



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Department of Community Development

July 9, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mary Freeman, Chairperson *Mary Freeman*

SUBJECT: **Recommended CDBG & HOME Allocations for FY 2007-08**

On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD), I am pleased to present our FY 2007-08 CDBG & HOME funding recommendations. The Committee bases its recommendations on a thorough review of applications, site visits made by its members, applicants' presentations, information provided by staff, and comments from the public. Each project was considered on its own merits, and the Committee did its utmost to maintain the integrity of its process.

Our recommendations reflect the Committee's concern with making the best use of limited funds. As in previous years, the demands for CDBG and HOME funding far exceeded our ability to recommend funding for many worthy projects that are seeking financial assistance. We regret not being able to recommend more funding for these projects this year.

In addition to considering the impact of each project proposal, the Committee ensured that all recommended projects supported one or more of the following funding priorities established by the City Commission:

- Housing
- Homeless assistance
- Job training/employment opportunities
- Nutritional Support
- Programs that assist disadvantage or at-risk children or elderly persons

Please note that the CACCD's recommendations are limited to the "competitive" funding under CDBG and HOME. The process begun in previous years, to take Block Grant Administration, the City Housing Division and a 15% set-aside for Public Infrastructure out of the funding competition allowed the CACCD and applicants to focus on amounts that were realistically available for allocation to community nonprofit organizations.

The attached report shows all requests for CDBG and/or HOME funds, along with our recommendations under each activity category by agency with comments as appropriate. Please note that the CACCD's recommendations are based on the following funding levels for FY 2007-08:

CDBG Competitive Amount Available = \$ 248,921

HOME Competitive Amount Available = \$ 289,354

We look forward to presenting these recommendations to the City Commission on July 26. Members of the CACCD will be available to answer any questions that you may have of us during the Commission's budget workshop.

Cc: Russ Blackburn, City Manager

Attachment

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CDBG/HOME FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS
FY 2007-08

Organization Name And Project/Program	FY 2006-07 Approved Funding	Requested Funding Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Funding Justification
CDBG Housing				
Center for Independent Living of NC Florida - Architectural barrier removal (ramps for disabled persons)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	The Committee recognizes the important services provided to disabled citizens within the community that are only available through this agency.
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Emergency home repair program	\$0	\$50,000	\$10,000	The Committee wishes to support funding for this agency in recognition of its new leadership and financial recovery. We are unable to recommend more funding due to funding limits.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - New housing construction and housing rehab	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$9,000	The Committee supports funding at a lower level than last year only because of overall funding demands.
CDBG Public Services (Cap = \$212,695)				
Alachua County Medical Society Foundation - Helping Hands Clinic for homeless and other medically underserved persons	\$7,000	\$12,500	\$7,000	The Committee supports funding for this worthwhile all volunteer-supported project at the same level as the current year.
Arbor House, Inc. - Case worker for transitional residence for unwed, homeless mothers	\$7,000	\$17,000	\$7,000	The Committee supports partial funding at the same level as the current year.
Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County, Inc. - Youth programs at the Southeast Unit	\$17,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	The Committee continues to support this successful, proactive program at a lower level due to overall budgetary constraints and the agency's successful ability with fundraising.

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Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, Inc. - Food bank program	\$12,000	\$26,000	\$10,000	The Committee recognizes the demand for food in the community but is limited by funding constraints.
Central Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. - Food voucher program	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	The Committee felt funding would be more cost effective through the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank.
Child Advocacy Center, Inc. - Abused child intervention program	\$12,000	\$38,362	\$12,000	The Committee supports this unique program at the current level.
Children's Home Society - Support for the Family Visitation Center to assist children experiencing trauma in their families.	-	\$15,000	\$5,000	The Committee supports partial funding for this new program.
Cultural Arts Coalition, Inc. - Environmental ambassador program for low-income, at-risk youths	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$4,000	The Committee supports funding at the current level.
Dignity Project - After-School Program	-	\$32,734	\$0	The Committee does not feel it can support funding for this new program at this time.
Dignity Project - Adult Mentoring Program	-	\$20,313	\$0	The Committee does not feel it can support funding for this new program due to its lack of program requirements or performance.
Early Learning Coalition - Child care for working poor families	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$20,000	The Committee supports this program, which is highly leveraged and encourages gainful employment, at the current funding level.

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Easter Seals Florida, Inc. - Adult health day care program at Altrusa House.	\$9,000	\$30,000	\$9,000	The Committee supports continued funding at the same level as the current year.
ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc. - Congregate and home-delivered meals for the elderly	\$58,957	\$70,147	\$57,000	The Committee continues to support this one-of-a-kind, highly-leveraged program at a slightly lower funding level due to budgetary constraints.
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. - Programs for girls living in target areas	\$9,000	\$32,319	\$9,000	The Committee continues to support this highly successful program, which works with girls in target areas, at the current funding level.
Interfaith Hospitality Network - Emergency shelter for homeless families	\$15,000	\$21,000	\$11,000	The Committee supports this very successful program at a lower level of funding due to budgetary constraints.
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare - Transitional job program for the mentally disabled	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	The Committee wishes to maintain level funding for this innovative project.
Pleasant Place, Inc. - Transitional housing for pregnant and parenting teens	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$10,000	The Committee wishes to provide partial funding for this project at a lower level due to funding constraints.
The Preserve - Transitional housing for homeless male teens	\$2,805	\$3,000	\$3,000	The Committee wishes to provide full funding for this project.
St. Francis House, Inc. - Emergency shelter for homeless persons	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$18,443	The Committee wishes to continue to support this worthwhile project at a lower level due to funding constraints.

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CDBG Public Facilities Improvements				
McGurn YMCA - Facility renovation project	\$30,799	\$58,000	\$18,420	The Committee wishes to partially fund this worthwhile project since it would positively impact the neighborhood that it serves.
Peaceful Paths (Transition House) - Replace flooring at the Transition House	\$7,900	\$3,647	\$0	The Committee does not feel it can fund this project due to budgetary constraints.
Peaceful Paths (Emergency Shelter) - Replace security cameras and gate	\$0	\$5,058	\$5,058	The Committee wishes to provide full funding for this worthwhile project.
Total CDBG Funding	\$297,461	\$641,080	\$248,921	
HOME CHDO Operating Expenses				
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - Program operating support	\$12,000	\$14,912	\$6,402	The Committee wishes to partially fund the agency's request up to the limit of funds in this category.
HOME New Construction				
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - New housing construction for low-income homebuyers	\$84,220	\$100,000	\$100,000	The Committee supports this highly successful organization's efforts to expand housing opportunities.

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HOME Moderate or Substantial Rehab				
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Homeowner rehab assistance	-	\$50,000	\$40,000	The Committee supports this organization's renewed involvement in providing rehabilitation assistance for low-income homeowners.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - Homeowner rehab assistance	-	\$120,000	\$77,199	The Committee supports this organization's work in housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners.
Rental Rehab				
Arbor House, Inc. (2 Requests) - Facility improvements	\$13,675	\$53,279	\$18,279	The Committee wishes to provide partial funding for these two projects, which would partially fund the rewiring project at the facility. The Committee felt the agency could acquire the remaining funds through fund raising efforts.
HOME Rental Deposit Assistance				
Gainesville Community Ministry - Rental deposit assistance program	\$19,442	\$29,442	\$19,442	The Committee supports funding for this successful program at its current level.
Total HOME Funding	\$229,337	\$367,633	\$289,354	