

2003-2004 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

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Total Proposal Request: **\$281,700**

On-going Support 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
- 3) Programs to support independent living

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)
\$54.74 Cost per CDBG beneficiary (CDBG Request/CDBG Beneficiaries)

*2000 Census, persons with disabilities age 5 and older

PROJECT NARRATIVE

a. Need

The prompt and consistent response of the City of Davis Title II of the ADA and State of California standards under Title 24 are documented in Attachment 3. City staff and the City's standing ADA Subcommittee 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. Most of them were initiated in prior years. This is the first year that the City will use audible signals at some intersections. Significant curb ramp improvements will be presented with the redesign and construction of the Third Street corridor. The Committee hopes to have a long term impact on ducat housing by initiating a model housing access program.

It should be noted that one long standing item from the original Plan, the Pence Gallery site, will be improved without use of public funds. Redevelopment of the site is underway under the direction of the Pence Gallery Board.

This year, the ADA Committee met with representatives of Unitrans and Yolobus about multiple transit stops that are not accessible. This review incorporated a very inclusive assessment completed by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, which assessed access at every transit stop. In Davis, the largest challenges are in the downtown area, where it has been customary for buses to stop and board passengers in the street when cars blocked the transit stop. This is not safe, accessible, or appropriate. The transit operators will be coordinating with City staff and the committee, and will fund these projects from their own sources to systematically review and address barriers.

Housing accessibility is gaining increasing recognition as an unmet need in the community. Past efforts to address it (including CDBG funding for housing retrofit grants and loans through an affordable housing developer) have not been cost effective. The necessary improvements were prohibitively expensive, or the retrofit would "trigger" additional major changes to meet code requirements. Funding could only go for owner occupied dwellings. In addition, funding for improvements to individual homes is not appropriate as an Architectural Barrier Expense under Public Facilities.

To address these challenges and put the issue in a broader policy context, the Committee is asking for a small amount of funding to be used for some demonstration efforts. Successful completion of the retrofits will provide highly visible models for public education about housing access (to encourage more developers and homeowners to attempt these changes in their homes). It will also provide essential data to the City Planning Commission and Council as it considers standards and guidelines for housing accessibility pursuant to AB 1400 (Wolk) of 1993.

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 **\$\$281,700** funds requested, and a total of **5146** beneficiaries, this results in a cost per beneficiary of **\$54.74**.

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.

Project budgets have been reviewed to insure that costs are related only to ADA improvements. In addition, the Universal Design Demonstration project serves as a model to leverage private funding for more housing access improvements.

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 and are detailed in Attachment 2, which also specifies the estimated cost of each item. The members of the Subcommittee are listed in Attachment 1. Priority is based on ranking by subcommittee members in addition to review and discussion at a public meeting.

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

The Committee made a smooth transition to serving as a standing Subcommittee of the Social Services Advisory Commission. It meets at least quarterly. It has made successful outreach to persons who are blind, and is now identifying potential architectural barriers that would affect persons who are blind.

TIMELINE

<u>Task</u>	<u>Time</u>
Consultant and ADA Subcommittee Committee oversee project completion with regular progress reports from staff.	7/1/04-6/30/05
Delegate projects to Parks or Public Works as appropriate	7/15/04-8/15/05
Parks / Public Works staff conduct bid process or initiate projects in-house	8/1/04-3/1/05
Evaluate project costs relative to available funds; revise priorities	2/1/04-3/31/05
Project completion	5/30/04-6/30/05

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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)			\$5,500
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)			\$276,200
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET			\$276,200
<u>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</u>			\$281,700

(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 (alternate)

Hannah Biberstein (second alternate)

Community Representatives

Elaine Anderson

Bonnie Mintun

Lena Contreras

Lynn Kelleher

George Moore (Committee Chair)

Nancy Seyden

Shula Shoup

Staff

Cameron Gibbs

Willa Pettygrove (Committee Consultant)

ATTACHMENT 2
PRIORITY RANKING FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS
2004-2005 CDBG Architectural Barriers Request

Priority (#1 = high)	Project Description	Estimated Cost
1	<p>Parking Lot Improvements Curb Ramps, City wide Curb Ramps, Third Street Corridor</p> <p><i>The City will continue its upgrades of parking lots and curb ramps in existing facilities with a focus on access to transit stops and public facilities.</i></p> <p><i>For 2004, an additional allocation of \$50,000 is requested for a share of the cost of pedestrian improvements to the Third Street corridor. This will include replicating improvements already in place at 3rd and C Streets to other intersections east on Third Street. Significant barriers exist because of the high crown of the street. This project will also add much needed bus stop improvements in the downtown.</i></p>	<p>\$40,000 \$30,000 \$50,000</p>
2	<p>Audible Crossing Signal Davis Commons (1st and D/E) 8th and F</p> <p><i>The City is being asked to provide audible signals at these specific intersections for persons who are blind. At Davis Commons, the signal would make it possible for persons to more quickly cross this very complicated intersection. 8th and F is a high speed intersection and several persons who are blind live near it and must regularly use it.</i></p>	<p>\$10,000 \$ 6,000</p>
3	<p>Assistive listening devices and visual/audible fire alarm devices, Veterans Memorial Theater</p> <p><i>Last year's allocation was not sufficient to provide the assistive listening devices in the new performance space.</i></p>	<p>\$11,200</p>
4	<p>Accessible parking spaces at Central Park/Farmers Market facility.</p> <p><i>CDBG funding in the amount of \$8,000 was granted in 2003 for two parking spaces, to test the feasibility of the design. Additional funds will permit the completion of all remaining accessible spaces.</i></p>	<p>\$24,000</p>
5	<p>Universal Design Demonstration Project</p> <p><i>The ADA Subcommittee and the Affordable Housing Task Force have each discussed the need for modifications to make existing homes more accessible. This fund will be used for grants of up to 10 percent of eligible remodeling cost (not more than \$1,000 each) to homeowners who make improvements to accommodate a family member or friend with a disability. If the full amount is not expended for grants, it will be used for additional curb ramps.</i></p>	<p>\$ 5,000</p>
6	<p>City Hall Elevator/Access Improvements</p> <p><i>2003 CDBG funding was approved to study the feasibility and engineering for an elevator to give access to the second floor in City Hall. If installed, there will also be a need to improve public and employee access in work areas. This funding is requested contingent on a finding that the elevator is feasible.</i></p>	<p>\$100,000</p>
	TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED	<p>\$276,200</p>

ATTACHMENT 3
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
2001-3	Continued work to upgrade curb ramps for transit access Completed Community Chambers Conference Room and media improvements Completed Parking Inventory and Assessment Continued work to upgrade curb ramps and parking
2003-4	Began work on Veterans Memorial Theater and Senior Center Veterans Memorial Theater and Senior Center in progress