

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 453

Approved August 2, 1991

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
TO FILE A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND FUNDING UNDER  
THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

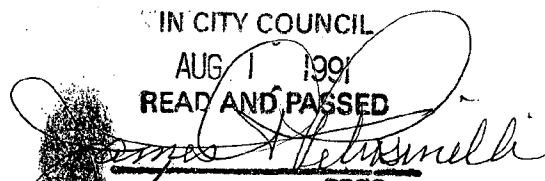

**WHEREAS,** the City of Providence is interested in the continuation of the Community Development Block Grant Program in its neighborhoods, and

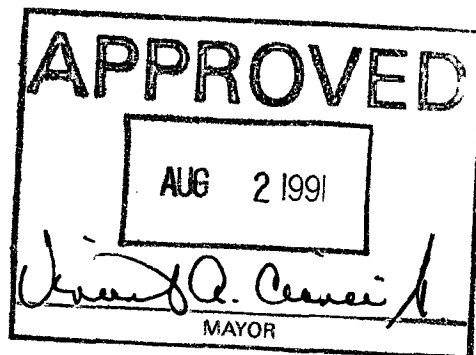
**WHEREAS,** the Community Development Block Grant Program provides funding to important programs in the areas of housing, public facilities expansion and rehabilitation, human services and economic development, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Providence is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds in the 17th Program Year beginning July 1, 1991 and ending June 30, 1992 under the Section 106(a) or (h) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 in the amount of \$6,030,000, and

**WHEREAS,** the Statement of Objectives and Funding shall be filed with the Boston Regional Office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as soon as possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the City Council of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, hereby authorizes the City of Providence, through its official representative, the Mayor, to file such Statement of Objectives and Funding with the Boston Regional Office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of obtaining Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds.

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THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING

Recommends

Approval as Amended

Michael R. Chestnut  
Clerk

July 29, 1991

Councilman Tension (By Request)

Michael S. Van Leesten  
Director



Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
Mayor

## Department of Planning and Development

*"Building Pride In Providence"*

April 22, 1991

Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk  
City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, R.I. 02903

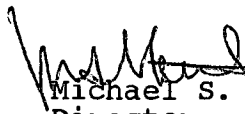
Dear Ms. Mendonca:

I am enclosing an original and 21 copies of the City Council resolution which is necessary for authorization of submission of the Community Development Block Grant Statement of Objectives for the City.

Please place this resolution on the next City Council agenda in order for it to be referred to the proper Committee for review.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I will be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions that arise.

Sincerely,

  
Michael S. Van Leesten  
Director



## Department of Planning and Development

*"Building Pride In Providence"*

May 1, 1991

Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo  
Chairperson Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning  
City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, R.I. 02903


Dear Councilwoman DiRuzzo:

I am pleased to be able to inform you that significant progress has been made leading to discussions with your Committee of the budget outlines of the Community Development Block Grant - Program Year 17. As you know, the City will receive approximately \$6,000,000 in the up-coming program year. I know that as in the past, working together, we can outline an effective program of neighborhood revitalization using these funds.

I look forward to meeting with you and members of your Committee to discuss the upcoming program year and I am requesting that you schedule meetings of your Committee between this date and early June in sufficient number to allow full discussion of the program areas. I feel that three or four meeting may be necessary. May I suggest that weekly meetings may be a good schedule? I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding this matter as well as passage by the full City Council of the authorizing resolution at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

  
John F. Palmieri  
Deputy Director

cc: Van Leesten

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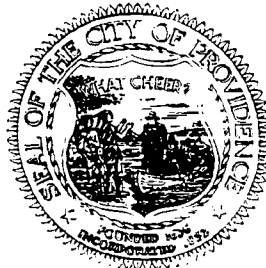
# CITY OF PROVIDENCE



## Statement of Objectives

1991 - 1992

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM



#### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

MICHAEL S. VAN LEESTEN  
DIRECTOR

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
MAYOR

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Statement of Objectives

17th Program Year

July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

**Michael S. Van Leesten**  
Director

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Mayor

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**PROGRAM YEAR 17**

**FEDERAL FORM 424**

APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

<b>1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:</b> <i>Application</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction <i>Preapplication</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		<b>2. DATE SUBMITTED</b>  <b>3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE</b>  <b>4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY</b>	Applicant Identifier  State Application Identifier  Federal Identifier
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<b>5. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> Legal Name: <b>CITY OF PROVIDENCE</b> Address (give city, county, state, and zip code): Department of Planning and Development 400 Westminster Street Providence, R.I. 02903		Organizational Unit: <b>DEPT. OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b> Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code): Michael S. Van Leesten Director (401) 351-4300
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<b>18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED</b>		
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.	b. Title MAYOR	c. Telephone number (401) 421-7740
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**PROGRAM YEAR 17**

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - PROGRAM YEAR 17

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Community Development Block Grant Program in the City of Providence has over the past 16 years, provided an extensive program of revitalization, physical improvements and human services. Even though the CDBG program has been operating for so many years and has already provided funding for many activities, we find that given the economic condition of the City and the physical condition of the City's neighborhoods, this Program Budget and Statement of Objectives is one of the most important ever submitted for your review and approval.

In this year, the City of Providence faces unprecedented challenges and ever limiting resources. Providence is now a city where, for most low and moderate income persons and families, poverty is more entrenched, infrastructure more decayed, housing more deteriorated and unaffordable and work prospects more tenuous than at any other time in the past decade. Especially for the working poor family, Providence holds little promise of expanding economic opportunity or satisfaction with the quality of life that the City affords. Social service agencies, housing assistance agencies and especially the City are being asked to provide more services and more effective services to try to ameliorate some of the harmful conditions we now find in the neighborhoods of the City of Providence, all with severely limited resources.

The City is seeking to provide a wide range of activities and programs through this CDBG budget which will begin the critically needed process of actual, meaningful neighborhood revitalization as well as enhancement of opportunities for low and moderate income persons and families. This budget provides for services in the areas of affordable housing rehabilitation and development, public facilities construction and rehabilitation, public services and economic development. The activities taken together will start to build a framework to meet the City's general objectives of enhancing opportunities for homeownership, affordable housing opportunities, necessary public services and enhancements to the physical environment of the City's neighborhoods.

### **Housing:**

The City's low and moderate income neighborhoods are experiencing significant decline in the quality of affordable housing units. In the decade of the 1980's, accelerating property values and rents made investment in the City's neighborhoods extremely attractive for investor owners of property. These owners had little interest in neighborhood improvement activities, were interested only in return on their investment and tried to sell or even abandoned property as soon as the economic condition of the City limited profits.

Once again, areas of the City are experiencing abandonment of property on a wide spread scale and in every low and moderate income neighborhood property values have fallen quickly and many properties have been sold at mortgagee sale. The resulting upheaval in the real estate market has made the City's intervention imperative.

