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## Staff Report

ITEM NO. 7

**To:** Lemoore City Council  
**From:** Brooke Austin, Housing Specialist  
**Date:** March 17, 2010  
**Subject:** Public Hearing – Design Phase Hearing –  
Community Development Block Grant

### Discussion:

Annually, the City of Lemoore is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Maximum award limits under the state program as of the last Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) included up to \$800,000 per year for the General Allocation component. However, maximum award limits under each component will be determined on a yearly basis and announced in each year's NOFA. The maximum award limit is \$2,500,000 per year for the Economic Development component. Up to \$300,000 is available under the Economic Development Enterprise Allocation this year. Grants up to \$70,000 per year from the General Planning and Technical Assistance allocation and \$70,000 per year for Economic Development Planning and Technical Assistance allocation may be awarded and do not count toward the maximums allowed under the other components. Lemoore has received nearly \$3,000,000 in CDBG funds over the past 10 years, which have been used for the following projects – Antlers Hotel, Generations Daycare, Westside Water Tank, Lemoore Teen and Senior Centers, Curb-Cuts and a Microenterprise Façade Program, as well as Planning and Technical Assistance Grants for a Senior Housing Needs and Reuse/Feasibility Study of the Antler Hotel, a Citywide Housing Study, a Medical Needs Assessment Study, and a Commercial Reuse Study.

Eligible activities for the General Allocation component include Public Works, Housing New Construction, Housing Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Community Facilities and Public Services. Eligible activities for the Economic Development component include 1) loans to employers for an identified CDBG-eligible activity, which will result in the creation or retention of permanent jobs and 2) constructing infrastructure improvements, which are necessary to accommodate the creation, expansion or retention of a business that will create jobs. Eligible activities under the General Planning and Technical Assistance component include project specific activities for Housing, Community Facility and Public Work Projects and non-project specific activities for Housing, Public Works, Public Service and Planning Studies. Eligible activities under the Economic Development component include both project specific and non-project specific activity, including Economic and Market Analysis.

Proposed projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of the three National Objectives, as follows: 1) benefit Targeted Income Group (TIG) persons, 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or 3) meet urgent community development needs.

At this time, the City desires to obtain input from local citizens and other agencies that provide services to TIG persons, about possible activities, which should be applied for this coming year under the State's CDBG program. Staff has had initial conversations with several parties regarding the following activities: 1) a Public Facilities grant for the rehabilitation of the west side of the Cinnamon Municipal Complex building and grounds to improve its use for recreational purposes, 2) a grant for public improvements in support of Fox Street Villas, 3) a Housing Rehabilitation grant for the Ochoa Market building, 4) an Enterprise grant to obtain additional funds for the Microenterprise Façade Program, 5) a Planning and Technical Assistance grant for an Infill Housing Plan, and 6) an Adaptive Reuse Study for the ARK owned former Candlewick building.

**Budget Impact:**

None at this time.

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council open the public hearing and accept testimony and ideas for the upcoming year of Community Development Block Grant applications. Following the public hearing provide staff direction towards which grants the City should pursue.