

April 15, 2003

**Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Hermosa Beach City Council**

**Regular Meeting of
April 22, 2003**

SUBJECT: 2003-2004 LOS ANGELES COUNTY URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

PURPOSE: APPROVE THE REVISED 2003-04 CDBG ALLOCATION OF \$116,109 FOR RETROFITTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER THEATER AND COMMUNITY CENTER FOR AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT COMPLIANCE.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE CDBG PROGRAM.

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve by resolution the revised allocation of \$116,109 of Community Development Block Grant funds for retrofitting the Community Center and the Community Center Theater, program administration and sidewalk improvements to comply with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

Background:

On March 11, the City Council approved an allocation of \$144,749 for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. However, subsequently, the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, which administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the City, notified the City that its allocation, as well as those of other cities was reduced to \$116,109. The reduction is due to an overall reduction in federal CDBG funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and a recomputation of City poverty and overcrowding figures. The present agenda item is to recognize the new allocation amount and to allow for an augmented public hearing notice, providing additional information on the purpose and use of the CDBG funds. The funding for Fiscal Year 2003 –2004 is proposed to be allocated as follows:

- ~~///~~ Estimated \$104,500 to retro-fit the Community Theater and Center
- ~~///~~ Estimated \$11,609 for program administration
- ~~///~~ Estimated \$200,000 for on-going removal of architectural barriers, such as handicap ramps at various street intersections (includes funding from previous years).

Over the last eight years, the City has been utilizing CDBG funding for various ADA related projects throughout the City. Last year, the City approved allocating CDBG funds to prepare a phasing plan for ADA improvements to the Community Center.

The community center ADA retrofit project consists of five phases:

1. The community center theater;
2. Exterior site improvements for accessible paths of travel to the community center buildings;
3. The community center main classroom building;
4. The community center gymnasium and cafeteria;
5. The community center secondary classroom building.

Detailed construction drawings are being prepared for the Phase 1 improvements to the community center theater. From information supplied by the project architect, staff estimates the cost of the Phase 1 and 2 improvements at \$166,250 (including contingencies). This amount will be funded by the 03-04 annual funding allocation and previously-allocated unexpended CDBG funds.

Analysis:

The proposed project is eligible for funding under the National Objective Citations 570.201 (k) and 570.208 (a)2(ii). These objectives recognize that removal of architectural barriers benefits low and moderate income persons, since a majority of disabled persons have low and moderate incomes who benefit by improved access to public facilities. Projects consistent with these objectives need not submit evidence that the expenditure of funds benefit low and moderate income persons, but must submit evidence to the CDC that funding was expended for removal of architectural barriers. Up to 10% of the total allocation is available for program administration. With approval of the subject allocation, staff will proceed with design and construction contracts for City Council consideration.

Approved for Fiscal Impact

Sol Blumenfeld, Director
Community Development Department

Viki Copeland, Director Finance

Concur:

Stephen R. Burrell,
City Manager

Attachments:

1. Planning Program Summary

CDBG PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FORM

Please complete the following items of information concerning your 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year activities:

1. City Name: Hermosa Beach

2. Available Funds:

2003-2004 CDBG Allocation:	\$ <u>116,109</u>
Unallocated Funds:	\$ <u>17,059</u>
Section 108 Loan Funds:	\$ _____
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$ <u>133,168</u>
Total CDBG Section 108 Loan Repayment for 2003-2004:	\$ < _____ >
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS:	\$ <u>133,168</u>

3. 90 % Percent of funds allocated to Low/Moderate Income National Objective.

4. 0 % Percent of funds allocated to Slum/Blight National Objective.

5. \$ 33,292 Total amount of funds available for Public Service Activities (not to exceed 25%).

6. 0 % Percent of funds allocated to Public Service Activities.

7. 10 % Percent of funds allocated to Planning and/or Administration Activities.

8. Yes Is your City subject to Section 3 requirements? (Yes/No)

9. 2 Please list the project number for each activity subject to Section 3 requirements.
D96257-97 and 600308-02

AGENCY APPROVALS:

Name and Title of the Preparer: Larry Lawrence, Interim Program Manager
Signature of the Preparer: _____
Date Submitted to the CDC: 3/24/03

CDC APPROVALS:

Date Received: _____
Signature of the Program Manager: _____
Signature of the Supervisor: _____
Date Approved: _____

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RESOLUTION 03-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA
BEACH, APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, which administers the Los Angeles County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, has determined that the City's revised CDBG allocation for the 2003-2004 fiscal year is \$116,109.

Section 2. The City Council, pursuant to applicable law, held a duly noticed hearing on April 22, 2003 to consider the proposed CDBG allocation and budget, at which hearing testimony and evidence, both written and oral, was presented to and considered by the Council.

Section 3. Based on the foregoing, the City Council hereby:

1. Approves the proposed CDBG program budget and instructs staff to submit the CDBG Program Planning Summary for approval to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission; and

2. Authorizes staff to adjust the program budget as necessary to take into account the final CDBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and any amounts remaining unspent at the close of the fiscal year.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2003

PRESIDENT of the City Council and MAYOR of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY