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MEMORANDUM

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CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

Community Development Division

To: City Council
From: Randy J. Brumley - Community Development Administrator
RE: 5-Year Accomplishments Using CDBG / HOME Grant Funding

Following are accomplishments achieved, to date, for the reporting periods covered by the current 5-Year Consolidated Plan using federal grant funds from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG and HOME Grants. Where applicable, related Strategic Plan goals are included showing the particular strategy being met.

Core Services Vision Statement - We will improve high quality customer focused basic city services at a reasonable cost.

Strategy #4 - We will rehabilitate infrastructure as needed.

Strategy #5 - We will provide streets, traffic and transportation systems.

- ◆ Over \$3,600,000 of CDBG funds expended in lower income areas to complete Public Facility enhancements including park improvements, street and drainage improvements, sidewalk improvements, and Lincoln Center improvements.
- ◆ Improvements completed on the Cherry Street Rehabilitation project.
- ◆ Sidewalks installed on the north side of University Dr. from Tarrow to Texas.
- ◆ Improvements completed on the Church Avenue Rehabilitation project.
- ◆ The Southside Drainage Improvement project was completed.
- ◆ Improvements completed on the First, Maple and Louise Street Rehabilitation Project.
- ◆ Approximately 50 parking spaces added at the Lincoln Center.
- ◆ Design begun for Tauber and Stasney street improvements and Northgate sidewalk installation.

Parks and Leisure Services Vision Statement - We will promote a wide range of leisure, recreational and cultural arts opportunities

Strategy #2 - We will promote programs and facilities that target all age groups.

- ◆ Lincoln Center Entryway Expansion project was completed.
- ◆ 30 park benches were installed in 5 parks in lower-income neighborhoods.
- ◆ Lincoln Center's 3,500 square foot expansion was completed.
- ◆ Construction completed for a covered multi-use pavilion in the W.A. Tarrow Park.
- ◆ Design completed for the construction of a spray park in the W.A. Tarrow Park.

- ◆ Planning and design begun for development of the Steeplechase Park.
- ◆ Kid's Club activities were funded and carried out annually by City and CISD staff.
- ◆ The Lincoln Center Summer Fun and Academic Enrichment program was carried out each year using CDBG funds.

Planning and Development Vision Statement - We will promote a well-planned community.

Strategy #3 - We will promote well-planned neighborhoods

- ◆ Over \$300,000 in CDBG funds have been utilized for Code Enforcement Officer positions and over 24,000 cases have been processed.
- ◆ See street, sidewalk, parks and drainage improvements above.
- ◆ See Lincoln Center, W.A. Tarrow Park improvements above.

Economic Development Vision Statement - We will promote a strong and diverse economic environment.

Strategy #4 - We will promote revitalization and redevelopment

- ◆ Over \$3.1 million dollars in CDBG and HOME funds have been utilized for affordable housing activities including rehabilitation, reconstruction, new construction, demolition and acquisition.
- ◆ Approximately \$270,000 in CDBG funds were utilized to match owner/tenant contributions to complete Northgate Center Façade Improvement project.
- ◆ Construction begun on the 100-unit, Terrace Pines Senior Housing project – completion expected in fall 2005.
- ◆ 67 low-income homebuyers were provided down-payment assistance.
- ◆ Approximately 1,150 citizens were provided homebuyer and budget counseling.
- ◆ 6 lots were acquired and have been or will be conveyed to Habitat for Humanity.
- ◆ Rehabilitation of 8 Single-family dwellings has been completed.
- ◆ Demolition and reconstruction completed on 15 distressed homes and begun on another.
- ◆ 1 distressed single-family property was acquired and the structure scheduled for demolition. The lot will be utilized for future park development.
- ◆ 4 lots were acquired and conveyed to eligible CHDO – BVCAA for affordable housing activities.
- ◆ 8 new homes were developed by the City, BVCAA and/or Habitat and sold to low-income first-time homebuyers.
- ◆ 1 new single-family home was developed on a city owned lot and then sold to an eligible low-income, first-time homebuyer.
- ◆ See street, drainage and sidewalk improvements above.

