

Program Specific Requirements: ESG

Applications for ESG funding were due on February 16, 2007. Potential applicants were notified of available funding by mail, through the City website, and via meetings and the listserv of the East Tennessee Coalition for the Homeless. Eleven (11) applications were received, requesting a total of \$271,678. Applications were evaluated by City staff based on *Consolidated Plan* priorities, leveraged funds, objectives established in the *Knoxville-Knox County Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness*, and other criteria.

All agencies using ESG funds through the City are required to provide a 1:1 match in the form of cash or in-kind donations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.
2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Community Development response:

Priority Non-Housing Community Development Needs

Table 2B, the Priority Non-Housing Community Development Needs Table from the Five Year Consolidated Plan, is on page 45 and contains a summary of priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category; i.e. public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development. The priority levels were established based upon the results of our community development surveys, review of public input, information received in consultations with other agencies and other City departments, and funding availability. Needs identified as High Priority are included in the City's highest priority needs described above and should expect to have funding allocated to them during the time period covered by this Consolidated Plan. Needs identified as Medium Priority will have funding allocated to them if there is sufficient funding available; the City will generally provide certifications of consistency for applications for grant funds to address these needs. Needs identified as Low Priority are not expected to receive funding through the

Consolidated Plan; the City will consider providing certifications of consistency for applications for grant funds to address these needs.

Community Development Objectives

As previously identified, the City anticipates a total CDBG budget of \$2,988,290 for the 2007-08 program year. This includes \$1,926,071 in newly allocated funds, \$892,219 in carryover from prior year funds, and \$170,000 in program income. No income is anticipated from float-funded activities. The City does not plan to fund any urgent need activities.

The City plans to allocate its 2007 CDBG, HOME and ESG funds among its Non-housing/Homeless priorities as follows:

Neighborhood Stabilization - \$1,141,154 in CDBG funds for neighborhood stabilization projects including funding for the East Tennessee Community Design Center to provide technical assistance; improvements to the exterior of Knox Area Rescue Ministries building on Broadway, the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, Union Square Park, and sidewalks within Parental Responsibility Zones; and to Community and Economic Development projects including continuation of the Façade Improvement Program and property acquisition activities.

Crime Prevention and Safety - \$10,000 to the Family Justice Center for educational materials about domestic violence.

Youth Development - \$145,000 in CDBG funds are allocated for services for youth, which is a medium priority under the Consolidated Plan. Funding will be provided to El Centro Hispano de East Tennessee Hispanic Youth Program, Montgomery Village Child Development Center, Project GRAD Knoxville College Access Program, and WEE Course @ Williams Creek Education and Recreational Planning.

Fair Housing - The Community Development Division estimates it will receive \$30,300 in Fair Housing Assistance program funds for its Fair Housing Assistance Program. These funds will be matched with CDBG administrative funds.

Administration and Staffing - \$419,214 in CDBG funds and \$170,175 in HOME funds are allocated for planning and administration expenses. In addition, \$350,000 in CDBG funds is allocated for staffing and operations for City CD administered housing programs.

Table 3 A, Summary of Specific Annual Objectives PY 2007 - 2008, starting on page 6, shows the priorities and specific housing objectives the City of Knoxville hopes to achieve during the next year using its CDBG funds, as well as HOME and ESG funds.

Each specific objective developed to address a priority need is identified by number and contains proposed accomplishments, and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction. Each objective is linked to a Consolidated Plan priority.

**FROM TABLE 2B
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS**

PRIORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS	Priority Need Level High, Medium, Low, No Such Need	PRIORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS	Priority Need Level High, Medium, Low, No Such Need
PUBLIC FACILITY NEEDS Those marked <u>H</u> are high priority where they contribute to Neighborhood Stabilization and eliminating blighting conditions within neighborhoods		PUBLIC SERVICE NEEDS	
Neighborhood Facilities	<u>H</u>	Disability Services	M
Parks and/or Recreation Facilities	<u>H</u>	Transportation Services	M
Health Facilities	M	Substance Abuse Services	M
Parking Facilities	L	Employment Training	M
Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	L	Health Services	M
Asbestos Removal	L	Other Public Service Needs	M
Non-Residential Historic Preservation and abating other problem properties	<u>H</u>	ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS	
Other Public Facility Needs Reduce Accessibility Deficiencies	<u>H</u>	Crime Awareness	M
INFRASTRUCTURE		Other Anti-Crime Programs	<u>H</u>
Water/Sewer Improvements	M	YOUTH PROGRAMS	
Street Improvements Street Lighting	<u>H</u>	Youth Centers	M
Sidewalks	<u>H</u>	Child Care Centers	M
Sewer Improvements	M	Youth Services	M
Flood Drain Improvements	M	Child Care Services	M
Other Infrastructure Needs	M	Other Youth Programs	M
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		SENIOR PROGRAMS	
Rehab; Publicly- or Privately - Owned Commercial/Industrial	<u>H</u>	Senior Centers	M
CI Infrastructure Dev.	M	Senior Services	M
Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements	M	Other Senior Programs	M
Micro-Enterprise Assistance	M	PLANNING	
ED Technical Assistance	M	Planning	H
Other Economic Development Job Creation and training within Heart of Knoxville	<u>H</u>		