

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation of Activities for Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan  
for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development    **DIVISION:** Community Resources

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<b>Agenda Date:</b> <u>05/27/2003</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Community Development Office to publish the proposed list of activities for the 2003-2004 Consolidated Plan for a 30-day period to obtain public comment prior to final approval by the Board on July 22, 2003.

(Robert Heenan, HUD Grants Manager)

**BACKGROUND:**

The Community Development (CD) Office is developing the Consolidated Plan's One Year Action Plan (2003-2004) for submittal to the U. S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan governs the allocation and expenditure of funds provided through the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs. The following amounts represent the County's allocations from HUD for FY 2003-2004:

CDBG	\$ 2,935,000
HOME	\$ 1,261,833
ESG	\$ 92,000

Applications received were reviewed and recommendations are consistent with the five year funding priorities identified in the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan. Proposals generally consisted of the following:

**Public Services/Employment Training:**

The County sought proposals for employment training to assist lower income persons/households in meeting community needs, not including funding for personnel costs or capital expenditures.

- ✓ Employment training to reduce unemployment or underemployment and to assist in the transition of public assistance/dependence to gain employment and self-sufficiency.

**Housing Assistance:**

The County sought proposals to assist lower income households in

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meeting the following housing needs:

- ✓ HOME Program: New construction or acquisition, rehabilitation, and rental of housing units by a certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Priority will be given to proposals that assist senior citizens (age 62+), and/or residents requiring special needs housing; and
- ✓ ESG Program: Operating cost assistance to licensed homeless shelters. The homelessness prevention activity will continue to be administered by the Seminole County Department of Community Services.

#### **Public Improvements:**

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

- ✓ Flood Drainage Improvements;
- ✓ Water/Sewer Improvements;
- ✓ Neighborhood park and recreational development/improvements; and
- ✓ Improvements to publicly owned buildings and facilities.

Based upon review of the proposals and consistent with the Consolidated Plan, the list of recommended activities is attached.

Some highlights of recommended projects are:

- Three municipalities, four nonprofit agencies, two County entities and two County target areas are recommended for funding.
- Approximately 9,800 persons will benefit through, childcare assistance, medical assistance, infrastructure improvements, ADA improvements, homeless prevention and homeless shelter assistance.
- A new partnership is being forged with Seminole County Public Schools to provide a new recreational and educational facility which will provide a variety of public services to the County and to the Midway community.

Federal regulations require that the County advertise the proposed list for 30 days to obtain public comment prior to final Board approval. To comply with that, the CD Office will publish the proposed list in a newspaper advertisement on June 1, 2003 which will have a public comment expiration date of June 30, 2003. CD Office staff will approach the Board on July 22, 2003 with the final recommended list of activities and with a summary of all public comments received.

By federal regulation, the Board-approved One Year Action Plan for Program Year 2003-2004 must be received at the HUD no later than August 16, 2003.

**RECOMMENDED  
FUNDING ACTIVITIES  
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

**CDBG**

City of Sanford (Sanford) Cloud Branch Outfall System Construction \$460,000

Sanford will construct culverts, outfall ponds, street crossing improvements and drainage endwalls/wingwalls in the area of Goldsboro from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. In FY 2002-2003 the County funded CDBG funds for the study and design of this drainage system. Sanford has made application for \$460,000 in state funds through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund Loan Program (pass through agency for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and funding is contingent upon Sanford's ability to obtain project leveraging capacity through the state.

City of Longwood (Longwood) Dirt Road Paving Program-Phase II \$491,050

In 2000-2001 the County and Longwood entered into a multi-year partnership (5 phase) program to pave CDBG eligible roads. Longwood will continue to use CDBG funds to pave dirt roads in lower income residential neighborhoods. Longwood will leverage the CDBG funds with \$187,966 of its funds expended in FY 2002-2003 for the engineering and design of the project. Paving will be performed on Oleander Street from Church Avenue to SR 434, East Pine Avenue from Ronald Reagan Boulevard (CR 427) to Oleander Street, and Myrtle Street from Bay Avenue to SR 434.

City of Casselberry (Casselberry) Lake Kathryn Park Target Area Improvements \$173,885

This newly designated Target Area in Casselberry is located east of North Winter Park Drive and north of Seminola Boulevard and includes a portion of Winter Park Drive, Bluebell Drive, Camelia Drive, and Wingo Drive. Infrastructure improvements will include sanitary sewer, laterals, road repair, sidewalks and street lighting. Casselberry will leverage this activity with \$35,000 of in-kind funding (tree plantings, surveying, engineering design, administration, inspection and permitting). Casselberry has agreed to pay for any construction costs above the \$173,885 funding request. A total of 73 residents will benefit from the project.

Rescue Outreach Mission (Rescue) Architectural Services \$25,000

Rescue will use funds to acquire architectural services to plan improvements and determine the costs necessary to expand and redesign the men's dormitory at the shelter located on 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the Goldsboro Target Area of the City of Sanford.