Projects and program accomplishments not specifically covered in the Strategic Plan

Public Service Agency Programs

- ◆ Over \$630,000 of CDBG Public Service Agency funds were utilized to serve more than 49,000 unduplicated clients through programs provided by the following service providers:

Hospice Brazos Valley	Scotty's House
Health For All	CS Fire Department
Brazos Food Bank	CSISD Barbara Bush Parent Center
MHMR BV Authority	CS Human Resources Department
Literacy Volunteers	City of College Station Parks & Recreations Dept.
Voices for Children	Brazos Valley Community Action Agency
Twin City Mission	Kid's Klub
LULAC Oak Hill Apartments	
Brazos County Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse	
Brazos Maternal and Child Health Clinic	

Public Hearings and Promotional Activities

- ◆ Annually, 13 public meetings/hearings were held to inform the public and solicit input.
- ◆ 7 Community Development newsletters were published.
- ◆ CD staff assisted with the TEES Home-Buyer Education Coalition training classes.
- ◆ Television and radio appearances were made to promote programs and activities.
- ◆ Informational booths and materials were made available at the Community Resource Fairs, Neighborhood Block Parties and the Senior Resource Fairs.
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- ◆ Participation in Community Partnership Board New Employee Training events.
- ◆ CD Staff coordinated the activities for the Council Appointed Joint Relief Funding Review Committee and Façade Improvement Committee.
- ◆ The Community Development Homepage was developed and improved in conjunction with the City's webpage redesign.
- ◆ The City supported the successful application by Lankford Interests for TDHCA Housing Tax Credit funding of the Terrace Pines Senior Housing Project.

Other Accomplishments

- ◆ Annual Action Plans and Budgets prepared and forwarded to U.S. Dept. of HUD.
- ◆ Annual Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports prepared and submitted to U.S. Dept. of HUD.
- ◆ CD Staff membership and involvement with the Brazos Valley Coalition for the Homeless and service on Ending Chronic Homelessness and Projects Ranking committees for HUD's Continuum of Care grant funding.
- ◆ CD Staff participates on the Regional I&R Committee which assisted in the implementation of the Area Information Center for Texas 211, which is operated by United Way of the Brazos Valley.
- ◆ CD Staff participates in the quarterly meetings of the Community Partnership Board.
- ◆ CD Staff participates on the Bryan-College Station Community Health Center Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Prepared and updated two HUD-approved Neighborhood Presumption of Affordability Studies for Eastgate and Southside neighborhoods.

- ◆ CD Staff attained certification in TDHCA’s Homebuyer Education Program and in the Dispute Resolution/Mediation.
- ◆ CD staff attended a variety of training and development sessions, to include:
 - Model Energy Code training
 - Building Professional's Institute training
 - 2000 International Model Energy Code Conference
 - Leadership Brazos Development Program
 - Electrician and Plumbing continuing education classes
 - Storm Water Conference
 - Local Economic Outlook Conference
 - U.S. Dept. of HUD Environmental Training
 - BCS Assoc. of Realtors® Legal and Ethics Training
 - Good Cents Home Construction Training
 - U.S. Dept. of HUD Training including:
 - Entitlement Training
 - Basically CDBG Training
 - Building HOME Training
 - Managing HOME Training
 - Advanced HOME Training
 - Financial Management Training
 - IDIS Plus and Reports Training
 - Relocation and Acquisition Training
 - Subsidy Layering Training
 - Environmental Training
 - Labor Relations Training
 - Lead Based Paint Training
 - Strengthening Sub-grantee Partnership Training
 - CHDO/Sub-recipient Training
- City of College Station Employee Training including:
 - Service Excellence Training
 - Emergency Management Training
 - Financial Training
 - Ethics Training
 - GIS Training
 - CS Continuous Improvement Training
 - Command Incident Training
 - Contract Training
 - Project Management Training
 - Purchasing Training
 - Customer Service Training
 - Emergency Operations Center Training