

January 2, 2007

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

**Regular Meeting of  
January 9, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** 2007-2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** APPROVE THE 2007-08 CDBG ALLOCATION FOR RETROFITTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council adopt the resolution approving the allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for retrofitting the Community Center to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and for program administration.

**Background:**

Early indications are that funding for the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for fiscal year 07-08 will be reduced slightly. Although new allocations have not yet been established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), administrative deadlines require City adoption of the annual Planning Summary in the January before the start of the applicable fiscal year. Thus, an estimate of the new yearly allocation is required. Indications are that the City's FY 07-08 allocation will be approximately \$96,397 (as opposed to the 06-07 allocation of \$99,438). The present agenda item is to allocate funds to City CDBG projects and comply with applicable public hearing requirements.

**Analysis:**

Over the last ten years, the City has been utilizing CDBG funding for various Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related projects throughout the City. Since 2003, the City has been involved in a multiphased program to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act by eliminating architectural barriers at the Community Center and at street intersections in the City. The \$96,397 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is proposed to be allocated as follows:

- An estimated \$86,757, to be added to the CDBG funding from previous years for the ongoing multiphase Community Center ADA retrofit and the completion of handicapped ramps in the City.
- An estimated \$9,640 for program administration (10% of the total allocation)

The Community Center and handicapped ramps projects are 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 that funding was

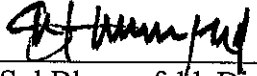
expended for removal of architectural barriers. Also, under HUD rules, up to ten percent of the total allocation is available for program administration.


The Community Center ADA retrofit project consists of five phases:

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

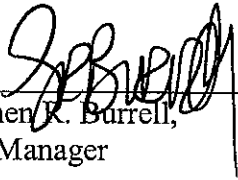
The Phase 1, 2 and 3 improvements have been completed. The theater and main classroom building have been retrofitted and the new exterior walkways have been constructed. Phase 4-5 plans and specifications have also been completed. In addition, a new fire alarm system with strobe lights for hearing impaired persons will be part of the next phase of the project.

Approved for Fiscal Impact

  
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Sol Blumenfeld, Director  
Community Development Department

  
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Viki Copeland, Director Finance

Concur:

  
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Stephen K. Burrell,  
City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution of Approval
2. Program Planning Summary Form

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**RESOLUTION 07-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA  
BEACH, APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

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

Section 1. City staff estimates that the City's CDBG allocation for the 2007-2008 fiscal year will be approximately \$96,397.

Section 2. The City Council, pursuant to applicable law, held a duly noticed hearing on January 9, 2007 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, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission for approval; 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY

# EXHIBIT 1: CDBG PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FORM

Please complete the following items of information concerning your 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year activities:

1. City Name: Hermosa Beach
  
2. Available Funds:
  - 2007-2008 CDBG Allocation: \$ 96,397
  - Unallocated Funds: \$ 0
  - Section 108 Loan Funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - **TOTAL FUNDS:** \$ 96,397
  - Total CDBG Section 108 Loan Repayment for 2005-2006: \$ < \_\_\_\_\_ >
  - **TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS:** \$ 96,397
  
3. 90 % Percent of funds allocated to Low/Moderate Income National Objective.
  
4. 0 % Percent of funds allocated to Slum/Blight National Objective.
  
5. \$14,460 Total amount of funds available for Public Service Activities (not to exceed 15%)
  
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. 1 Please list the project number for each activity subject to Section 3 requirements.  
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## AGENCY APPROVALS:

Name and Title of the Preparer: Larry Lawrence, Interim Program Manager

Signature of the Preparer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted to the CDC: \_\_\_\_\_

## CDC APPROVALS:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Program Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_