Bookertown Target Area Engineering & Design Infrastructure Improvements \$150,000

Engineering, design and study for the potential of providing sanitary sewer service and underground storm water drainage to retention/detention facilities.

Jamestown Target Area Engineering & Design Infrastructure Improvements \$150,000

Engineering, design and study for the potential of providing sanitary sewer service and underground storm water drainage to retention/detention facilities.

Seminole County Community Assistance (Community Assistance) Emergency Medical \$105,000

Community Assistance will provide services, to benefit up to 775 low/mod persons with emergency medical assistance.

Seminole County Community Assistance (Community Assistance) Childcare \$75,000

Community Assistance will assist up to 38 lower income households with childcare services. Some of the CDBG funding for this activity will be used in conjunction with the Seminole County Community Development Office self-sufficiency program by allocating a portion of the funds to families in the HOME TBRA activity.

Clearance Program \$118,730  
CDBG funds will be used for the demolition of vacant and dilapidated residential structures on a County-wide basis.

Planning & Administration of the CD Office \$580,481  
CDBG funds will be used for the planning and administrative activities of the CD Office as well as for professional consulting services and all associated operating expenses.

GoldenRule Housing & CDC (GoldenRule) Architectural Barrier Removal \$12,000  
GoldenRule was originally funded with \$10,000 in FY 2001-2002 for this project and GoldenRule used \$1,169 of the CDBG funds for architectural services and construction cost estimates. The remaining funds (\$8,831) of unspent CDBG funds were returned to the County. This request will use funds to modify the restrooms for use by disabled individuals. Although requested by GoldenRule, funds will not be awarded for renovations (flooring and ceiling work) to the lobby area.

Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) Midway Safe Harbor Project \$506,980  
SCPS proposes to construct 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 will be offered to neighborhood school-aged children and adults. The activity will primarily serve the residents of the Midway community. To provide this service, SCPS has formed a collaborative with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida, the Seminole County Department of Health, the Second Harvest Food Bank, Seminole Community College and B.E.T.A. (Birth, Education, Training and Acceptance). To ensure construction completion in the first year, SCPS will advance the second year cost (FY 2004-2005) of \$507,000 contingent upon receiving CDBG reimbursement of \$507,000 in FY 2004-2005.

Goldsboro Front Porch Council (Front Porch) Modular Building/Resource Center \$53,425  
Front Porch working in partnership with the City of Sanford, requested funding for the purchase, delivery and installation of a 24"x56" foot modular handicapped accessible building on 13<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to and on the same parcel of property as the City of Sanford Police/Seminole County Sheriff's Substation. The building would serve as the main office of the Front Porch and would also provide services through the Front Porch sponsored and CDBG funded Goldsboro Reading Academy/Library/Resource Center. The building would also provide such services as child and adult literacy programs, G.E.D. classes and employability education and job retention services for residents.

Rehabilitation Implementation & Management \$1,000  
Supplies and expenses incurred by the Rehabilitation/Construction Specialist in the performance of rehabilitation and construction activities.

## HOME

The Center for Affordable Housing (Center) CHDO-Rental Construction \$190,000  
The Center is a County certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). The Center proposes to acquire, rehabilitate and rent units to families requiring special needs housing (victims of domestic abuse).

HOME Administration \$118,824  
To be used for planning and administrative activities of the HOME Program.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance \$700,000  
Rental assistance shall be provided to individuals/households at or below 50% of the area median income for Seminole County. Besides funding the usual TBRA Program, some of these funds will be “targeted” for the CD Office Self-Sufficiency Activity.

Affordable Housing Program \$253,009  
Funding will be provided to assist eligible projects in the creation of affordable housing including; single family, transitional and special needs. Assistance may be provided for either rental or homeownership purposes.

**ESG**

Rescue Outreach Mission (Rescue) Homeless Assistance \$32,200  
Rescue will use ESG funds to offset shelter operating expenses. Rescue provides emergency homeless shelter services and serves approximately 90,000 meals to the homeless annually. Matching funds will be provided through charitable donations.

SafeHouse of Seminole (SafeHouse) Homeless Assistance \$32,200  
SafeHouse will use ESG funds to offset shelter operating costs. SafeHouse offers assistance to victims of spouse abuse. Approximately 400 persons are assisted annually. Matching funds will be provided through the United Way.

Seminole County Community Assistance (Community Assistance) Homeless Prevention \$27,600  
Community Assistance will use funds for homelessness prevention activities. These activities include foreclosure prevention and eviction prevention (mortgage/rent assistance), and utility assistance (prevention of disruption of necessary utilities) and security deposit assistance for rental housing. Matching funds (at no charge to the County) are provided by existing County staff by providing customer service to eligible clients.