

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

AGENDA DATE: April 26, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly/541-4643

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District #3

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a Resolution amending the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program by adding a new activity, Stiles Drive Street and Drainage Improvements from Dodge Road to Bucher Road – Construction, to enable the City expend its entire \$2,284,192 three-year grant in a timely and efficient manner; and authorizing the City Manager to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution upon approval by the City Attorney's Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The CDBG-R Program was established by Congress under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The CDBG-R allows the City of El Paso to give priority consideration and the ability to focus additional federal funds on projects that can be started and completed expeditiously to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. Selected projects are expected to maximize job creation and economic benefit by: (1) preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery; (2) assisting those most impacted by the recession; (3) providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency; (4) investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; (5) minimizing or avoiding reduction in essential services; or (6) fostering energy independence.

In implementing the three-year CDBG-R Program in the amount of \$2,284,192 awarded to the City of El Paso under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City funded the following five activities to comply with the intent of the national program:

\$ 937,128 – Coronado Road Phase II Street & Drainage Improvements – Construction
709,600 – Bucher Road Street & Drainage Improvements – Construction
250,000 – Centro Mayapan Festival Marketplace – Job Retention & Microenterprise Support
100,000 – Project Arriba – Workforce Training
287,464 – Citywide Curb Cut Demand Program (CDBG-R)
\$2,284,192

The Coronado Road, Bucher Road and Citywide Curb Cut Demand projects will have leftover funds totaling approximately \$600,000 after completion. In order to expend all remaining grant monies before the August 31, 2012 grant deadline, the following new project is proposed to be added to the CDBG-R Program:

Stiles Drive Street & Drainage Improvements from Dodge Road to Bucher Road – Construction

The funding for this estimated \$2,042,958 construction project would come from unspent CDBG-R funds totaling approximately \$600,000, combined with approximately \$1,442,958 from the Community Development Contingency Account. The design for this project was funded in the 36th Year (2010-2011) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for \$209,042. Design is currently underway and is expected to be completed by April 2011.

A Notice was placed in the El Paso Times in English and in the El Diario in Spanish on March 23, 2011 to allow a 30-day period for public comment ending April 25, 2011. Any citizen comments received after the submittal of this Agenda Item Department Head's Summary Form will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

On May 26, 2009, City Council amended the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan by adding a CDBG-R component and amended the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) by adding specific CDBG-R activities and budgets. Many other such amendments have also been approved by City Council in prior years.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

A budget transfer will be required to move funds from the following accounts:

- Coronado Road Phase II – G71CDBGR001-10162
- Bucher Road – G71CDBGR002-10163
- Citywide Curb Cut Demand CDBG-R – G71CDBGR005-10166
- CD Contingency Account – G7129CD0001

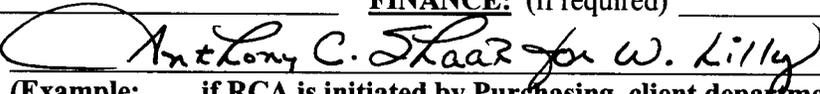
BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

*******REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  _____

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2005, the City Council for the City of El Paso adopted a five-year (2005-2010) Consolidated Plan that serves as a comprehensive housing affordability strategy, community development plan, and submission for funding programs that address homelessness and homelessness prevention such as the Emergency Shelter Program and Community Development Block Grant Public Services homeless programs which were submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2009, the City Council for the City of El Paso amended the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan by adding a Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program component, with community development needs addressed by CDBG-R activities being rated as “high or medium priority needs” in the Jurisdictional Community Development Needs Table in the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, and amended the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) by adding specific CDBG-R funded activities and budgets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, based upon a recommendation of the Director of Community and Human Development, now desires to amend the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 CDBG-R Program by adding a new activity to enable the City to expend its entire \$2,284,192 three-year grant in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2011, the City of El Paso published in the El Paso Times and El Diario newspapers public notice to allow a 30-day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 CDBG-R Program, and City Council has duly considered public comment, if any.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 CDBG-R Program is hereby amended by adding the following new project to the CDBG-R Program:

Stiles Drive Street and Drainage Improvements
from Dodge Road to Bucher Road – Construction (**District 3**);

2. That the funding for this estimated \$2,042,958 construction project come from unspent CDBG-R funds totaling approximately \$600,000, combined with approximately \$1,442,958 from the Community Development Contingency Account; and
3. That the City Manager be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution, upon approval by the City Attorney’s Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



for William L. Lilly, Director
Community and Human Development