



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 10-03-05

Approved

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**Council District:** 1, 3, 5, 6, 7  
**SNI Area:** 13<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Burbank,  
University,  
K.O.N.A.,  
Mayfair

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FUNDING EXTENSION FOR VARIOUS CDBG PROJECTS**

## RECOMMENDATION

Approval of continuations and extensions of funding terms for various CDBG projects as follows:

- (a) MACSA Enrichment and Development Center - The Mexican American Community Services Agency, Inc., for eighteen months, from December 31, 2005 to June 30, 2007.
- (b) Therapeutic Recreation and Wellness Facility Pre-Development Study - Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, for one year, from June 30, 2005 to June 30, 2006.
- (c) Yu-Ai Kai Rehabilitation - Yu-Ai Kai/Japanese American Community Senior Services, for one year, from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006.
- (d) 11<sup>th</sup> and William Street Park Acquisition - Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, for one year, from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006.
- (e) University SNI Area - Antique Style Lighting/Pedestrian - San Jose Redevelopment Agency, for one year, from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006.
- (f) One-Way Couplet Conversion/Historic Lighting Project - 13<sup>th</sup> Street Strong Neighborhood - San Jose Redevelopment Agency, for one year, from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006.
- (g) Capitol Park Community Center (also known as Goss Community Facility) - Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, for six months, from December 31, 2005 to June 30, 2006, for the following project.
- (h) Cultivating Community Power - Resources for Families and Communities (RFC), for eighteen months, from December 31, 2004 to June 30, 2006.

- (i) G46 O'Connor Park Restroom Building - Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, for eighteen months, from December 31, 2004 to June 30, 2006.

CEQA: See memo for CEQA designations. Council District 1,3,5,6,7. SNI Area: 13th Street, Burbank, University, K.O.N.A., Mayfair (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

## **BACKGROUND**

Public services projects that are awarded CDBG funds are allowed 12 months to complete while physical improvement projects are allowed 18 months. In some cases, projects have not been completed within their funding period. In order to complete the project, approval of an extension of the funding term is required. All prior corrective actions have been met for the following list of projects, except for one as noted (project # G55).

## **ANALYSIS**

A brief status is provided on the following projects recommended for funding extensions:

F88 MACSA Enrichment and Development Center – THE MEXICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY, INC. (2001-2002) & (2003-2004). An extension is needed as the scope of the project has been changed from rehabilitation to new construction. The original rehabilitation concept proved to be cost-prohibitive and consequently, MACSA has determined that new construction would be more cost-effective. The proposed 18 month extension would allow for the completion of the new construction project. It is recommended that the term of this project be extended through June 30, 2007.

K16 Therapeutic Recreation and Wellness Facility Pre-Development Study – PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT (2001-2002). The Strategic Plan for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board identified an alternative site for the proposed wellness center at San Jose State University. The recommended one-year extension would allow for the completion of the feasibility study at this site. It is recommended that the term of this agreement be extended to June 30, 2006.

F101 Yu-Ai Kai Rehabilitation – YU-AI KAI/JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES (2004-2005). This project has been delayed due to permit and environmental issues. These issues have been resolved. The Agency received all permits in July 2005 and NEPA (National Environmental Protection Agency) clearance in August 2005. The proposed one year extension will allow for the completion of this project including the addition of a new sunroom, installation of a new self-operating front door to improve accessibility, reconfiguration of space on the three interior floors of the building and improvements required to bring the building up to current code requirements. It is recommended that the term of the project be extended through December 31, 2006.

G55 11<sup>th</sup> and William Street Park Acquisition – PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT (2002-2003). This project involves the acquisition of land for a pocket park at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and William Streets. The park plan was completed in June and it was determined that an outside consultant would need to complete the environmental assessment. Following the completion of the environmental review (which will take approximately six months), the acquisition can occur. It is recommended that the project be extended for one year to December 31, 2006.

G66 University SNI Area – Antique Style Lighting/Pedestrian – SAN JOSE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (2004-2005). The University SNI Neighborhood Advisory Committee area identified pedestrian corridors and the installation of antique-style pedestrian scale streetlights as priority #2 on its "Top 10" neighborhood improvement plan priorities.

The historical designation of the area and the environmental review delayed the project as approval by the State Historical Preservation Office was required. The issues were resolved in June 2005 and the project received NEPA clearance in July 2005. It is recommended that the project be extended for one year to December 31, 2006 to allow for completion of the project.