In the current CDBG program year, the amount of \$1,292,000 was allocated for housing activities. Of this amount, \$524,050, or approximately 40% was allocated for the support of the City's network of neighborhood based nonprofit housing agencies. Assistance provided directly by the Department of Planning and Development, including the Affordable Housing Development Loan Fund and direct assistance to individuals, received 23% of this allocation while approximately 7% of the funds were made available in assistance to two projects assisting the homeless ( Sunrise Housing and Project HAND). The balance of funds were used to provide the administrative services necessary for these programs as well as provide all in-house operating services for the City's major rehabilitation program, the Rental Rehabilitation Program . Administrative services are also provided for the Code Enforcement Emergency Loan Fund and the Tenants Emergency Repair Program.

In the up-coming program year, Program Year 17, we are suggesting that the amount of \$1,566,400 be allocated to housing related activities, an increase of \$274,400. We suggest holding most neighborhood based housing activities at the same level as last year. This level while actually modest certainly provides a significant contribution to the agencies and we expect that all agencies solicit and receive operating contributions from a variety of sources. We have added one agency for funding, providing a small seed grant for a revitalization project in the Federal Hill neighborhood. The total amount made available to housing non-profits in this budget will be \$562,650. This allocation will be approximately 35% of the total funds available to housing activities.

Two special projects, assistance to Advent House a transitional housing facility for the homeless and assistance to a project moving houses from sites near Rhode Island Hospital to residential areas of South Providence are proposed to be funded in the total amount of \$130,000 or 9.5% of our total housing budget.

Substantial increases are planned in the area of direct housing assistance because of our concern for the growing number of vacant abandoned properties in the City's neighborhoods and our growing belief that the City must make a greater contribution to neighborhood revitalization. We are now working to bring a number of public and private resources together for the purpose of actually funding housing rehabilitation and addressing the growing abandonment problem. The increased amount available in this year's CDBG entitlement budget is one element for this process. The amount we propose this year is \$348,750 an increase of \$153,750. In addition, we propose to continue funding the Affordable Housing Development Loan Fund for the purpose of allowing more significant contributions to the predevelopment costs of

affordable housing projects. These two programs funded for a total of \$423,750 account for 29% of our housing budget.

The balance of funds, will again be used to administer the City's Rental Rehabilitation Program which will be assumed by the new HUD/HOME and HOPE programs after Congress acts to fund the programs, the Emergency Repair Program, Code Enforcement Loan Program, Affordable Housing Development Fund and the Direct Assistance Programs now in place and planned.

In total, one quarter of the entire entitlement is proposed to be spent for housing activities, reflecting the need for housing resources of all kinds for the neighborhoods of the City as well as special activities important to particular neighborhoods.

The housing program objectives for the up-coming year can be summarized as follows:

1. Provide housing rehabilitation assistance to low and moderate income homeowners using the City's CDBG resource, and the new Federal HOME/HOPE programs when these become available,
2. Provide support to the planning and implementation of a strategy to enhance homeownership opportunities in the City's neighborhoods,
3. Provide continuing support to the development of affordable housing units,
4. Continue support of the established network of community based housing nonprofit agencies, and,
5. Provide support to the planning and implementation of strategies leading to the elimination of vacant, abandoned and deteriorated properties in the City's neighborhoods.

## Community/Public Facilities

One of the original and most important purposes of the Community Development Block Grant Program nationally is its "bricks and mortar" focus. In the current year's budget, the CDBG provided assistance in the amount of \$249,000 for projects including assistance to community centers, the Family Outreach Center, R.I. Indian Council, Wanskuck Boys Club and Children's Friend and Service. The construction and rehabilitation of the City's public facilities and community centers again receives more significant funding in this budget. The range of projects includes recreational facilities, community centers, innovative educational facilities and handicapped accessibility for visitors to the Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History.

Each of the facilities proposed for funding this year will provide services to one of the City's low or moderate income neighborhoods. We are proposing to challenge the sponsors of four new recreation facilities with grants of funds. Groups in the West End, Silver Lake and Mt.Hope are very interested in the construction of indoor gymnasium-type facilities. We propose to offer construction assistance grants to three facilities, the John Hope Gymnasium addition, the Mt.Hope Recreational facility and the Neutakonkanut Park Indoor Recreation facility based upon the additional support for these projects from other sectors. In the case of the West End Center, we will make a smaller grant for the same purpose except that the West End Center addition will determine at a later date the actual configuration of its addition. We intend to make grants of \$100,000 each to the Mt. Hope Facility and the Neutakonkanut facility, \$60,000 to the John Hope addition and \$25,000 to the West End Community Center.



Again in this program budget, we propose to offer small scale assistance to the network of community centers in the City's neighborhoods. Over the past three years, funds in the amount of \$10,000 per year per center have been made available for rehabilitation. We recognize that these funds are not sufficient to undertake large projects but we feel that the smaller, more limited projects made possible (roof repairs, ceiling fans for energy efficiency, exterior fencing, interior painting as examples) have relieved pressure on the operating budgets of the centers and we feel that this allocation should be continued in the up-coming year.

However, we also recognize that these allocations alone are insufficient to really improve the physical plant of these centers. The buildings are in most cases rehabilitated older buildings and even the new facilities are intensively used 12-18 hours each day in many cases at least 6 days per week. The need for significant repairs or additional space at the centers is great and the cost of a new roof, a new heating system or extensive exterior improvements ( playgrounds etc.) can easily overwhelm even the stronger centers. To begin to meet these greater needs, we are proposing this year the creation of a Community Center Development Fund. Budgeted at \$170,900 for the first year, we propose to make grants available to community centers planning major physical rehabilitation or construction projects. It is not within the scope of this budget to be the sole source for necessary funds but rather our role will be that of major contributor.

The additional projects listed for funding in this category include a contribution to the acquisition of a new facility for Community Prep in South Providence, assistance to DARE for the purchase and renovation of their building in South Providence, assistance to the International Institute for acquiring a more spacious facility, assistance to the R.I. Indian Council for

acquisition of lots in Upper South Providence, a contribution to the funds being raised for installation of handicapped accessible elevators at the Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History and very small grants to the Wanskuck Boys Club for architectural services and to the Womens Center for installation of a better security alarm system. Funds for these projects total \$265,000.

Incidentally, although the requests from the agencies listed above totaled more than \$775,000, we were able to review each project, find that it was eligible for some CDBG funding and provide at least a contribution to every agency which presented an application for funding in the area of public facility construction or rehabilitation. The projects described here will ultimately result in several million dollars in construction activity in the City's neighborhoods and will bring substantial private, foundation and corporate contributions as well. We are very pleased to present these proposed activities believing that this group represents a very worthwhile use of CDBG funds.

In all, the total proposed budget for the projects identified as public/community centers improvements is \$843,400 or 12% of the total entitlement amount for this program year. This increase of more than \$600,000 represents the importance which we want to express about the need for better and in fact additional recreational and community facilities in our neighborhoods. We believe that the community center network is a vital service network for neighborhood residents and that it must be expanded and preserved.

