2002-2003COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

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Total Proposal Request: **$469,000**

___X___On-going Support ___X___New Project

CDBG Eligible Activities Category (See List A): Removal of Architectural Barriers

National Objective Compliance/Low and Mod. Benefit (See List B): Limited Clientele

City Council Identified Critical Needs (See List C):

1) Physically Disabled
2) Public Facilities
3) Housing

Beneficiary Information:

3200 Total number of beneficiaries in program

3200 Total number of beneficiaries served with CDBG funds

100% Percentage low/moderate income benefit (served with CDBG funding)

$145.31 Cost per beneficiary (served with CDBG funding)

PROJECT NARRATIVE

a. Need

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) must be viewed as the most recent of a series of federal civil rights policies that guaranteed equal opportunity and access to individuals who otherwise would be denied full participation. Through its many policies and programs to improve access, the City has demonstrated that this policy enhances quality of life for the whole community, by permitting persons with disabilities and their friends and family to contribute to community life. The policy of the City of Davis, in responding to Title II of the ADA and State of California standards under Title 24, has been to meet or exceed the higher standard in each case.

In spite of this policy, in the past year the City has received complaints from members of the public regarding specific instances of compliance with the ADA. These have focused on access to parking and path of travel, for the most part, to guarantee access to public facilities. For this reason, the very basic projects to remove barriers in sidewalks and parking continue to be a high priority.

At the same time, the City continues to address specific needs for several groups and for specific facilities. This year, funding is again requested for improvements to the Veterans Memorial Theater. A revised plan for a facility for Alternative Recreation has resulted in a much improved shared use project in the Senior Center expansion. Finally, a unique facility for independent and transitional housing for persons with mental illness is proposed. In each of these, CDBG Architectural Barrier funds would represent a small part of total project cost

b. Benefit

The 1990 US Census identified 516 individuals in Davis with mobility/ self care limitations plus 1,588 with work disabilities. The Davis population projected for 2000 by Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is 26 percent greater than the 1990 Census. A current estimate would be **3152** individuals in the two categories. In addition the Davis Joint Unified School District has identified **60** children with significant physical disabilities enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 12 in Davis schools. For the total of $**469,000** funds requested, and a total of 3200 beneficiaries**,** this results in a cost per beneficiary of $**145.31**.

Most projects in this application are by definition high cost capital improvements. The initial cost per beneficiary therefore appears to be quite high. However, these are improvements that are expected to address both current and future needs for many years. And, this public investment, as many on behalf of the persons with disabilities, leverages other public resources and results in improvements that will benefit everyone. The City has been using CDBG funds to remove architectural barriers since the 1991-92 funding year. A list of prior year accomplishments is included in Attachment III.

c. Other Resources and Collaboration

The City provides a cost share for overhead costs and project supervision by City staff. The Committee's staff/citizen review draws on considerable experience and professional expertise related to barrier removal and inclusion of persons with disabilities. Economies of scale have been achieved by including small CDBG funded projects within larger multi-project contracts. The Public Works Department has in the past provided funds for curb ramps in addition to those requested from CDBG. The funds requested for the Veterans Theater renovation are a share of cost, with major funding through the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

d. Organizational Capacity

The City of Davis Parks and Community Services Department (PCS) is the lead agency. Since 1996, PCS has engaged a consultant to work with the Facilities Advisory Committee and with City staff who are implementing the CDBG projects. This consultant acts as a liaison between the departments of Planning and Building, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation, and the Grants Coordinator.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

a. Project Description

The members of the ADA Facilities Advisory Committee are listed in Attachment I. The specific projects for this request are listed by priority in Attachment II, which also specifies the estimated cost of each item. The Committee, working with City staff and public input, identified these. Committee members then ranked the project list by priority. The rankings represent review and discussion at a public meeting, and ratings by five community and three staff members of the Committee.

