

2003-2004 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

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Total Proposal Request: **\$212,500**
 X On-going Support X New Project

CDBG Eligible Activities Category (See List A):
Public Facilities/Improvements, 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

Beneficiary Information:

5146 Total number of beneficiaries in program*
5146 Total number of beneficiaries served with CDBG funds*
100% Percentage of CDBG beneficiaries with low/moderate income (by definition)
\$41.29 Cost per CDBG beneficiary (CDBG Request/CDBG Beneficiaries)

*2002 Census, persons with disabilities age 5 and older

PROJECT NARRATIVE

a. Need

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 highest standard in each case. Attachment 3 documents the early and continued effort of the City to remove architectural barriers. City staff and the City's ADA advisory committee have directed the effort to complete all of the necessary changes in the original Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, with priority for those that assure access to facilities most used by the public. In addition to giving priority to access to public facilities, programs, and services, the committee and staff have given priority to access to transit.

The projects proposed for this year are part of this continued effort. The need for improvements to Veterans Memorial Theater was identified in the 1992 Self Evaluation and Transition Plan. The opportunity to provide a permanent facility for the Alternative Recreation program emerged with plans to expand and renovate the Senior Center. The transit improvements, parking, and curb ramps and side walks will make incremental improvements in assuring a safe and accessible path of travel along City streets with access to facilities and transit. The feasibility analysis for an elevator in City hall will be the first step toward addressing possible architectural barriers that may affect City employees.

b. Benefit

The 2000 US Census identified tallied **5146** individuals in Davis with mobility/ self care limitation. Of these, 2024 were employed. For the total of **\$212,500** funds requested, and a total of **5146** beneficiaries, this results in a cost per beneficiary of **\$41.29**

Most projects in this application are by definition high cost capital improvements. The City has delayed implementing some improvements until they could be undertaken in a more cost-effective manner as part of a larger project that would leverage multiple funding sources. The projects for the Senior Center/Alternative Recreation and Veterans Memorial Theater are good examples of this. The Senior Center expansion is a \$1 million project that includes significant fund raising by the nonprofit Senior Citizens of Davis, Inc., and the result will be a shared use facility. The Veterans Memorial Theater expansion will provide new fully accessible restrooms, sufficient for the maximum number in attendance at events in the theater. The restrooms, with the necessary water and sewer extensions, are the most expensive part of the expansion (more than half of total project cost), and leverage City construction funds.

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.

The Senior Center expansion also has funding from the City and from the nonprofit Senior Citizens of Davis, Inc.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

a. Project Description

The list of projects was developed by staff with oversight from the ADA Subcommittee of the Social Services Commission. The members of the Subcommittee are listed in Attachment 1. The specific projects for this request are listed by priority in Attachment 2, which also specifies the estimated cost of each item. Priority is based on ranking by subcommittee members in addition to review and discussion at a public meeting.

South Davis Transit Stops Improvements: Staff identified problems at two transit stops, one at Mace and Cowell and one on the south end of the Pole Line over crossing. Staff have developed solutions that greatly improve access and safety at these stops, and that are very cost effective.

Parking Lot Improvements: With CDBG funding in 2001, the Public Works Department hired an intern and completed an inventory and assessment of all public parking lots. The requested funds will be used to continue to work on needed improvements as identified on that list. Some projects have higher priority because they have been identified in complaints by members of the public..

Fully Accessible Parking Spaces at Farmers Market/Central Park: Existing on-street parking, although designated as accessible, does not comply with the ADA due to the high crown on C Street, noncompliant signs, and noncompliant ramps. Public Works staff have designed an alternative that will create nearly level spaces that can access the sidewalk without ramps. This will permit accessible parking for the Farmers Market, Central Park, and 3rd and B facilities.

Curb Ramps: Public Works staff maintain a map of all needed curb ramp improvements, based on existing transit lines and location of public facilities. This is their primary guide for determining where curb ramp improvements are completed each year, although funding may also be used in response to specific requests by residents.

City Hall Elevator: A feasibility analysis of installing an elevator will include a survey of the second floor by a structural engineer to review current and proposed building loads, a Title 24/ADA review with recommendations, and a brief comparison of elevator options with preliminary concept sketches and estimates.

Veterans Memorial Theater: Although a portion of prior year CDBG Architectural Barrier Funds have been encumbered or expended on access improvements in the theater or back stage, the largest share of the project will be completed this year. A redesign will permit inclusion of fully accessible restrooms with capacity to accommodate the maximum attendance at theater events. In addition, the proposed new space will be fitted with assistive listening devices to permit its use as a practice and performance space. The assistive listening devices will complement the existing system in the theater and may be used there when needed.