The later described program of community and public facilities will meet the following objectives:

1. Continue to promote the concept of high quality social services provided in a neighborhood multi-service center setting,

2. Support the development of neighborhood recreation sites as means to provide neighborhood revitalization and youth diversion,

3. Provide assistance to Community Preparatory School, DARE, and the Rhode Island Indian Council in support of their activities

4. Provide assistance for the installation of handicapped accessibility improvements at a public building in the Roger Williams Park complex.

## Neighborhood Improvement Program

A program which was successful in this year, will be completed in the upcoming year in the Mt. Pleasant/Chalkstone Avenue/Academy Avenue business district. We have nearly completed a program of physical improvements and amenities for the area and require a modest request of \$100,000 to complete the work from Program Year 17 funds.

The Chalkstone Avenue commercial area has been declining in the past few years. Businesses have neglected to make investments in the business area in part because of the deteriorated public infrastructure. In the past current program year, public funds have been used to install approximately 66 trees in the neighborhood and to install new sidewalks where needed. These physical improvements have made an important contribution to the overall quality of the neighborhood.

Our program objective will be as follows:

Planning and implementation of a program of physical neighborhood improvements along Chalkstone Avenue and Academy Avenue leading to the revitalization of the commercial corridor with spin off effects to the surrounding residential neighborhood.

## **Public Services**

The City's commitment to its human service providers is especially critical in this time of enormous need in our City. The Community Development Block Grant program has provided a long term funding source especially for its network of multi-service centers. Even though operating with a statutory cap of approximately \$1,500,000 we nevertheless have provided funds which support the operation of 12 multi-service centers and 16 single purpose human service programs in the City.

These programs provide services in every low and moderate income neighborhood in the City. A total of 46 program components are provided including 8 intake/outreach programs, 5 day care programs, 13 senior citizens programs, 13 youth programs and 7 adult services programs.

Grants to multi-service centers are provided on a block grant concept, allowing each center to determine the proper program mix for its clients. While all centers provide a core of services, some centers have special programs tailored to the needs of recent immigrants, non-English speaking persons or handicapped individuals.

The objective of this program area is as follows:

1. To continue to provide vital human service programs augmenting physical revitalization efforts in low and moderate income neighborhoods and to provide human service programs for low income persons in every area of the City.

## **Parks and Open Spaces**

Again in Program Year 17, we propose only one program meeting an objective in the areas of Parks and Open Spaces. We will again in this year propose to provide support to a neighborhood based gardening project. This project has encourages low income persons to augment their diet with fresh produce and has caused vacant lots to be returned to productive use.

### **Program objective:**

Provide a neighborhood-based gardening and composting program along with gardening education programming.

## **Economic Development**

In the current budget year, Economic Development activities were budgeted at the level of \$786,300 (14% of the entitlement) while in the coming year, we are suggesting that funds in the amount of \$765,000 (12% of the entitlement ) be made available for such purposes. Once again, we are suggesting that the City's economic development loan fund be replenished with the amount of \$500,000 and administrative expenses be provided for various economic development activities undertaken by the Department of Planning and Development.

The Promenade Business Association will continue to assist the City with the revitalization of this area and support for the Business Association is an important means to solidify gains already made through physical improvements in the area. In addition, a small grant will be made to the Wickendon Street Business Association to support this area of the City.

A new project proposed for funding will provide support for the planning and opening of a "green market" somewhere in the City. Although of special interest to the Asian community and sponsored by the SOCIO-ECO Development Center, this market can be a focus for many ethnic activities.

We also intend to identify a pool of funds which will be used to support major projects by means of short term loans. This interim financing program will be offered to projects making substantial privately and publicly financed commitments to projects throughout the City. Before funds are made available, an environmental review process will be undertaken.

The types of activities which might require assistance from this interim financing option include firms offering employment opportunities to Providence residents, expansions of existing firms or even housing developments benefitting low and moderate income persons and families.

Program objectives under the economic development program area include:

1. Continue to provide resources to local businesses for business retention or expansion
2. Encourage the creation of jobs available to low and moderate income residents of Providence.
3. Establish a flexible short term interim financing pool available for assistance to commercial, industrial or housing agencies making significant private or public investment in the City for the benefit of low and moderate income persons.
4. Provide support for neighborhood business associations
5. Continue programs which expand the tax base of the City
6. Plan and implement programs which expand business opportunities for minority businesses located, seeking to locate or opening business ventures in the City of Providence.



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**PROGRAM YEAR 17**

**PROGRAM BUDGET**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

PROGRAM YEAR 17

BUDGET

HOUSING NON-PROFITS

Elmwood Foundation	\$ 58,000
Elmwood NHS	\$ 52,250
Good News Housing	\$ 42,250
Mt. Hope Land Trust	\$ 35,000
New Homes Development Co.	\$ 22,500
Olneyville Housing Corp.	\$ 51,500
OMNI Housing	\$ 66,500
PPS Revolving Fund	\$ 52,250
Smith Hill Housing	\$ 14,250
SWAP	\$ 71,250
West Broadway Incentive	\$ 15,200
West Elmwood Housing Development	\$ 38,000
Women's Development Corp.	\$ 43,700
Sub-Total	\$ 562,650

**HOUSING DIRECT IN-HOUSE ASSISTANCE**

Direct Assistance	\$ 348,750
Affordable Hsg. Development Fund	\$ 75,000
Direct Program Costs	\$ 450,000
Sub-Total	\$ 873,750

**SPECIAL PROJECTS/HOUSING**

Islamic Housing Project	\$ 80,000
Advent House	\$ 50,000
Sub-Total	\$ 130,000

<b>TOTAL ALL HOUSING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$1,566,400</b>
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**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION**

John Hope Center/Gym	\$ 60,000
Mt. Hope Rec. Facility	\$ 100,000
Neutakonkanut Park	\$ 100,000
West End Center Addition	\$ 25,000
Sub-Total	\$ 285,000

COMMUNITY CENTERS - REHABILITATION

DaVinci Center	\$ 10,000
Elmwood Center	\$ 10,000
Federal Hill House	\$ 10,000
Hartford Park Center	\$ 10,000
Joslin Center	\$ 10,000
John Hope Center	\$ 10,000
Mt. Hope Center	\$ 10,000
Nickerson Center	\$ 10,000
Silver Lake Center	\$ 10,000
Smith Hill Center	\$ 10,000
Washington Park Center	\$ 10,000
West End Center	\$ 10,000
Community Center Development Fund	\$ 170,900
Sub-Total	\$ 290,900

**OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION**

Community Prep School	\$ 60,000
DARE	\$ 50,000
International Institute	\$ 50,000
R.I. Indian Council	\$ 20,000
R. Williams Park Museum	\$ 25,000
S. Providence Tutorial	\$ 50,000
Wanskuck Boys Club	\$ 5,000
Women's Center	\$ 5,000
Sub-Total	\$ 265,000
<b>TOTAL ALL PUBLIC FACILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 843,400</b>

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Chalkstone Avenue Project	\$ 100,000
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**HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS**

Human Service Programs	\$1,485,000
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**OTHER PROGRAMS**