Concrete and Paving Work: In 2001-2002, Public Works staff completed a comprehensive inventory and evaluation with the assistance of an intern paid with CDBG funds. Staff have identified priority projects based on complaints from members of the public, and several projects were initiated early in 2002. At the same time, staff continue the ongoing work of retrofitting curb ramps where barriers exist. Curb ramp gives priority first for access to public facilities, and then for access to public transit. Public Works staff have mapped the location of existing and needed curb ramps. The ADA Facilities Priority Committee also responds to individual requests on an as-needed basis where these are judged to be consistent with Committee priorities.

Veterans Theater remodel: This request is for continued funding for the project which began over a year ago. Funds are requested for a share of the total cost of a major renovation. The theater has received only minimal improvements to permit access for audience and companion seating since it was built in the early 1970's. The funds requested in this proposal will supplement other City funding sources. The accessibility improvements include a new accessible restroom (currently there are no restrooms in the theater area), fully accessible rehearsal space, and remodeled office and lobby area for better access. Improvements to the stage will permit for persons with limited mobility to participate in production and performance. CDBG funds will be matched by other City funds

Senior Center/Alternative Recreation Shared Use improvements: Last year's CDBG Architectural Barriers request included funds for an interim solution to the need for a permanent site for the Alternative Recreation program. In the ensuing year, the opportunity for a permanent and much more desirable solution presented itself with progress in planning for the expansion of the Senior Center

The planned project has the support of Davis seniors, both participants in Senior Center programs and the nonprofit Senior Citizens of Davis Inc., which has undertaken an ambitious fundraising campaign. Diverse funding sources are being used to reach the goal of $1 million to cover the building, furnishings, signage, restroom, and parking lot enhancements. The project has already secured $140,000 from SCDI and $200,000 from the local George & Lena Valente Foundation.

The project also has the support of participants, parents and staff of the Alternative Recreation program, which serves youth and young adults with developmental disabilities. For this population access to transit is as important as the accessible building. The program does have participants with impaired mobility, and virtually all participants are gaining independence through the use of public transit.

The project will add 2,500 to 3,000 square feet of usable space with a multipurpose activity room, a kitchen, storage areas, and renovated hallway and lounge areas. A special feature will be a fully accessible kitchen that can open to either of two large activity areas. In addition to meals and snacks, this will support new programs such as nutrition and cooking classes. Staff of both the Senior and Alternative Recreation programs have already begun to plan joint uses and integrated activities for the space.

Permanent and Transitional Housing, Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC) Safe Harbor House:

Housing for persons with mental illness is a critical unmet need. This project represents the effort of public and private agencies with support from diverse funding sourcesThe ADA Facilities Priority Committee has been fully inclusive in its review of potential barriers to persons with disabilities, and recognizes that the ADA both in intent and in implementation has addressed the full range of disabilities including mental illness. Because of its location in Woodland, the applicant (YCCC) should demonstrate how it will guarantee access for Davis residents, both in terms of transportation and provision of public subsidies where necessary to support receipt of services.

c. Outreach

Outreach to persons affected by architectural barriers is an ongoing process, which begins with the encouragement of broadest possible representation by persons with disabilities on the Facilities Advisory Committee (Attachment I). Many of the committee members actively participate in other disability rights and advocacy organizations, so the committee is also an opportunity to interface community activities related to ADA and to bring ADA issues to the attention of City staff. The Committee meets at least quarterly.

TIMELINE

Task	Time
Consultant and Facilities Advisory Committee oversee project completion	7/1/02-6/30/03
Delegate projects to Parks or Public Works as appropriate	7/15/02-8/15/03
Parks / Public Works staff conduct bid process or initiate projects in-house	8/1/02-3/1/03
Evaluate project costs relative to available funds; revise priorities	2/1/03-3/31/03
Project completion	5/30/03-6/30/03

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Proposed Project	Other Sources	Total
A. Salaries and Wages B. Fringe Benefits C. Consultant/contract services (1)	$4,000		$4,000
TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET	$4,000		$4,000
D. Office Rent E. Utilities F. Telephone G. Office Supplies H. Equipment I. Printing/Duplication J. Travel/Conferences K. Other (Specify): *Construction and other project costs specified in Attachment II.* (3)		(2)	$465,000
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET			**$465,000**
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET			**$469,000**

