						
Andrew’s Center	Tenant Based Rental Assistance – Provides funds for rental assistance for low-income households.	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	15	\$120,00	\$60,000
	Population Served : Low-income households Area Served : 100% Tyler						

Habitat for Humanity	<p>“New Construction”: Funding to be used for new construction of modest & affordable dwellings for low-income homebuyers Population Served: Low-income households Area Served: 100% Tyler</p>	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	6 low-income households	\$50,000	\$35,000

PUBLIC FACILITY ACTIVITIES - CDBG ONLY

City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department	<p>“Curbs and Gutter – Proyecto Rosalinda”: Provides funding for project delivery costs and infrastructure improvements in low-income neighborhoods Population Served: Low-income households Area Served: Proyecto Rosalinda Target Area</p>	1 project	\$251,398	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES – SUBJECT TO 15% CAP – CDBG ONLY

Agency	Program Name and Brief Description	# to be Served	Amount Requested	Proposed Amount	Previous Year Funding
Literacy Council of Tyler, Inc.	<p>“Adult Literacy Program” – will provide educational services for illiterate adults. Population Served: Illiterate adults</p>	180	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	<p>“Emergency Assistance Program” - will provide persons with AIDS diagnosis with emergency assistance for basic needs including rent, utilities and medications. Population Served: Persons with HIV/AIDS</p>	40	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$40,000