Keep Providence Beautiful	\$ 43,700
Downtown Providence Imp. Asso.	\$ 18,000
Southside Community Land Trust	\$ 20,000
Sub-Total	\$ 81,700

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Direct Program Assistance - in house	\$ 500,000
Promenade Business Association	\$ 10,000
Socio-Eco Development Center	\$ 30,000
Wickenden Street Association	\$ 10,000
Direct Program Costs	\$ 200,000
Sub-Total	\$ 750,000

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

General Administration	\$1,101,000
Providence Plan/Study	\$ 40,000
EHOP	\$ 65,000

Sub-Total	\$1,206,000
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<b>TOTAL ENTITLEMENT AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$6,030,000</b>
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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**PROGRAM YEAR 17**

**EXPECTED PROGRAM INCOME AND USES**



CDBG PROGRAM INCOME PROJECTIONS

Float Loans:

Kaplan \$ 25,000 Interest Only

R.Williams Day Care \$ 6,000 Principal

Other Loans:

Shelter Services \$ 3,469 Interest Only

Women's Opportunity \$ 25,500

Other:

Boarding and Demo. \$ 40,000

TOTAL \$ 99,969

Use of funds: Program income will be used for housing, economic development, administration and other CDBG eligible activities.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**PROGRAM YEAR 17**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**Neighborhood Based Non-Profit Housing Agencies:**

Elmwood Foundation

Location: Elmwood Foundation  
One Trinity Square  
Providence, R.I. 02907  
Telephone 273-2330

April H. Wolf, Executive Director

**Project Summary**

The housing program of the Elmwood Foundation makes information available on all homes for sale in the Elmwood neighborhood. Staff works directly with realtors and interested potential homeowners to keep the real estate market in the neighborhood vital and active. The Foundation has been responsible for the sale of over 125 homes to owner occupants effectively taking these homes off the speculative market. The program operates on a house by house, case by case basis.

The Foundation also plans to continue to assist residents with the installation of low cost, high quality security alarm system

CDBG funds requested total approximately 60% of the total operating budget of the Elmwood Foundation. Funds contributing to three staff positions are requested.

Census Tracts Served: 2 and 3

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$58,000

Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.

Location: Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.  
9 Atlantic Avenue  
Providence, R.I. 02907  
  
Irwin Becker, Executive Director

Project Summary

The Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. will receive funds from the CDBG in the up-coming year to offset administrative costs of this partnership program involving the City, financial institutions and neighborhood residents.

The ENHS plans in the upcoming year to provide the following services:

Purchase and rehabilitate three family houses at 22,24,26 Mawney Street,

Purchase a vacant lot at 9 Mawney St. for either construction or moving a structure,

Purchase and rehabilitate a three family at 18-29 Atlantic Ave.

Provide 5 housing loans and commercial loans,

Complete work on 9 unit building on Dartmouth Street

Continue work for lead abatement in the Elmwood neighborhood, provide technical assistance for homeowners and initiate the second phase of the Broad Street commercial revitalization project.

Census Tracts Served: 2 and 3

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$52,250

Good News Housing Community Land Trust

Location            Good News Housing Community Land Trust  
                     1398 Broad Street  
                     Providence, R.I. 02905  
                     Telephone 781-3553  
  
                     Alice Engram-Hammed, Executive Director

Project Summary

This agency has been successfully developing a cooperative homeownership opportunity for low income persons in the South Providence, West End and Elmwood neighborhoods. The cooperative units are developed in separate cooperative models containing 2-12 units.

The Good News Housing Community Land Trust proposes to develop 17 units of housing at the following locations in the next year:

5 units of cooperative housing at 71  
and 75 Colfax Street

3 units of rental property at 388  
Sayles Street and 421 Prairie Avenue

3 units of cooperative conversion at  
222-224 Sackett Street

6 units of cooperative housing at 437  
Prairie Ave, 62 and 66 Croyland Rd.

In addition, the Grantee plans to develop new office space for the organization to be located at 424 Prairie Avenue. Selection of tenants and training of residents will be accomplished and services to existing and new coops will continue.

Census Tracts Served: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$42,250

Mt. Hope Community Land Trust

Location            Mount Hope Community Land Trust  
                     Mt. Hope Community Association  
                     199 Camp Street  
                     Providence, R.I. 02906  
                     Telephone 521-8830

Vincent Brown, Chairman of the Board

Project Summary

The Mt. Hope Land Trust was formed in 1988 to develop affordable housing resources for the Mt. Hope neighborhood. Assistance has been provided from the Department of Planning and Development to identify sites and provide development expertise.

The Land Trust plans to construct 32 units of affordable housing including 5 single family units and 27 multifamily dwellings. The housing will be developed without rental subsidies and is expected to be marketed to families with incomes in the range of \$15,000-\$25,000.

The Mt. Hope Land Trust plans to develop these units with the assistance of a full time project manager. Additional funds have been requested for office expenses.

The Land Trust believes that financing for this project is available from Fleet National Bank, RI Housing and Citizens bank.

Census Tracts Served: 31 and 32

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$35,000

New Homes Development Corporation

Location            New Homes Development Company  
Federal Hill

John DeCataldo, Development/Program Consultant  
16 Strawberry Lane, Cranston, R.I.

Lou Viti, Neighborhood Specialist  
82 Ridge Street, Providence, R.I.

Luigi Fiore, CPA  
125 Wayland Avenue, Providence, R.I.

Joe Dabek, Consultant  
Little Compton, R.I.

Project Summary

The agency plans to reinstate several successful programs of the New Homes for Federal Hill program.

The agency plans to develop new affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income persons,

It also plans for the reuse of vacant lots and underutilized properties in Federal Hill and will provide a mechanism for home improvements to be completed at an affordable cost.

The group will use a variety of resources including the PHA scattered site housing, RI Housing, the RI Housing Partnership, city funded home repair programs and the PRA.

Census Tracts Served: 9,10,11

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$22,500

Olneyville Housing Corporation

Location            Olneyville Housing Corporation  
                     133 Delaine Street  
                     Providence, R.I. 02909  
                     Telephone 351-8719

Maureen Mercer, Executive Director

Project Summary

The Olneyville Housing Corporation has requested administrative support for their program of housing development and neighborhood improvement.

Their program has not yet been able to actually construct or rehabilitate any actual housing units but has been able to maintain property condition inventories, encourage rehabilitation and enhance code enforcement activities in a targeted area of the Olneyville neighborhood.

Continuation of funding for this program will allow the agency to continue to plan for construction of new housing units on previously vacant land and will allow the agency time to try to plan intervention strategies for the growing number of vacant abandoned properties in the neighborhood.

Census Tract Served: 19

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$51,500



OMNI Housing Corporation

Location: Omni Development Corporation  
391 Pine Street  
Providence, R.I. 02903

Joseph Caffey, Executive Director

Program Description:

Funds are requested for the continuing support of the OMNI housing development program. Funds have been requested to plan, develop and manage several innovative homeownership and rental housing opportunities.

These might include the South Providence Homeownership Program, the Pilgrim Square Development among others.