(1) *Includes staff time for Committee work, 80 hours at $40.00.*
(2) *All overhead costs for project to be paid by City of Davis.*
(3) *Capital Project costs are reported as total cost per item, based on contractor estimates. Refer to Attachment II.*

ATTACHMENT I

ADA Facilities Advisory Committee

Citizen Representatives
Elaine Anderson
Karen Berliner
Cathy Bleyer
Joel Bryan
Ed Chandler
Bonnie Mintun
George Moore (Californians for Disability Rights)
Shirley Poffenberger
Nancy Seyden

Staff
Bob Bowen (Parks and Community Services)
Cameron Gibbs (Public Works)
Gary Howard (Parks and Community Services)
Sharon Neilson (Human Resources)
Willa Pettygrove (Committee Consultant)
Mark Wood (Planning and Building)

PRIORITY RANKING FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS
2002-2003 CDBG ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS REQUEST

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
1	Concrete and paving work Curb Ramps *The City will address complaints regarding nonconforming parking and sidewalk access, and will continue its on-going process to retrofit curb ramps throughout the City.*	$25,000 $40,000
2	Share of cost, Veterans Memorial Theater *Continued funding to add accessible restrooms, fully accessible rehearsal space, and remodeled office and lobby area for better access. Stage improvements would permit stage management by persons with limited mobility.*	$125,000
3	Share of Cost, Senior Center/Alternative Recreation expansion and remodel *This project will create a permanent location for the Alternative Recreation program, will make necessary access improvements, and will create additional space for shared use by seniors and alternative recreation participants.*	$150,000
4	Share of Cost, YCCC Safe Harbor permanent and transitional Housing. *Yolo Community Care Continuum is developing the project to replace the existing Safe Harbor House for persons with serious mental illness. The project is located in Woodland and will serve persons throughout the County.*	$125,000

ATTACHMENT III
City of Davis Architectural Barriers Projects (CDBG)

Year	Accomplishments
1991-92	Self Evaluation and Phase One of Transition Plan
1992-93	ADA Facilities Advisory Committee formed
	City Facilities priority list prepared
	Phase One barriers removed from City Hall
	Phase Two Transition Plan completed
1993-94	City Parking Lot survey completed
	Phase Two barriers removed from City Hall
	Barriers removed from Senior Center, and rest rooms at Central Park, Community Park, Redwood Park, and Chestnut Park
1994-95	Barriers removed from Veterans' Memorial Center
	Phase One barriers removed from Community Pool
1995-96	Phase Two barriers removed from Community Pool
	Barriers removed from Little League facility
1996-97	Installed curb ramps on local transit routes
	Barriers removed from pool facility and rest room at Manor Park
	Barriers removed from rest rooms at Senior Center, Pioneer Park and Westwood Park
	Installed public access ramp at Hunt Boyer City Offices
1997-98	Installed curb ramps on local transit routes
	Remodel and upgrade of restroom facilities at two City parks
	Restroom installations at two City ball fields; paths, seating
pads,	and drinking fountains at one
1998-99	Installed wheelchair lift on stage at Veterans Memorial Theater
	Installed curb ramps on local transit routes and additional parking at Little League facility
	Began update of self evaluation
1999-0	Completed City staff self evaluation and disability awareness training
	Predevelopment of Community Chambers remodel
	Continued work to upgrade curb ramps for transit access
	Assisted Downtown Business Association with development of on-street accessible parking plan
	Installed new assistive listening system in Varsity Theater
2000-1	Completed Community Chambers remodel
	Installed accessible Internet kiosk
	Continued work to upgrade curb ramps for transit access
2001-2	Completed Community Chambers Conference Room and media improvements
	Completed Parking Inventory and Assessment
	Continued work to upgrade curb ramps and parking