Senior Center: This project is underway. Additional funding is requested to cover the cost of additional improvements specifically designed to accommodate the intended users of this facility.

b. Target Group: The target group is all Davis residents, City Employees, and members of the public who have restricted access to public facilities and transit due to a disability.

c. Outreach

This year, the ADA Facilities Priority Committee was given formal status as a standing subcommittee of the Social Services Commission. It meets at least quarterly. The intent of establishing more formal status was to make the Subcommittee’s actions a matter of public record and accountable to the City Council. Meetings in the past have been conducted in accord with the Brown Act, but a formal record of its activities was not published or regularly reviewed by City Council.

With its establishment as a standing subcommittee, the intent in 2003 is to recruit additional community members who represent the diverse range of disabilities that may be accommodated with the City’s Architectural Barriers funding.

TIMELINE

<u>Task</u>	<u>Time</u>
Consultant and ADA Subcommittee Committee oversee project completion with regular progress reports from staff.	7/1/03-6/30/04
Delegate projects to Parks or Public Works as appropriate	7/15/03-8/15/04
Parks / Public Works staff conduct bid process or initiate projects in-house	8/1/03-3/1/04
Evaluate project costs relative to available funds; revise priorities	2/1/04-3/31/04
Project completion	5/30/04-6/30/04

**CITY OF DAVIS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
BUDGET SUMMARY**

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Other Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Salaries and Wages			
B. Fringe Benefits			
C. Consultant/contract services (1)			\$4,500
TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET			
D. Office Rent			
E. Utilities			
F. Telephone			
G. Office Supplies			
H. Equipment			
I. Printing/Duplication			
J. Travel/Conferences			
K. Other (Specify): <i>Construction and other project costs specified in Attachment 2.</i> (3)			\$208,000
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET			\$208,000
<u>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</u>			\$212,500

(1) *Includes staff time for Committee work.*

(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 2..*

ATTACHMENT I

ADA Subcommittee of the social Services Commission

Commission Members/Liaisons to the Subcommittee

Kevin Klein

Audrey Lippmann

Hannah Biberstein (alternate)

Community Representatives

Elaine Anderson

Joel Bryan

George Moore (Californians for Disability Rights)

Nancy Seyden

Staff

Willa Pettygrove (Committee Consultant)

**ATTACHMENT 2
PRIORITY RANKING FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS
2003-2004 CDBG ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS REQUEST**

Priority (#1 = high)	Project Description	Estimated Cost
1	<p>Parking Lot Improvements Curb Ramps</p> <p><i>The City has received complaints regarding nonconforming parking and sidewalk access. In 2000, Public Works staff completed an assessment of access issues in parking lots. These funds will permit continued improvements on the list of parking lot and curb ramp problems.</i></p>	\$40,000 \$25,000
2	<p>Transit Stop Improvements in South Davis</p> <p><i>Provide paving and curb ramp for two transit stops in South Davis that serve Unitrans and Yolobus. The stops are located on the northeast corner of the Cowell/Mace intersection, and at the south end/southbound Pole Line overcrossing.</i></p>	\$5,000
3	<p>Accessible parking spaces at Central Park/Farmers Market facility.</p> <p><i>Existing on street parking designated for disability access do not comply to ADA standards because of slope and ramp design. Two new spaces will provide level surface and direct access to sidewalk.</i></p>	\$8,000
3	<p>Share of cost, Veterans Memorial Theater</p> <p><i>This is the third funding request for this project, which will add fully accessible restrooms sufficient to serve maximum capacity in the theater. Additional funds are for sewer improvements for the and assistive listening devices in the new performance space.</i></p>	\$50,000
4	<p>Share of cost, Davis Senior Center Expansion</p> <p><i>Project was funded in last year's request to improve access in the Center and provide new space for Alternative Recreation Program. Additional funding is requested for access improvements not identified in original project proposal.</i></p>	\$50,000
(not rated)	<p>Feasibility Analysis, City Hall Elevator</p> <p><i>Installation of an elevator would permit access to work space on the second floor of City Hall. However, engineering and design work is required to determine whether this is structurally feasible and what additional improvements would be required to comply with the ADA and State Title 24.</i></p>	\$30,000

ATTACHMENT III
City of Davis Architectural Barriers Projects (CDBG)

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
2001-3	Completed Community Chambers Conference Room and media improvements Completed Parking Inventory and Assessment Continued work to upgrade curb ramps and parking Began work on Veterans Memorial Theater and Senior Center