

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM



## 2005 Action Plan

A part of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan

4 CFR Part 91--consolidated submissions for community planning and development programs  
under the Community Development Block Grant CDBG Program;

**June 15, 2005**

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 113-05**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2005 PROGRAM YEAR ACTION PLAN AS A PART OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION'S 2001 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE GRAND JUNCTION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

**Recitals:**

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction was designated as an Entitlement Community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1996 when Mesa County's population reached 100,000;

WHEREAS, this designation entitles Grand Junction to an annual grant of funds under the Community Development Block Grant CDBG Program;

WHEREAS, to be eligible for funding, the City of Grand Junction must submit an annual Program Year Action Plan to be adopted as part of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan which serves as a federally required planning document that guides community development efforts in Grand Junction;

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the City's Consolidated Plan and CDBG Program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income;

WHEREAS, the planning process in developing the 2005 Program Year Action Plan included an emphasis on Citizen Participation and interagency involvement;

WHEREAS, the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan included a process of developing a set of local priority needs and objectives through a coordinated effort with non-profit and government agencies in the community serving the low income and special needs populations; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan established a strategic plan that addresses the priority needs, goals and strategies the Grand Junction Community has identified and will undertake between 2001 and 2005, the life of the Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Junction City Council formally adopts the CDBG 2005 Program Year Action Plan as a part of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.**

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

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City Clerk

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President of the Council

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# INTRODUCTION

The City of Grand Junction was designated as an Entitlement Community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1996 when the County's population reached 100,000. This designation entitles Grand Junction to an annual grant of funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). To be eligible for funding the City must submit a Consolidated Plan, which serves as a federally required planning document that guides community development efforts in Grand Junction. The City of Grand Junction adopted its' Five-Year Consolidated Plan on June 6, 2001.

The primary objective of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. The content and structure of the Consolidated Plan follows regulations and guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan marked the continuation of an on-going community development planning process for Grand Junction. The intent of the process is to develop a set of local priority needs and objectives through a coordinated effort with special emphasis on citizen participation and interagency involvement. The City of Grand Junction Community Development Department is the lead organization in the development of the City Consolidated Plan and subsequent one year Action Plans which help implement the goals and strategies in the Plan.

The 2002 CDBG Action Plan is year two of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. It is an addendum to Chapter Six of the Consolidated Plan and was adopted June 5, 2002 and became a part of the City's 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The 2003 CDBG Action Plan is year three of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan is an addendum to Chapter Six of the Consolidated Plan and was adopted on June 16, 2003 and became a part of the City's 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The 2004 CDBG Action Plan is year four of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan is an addendum to Chapter Six of the Consolidated Plan and was adopted on June 16, 2003 and became a part of the City's 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The 2005 CDBG Action Plan is year five of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan is an addendum to Chapter Six of the Consolidated Plan and upon adoption will become a part of the City's 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

# **2005 Program Year Action Plan**

**A Part of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan**

**City of Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program (CDBG)**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**of 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Revised)**

### **Introduction**

In 1996 the federal government established Grand Junction as a community entitled to receive Community Development Block Grant Funds. Every five years the City prepares and adopts a new five-year consolidated plan. The City adopted the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan on June 6, 2001. In addition, each year the City prepares and adopts a program year action plan, which becomes a part of the five-year consolidated plan. Applications for CDBG funds are made available to all interested parties in March with an April deadline for each Program Year. Applications that are funded become a part of the respective program year action plans.

### **Community Profile (revised)**

Centrally located between Denver and Salt Lake City, Grand Junction is the largest city on the Western Slope of Colorado and serves as the County Seat for Mesa County. The City's population has grown nearly 45 percent in the last decade to approximately 48,000. The surrounding Grand Valley has about 110,000 residents, and Mesa County's population is approximately 130,000.

Since suffering an economic slump in the mid-1980s, Grand Junction's population and economic indicators now exceed the highest levels of the boom period of the late 1970s and early 1980s. Grand Junction continues to expand its role as the regional trade, services, finance, education, transportation, and health care hub for Western Colorado and Eastern Utah.

While the area's economy has demonstrated strong growth, housing market appreciation far exceeds wage increases. Housing costs have increased an average of 8.5 percent per year for rentals, and 8.7 percent per year for sale units. Wages, meanwhile, have increased approximately 4.4 percent annually over the same period. These trends are expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

### **Planning Process**

The City adopted a Citizen Participation Plan in 1996 to describe citizen involvement in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Plan) and annual Program Year Action Plans. The Community Development Department of the City of Grand Junction, as lead agency for the development of the Program Year Action Plan, has invited extensive citizen involvement in Plan creation. The findings and needs identified by those who serve

and work with the very low- to moderate-income populations are the basis of the Plan's development.

## **Housing Needs**

### **2001 CONSOLIDATED PLAN DATA**

Population growth in Grand Junction has significantly exceeded growth in the number of affordable housing units. Waiting lists for the limited number of existing assisted housing units are a year or more. As a consequence of these and other conditions, the need for over 6,300 additional assisted housing units is critical (2001 estimate).

