


**CITY OF
GAINESVILLE**

**INTER-OFFICE
COMMUNICATION**

Date: June 13, 2005

To: Barbara Lipscomb
Interim City Manager

From:  Jim Hencin
Block Grant Manager

Subject: CDBG Allocation Set-asides

Earlier this year, you asked staff to hold back funds from our FY 2005-06 CDBG allocations for two new projects that you are proposing for the City to undertake next year. One is a \$13,520 set-aside for an enhanced youth summer program along the lines of the program that is described in the attached outline from the Recreation and Parks Department.

The other is a \$50,000 set-aside for a homeless initiative that is expected to evolve from the joint effort that the City is participating in with Alachua County to develop a 10-year plan to address homelessness in our community. It is proposed that this \$50,000 initial contribution will position the City to help with whatever start-up capital outlay may be required, whether it is to acquire property or to build a new facility or expand an existing one, to provide additional shelter or housing for the homeless.

As you know, the four committees that are working on segments of the 10-year homelessness plan have just started meeting. They are not expected to conclude their final report until around December 1, so at this point we cannot be more specific about how the \$50,000 CDBG set-aside will be used.

If you have any questions about either set-aside, please let me know.

JH/km

Attachment

Cc: Tom Saunders, Community Development Director

**City of Gainesville
Recreation and Parks Department
Youth Summer Programs
Proposed Program Enhancements and Benefits**

While the Department currently provides a Summer Youth Camp at seven locations, the typical weekly programs and activities center on sports, informal and formal games, computers, arts and crafts and trips to local attractions.

With additional program funding, the following enhancements to the Summer Youth Programs would be possible:

A lively Arts program could take place at all seven summer camps and would involve accomplished local "Artist" teaching camp participants routines and techniques in Dance, Drama, Singing and Custom Making. At the end of the summer program a Talent Show would be held at Thelma Bolton Center where youth from the camps could showcase their new talents and expertise to other campers as well as their parents.

Benefit: Enhanced self-esteem, personal discovery and growth and a new or enhanced appreciation for Art and Culture.

Swimming Lessons could be provided to all camp participants who do not currently know how to swim.

Benefit: This program would be extremely valuable as youth would become "water safe" and thereby helping to significantly reduce their risk of drowning when playing in or around water. In addition, learning the ability to swim provides youth with a sense of accomplishment, and a newfound interest in water recreation and an increased use of city swimming facilities.

A Youth Golf Camp could be offered to interested camp participants. This camp would focus on learning the fundamentals of golf. Each of the seven Summer Youth Camp would be offered a one-week session, resulting in seven individual golf camps at the city's golf course. The camp instructors would be volunteer golfers, particularly retired seniors who currently are course Rangers at Ironwood.

Benefit: This activity would not only provide youth with the opportunity to learn a new skill, but would also provide them with an activity that they can play and enjoy for their entire lives. Those individuals who develop an interest and appreciation for the game would be tomorrow's golfers and Ironwood Course users.

The Department's Nature Education Programs and Trips could be implemented within each of the summer camps. Programs would involve hands on learning in the areas of animals, insects, forestry and the importance of caring for and protecting the natural environment that surrounds them. Taking the youth to the various nature parks in and around Gainesville would be apart of this program as well.

Benefit: Greater understanding and awareness of Nature and its importance in our daily lives.

Program Scholarships could be offered to those youth whose parents truly need financial assistance and would insure their children have an opportunity to attend summer youth camps that are fun, exciting, educational and life enriching.

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
AVAILABLE FUNDING – FY 2005-06**

CDBG

Available Funding

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Base Entitlement | \$ 1,588,190 |
| Estimated Rollover | <u>5,045</u> |
| Total | \$1,593,235 |

Project Allocations

Set-asides:

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| Block Grant Administration (20%) | \$ 317,638 |
| City Housing Division | 651,158 |
| Public Infrastructure (15%) | 238,228 |
| Summer Camp Program | 13,520 |
| Homeless Initiative | <u>50,000</u> |
| Sub-total | \$ 1,270,544 |

Competitive:

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| Public Services | \$ 224,708 |
| Other Projects | <u>97,983</u> |
| Sub-total | \$ 322,691 |
| Total | \$1,593,235 |

HOME

Available Funding

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| Base Entitlement | \$ 901,648 |
| Prior Year Rollover | <u>38,517</u> |
| Total | \$940,165 |

Project Allocations

Set-asides:

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| Block Grant Administration (10%) | \$ 90,165 |
| City Housing Division | <u>522,956</u> |
| Sub-total | \$ 613,121 |

Competitive:

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| CHDO Operating Expenses (optional) | \$ 13,525 |
| Other Projects | <u>313,519</u> |
| Sub-total | <u>327,044</u> |
| Total | \$940,165 |