

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community and Human Development  
**AGENDA DATE:** July 15, 2008  
**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** William Lilly/541-4643  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All Districts

**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 that City Council amend the City's 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for 2005-2010 by adding one new homeownership assistance activity, Affordable Housing Credit Union Service Organization (AHCUSO) – Individual Development Account (IDA) Program, totaling \$125,000, to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Year (2007-2008) Community Development (CD) Block Grant Program (CDBG), and that the City Manager be authorized to sign any agreements or related documents upon approval by the City Attorney's Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department and to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution.

**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?**

This Mid-Year (33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 2007-2008) CDBG funding request from AHCUSO would involve a cash match commitment of \$125,000 from the City of El Paso, which will be combined with a cash match of \$125,000 from AHCUSO for an Individual Development Account (IDA) Program to match a \$203,000 Assets for Independence grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. IDAs are dedicated savings accounts that can only be used for purchasing a home, paying for education or job training expenses, or capitalizing a small business. These accounts, which are generally managed by community organizations, are held at local financial institutions in the name of the individual participant. Contributions are made by individual participants over a pre-established time period and are matched using both private and public sources. CDBG funds may be used as a required match for IDAs when the family or household of the individual for whom the IDA is established is determined to be low- or moderate-income prior to assistance being provided. The City's funds will be used to match savings of a minimum of 112, low income, first-time homebuyer families towards the purchase of a home in the El Paso area. This local program would bring additional funds into the community for homeownership and would be administered by and through AHCUSO, a non-profit corporation.

A Notice was placed in the El Paso Times on June 12, 2008 to allow a 30-day period for public comment ending July 14, 2008. Any citizen comments received after the submittal of this Request for Council Action will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

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

After City Council approved the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) on June 26, 2007, it approved amendments to the Annual Action Plan on November 13, 2007 and on May 13, 2008.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

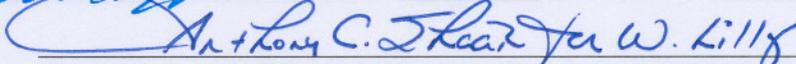
**How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?**

Funding for the new IDA Program is currently available in the CD Contingency Account No. G7129CD0001. Upon Council's approval of this item, a budget transfer in the amount of \$125,000 will be made from the CD Contingency Account to the new IDA Program account.

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

The Community Development Steering Committee unanimously recommended this program change on August 22, 2006.

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required)  **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**  Anthony C. Shear for W. Lilly  
(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 June 26, 2007, the City Council for the City of El Paso adopted a Final Action Plan for 2007-2008 for the Consolidated Plan 2005-2010, including the 33<sup>rd</sup> Year (2007-2008) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and on the same date authorized the City Manager to sign and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and all certifications contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, based on the recommendation of the Director of the Community and Human Development Department and Department staff, now desires to amend the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and 33<sup>rd</sup> Year (2007-2008) CDBG Program Budget by adding one homeownership assistance activity; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2008, the City of El Paso published in the El Paso Times public notice and allowed a 30-day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and 33<sup>rd</sup> Year (2007-2008) CDBG Program Budget and City Council has duly considered public comment, if any; and

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

1. That the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and 33<sup>rd</sup> Year (2007-2008) CDBG Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

The new homeownership assistance activity, Affordable Housing Credit Union Service Organization (AHCUSO) – Individual Development Account (IDA) Program - \$125,000 (**All Districts**) is added; to match savings of a minimum of 112, low income, first-time homebuyer families towards the purchase of a home in the El Paso area; and

2. That the City Manager be authorized to sign any agreements or related documents upon approval by the City Attorney's Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department and to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution, including the necessary budget transfers and notifying HUD of said Annual Action Plan amendment.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

CITY OF EL PASO

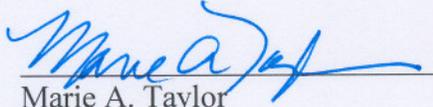
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John F. Cook  
Mayor

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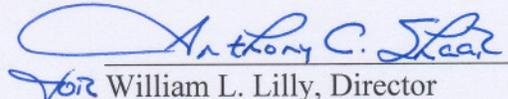
ATTEST:

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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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for William L. Lilly, Director  
Community and Human Development