Omni Housing has recently completed the separation of its activities from those of OIC of Rhode Island. The new Executive Director is planning to be especially active in the development of homeownership programs for the South Providence neighborhood.

Census Tract Served: 4,5,6,7

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$66,500

Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund Inc.

Location            PPS Revolving Fund Inc.  
                    24 Meeting Street  
                    Providence, R.I. 02903  
                    Telephone -- 272-2760

B. Clarkson Schoettle ,Executive Director

Project Summary

The PPS Revolving Fund is requesting funds from the CDBG to assist with the operating budget of the agency. The Fund continues to provide low-interest rehabilitation loans for low and moderate income families.

The Fund administers a \$560,000 capital fund together with \$400,000 in loans from the RI Historical Preservation Commission. The funds are used to purchase endangered historic properties for resale and makes low-interest rehabilitation loans to property owners unable to secure conventional financing.

The Fund targets its resources in two neighborhoods, currently Upper South Providence and the Armory district. Additional neighborhood target areas will be investigated in the upcoming year.

To date, the Fund has assisted 75 homeowners loaning a total of \$1,489,500, leveraged over \$3,500,000 all of which represents improvements to 200 residential units. The budget requested for operating support represents approximately 30% of total operating costs.

Census Tracts Served: 7, 12 and 13

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$52,250

Smith Hill Housing Program

Location: Smith Hill Community Center  
110 Ruggles Street  
Providence, R.I.

Sarah Murphy, Executive Director

Project Summary:

The Smith Hill Center has a long standing program commitment to housing issues for its clients. Over the past few years, funds have been provided to review the potential development of properties on Vesta Street as affordable housing resources.

In the up-coming year, funds have been requested to continue the support of a housing counseling program and to continue to outreach to the Asian and Spanish populations of the Smith Hill neighborhood.

Activities will include distribution of a housing handbook, outreach services and possible development of affordable housing resources.

Census Tracts Served: 25,26

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$14,250

SWAP - Stop Wasting Abandoned Property

Location: SWAP - Stop Wasting Abandoned Property  
439 Pine Street  
Providence, R.I. 02907  
Telephone - 272-0526

James Hexter ,Executive Director

Project Summary

The SWAP organization is requesting administrative support for its program which provides quality affordable housing to low and moderate income households in the City.

SWAP intends to continue its current program of housing rehabilitation and construction as well as add a new program of cooperative housing ownership. SWAP is now making plans to develop an 11 unit cooperative project at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Princeton Avenue. These units are proposed as affordable to low income persons with no subsidy through extremely careful rehabilitation planning and management.

SWAP will attempt to develop an additional 24 units of affordable housing in the upcoming year as well as continue its successful anti-arson program.

SWAP will also continue to work with potential homeowners. SWAP provides education about many parts of the home buying process including financing and management and maintenance of property.

Census Tracts Served: 4,5,6,7,12,13,14

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$71,250

West Broadway Incentive Corporation

Location - West Broadway Incentive Corp.  
52 Chapin Ave.  
Providence, R.I.

Ms. Gilda Jeffrey, Executive Director

Project Summary:

This neighborhood revitalization activity includes assistance to homeowners with rehabilitation projects including contractor selection and small grants from a Legislative grant. The Executive Director also serves as a neighborhood liaison to various City programs including housing court and Rental Rehabilitation.

Census Tracts Served: 13

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$15,200

West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

Location            West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation  
                    20 Grand Street  
                    Providence, R.I. 02907  
                    Telephone 941-8950

Prudence K. Matima-Mashile, Exec. Director

Project Summary:

The West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation has been funded with CDBG funds for several years. Over this time, the agency has made progress and built affordable homes in the West End neighborhood.

In the upcoming year, West Elmwood Housing is proposing the construction or rehabilitation of as many as 62 units of affordable housing. These units would be 12 single family affordable homes each with three bedrooms and possibly 50 units of rental housing.

In addition, the Grantee proposes to seek funding for one additional staff person, bringing the organization level to a three person staff. It will also continue outreach and community liaison services with City departments, housing court and various rehabilitation funding sources.

The 50 units of rental housing are proposed to come from rehabilitation of existing vacant and boarded housing in the West End neighborhood.

Census Tracts Served: 12, 13, 14, 3

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$38,000

Women's Development Corporation

Location: Women's Development Corporation  
861A Broad Street  
Providence, R.I. 02907  
Telephone 941-2900

Alma Felix Green, President

Project Summary

Funds for Women's Development Corporation have been provided through the CDBG for several years. The WDC has developed 160 units of low-income rental housing and manages and owns 148 of these. Additionally, WDC provides technical services in the areas of housing development financing, property management and housing unit development and design.

Funds requested from the Year 17 CDBG will be used to develop 20 units of affordable rental housing for low to moderate income families with children. Funding sources will be extremely varied and include low-income and historic preservation tax credits, targeted loan program and below-market rate financing from RI Housing and guaranteed rental income contracts for 13 of these units. (project based Section 8 certificates).

This rental project will be located in the West End and is known as the West End Preservation Project.

CDBG funds provided to this agency will be used exclusively for administrative expenses, salary costs, fringe benefits, office space costs legal fees etc. None of the CDBG administrative support funds will be used to directly fund the rehabilitation or construction of the affordable housing units mentioned here.

Census Tracts served: 7,12,13,14

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$43,700

## **Housing Programs - Department of Planning and Development**

### **Direct Assistance:**

The Community Development Block Grant will be used to provide funds in the amount of \$348,750 to be made available as loans , grants or loan guarantees as part of an overall program of housing assistance for low and moderate income property owners in the City of Providence. While plans for the extent of this program are still being formulated, we are confident that several hundred homes at a minimum will be assisted in the coming program year.

### **Affordable Housing Development Fund:**

A budget in the amount of \$75,000 will be made available to support a fourth year of operation of the Affordable Housing Development Fund. Low interest loans can be made from this fund on a competitive basis to non-profit housing developers to write-down the start-up costs of new affordable housing developments. Short-term loans of up to \$50,000 can be available to finance up-front development costs but cannot be used in whole or in part for permanent project financing. The maximum loan term is two years and the maximum interest rate is 3%. Projects must have two or more living units.

### **Housing Program Direct Support:**

Funds in the amount of \$450,000 will be provided from the Community Development Block Grant for the City for expenses relating to the administration of direct housing assistance programs. Monitoring and program related services including income verifications, review of specifications, assistance to neighborhood based housing development agencies through the Affordable housing Development Fund and the administration of the remaining Rental rehabilitation funds and any additional HUD funded housing programs ( HOME or HOPE) and other programs funded by the Rhode Island Housing Agency will all be provided.



**Special Housing Projects:**

Advent House

Location: Linwood Avenue and Cranston Street  
Providence, R.I. 02907

Deborah Grey-Kluge, Executive Director

**Program Summary:**

The main goal of Advent House Inc. is to provide housing for homeless people in Providence by utilizing a comprehensive service approach. Advent House currently operates an emergency shelter and a transitional housing facility in two separate buildings. Plans call for the sale of both buildings and to purchase and rehabilitate buildings located at 96-106 Linwood Avenue.

