

RESOLUTION NO. 52-1989

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING A FINAL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989-90.

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Abilene request funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, for the City of Abilene situated in the Counties of Taylor and Jones, State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held as required by said Act, at which public hearing interested members of the public were invited to offer comments regarding the various programs to be undertaken under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Community Development Program is to develop a viable urban community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. Consistent with this primary objective, the Federal assistance provided in the Community Development Program is for the support of Community Development activities which are eligible under applicable Federal regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1. That the filing of an Application and Final Statement for a Community Development Block Grant under Title 24, Part 570 of the Code of Federal Regulations in the amount of One Million Eighty-Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,083,000) Dollars, to assist in carrying out Community Development activities for the locality, is hereby authorized and approved. The City Manager of the City of Abilene is hereby authorized to sign said application and any and all appurtenant documents on behalf of the City.

PART 2. That the financial assistance authorized by the Community Development Block Grant Program referred to above is required to enable the City of Abilene to carry on appropriate Community Development activities aimed toward meeting the objectives stated above.

PART 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 24th day of August, A.D., 1989.

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY



MAYOR

APPROVED:



CITY ATTORNEY

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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The following is a list of the goals and objectives adopted by the Abilene City Council for the 1989 program year.

1. HOUSING ASSISTANCE:

GOAL: To create a more positive image of low and moderate income neighborhoods by improving the quality of the housing stock.

OBJECTIVES:

1. By elimination of blight through the rehabilitation of unsafe and substandard housing by means of housing rehabilitation programs.
2. By upgrading Code Enforcement.

2. EMPLOYMENT:

GOAL: To create and encourage program development that prepares and sustains individuals in the work place for employment.

OBJECTIVES:

1. By providing jobs to individuals from low and moderate income households.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

GOAL: To encourage private sector investment in low/moderate income neighborhoods by decreasing economic risk.

OBJECTIVES:

1. By encouraging community based innovative programs.
2. By providing technical assistance to small businesses.
3. By providing funds to programs involved in employment, vocational training, and small business assistance.

4. HUMAN SERVICES:

GOAL: To enhance the delivery of services to low/moderate income.

OBJECTIVES:

1. By providing a centralized information and referral service.
2. By providing a program of management assistance to service agencies.

5. ACCESSIBLE/AFFORDABLE MEDICAL SERVICES:

GOAL: To increase accessibility and affordability of medical care services.

OBJECTIVES:

1. By providing effective and low-cost child and infant medical and dental care services.
2. By providing effective and low-cost adult medical and dental care services.
3. By providing effective and low-cost preadolescent and adolescent medical and dental care services.

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PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

CDBG 1989-90

CD Administration	\$ 160,650
Center for NonProfit Management	15,000
Mend-A-Child	27,200
Medical/Dental Program	44,625
Operation Bootstrap	10,000
Call for Help Information and Referral	68,770
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	90,890
Grant Loan	300,000
Emergency Repair	90,955
Condemnation/Rehabilitation	82,240
Zoning Enforcement	24,150
ED Administration	108,520
Business and Education Center Debt Service	60,000
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Total	\$ 1,083,000

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION: \$160,650

This activity provides for administrative support of the CDBG program. It includes salaries for two staff persons; the cost allocation plan amount to be received by the City; supplies, travel and training; printing, advertising; and other administrative activities.

This function is now a part of the City's Community and Economic Development Department. It is housed in City Hall at 555 Walnut Street.

CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT: \$ 15,000

This activity, co-sponsored by a private foundation and the CDBG, provides non-profit agencies in the City of Abilene with assistance in financial management, as well as marketing, board training, and fund raising. A minimum of thirty non-profit agencies will be assisted.

MEND-A-CHILD: \$ 27,200

This is a program of medical and dental assistance to children provided Citywide to lower-income households. The provider, a non-profit organization located at 174 Cypress Street, will use the CDBG funds to pay medical, dental and drug bills for those who qualify.

MEDICAL-DENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: \$ 44,625

This program operated by the Abilene-Taylor County Health Department will provide crisis intervention medical and dental care, upon application, to persons of lower income households throughout the City of Abilene.

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP: \$ 10,000

This activity provides for administrative expenses for a HUD sponsored program to assist single parent households on public assistance to achieve economic self sufficiency.

CALL FOR HELP INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: \$ 68,770

This public service program operated by the City of Abilene consists of the maintenance of a file of information on the various social services available locally from both non-profit organizations and governmental bodies and the referral of persons needing assistance to the appropriate organization.

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HOUSING REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION:

\$ 90,890

This activity provides administrative support for CD-funded Housing Office activities. It includes funding for three staff persons; supplies, travel and training, printing, advertising, and other administrative activities, as well as a share of the rent, utilities, etc., for the Housing Office located at 710-712 N. 6th Street.

GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM:

\$300,000

The Rehabilitation Grant/Loan Program provides housing assistance in the form of structure rehabilitation for low and moderate income homeowners residing in the Community Development Area. Houses are rehabilitated to meet local housing codes with a combination of grants and loans. Completion of 25 cases is projected for the 1989-90 program year using these funds and funds from previous years.

EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM:

\$ 90,955

The Emergency Repair Program is a housing assistance program designed to provide immediate assistance to homeowners where emergency conditions exist which threaten the safety and well-being of the occupants. Examples of assistance include repair of gas leaks, leaking roofs, unsafe electrical wiring and similar problems. Completion of total of 20 cases is anticipated for the 1989-90 program year. The program is confined to the Community Development Area.

CONDEMNATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM:

\$ 82,240

This program, operated in the Community Development Area by the City's Building Inspection Department, identifies substandard dwellings by an inspection process. After a property is identified as substandard, the owner is required to either rehabilitate or demolish the structure. For environmental review purposes, any demolition or rehabilitation associated with this project will be a separate activity.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

\$ 24,150

This program, operated in the Community Development Area by the City's Department of Planning and Development/Current Planning Division, consists of a "pro-active" rather than "complaint only" enforcement of City zoning-related codes and ordinances. One inspector will be funded to deal with problems relating to junked cars; commercial operations in residential areas; fences and structures built in City rights of way, etc.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

\$108,520

This program, operated by the City of Abilene's Community and Economic Development Department, consists of the provision of economic assistance to low and moderate income persons in the City of Abilene, with emphasis on job creation. This project consists of staff support, administrative costs, and implementation of a revolving loan program to provide local economic assistance in the form of loans. Technical assistance to businesses will also be provided through activity.

It replaces the service formerly provided by the Abilene Economic Development Company. It is housed in City Hall along with the C.D. administration function.

BUSINESS AND EDUCATION CENTER DEBT SERVICE:

\$ 60,000

These funds will be used to repay a portion of a loan approved through the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The proceeds from the loan will be used in the development of a Small Business Incubator, which will provide conditions conducive to the start up and survival of new businesses.

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