

2003 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

IN THIS SECTION:

- ◆ **2003 Municipal CDBG Activity Funding**
- ◆ **2003 Unincorporated and Discretionary CDBG Activity Funding**
- ◆ **2003 HOME Activity Funding**



MUNICIPAL CDBG ACTIVITY FUNDING ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Cities in St. Louis County are invited on an annual basis to participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Presently there are 73 municipalities that participate even though not all submit applications for funding. The cities that do submit applications are required to conduct a public hearing and gather input from citizens before deciding how to spend their municipal allocation of Community Development funds. Each city is awarded an allocation based on the percentage of low and moderate-income residents relative to the total population of each city. Community Development funds used by each city must address one of three national objectives which are eliminating slums and blight, addressing urgent County needs or benefiting low and moderate income residents.

SUMMARY OF 2002 CDBG MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES		
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT ALLOCATED
Rehabilitation of Private Properties	44	\$2,399,200
Street Improvements	18	598,130
Public Facilities	8	107,500
Sidewalks	7	185,450
Parks & Playgrounds	7	13,363
Demolition	6	127,566
Planning	3	27,270
Water & Sewer Improvements	2	240,000
Code Enforcement	2	11,000
Public Service	2	38,000
Acquisition	1	37,700
TOTAL	100	3,785,179



UNINCORPORATED AND DISCRETIONARY CDBG ACTIVITY FUNDING ST. LOUIS COUNTY

The St. Louis County Department of Planning conducted two public hearings to gather input from County residents on how to expend CDBG funds in Unincorporated St. Louis County. As a result of these public hearings and input from other St. Louis County departments, the following eligible activities were selected for funding:

1. REHABILITATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES

This application will make available \$1,038,000 for funding program delivery costs and to provide forgivable loans to County residents to improve their homes.

2. ADMINISTRATION

\$30,000 will be utilized by a non-profit fair housing organization to promote fair housing in St. Louis County.

3. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Funding will be provided to a non-profit organization to provide and promote education awareness and outreach programs for residents with disabilities.

4. WATER AND SEWER

Funds will be provided totaling \$220,000 to connect emergency sanitary sewer problems along Hannah and Crescent roads.

5. FEDERAL EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM

Funds totaling \$227,000 will be made available through a Request for Proposal process to help agencies that assist homeless residents in the St. Louis metropolitan area.



HOME ACTIVITY FUNDING ST. LOUIS COUNTY

St. Louis County plans to appropriate HOME funds in the area of home ownership and home rental during FY 2003 for the following projects:

◆ HOME OWNERSHIP

1. **JENNINGS HOMES PHASE II - \$500,000 HOME**

The Jennings project started with the construction of 11 new homes sold to eligible families, and will continue with another 10 homes for families who meet the income guidelines and attend home buyer counseling classes.

2. **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - \$300,000 HOME**

Funds are set aside for the further development of single family homes build in partnership with volunteers and homeowners. HOME funds are used for the acquisition and site development of Habitat homes.

3. **AUDREY ESTATES - \$300,000 HOME**

These funds will be utilized to further the development of new homes in the Wellston Community of Audrey Estates.

4. **DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE - \$600,000 HOME**

Funds will be set aside to assist first time homebuyers in the purchase of their home. Homebuyers will attend counseling sessions provided by approved non-profit organizations.

5. **REHABILITATION – MEACHAM PARK – BEYOND HOUSING - \$200,000 HOME**

Funds will be set aside to rehabilitate homes in the Meacham Park neighborhood of Kirkwood in partnership with Beyond Housing.

6. **WCSA – HOME OWNERSHIP - \$500,000 HOME**

WCSA will continue its partnership with RHCDA and Bank of America to construct new homes for first time homebuyers in the City of Wellston.

TABLE 1C

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC HOMELESS/ SPECIAL POPULATIONS OBJECTIVES

- **APPLICANT'S NAME**

St. Louis HOME Consortium

- **HOMELESS & HIV/AIDS**

The objective of this program activity is to provide prevention, emergency shelter to homeless residents, acquire residential units for transitional housing and provide needed services related to health, employment and education.

