

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Planning & Community Development

Urgent _____ Routine X

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES _____ NO _____
(Information Attached)

BOARD AGENDA # 9:40 a.m.

AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2001

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

FIRST REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2001 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION DESIGN

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. CONDUCT THE FIRST REQUIRED HEARING; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE THE 2001 CDBG APPLICATION.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The public hearing will have no fiscal impact. The preparation of the application is a CDBG eligible activity reimbursable with General Administration grant funds. There are funds available.

BOARD ACTION

No. 2001-157

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Mayfield

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: Caruso

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

ATTEST: REAGAN M. WILSON, Clerk By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

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DISCUSSION:

A requirement of the Community Development Block Grant Program is to conduct a public hearing during the design stage of an application for program funding. There are specific topics to consider during this first hearing. They are:

- An explanation of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Stanislaus County is a non-entitlement county. This status is due to its unincorporated population number which is less than 200,000. This means that the County must compete for grant funds through the State Department of Housing and Urban Development rather than apply for them directly through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- Solicit input from the public.

The public hearing process is designed to receive either oral or written comments. The public hearing is an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and suggest possible uses (projects) for CDBG funds. These comments are made part of the project file in the Department of Planning and Community Development.

- Funding availability.

Stanislaus County can competitively apply for a maximum of \$500,000.

- Potential activities.

Activities eligible for use of CDBG funds are housing rehabilitation, community facilities, public services, public works, housing acquisition and new housing construction.

- Citizen involvement.

The opportunity for citizen participation is required during the design phase of the application, at the public hearing prior to the submission of an application, during the implementation of the project once funded, or annually when the Grantee Performance Report is presented to the legislative body. Additionally, the project file(s) and the Public Information file are available to the public before, during and after the life of a project.

- National objectives.

An application must meet a national objective. The national objectives are: (1) the activity shall principally benefit Target Income Group households (80% or less of the median income of Stanislaus County). The median income for a family of four is \$43,900. Therefore, a household of four earning \$35,100 or less would qualify for program participation; (2) the activity will aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and, (3) the activity will eliminate a serious threat to the health or welfare of the community which are of recent origin.

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**DISCUSSION
CONTINUED.**

- Displacement minimization.

It is not the intent of the program to relocate any owner or occupant during the performance of an activity relative to housing. Facilities necessary for the daily operations of a household will be kept operational at all times or inoperable for short periods of time only. If any facilities will be shut off overnight, temporary accommodations will be made.

In the event that temporary relocation is necessary, assistance is available to occupants regarding rent and moving expenses. Program funds will be used for this purpose.

- Assessments.

If any assessments result from a CDBG-funded project, they will not have to be repaid by the Lowest Target Income Group (LTIG - household earning 50% or less of the County median income).

- Technical assistance.

A jurisdiction can provide technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request assistance in developing proposals in accordance with the State CDBG procedures. Such assistance need not include providing funds to such groups. The applicant may determine the level and type of such assistance.

Unless other substantive suggestions, reasons and data are received, staff will commence preparation of an application identifying a sewer collection and transfer system for the neighborhood of Shackelford as the proposed 2001 CDBG Program activity.

**POLICY
ISSUES:**

It is the policy of the Board to comply with guidelines established for programs in which Stanislaus County participates. This public hearing satisfies a component of the guidelines set forth as part of the State Community Development Block Grant Program.

**STAFFING
IMPACT:**

This activity will be undertaken by current staff.