In Grand Junction, housing costs have increased as much as 207 percent while wages have increased only 46.3 percent during the 1990's to an average of \$22,355 in 2000. Over half of all workers in Mesa County are employed in the Retail and Service sectors, historically among the lowest paying jobs in Mesa County.

One of the most disturbing indicators of need is the number of households whose income places them at or below 150 percent of the poverty guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The number of people in Mesa County at or below 150 percent of poverty level grew from 29.3 percent of the total population in 1993 to 45.4 percent in 1997 (the most recent figures available).

Due to low area wages, it is estimated that 44 percent of all renters are unable to afford the Fair Market Rent of a modest two-bedroom apartment and 58 percent are unable to afford a three-bedroom unit. Over 23 percent of the local workforce are considered "low-income" or "in poverty" while working 40 hours per week.

Based upon Poverty Levels and Low Income Guidelines, 7,830 households in Grand Junction cannot afford to pay market rate rent and need assisted housing (2001 estimate). The 2001 current inventory of assisted housing units meets only 15 percent of the need.

### **2002 UPDATE**

In 2002, leaders of local governments and key institutions in the Grand Valley invested in the development of a comprehensive assessment of affordable (less-than-market-rate) housing needs. Key local trends reported in the Grand Valley Affordable Housing Needs Assessment:

- There has been 3.4% annual economic growth and 2.2% annual population growth in the Grand Valley over the last decade, increasing housing demand and housing prices. These trends are projected to continue at a similar rate over the next 20 years.
- Housing prices have increased approximately four times as fast as wages have increased, decreasing the relative affordability of the housing market. Since over half of all local employment is in the retail and service sectors, the housing affordability gap is expected to continue to grow.
- Most low wage workers are finding themselves priced out of single-family homes, and many are unable to find lower priced rental units.

- There has been relatively little new multi-family construction in the Grand Valley over the last decade, resulting in few affordable housing options for households earning less than 60% of the Area Median Family Income.

In the 2002 Assessment the current supply of housing was compared to household income based on the ability of a household to pay 30% of its income for mortgage or rent. The gap between the supply and demand for housing at each income range determined the housing gap. The rental unit gap is 1,080 units, and the total ownership housing gap is 589 housing units. This results in a total 2002 housing gap of 1,669 housing units, with almost all of these units being needed at less than 60% of Area Median Income. Based upon projected employment growth, there will be a need for 1,009 additional housing units by 2005 and 2,432 more by 2010.

Local governments and housing interests are developing and implementing solutions to meet the affordable housing need identified in the 2002 Assessment including Grand Junction Housing Authority's Linden Pointe 92 unit affordable housing project completed in May of 2005.

### **Homeless Needs**

Homelessness presents a growing challenge to Grand Junction. The combination of low local wages and rising housing costs is making a growing percentage of the general population vulnerable to loss of housing, and making it much more difficult for the homeless to work their way off of the streets. In addition, the high percentage of individuals and families without health insurance benefits makes many households vulnerable to housing loss in the event of an expensive major illness.

Historical local data collection about the homeless has been primarily anecdotal and informal, as there has not until recently been a coordinated community effort to build local demographic statistics. Although it is very difficult to accurately determine the number of homeless, a point-in-time survey conducted in spring of 2001 there were approximately 500 homeless persons. That number has remained constant for 2002 and 2003 and is believed to also be accurate for 2004 and 2005.

A series of planning sessions were conducted to identify needs and develop action plans and a Continuum of Care to address this challenge. The highest priority homeless needs identified through this process are for an emergency shelter, transitional housing, case management, and housing placement for individuals and families.

The Continuum of Care Plan, completed in the summer of 2001 by a coalition of community homeless service providers, is intended to provide a continuous network of housing and service support for persons working to permanently leave the streets. The Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless, made up of human service agencies, the faith community, local governments and others, meets monthly to coordinate in a united effort to help the homeless community.

## **Special Needs Housing**

Due to the fact that Grand Junction is the largest community on the Colorado Western Slope and Eastern Utah, medical and other special needs services are provided here that are not available in smaller communities. As a consequence, the percentage of the special needs population in Grand Junction is higher than surrounding communities at approximately 12 percent of the total population. The ability of persons with chronic mental illness, physical and developmental disabilities, and HIV / AIDS to compete in the housing market for appropriate housing at an affordable price is limited in many cases by their lack of income and also by their need for special housing accommodations. Based upon local 2001 estimates, a total of 1,073 additional assisted housing units are needed to meet the existing housing need for this sub-population.

## **Anti-Poverty Strategy**

The Anti-Poverty Strategy is an effort to reduce the number of people earning low- to moderate-income wages and at risk of homelessness. This Strategy, described in Chapter 5 of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, describes community activities to:

- Increase local pay rates;
- Increase the employability of recipients of public benefits;
- Attract higher paying employers to Grand Junction;
- Increase access to employment through expansion of the service area and hours of operation of the public transportation system and through the availability of responsible affordable childcare;
- Foster increased household stability through educational programs, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, and services to persons with special needs;
- Support efforts to reduce the possibility of catastrophic expense through the provision of essential healthcare to the uninsured and the availability of effective public transportation to reduce the dependence of low-income persons on private automobiles and their associated costs.

