

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request to Publish the List of Recommended Activities for One-Year Action Plan for FY 2004-2005

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development DIVISION: Community Resources

AUTHORIZED BY: Donald S. Fisher CONTACT: Robert Heenan EXT. 7380

Agenda Date: 05/25/2004 Regular  Consent  Work Session  Briefing   
Public Hearing – 1:30  Public Hearing – 7:00

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Community Development Office to publish the proposed list of activities for the 2004-05 One-Year Action Plan for 30 days to obtain public comment prior to final approval by the Board.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Community Development Office, after receiving citizen input and competitive funding proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Programs, is developing the One-Year Action Plan for Program Year 2004-05 for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). This Action Plan governs the allocation and expenditure of funds provided to the County from HUD. The following amounts represent the County's grant allocations:

<i>Community Development Block Grant Program 2004-2005</i>	\$ 2,886,000
<i>Community Development Block Grant 2003-2004 Fund Reallocation</i>	\$ 150,000
<i>HOME Initiatives Partnership Program 2004-2005</i>	\$ 1,253,477
<i>Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program 2004-2005</i>	\$ 107,361
<i>American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) 2003-04</i>	\$ 66,036
<i>American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) 2004-05</i>	\$ 77,925
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,540,799</b>

The ADDI Program is a new program from HUD to specifically fund down payment assistance for lower income households to achieve homeownership. ADDI Program funding is under the HOME Program, and its funding tenure is unknown. Both allocations will be made available on October 1, 2004.

Competitive funding applications for the CDBG and ESG Programs were considered and recommendations are consistent with the Board-approved five year funding priorities identified in the 2000-05 Consolidated Plan. Proposals generally consisted of the following:

**Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG):**

The County sought funding proposals from licensed emergency shelters for assistance with operating costs and maintenance to provide shelter to homeless individuals and families.

Reviewed by:  
Co Atty: \_\_\_\_\_  
DFS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: ok  
DCM: SS  
CM: JB  
File No. -cpdc04

## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

### Public Improvements:

The County sought proposals from its incorporated municipalities and from residents of County- or City-designated target neighborhoods to fund improvements such as:

- Stormwater drainage improvements
- Road improvements
- Water/sewer improvements
- Public facilities and improvements
- Neighborhood parks and recreational improvements

Given limited funds and continuation of prior project commitments, projects recommended are those which most closely meet review criteria including:

- Location within a designated target area
- Addresses needs of the Five Year Plan
- Impact: Cost per unit as related to number of persons or area benefit
- Demonstrated project leveraging
- Past performance and organizational capacity to operate and maintain project

Some highlights of recommended projects are:

- *One city government, three County entities and two County target areas are recommended for funding.*
- *Over \$1.7 million in leveraging will be provided by other cities and agencies.*
- *Over 8,000 persons will benefit through child care assistance, emergency medical assistance, infrastructure improvements, homelessness prevention, homeless shelter assistance and down payment assistance.*
- *A continued partnership with Seminole County Public Schools to fund a new recreational/educational facility to provide a variety of public and recreational services to the Midway community.*

Federal regulations require that the County publish the proposed list for 30 days to obtain public comment prior to final Board approval. Staff will publish the proposed list in newspaper advertisements on May 30, 2004 for public comment through June 29, 2004. Staff will approach the Board on July 27, 2004 with the final recommended list of activities and with a summary of all public comments received.

By Federal Statute, the One-Year Action Plan must be received at HUD no later than August 16, 2004.

**RECOMMENDED  
FUNDING ACTIVITIES  
FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005**

**CDBG**

City of Sanford: Cloud Branch Outfall System Construction - \$581,407

Following the study and design of this project (currently underway), Sanford will construct drainage structures in the Cloud Branch drainage system of the Goldsboro area from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The County's funding is contingent upon Sanford's ability to obtain project leveraging capacity through the State. The activity may involve real property acquisition and the relocation of households, which are subject to compliance with the Uniform Relocation Act (which governs all acquisition and household displacement on Federally-funded projects). As the County generally does not get involved in relocation and as the total costs are as yet unknown, staff recommends the City handle acquisition and relocation with use of City leverage funds. The County's funding, along with the State grant, will go toward construction costs upon acquisition/relocation being resolved and after final design.