The new site will include space for the two existing programs as well as the addition of 10 permanent dwelling units for handicapped homeless persons.

Funds for this project have been requested from HUD through the McKinney Act as well as from RI Housing through low income tax credits.

Census Tracts: Homeless persons in the City of Providence

CDBG FUNDS BUDGETED: \$50,000

Islamic Housing Project:

Contact: Wallace Bey  
President  
Islamic Housing Corporation  
20 Grand Street  
Providence, R.I. 02907  
Telephone 941-0340

Project Summary

The Islamic Housing Corporation has been awarded 4 three deckers by the administration of Rhode Island Hospital at no cost. These properties must be moved or they will be demolished to make way for the needs of Rhode Island Hospital.

The Islamic Housing Corporation, a neighborhood based housing developer currently working in the West End neighborhood, is requesting a grant for each house to provide for the cost of utilities installation and connection, engineering fees and other legal fees as well as moving the properties.

Census Tracts Served: 12, 13, 14

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$80,000

## Recreational Facilities Construction:

Funds from the Community Development Block Grant will be budgeted in a total amount of \$285,000 to assist with the development and construction of additional recreation facilities for several neighborhoods of the City. The City is aware that inner-City youth programs are critically needed to provide options for young people. Recreational facilities with their organized programming, sports programs and support network can offer one element of an overall strategy help young people resist the drug and gang culture so prevalent in all cities.

Four facilities are proposed for funding from this program year.

Mt. Hope Recreation Center - The Mt. Hope neighborhood is not currently served by a recreation center. Neighborhood residents have for many years wanted to have access to a facility which would provide programs and recreational opportunities for the Mt. Hope neighborhood population. Plans are currently being made to develop a new facility adjacent to the YMCA on Hope Street which will not only allow Mt. Hope residents full access to the swimming and existing recreation facilities at the YMCA but will also provide a new full size indoor gymnasium facility. Funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be made available as a challenge to the sponsors and as a sign of the City's interest in the project.

John Hope Center - The John Hope Center is a long established community center located in the West end neighborhood but which serves the entire South Side of the City. John Hope had expanded its facility several times to include space for a day care program and educational programs. The Center now is conducting a major fund raising campaign to construct a gymnasium facility at the center. This facility will be funded primarily with private funds and the City's contribution of \$60,000 will signify its support for the Center and its programs.

Neutakonkanut Park Facility - The City is challenging the neighborhood sponsors of a new indoor recreation facility to be located at Neutakonkanut Park with a grant of funds in the amount of \$100,000. These funds will not construct the facility but will provide a basis for future fund raising efforts.

West End Center Expansion - The West End Community Center has exceeded its capacity for program space and needs to be expanded in some way. A CDBG grant of \$25,000 will be made available for planning and design costs of a facility expansion which might include space for additional day care or recreational programming.

## Community and Public Facilities:

### Multi-Purpose Community Center Rehabilitation Fund:

The City of Providence supports its network of multi-purpose community centers through program funds provided in the Public Services category and through an on-going program of funding for rehabilitation projects. In this program year, the amount of \$120,000 or \$10,000 per center will be made available. Similar funds have been provided in the past and have been used to complete projects such as roof repairs, energy efficiency improvements, interior renovations and improvements to security systems. The following centers will be given rehabilitation grants in the 17th CDBG Program Year:

DaVinci Center	Census Tract 27
Elmwood Community Center	Census Tract 03
Federal Hill House	Census Tract 10
Hartford Park Community Center	Census Tract 18
John Hope Settlement House	Census Tract 12
Joslin Community Center	Census Tract 19
Mount Hope Center	Census Tract 31
Nickerson Community Center	Census Tract 19
Silver Lake /Annex Center	Census Tract 17
Smith Hill Center	Census Tract 26
Washington Park Center	Census Tract 01
West End Center	Census Tract 14

Each of these centers provides a variety of services to residents of low and moderate income neighborhoods of the City of Providence. Services include day care, after school recreation and enrichment programs, client intake and counseling, commodity distribution, emergency food and clothing banks, senior citizens programs, meals sites and recreation and enrichment programs for persons of all ages. These centers serve thousands of clients every year and are intensively used. The rehabilitation funds provided by the CDBG allow limited rehabilitation to be completed before deterioration is more advanced.

Community Center Development Fund:

However, we also recognize that these allocations alone are insufficient to really improve the physical plant of these centers. The buildings are in most cases rehabilitated older buildings and even the new facilities are intensively used 12-18 hours each day in many cases at least 6 days per week. The need for significant repairs or additional space at the centers is great and the cost of a new roof, a new heating system or extensive exterior improvements (playgrounds etc.) can easily overwhelm even the stronger centers. To begin to meet these greater needs, we are proposing this year the creation of a Community Center Development Fund. Budgeted at \$170,900 for the first year, we propose to make grants available to community centers planning major physical rehabilitation or construction projects. It is not within the scope of this budget to be the sole source for necessary funds but rather our role will be that of major contributor.

Community Preparatory School:

Location: Community Preparatory School  
160 Broad Street  
Providence, R.I. 02903  
Telephone - 521-9696  
  
Daniel Corley, Executive Director

Project Summary

Community Prep is requesting a grant to assist with the acquisition of a building for the school. The building will be located at the corner of Prairie and Somerset Streets.

The School in a new facility will be able to increase its student enrollment to 150 and will have other space available for rental to other inner city educational and cultural projects.

The new facility including acquisition and rehabilitation will cost at least \$1,200,000.

Additional needed funds will be raised privately.

Assistance to this activity will be used for acquisition since the school the school can provide information indicating that at least 51% of the student body comes from low and moderate income families. In addition, funds may be made available for installation of the elevator to provide handicapped accessibility and for exterior rehabilitation.

The Community Preparatory Program provides a strong educational program for children in the City of Providence. A predominantly minority and lower income clientele is served.

Census Tracts Served: Citywide

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$60,000

DARE - Direct Action for Rights and Equality

Location            DARE  
                    340 Lockwood Street  
                    Providence, R.I. 02907  
  
                    Mattie Smith, Chairperson

Project Summary

DARE is a low income and minority membership organization which seeks to take collective action on issues that affect everyday lives such as working for improved neighborhood conditions, better schools and affordable basis needs.

Their programs include neighborhood organizing, anti-drug programs, access to health care, voter registration and parenting skills programs.

Currently the organization is renting space in a building located at 340 Lockwood Street. The building is suited to the needs of the organization in terms of size and location. DARE has requested a grant of \$100,000 to assist with the purchase and renovation of the building.

Census Tracts Served: 1,4,5,6,7, 12, 13, 14

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$50,000



International Institute

Location            International Institute of Rhode Island Inc.  
                    421 Elmwood Ave.  
                    Providence, R.I. 02907  
                    Telephone 461-5940

William Shuey, Executive Director

Project Summary

The International Institute is requesting funds to assist with the purchase and renovation of a new facility located at 645 Elmwood avenue ECCO Place). The agency now has 50 staff members and serves 6000 clients each year.

