

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Activity Funding for the 2006-2007 One-Year Action Plan of the 2005-2009 Five-Year Consolidated Plan

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services **DIVISION:** Community Assistance

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<b>Agenda Date:</b> <u>05/23/2006</u> <b>Regular</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Session</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Briefing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 1:30</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 7:00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

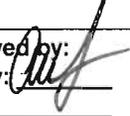
Authorize the Community Assistance staff to publish the proposed list of activities for the 2006-2007 One-Year Action Plan of the 2005-2009 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for a 30-day public comment period, prior to final approval by the Board.

**BACKGROUND:**

On February 19, 2006 the CD Office published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) soliciting proposals for the 2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Programs. Proposals were due by March 24, 2006, and 20 proposals were received, that include requests from two County target areas.

The Application Review Team (ART), consisting of six County staff members, met on April 6, 2006 to discuss the proposals and to develop a recommendation of proposed activities for submittal to the Board for funding approval. The County is required by Federal regulation to publish its proposed list and to solicit public comment for a 30-day period. Upon Board approval for publication, staff will establish the 30-day period from May 28 through June 26, 2006. Staff will return to the Board on July 25, 2006 for final approval of the proposed activities and to obtain approval to submit the 2006-2007 One-Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) no later than August 16, 2006.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the publication of the proposed activities to solicit public comment.

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**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FUNDING**  
**2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**  
**2006-2007 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN**

**CDBG PROGRAM**

**City of Casselberry: ADA Improvements to the Senior Center - \$150,000**

The City requested \$150,000 to make ADA improvements to their Senior Center to comply with ADA requirements. Improvements will be made both to the building and to the parking lot.

**City of Longwood: Neighborhood Park Improvements - \$175,000**

The City submitted a proposal for \$175,261 to relocate and expand facilities at a neighborhood park in an eligible low/moderate income service area.

**City of Sanford: Goldsboro & Georgetown Sidewalks - \$350,000**

The City submitted two proposals to install sidewalks in both Goldsboro and Georgetown. Total funding requested for both projects was \$344,561. Since the City is slated to receive over \$25 million in the next ten years from the One Cent Sales Tax *specifically for sidewalk construction*, the ART recommends the City leverage this CDBG funding with \$150,000 of its dedicated sidewalk One Cent Sales Tax revenue.

**Target Area Septic System Repair/Replacement Program - \$200,000**

In target areas with no centralized sanitary sewer collection systems, residents with failing personal septic systems will be assisted with grants to replace septic tanks and/or drainage fields. This is much less costly than providing centralized sewer collection systems, since many of the County's target areas are rural in nature. Additional funding may be required in subsequent years.

**The Grove Counseling Center, Inc.: Rehabilitation of Existing Structures - \$100,000**

The Grove requested \$112,946 to renovate and convert one building to a girl's dormitory. Funds will also be used to construct a bathroom and a laundry facility.

**The Health Council of East Central Florida, Inc.: Parking Lot Expansion - \$250,740**

The Health Council requested \$352,000 (with no financial leveraging) to expand the existing parking lot at their clinic on S.R. 415. Their intent is to add medical staff and expand their service capacity, which is contingent upon an expanded parking area. After deducting costs unrelated to parking, the ART recommends funding for parking area construction only.

**Seminole Work Opportunity Program (SWOP) - \$100,000**

SWOP requested \$100,000 to assist in the construction of a new workshop building to allow for on-site expansion to provide employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. SWOP is the only provider of this type of service in Seminole County, they provide employment for hundreds of persons with disabilities, and will leverage this funding with private loans.

### **Clearance Program - \$275,000**

The Community Development Office will continue its aggressive demolition program to demolish vacant, dilapidated residential structures on a County-wide basis. It is estimated that at least 40 structures will be demolished and cleared.

### **Child Care Assistance - \$200,000**

The Community Assistance Division will continue this activity to serve approximately 80 households with subsidized child care services. Some of the CDBG funding for this activity will be used in conjunction with the Seminole County Community Development Office's HOME TBRA Self-sufficiency Program.

### **Medical Assistance - \$169,540**

The Community Assistance Division will continue this activity to provide medical assistance to income-eligible persons on a County-wide basis. Over 500 persons are expected to be assisted.

### **Planning & Administration - \$492,720**

A total of \$492,720 (the statutory limit) is recommended to be provided for planning and administrative activities of the CD Office, including associated staff, operating expenses, and consulting services for the implementation of projects and activities.

## **HOME PROGRAM**

### **Administration - \$113,361**

It is recommended that \$113,361 (the statutory limit) be provided for administrative activities and consulting services of the HOME Program.

### **CHDO Homeownership or Rental Housing - \$500,000**

These funds are statutorily required to be awarded to a County-certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). The funds will be granted to a CHDO that will provide affordable homeownership or rental opportunities to income eligible households.

### **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) - \$300,000**

It is recommended that the TBRA Program continue to be funded to provide rental assistance to very low income households. All of these funds will be targeted for the CD Office's Self-Sufficiency Program to provide temporary housing assistance during job skills and educational training.

## **ESG PROGRAM**

### **Homeless Prevention - \$31,500**

The Community Assistance Division will continue to provide homeless prevention services for households under threat of eviction or foreclosure, to provide utility assistance to prevent the disruption of utilities, and/or for security deposit assistance for

rental housing. The statutory dollar-for-dollar match will be provided by in-kind services and costs of the Community Assistance Division.

**Rescue Outreach Mission: Homeless Assistance - \$73,752**

It is recommended that the Mission be funded for operating and maintenance expenses (\$42,900), and for new furnishings and fixtures to complement the renovated men's shelter (\$30,852). The Mission provides emergency homeless shelter services and serves approximately 85,000 meals annually to homeless persons, and provides approximately 4,000 shelter nights annually. The grant is matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by various grants, financial donations, and professional services.

**ADDI PROGRAM**

**Down Payment Assistance - \$22,172**

As required by Federal regulation, this HUD-funded program assists first time homebuyers with down payment assistance. ADDI will be used in conjunction with SHIP down payment assistance funds to assist in providing subsidies for lower income households.