CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

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DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2007

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly at 541-4643

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Citywide

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.

City Council is scheduled to conduct a public hearing during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting in City Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in order to adopt the Proposed Budgets for the 33rd Year Community Development Block Grant Program, the FY 2007 Emergency Shelter Grant Program and the FY 2007 HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

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?

On April 13, 2007, City Council was provided with a consensus recommendation from the Community Development (CD) Steering Committee and Staff on the entire CD Budget, which includes activities in the Social Services, Planning, Housing, Economic Development, Public Facilities, Administration and Use of Program Income categories. For your convenience, we are attaching updated copies of these CD Budget recommendations. The chart (**Exhibit A-1**) includes all projects that were reviewed by the Steering Committee and Staff, whether or not they were recommended for funding. Please note that each of the projects are numbered for easy identification and that a blank space has been added at the far right of each project for your individual budget recommendations.

The total CD budget amount of $10,009,436 includes the following:

- $8,709,436 = CD Entitlement Grant which the City will receive from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 33rd Program Year; and
- $1,300,000 = Expected program income.

Additionally, City Council is asked at this time to adopt a Proposed Budget for the City's FY 2007 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) of $376,382. The Consensus Budget recommended by the ESG Collaborative, the Steering Committee and CD Staff was submitted to City Council on April 13, 2007. For your convenience, a copy of the ESG Budget recommendation (**Exhibit A-2**) with an additional column for City Council's Proposed Budget is included with the explanation.

City Council is also asked to adopt the Proposed HOME Investment Partnerships Program Budget (**Exhibit A-3**) in the amount of $4,955,611, which includes the FY 2007 HOME Entitlement amount of $3,705,541 plus the FY 2007 American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) amount of $50,070, plus the projected HOME Program Income amount of $1,200,000.

After City Council action on May 8th, a summary of the Proposed CDBG, ESG and HOME Program budgets will be published for public review and comment in the El Paso Times on Sunday, May 13, 2007, as part of the summary of the Annual Action Plan (which will include the annual applications for CDBG, ESG and HOME). Comments about the proposed Annual Action Plan will be received during a mandatory 30-day comment period that ends on Friday, June 15, 2007. City Council is scheduled to

adopt a Final Annual Action Plan at a public hearing during the regular City Council meeting in City Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:
Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

This is the standard process that City Council has followed in the adoption of proposed entitlement grant funding that the City has received annually from HUD since 1975.

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?

The City is expected to submit an approved Annual Action Plan to HUD on July 10, 2007, that will enable the City to receive $12,841,429 in federal entitlement grant funds ($8,709,436 – CDBG, $3,755,611 – HOME and $376,382 – ESG) that becomes available to spend on September 1, 2007.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:
Enter appropriate comments or N/A

The Community Development Steering Committee recommends the proposed CDBG and ESG budgets for Council's adoption.

*********************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:** _____

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RESOLUTION

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

1. That, having conducted a public hearing in order to receive public comment, the City Council hereby adopts the Proposed Budgets for the 33rd Year (2007-2008) Community Development Block Grant Program, the FY 2007 Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and the FY 2007 HOME Investment Partnerships Program, all attached hereto as exhibit "A"; and

2. That the City Council directs that the Proposed Budgets for the 33rd Year Community Development Block Grant Program, the FY 2006 Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and the FY 2007 HOME Investment Partnerships Program be published in the El Paso Times on Sunday, May 13, 2007, to provide the public with an opportunity to review the Proposed Budgets, as part of the summary of the Proposed Annual Action Plan for 2007-2008, and submit comments to the City Council or the Department of Community and Human Development. The deadline for submission of written comments will be 5:00 p.m., on Friday, June 15, 2007. The City Council will conduct a public hearing in City Council Chambers during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, for the purpose of receiving comments from the public and adopting the Annual Action Plan, including the 33rd Year (2007-2008) Community Development Block Grant Program Budget, the FY 2007 Emergency Shelter Grant Program Budget and the FY 2007 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Budget, for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2007.

CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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William Lilly, Director
Community and Human Development

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