The building will provide additional space for programs and will provide a consolidation of existing services. The International Institute is the City's largest service agency for new immigrants and those in need of English skills, legal services and acculturation services.

Census Tracts Served: City-Wide

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$50,000

R.I. Indian Council

Location            Rhode Island Indian Council Inc.  
                    444 Friendship Street  
                    Providence, R.I. 02907  
                    Telephone 331-4440

Darrell Waldron, Executive Director

Project Summary

The Indian Council is requesting funds to continue the implementation of the Master Plan for the Indian Village Development Project.

The specific project elements include building demolition and site preparation to prepare a lot at 448 Friendship St. for eventual development of a day care center and acquisition of a vacant lot at 77 West Clifford Street for eventual development of the Cultural Center.

The parcel on Friendship Street has an existing historic building and the Indian Council plans to ask the assistance of the R.I. Historical Preservation Commission to identify an individual or institution to remove the building at no cost to the Indian Council.

Census Tracts Served: Citywide

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$20,000

Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History

Location            Museum of Natural History  
                    Dalrymple Boathouse, Roger Williams Park  
                    Providence, R.I. 02905  
                    Telephone - 785-9450

Elizabeth R. Tatian, Director

Project Summary

Funds are to be provided to undertake a program of rehabilitation at the Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History for the purpose of making the building more accessible to the handicapped.

The actual project involves the installation of an exterior elevator addition servicing the basement, first and second floors of the museum building.

The total budget for the project has been estimated at \$150,000 although that estimate is now three years old. Funds are requested from the City of Providence through the CDBG as well as various other local and national foundations.

The Museum of Natural History is a historic landmark for the City and approval from the R.I. Historical Preservation Commission will be necessary for any work undertaken.

Census Tracts Served: Citywide handicapped populations

CDBG AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$25,000

South Providence Tutorial Inc.

Location            South Providence Tutorial Inc.  
                     1 Louisa Street  
                     Providence, R.I. 02905  
                     Telephone 785-2126

Malvene Brice, Executive Director

Project Summary

The South Providence Tutorial Inc. has purchased lots located at Plat 48, lots 706,794 and 711 through the Providence Redevelopment Agency. The agency plans to construct a new facility to provide a wide range of educational enrichment and remedial programs for the residents of the South Providence neighborhood.

The agency is now requesting that the City commit funds to launch a fund raising effort to construct a new facility. The total cost of the building will be in excess of \$1,386,000.

The grant made by the Community Development Block Grant will allow the agency to show a good faith effort to support the appeal to charitable and corporate sectors.

Census Tracts Served: 4,5,6,7

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$50,000

Wanskuck Boys and Girls Club

Location: 550 Branch Avenue  
Providence, R.I. 02905

Richard E. White, Executive Director

Project Summary:

The Wanskuck Boys and Girls Club will again receive a small grant in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with architectural and engineering services necessary for completion of a major capital improvements program at the center. This center is a focal point for recreational activities in the North End neighborhood of the City.

Census Tracts Served: 28, 29

CDBG FUNDS BUDGETED: \$5,000

Women's Center

Location: 45 East Transit Street  
Providence, R.I. 20906

Anne Grant, Executive Director

Project Summary

The Women's Center has requested that funds in the amount of \$5,000 be made available for rehabilitation of the center. Projects may include the installation of a new security alarm system.

The Women's Center is the City's largest program of services for abused women and their children. Services include temporary shelter, legal assistance, and supportive services.

Census Tracts Served: Citywide

CDBG FUNDS BUDGETED: \$5,000

**Neighborhood Improvement Program:**

**Chalkstone Avenue Project:**

**Project Summary:**

In the current program Year, the Department has begun and nearly completed a successful program of physical improvements in the Chalkstone Avenue neighborhood commercial district. Improvements to this area have included new trees , sidewalks and other street amenities. A plan has been formulated to continue and complete the planned improvements in the up-coming year.

Census Tracts Served: 22,23,24

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$100,000

## Public Services:

The City of Providence plans to provide the amount of \$1,485,000 to support the network of human service centers and single purpose social purpose programs throughout the City. This amount represents the same amount provided over the past 6 years due to the statutory cap on the amount of funds to be made available to human service programs.

During Program Year 15 ( the most recently completed CDBG programs Year - July 1989/June 1990 ) the same amount, \$1,485,000, was made available. For this investment of funds, 1,148,384 service units were provided to a total of 16,760 clients.

These services were therefore available to the entire population of the City and used by more 10% of the total City population. Of the total clients, 24.1% were black, 23.7% were Hispanic, 1.4% were of Asian descent while the balance were white.

Eleven agencies provided services to the senior population of the City. Of the total service units, 235,930 or 20.5% were provided to a total of 4063 elderly persons. Services include meals sites, health services and recreation.

Eight Intake and Outreach programs accounted for 88,958 or 7.8% of the total service units provided. These services were provided to 5,631 clients. Services in this program area included information and referral work, health and nutrition programs and special needs services such as emergency food and clothing for needy clients.

Young persons were provided with a total of 218,744 service units which included educational enrichment, tutoring and recreation programs. In addition, 664 children were provided with needed day care services.

Nine agencies provided the balance of the CDBG service units, some 180,561 units. Agencies within this program category include the International Institute, John E. Fogarty Center, Langston Hughes Center for the Arts, Talbot House, Vietnam Era Veterans Association, John Hope Settlement House Foster Grandparents Program, Theatre for Emily, the Elderly Transportation and the City's Interim House Emergency Shelter Program.

Programs to be funded in the up-coming program year include assistance to 12 multi-purpose community centers in the amount of \$1,045,812 and assistance to 16 single purpose programs in the amount of \$347,689. Programs in the areas of youth, day care, seniors, day care and health services will be provided. Once again, these funds will be contracted to the Providence Community Action Program Inc. which will provide management services for these programs.



**Other Programs:**

Keep Providence Beautiful Inc.

Location           Keep Providence Beautiful Inc.  
                    235 Promenade St.  
                    Suite 226  
                    Providence, R.I. 02908  
                    Telephone 351-6440

Carol Golden, Executive Director

**Project Summary**

Funds that have been budgeted for this program will continue the program of KPB to develop and cultivate a broad-based constituency for the litter issue, to be a facilitator of community organizations to deal with litter problems and to apply pressure with property owners, to educate young children in order to positively influence behavior, to work with the City toward upgrading of services and enforcement relative to a clean environment and to secure a mix of financing sources for KPB.

The total budget for the agency is in excess of \$136,000 with a CDBG budget of \$43,700.

Census Tracts Served: Citywide

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$43,700

Downtown Providence Improvement Association

Location: Downtown Providence Improvement Association  
10 Jackson Walkway  
Providence, R.I. 02903  
  
James Williams, Executive Director

Project Summary:

A grant will be provided again to this agency for the purpose of continuing the program of cleanup and beautification of downtown through the creation of job opportunities for low income persons.