- **SPECIALNEEDS/NON HOMELESS**

The Objective of this program/activity is to address the growing needs of residents who require social service support programs. This would include support and intervention in the areas of drug interdiction, counseling, vocational education, youth sports and educational classes for youth at risk. Additionally, activities directed towards the removal of architectural barriers for the disabled will be implemented.

TABLE 2C

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- **APPLICANT'S NAME**

St. Louis HOME Consortium

- **HOUSING**

The objective of this program/activity is to continue to provide an adequate supply of affordable housing for families in the Consortium area earning at or below 80% of the median area income. The primary objective is to increase the supply of affordable housing for low-income families, elderly and those with disabilities.

- **ANTI-CRIME PROGRAM**

These programs/activities are designed to promote economic development and neighborhood stabilization in targeted areas of St. Louis County by providing a safe environment for residents who live in and patronize these areas.

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

These programs/activities focus on Targeted Business Corridors to assist aging and increasingly obsolete retail and service districts throughout the Consortium area. Examples of the kinds of assistance that need to be provided include, but are not limited to: infrastructure repair, below market rate loan programs, renovation of business facades and assistance in the creation of self governing business districts. The rationales for these types of assistance are derived from the changing patterns of business which all sectors of the market are experiencing. Updating and renovating commercial corridors is necessary to help small as well as existing businesses compete in a very competitive market.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**■ INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Infrastructure Improvement Program will address aging infrastructure/public facilities in St. Louis County. Examples will include, but not limited to: street, water and sewer improvements, upgrading public facilities such as parks and neighborhood facilities. Individuals and families who reside in low-moderate income areas will benefit most from these projects.

■ PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

Planning and Administration funds will be used to monitor participating jurisdictions for compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations. St. Louis County monitors and provides technical assistance to subrecipients with respect to Procurement, Equal Employment Opportunity, Labor Laws, Environmental Regulations, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 3 Employment, Utilization, Education and Fair Housing. Funds are also utilized for administration, data gathering studies and planning documents as well as required public notices by each of the Consortium members.

■ PUBLIC FACILITIES

The St. Louis County Office of Community Development has allocated funds to 72 municipalities that will be participating in their CDBG program. Many of these jurisdictions have allocated funds towards activities to improve the public facilities in their communities. Public improvements for the most part include upgrading streets and water & sewer facilities and making public facilities accessible to residents with disabilities.

■ PUBLIC SERVICES

There has been an identified need for Public Service activities that provide recreation and educational opportunities for youth in St. Louis County. There is also a need for activities that assist disabled residents in the County relative to ensuring the programs and facilities assisted with federal funds are accessible.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**■ SENIOR PROGRAMS**

The growing number of elderly persons, combined with the continuing increase of life expectancy, will have a dramatic effect on future consumer demands and service needs in the Consortium area. Since elderly persons often suffer deteriorating health and poverty, they may be prevented from living independently and fully participating in their communities. Their needs translate into demand for special health care, housing, transportation and other supportive services. These services will become increasingly important in the Consortium area into the near future.

■ YOUTH PROGRAMS

Funding is provided in St. Louis County for programs that will assist youth who are at risk of dropping out of school. Additional programs are being developed and directed towards education and employment skill enhancement for youth in the County.

■ OTHER PROGRAMS

These activities are being undertaken in St. Louis County to alleviate emergency conditions threatening the public health and safety in areas where the chief executive officer of the recipient has determined that such an emergency condition exists and requires immediate resolution.

TABLES 4 & 4A

PRIORITY PUBLIC HOUSING NEEDS

LOCAL JURISDICTION

TABLE 4		
Public Housing Need Category	PHA Priority Need Level High, Medium, Low, No Such Need	Estimated Dollars To Address
Restoration and Revitalization		
Capital Improvements	High	3,300,000
Modernization	Low	0
Rehabilitation	High	6,000,000
Other (Specify) Colony North	High	25,000,000
Total	N/A	\$34,300,000

TABLE 4A			
Public Housing Need Category	PHA Priority Need Level High, Medium, Low, No Such Need	Local Jurisdiction Priority Need Level	Estimated Dollars To Address
Restoration and Revitalization			
Capital Improvements	High	High	
Modernization	Low	Low	
Rehabilitation	High	High	
Other (Specify) Colony North	High	High	\$5,000,000
Total	N/A		\$5,000,000