G69 One-Way Couplet Conversion/Historic Lighting Project - 13<sup>th</sup> Street Strong Neighborhood – SAN JOSE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (2004-2005). The 13<sup>th</sup> Street Strong Neighborhood identified the installation of pedestrian amenities as a component of its number one "Top Ten" priority.

The historical designation of the area and the environmental review delayed the project as approval by the State Historical Preservation Office was required. It is anticipated that these issues will be resolved by the end of September 2005 and the project should receive its NEPA clearance by October 2005. Consequently, it is recommended that the project be extended for one year to December 31, 2006.

G33 Capitol Park Community Center (also known as Goss Community Facility) – PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT (2000-2001). This project involves the installation of a double-size modular building at Capitol Park, adjacent to Goss Elementary School in the Dobern Project Crackdown Area.

The project has been delayed numerous times due to issues related to site location and funding. These issues were resolved with the portable being placed on City parkland adjacent to the school and additional funds being secured. The project went out to bid. However, all bids were rejected as they were too high. The project will be rebid in October. It is recommended that the project be extended for six months to June 30, 2006 to allow for the re-bidding process and site location to occur.

F95 Cultivating Community Power – Resources for Families and Communities (RFC) (2002-2003). The project consists of upgrading the RFC lease, City owned property located at 1807 Sarasota Way in East San José.

Construction work was expected to commence in April 2003 and to be completed by June 30, 2003. However, a requirement for a special use permit had not been factored into the original project timeline. Consequently, the agency was not able to meet its completion date of December 31, 2003.

A funding extension was granted to December 31, 2004. Council approved the extension on May 4, 2004. Zoning issues were resolved in October 2004.

In December 2004, the CDBG Office was made aware that RFC had lost its 501 (c) 3 status with the State of California. However, it was re-instated on February 8, 2005. The project was put on hold pending discussions with RFC regarding their capacity to complete the project.

After a thorough analysis, program review, and assurance from the organization that they have the ability to complete the project, it is recommended that funding for the project be extended by eighteen months to June 30, 2006, in order to allow the Agency to complete the project.

G46 O'Connor Park Restroom Building – PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT (2002-2003). The O'Connor Park restroom is an enhancement to a 1.75-acre park in the Burbank/ Del Monte neighborhood. There is a contingent of nearby residents that are opposed to the restroom coming into the park, even though the broader community (NAC and other neighborhood associations) supports it. Because of this opposition, an alternative site in the same neighborhood is being researched to determine the feasibility of relocating the project. It is recommended that the project be extended for eighteen months to June 30, 2006 in order to allow this issue to be resolved.

## **OUTCOME**

Approval will facilitate completion of previously-approved projects that have been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The project extensions were presented to the CDBG Steering Committee on March 2, 2005 and September 14, 2005 in public meetings, during which the Steering Committee approved recommending the funding extensions for the above-mentioned projects to the City Council.

## COORDINATION

This report was prepared in coordination with the City Attorney's Office.

## COST IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations contained in this memorandum have no impact to the General Fund. The CDBG program is funded by Federal funds, and all CDBG funds associated with these projects have been encumbered from previous award cycles.

## CEQA

- F88 MACSA Enrichment and Development Center – The Mexican American Community Services Agency, Inc.: Exempt, File No.H03-036.
- K16 Therapeutic Recreation and Wellness Facility Pre-Development Study – Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department: Not a Project.
- F101 Yu-Ai Kai Rehabilitation – Yu-Ai Kai/Japanese American Community Senior Services: Exempt, File No. AD05-414.
- G55 11<sup>th</sup> and William Street Park Acquisition – Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department: Not a Project.
- G66 University SNI Area – Antique Style Lighting/Pedestrian – San Jose Redevelopment Agency: Exempt, File No. PP01-023.
- G69 One-Way Couplet Conversion/Historic Lighting Project - 13<sup>th</sup> Street Strong. Neighborhood – San Jose Redevelopment Agency: Mitigated Negative Declaration, File No. PP01-023, and addenda thereto, File No. PP05-158.
- G33 Capitol Park Community Center (also known as Goss Community Facility) – Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department: Exempt, File No. PP03-267.
- F95 Cultivating Community Power – Resources for Families and Communities (RFC): Exempt, File No. SP04-035.
- G46 O'Connor Park Restroom Building – Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department: Mitigated Negative Declaration, File No. PDC00-054, and addenda thereto, File No. PP05-098.



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