Census Tracts Served: 8  
CDBG FUNDS BUDGETED: \$18,000

Southside Community Land Trust

Location 288 Dudley Street  
Providence, R.I. 02905  
  
Deborah Schimberg, Executive Director

Project Summary

The budgeted amount will continue funding for a program of creation of community gardens in low and moderate income neighborhoods of the City.

The Grantee will also continue to provide technical assistance to existing gardens located throughout the City.

Census Tracts Served: 4,5,6,7,12,13,14  
CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$20,000

## **Economic Development:**

### Direct Program Assistance:

In this program year, the on-going program of economic development loans will be continued using in part a contribution of \$500,000 from the Program Year 17 Community Development Block Grant. Following the successful program design now operating, loans are made to businesses serving the needs of low/moderate income neighborhoods or employing lower income persons. Loans can be made either directly from these new funds or from funds available through investments or loan repayments.

In addition to this loan program, the City intends to continue to offer an interim financing option to businesses relocating to the City, expanding their operations in the City and serving the needs of low/moderate income persons and families or offering employment opportunities to low or moderate income persons. In the up-coming year, the City intends to offer funding for this program up to the amount of \$5,000,000. These funds will be offered on a citywide basis to businesses meeting the program objectives mentioned above. Individual interim financing loans will be evaluated at the time projects are made known to the City and cannot be identified at this time. Each loan will be reviewed carefully and only the funds necessary to complete the project will be made available from the CDBG interim financing pool. While the funds will be drawn from the CDBG letter of credit, we will insure that no CDBG projects already funded will be cancelled or delayed as a result of these interim loans.

### Program Support:

Funds in the amount of \$200,000 will be made available from this budget to offer administrative support for economic development activities undertaken by the Department of Planning and development.

**Other Economic Development Programs:**

Promenade Business Association:

Contact: Lincoln Pratt, President  
Promenade Business Association  
c/o Providence Journal ,75 Fountain Street  
Providence, R.I. 02902

**Project Summary:**

A grant of funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be made to this organization which provides assistance to business located in the newly revitalized Promenade Business district. This grant support the wide ranging series of physical improvements made to the area.

Census Tracts Served: 8,25,26

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$10,000

Socio-Economic Development Center

Contact Thongsavanh Phongsavan, President  
Socio-Economic Development Development Center  
620 Potters Ave.  
Providence, R.I. 02907  
Telephone 941-8422

**Project Summary**

The organization is receiving a grant of funds to support the site selection and planning phase of a multi-year effort to establish a central garden market that will serve the growers of produce and other products from a wide range of ethnic communities.

The project is seen as a weekend market on a secure site.

Funds have been requested for staff support for the site selection process, architectural services and market studies.

Census Tracts Served: Citywide

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$30,000

Wickenden Street Merchants Association

Location: Janet K. Skinner  
President  
c/o Lily's of the Alley  
270 Wickenden Street  
Providence, R.I. 02906

Project Summary:

Funds will be made available to assist the merchants association with planning and implements a program of advertising, public events and improvements to improve the viability of this business area.

Census Tracts Served: 37,36

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$10,000

**Administration:**

General administration funds in the amount of \$1,101,000 will be made available.

Providence Plan

Funds in the amount of \$40,000 will be made available to fund one phase of the Providence Plan planning effort. Possible planning topics include implementation of housing strategies for the City.

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED: \$40,000

Providence Human Relations Commission

Contact-Christine Roundtree  
Executive Director  
Providence Human Relations Commission  
70 Kennedy Plaza, 2nd Floor  
Providence, R.I. 02903

This allocation will fund the Providence Human Relations Commission's Equal Housing Opportunity Program. The budgeted amount will be \$65,000.

Objectives of the program include extensive advertising and outreach efforts pertaining to housing issues to educate all segments of the population of Providence about fair housing issues.

CDBG FUNDING BUDGETED : \$65,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**PROGRAM YEAR 17**

**GRANTEE CERTIFICATIONS**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
GRANTEE CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with 24 CFR 570.303 of the Community Development Block Grant regulations, the grantee certifies that:

- (a) It possesses legal authority to make a grant submission and to execute a community development and housing program;
- (b) Its governing body has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion or similar action authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to submit the final statement and amendments thereto and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to act in connection with the submission of the final statement and to provide such additional information as may be required;
- (c) Prior to submission of its final statement to HUD, the grantee has:
  - 1. Met the citizen participation requirements of §570.301(b);
  - 2. Prepared its final statement of community development objectives and projected use of funds in accordance with §570.301(c) and made the final statement available to the public;
- (d) It is following a detailed citizen participation plan which:
  - 1. Provides for and encourages citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used, and provides for participation of residents in low and moderate income neighborhoods as defined by the local jurisdiction;
  - 2. Provides citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the grantee's proposed use of funds, as required by the regulations of the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under the Act;
  - 3. Provides for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals with the level and type of assistance to be determined by the grantee;

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4. Provides for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped;
  5. Provides for a timely written answer to written complaints and grievances, within 15 working days where practicable; and
  6. Identifies how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate;
- (e) The grant will be conducted and administered in compliance with:
1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.); and
  2. The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-20);
- (f) It will affirmatively further fair housing;
- (g) It has developed its final statement of projected use of funds so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; (the final statement of projected use of funds may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available); except that the aggregate use of CDBG funds received under section 106 of the Act, and if applicable, under section 108 of the Act, during the 17,18,19 program year(s) (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three consecutive years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that not less than 70 percent of such funds are used for activities that benefit such persons during such period;
- (h) It has developed a community development plan, for the period specified in paragraph (g) above, that identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective and requirements of the Act;

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(i) It is following:

1. A current housing affordability strategy which has been approved by HUD in accordance with section 105 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; or
2. A housing assistance plan which was approved by HUD during the 180 day period beginning November 28, 1990, or during such longer period as may be prescribed by the Secretary in any case for good cause.

(j) It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted in whole or in part with funds provided under section 106 of the Act or with amounts resulting from a guarantee under section 108 of the Act by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements, unless:

1. Funds received under section 106 of the Act are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements that are financed from revenue sources other than under Title I of the Act; or
2. For purposes of assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of moderate income, the grantee certifies to the Secretary that it lacks sufficient funds received under section 106 of the Act to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (1) above;

(k) Its notification, inspection, testing and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint will comply with §570.608;

(l) It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as required under §570.606(a) and Federal implementing regulations; the requirements in §570.606(b) governing the residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan under section 104(d) of the Act (including a certification that the grantee is following such a plan); the relocation requirements of §570.606(c) governing displacement subject to section 104(k) of the Act; and the relocation requirements of §570.606(d) governing optional relocation assistance under section 105(a)(11) of the Act;

(m) It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

(n) To the best of its knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph (n) of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly;

(o) It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about -
  - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

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- (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- 3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
- 4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
  - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- 5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- 6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -
  - (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
  - (b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- 7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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8. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

400 Westminster Street, Providence, R.I. 02903

Check X if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here; and

- (p) It will comply with the other provisions of the Act and with other applicable laws.