Seminole County Public Schools: Midway Safe Harbor Project - \$506,980

Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) is constructing a 12,500 square foot community building on land adjacent to Midway Elementary School. The community building will be used for recreation, education and health services to be offered to neighborhood children and adults, and will primarily serve the residents of the Midway community. To provide this service, SCPS has formed a partnership with the Sheriff's Office, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida, the County's Department of Health, Second Harvest Food Bank, Seminole Community College and B.E.T.A. (Birth, Education, Training and Acceptance). This activity completes the funding of this two-year project, totaling \$1,013,960 (currently under contract).

Seminole County: Emergency Medical Assistance - \$189,207

The County's Community Assistance Division will continue this activity to provide emergency medical assistance to approximately 775 lower income persons.

Seminole County: Child Care Assistance - \$164,206

The County's Community Assistance Division will continue this activity to assist up to 38 lower income households with child care services. Some of the CDBG funding for this activity will be used in conjunction with the Seminole County Community Development Office's Self-sufficiency Program by allocating a portion of the funds to families in the HOME TBRA activity.

Bookertown Community/Educational Center - \$100,000

These funds are part of the construction of a community/educational center annex in the Bookertown community approved this past year. Total costs are estimated at \$400,000. Bookertown and Seminole Volunteer Enterprises are currently sponsoring the "Harbor Program" (after school learning/tutoring activities) at the old school building on Gilbert Street. The architectural design of the building was funded in Program Year 2003-2004 (\$69,578), and there is an additional \$301,741 already allocated in current year funding to cover total project costs.

Seminole County: Clearance Program - \$150,000

The Community Development Office will continue the demolition of vacant and dilapidated residential structures on a County-wide basis. It is estimated that at least 30 structures will be demolished and cleared.

U.S. 17-92 Community Redevelopment Agency: Fern Park Water/Sewer Installation - \$542,000

The County will construct and install potable water and sanitary sewer lines along U.S. Highway 17-92 in the Fern Park area to serve at least 140 commercial properties. The project will be leveraged by at least \$756,812 in CRA funding. This project is designed to eliminate blighting factors in the CRA area.

Seminole County: Roseland Park Neighborhood Park Restrooms - \$50,000

The County will install and maintain a restroom facility at the park in the Roseland Park target area. This project will serve approximately 109 persons.

Chuluota - \$175,000

As requested by the Board, staff is undertaking the required diligence to determine if Chuluota is eligible for CD funding. Initial documentation indicates that Chuluota will qualify as a low/moderate income area. As such, staff will be meeting with residents to identify community needs and developing recommendations for priorities to be funded. At the July 27, 2004 meeting, staff will present for Board approval the recommended priority project for Chuluota.

Planning & Administration - \$577,200

Funds will be used for the planning and administrative activities of the Community Development Office, including all associated operating expenses.

**HOME**

CHDO-Rental Rehabilitation/Construction - \$188,025

These funds are set aside for a local County-certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). The funds will be granted following a Request for Proposals to be issued this summer.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - \$940,105

Continuation of rental assistance will be provided to very low income households. Besides funding the usual TBRA Program, some of these funds will be "targeted" for the Self-Sufficiency Activity.

HOME Administration - \$125,347

To be used for administrative activities of the HOME Program.

**ESG**

Rescue Outreach Mission: Homeless Assistance - \$37,577

The Mission will use ESG funds to offset shelter operating expenses. The Mission provides emergency homeless shelter services and serves approximately 85,000 meals to homeless persons annually. Matching funds are required on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

SafeHouse of Seminole: Homeless Shelter Assistance - \$37,577

SafeHouse will use ESG funds to offset shelter operating costs. SafeHouse offers assistance to women and children made homeless as a result of domestic violence. Approximately 400 persons are assisted annually. Matching funds are required on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Homelessness Prevention - \$32,207

The County's Community Assistance Division will provide homelessness prevention services for households in danger of eviction or foreclosure, to provide utility assistance to prevent the disruption of utilities) and for security deposit assistance for rental housing. Dollar-for-dollar matching funds are provided in-kind by existing County staff.

**ADDI**

Seminole County Down Payment Assistance - \$143,961

This is a new HUD program to assist first time homebuyers. The 2003-04 allocation will be combined with the 2004-05 allocation to be made available in October, 2004 to provide down payment assistance to lower income households.