## **Strategic Plan**

The Strategic Plan summarizes the community's work plan for addressing the needs discussed above. The 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan integrates economic, physical, environmental, community and human development activities in Grand Junction in a comprehensive and coordinated manner so that agencies, groups, and all citizens can work together to improve the quality of life of its residents. For each Priority and Category of need, specific Objectives and Strategies have been identified which define how the community will respond over the life of the five year consolidated plan.

**The four Consolidated Plan Priorities for Allocation of CDBG funds are as follows:**

### **Need for Non-Housing Community Development Infrastructure**

Historically, the City of Grand Junction has determined its role to be the provision of basic citizen services such as public works and utilities, police and fire protection, parks and recreation, general planning, code enforcement, and local economic development. The City has defined numerous non-housing community



development needs, including streets and public facilities remodel and repair improvements in City infrastructure, and maintenance and development of city parks. Recognizing that the cost of meeting these objectives exceeds the amount of CDBG funds allocated to Grand Junction by HUD, several of these needs are budgeted in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM: City Council's 2002 Strategic Plan identifies "Vital Neighborhoods" as one of six Solutions with the specific objective of identifying potential funding sources, including the use of CDBG funds in Low and Moderate Income (LMI) qualified neighborhoods. The neighborhood program will use CDBG funding for eligible activities identified by residents of these neighborhoods.

### **Need for Affordable Housing**

*Priority Need Category: Increase the Inventory of Affordable Housing Units*

- Objective 1 Increase the number of affordable rental housing units
- Objective 2 Increase the number and type of home ownership opportunities available to low- to moderate-income homebuyers
- Objective 3 Remove or reduce substandard housing units
- Objective 4 Preserve existing stock of affordable housing units

### **Needs of the Homeless**

*Priority Need Category: Prevent and Reduce Homelessness*

- Objective 1 Provide shelter for homeless adults
- Objective 2 Provide shelter for homeless families
- Objective 3 Increase the number of transitional housing units with support services for homeless individuals and families
- Objective 4 Improve homeless prevention activities

### **Needs of Special-Needs Populations and Other Human Service Needs**

*Priority Need Category: Other Special Needs*

- Objective 1 Increase the capacity of existing medical and dental facilities
- Objective 2 Increase the number of group homes that can accommodate individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities
- Objective 3 Support programs helping the elderly and other special need populations

*Priority Need Category: Youth*

- Objective 1 Increase the quality of affordable childcare for children of the working poor and people entering the workforce
- Objective 2 Increase the availability of drug and alcohol counseling
- Objective 3 Promote and support healthy recreational activities and other youth programs.

Though the competition for CDBG funds has continually increased since program inception, the City has made an effort to balance disbursement of these funds between the various needs of the community. It is the City's goal to continue the balanced use

of CDBG funds between the four priority community concerns through the term of this 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

### **Program Year Action Plans**

The purpose of the Program Year Action Plan is to identify One-Year Strategies for each of the Objectives set in the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The One-Year Strategies are accomplished by utilizing a variety of resources, including the annual allocation of CDBG funds. For each program year, a new one-year action plan is completed and adopted as part of the five year consolidated plan.

#### **2001 Program Year Action Plan:**

On May 16, 2001 the Grand Junction City Council approved 2001 CDBG funding requests totaling \$504,000 for six projects. A full discussion of the 2001 Action Plan can be found in Chapter 6 of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

#### **2002 Program Year Action Plan:**

On May 15, 2002 the Grand Junction City Council approved 2002 CDBG funding requests totaling \$494,000 for seven projects. A full discussion of these projects can be found in the 2002 Action Plan adopted June 5, 2002 by Grand Junction City Council.

#### **2003 Program Year Action Plan:**

On May 21, 2003 the Grand Junction City Council approved 2003 CDBG funding requests totaling \$417,000 for eight projects. A full discussion of these projects can be found in the 2003 Action Plan adopted June 18, 2003 by Grand Junction City Council.

#### **2004 Program Year Action Plan:**

On May 19, 2004 the Grand Junction City Council approved 2004 CDBG funding requests totaling \$407,000 for thirteen projects. A full discussion of these projects can be found in the 2004 Action Plan adopted June 16, 2004 by Grand Junction City Council.

#### **2005 Program Year Action Plan:**

On May 18, 2005 the Grand Junction City Council approved 2005 CDBG funding requests totaling \$387,644 for the following six projects.

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## **SECTION 1 – Projects that qualify under “Administration”**

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### **1. City of Grand Junction CDBG Program Administration (\$25,000)**

For Program Year 2004, the City allocated \$20,000 for administration of the CDBG Program (includes the Neighborhood Program Admin) of which enough is left over from that allocation plus the amount requested for 2005 to continue administration of the CDBG program through the 2005 Program Year. These dollars pay for the annual costs to administer the CDBG program. HUD guidelines allow up to 20% for Administration.

**BUDGET NOTE:** Proposed project 1 is eligible for CDBG funding under Administration and Planning and HUD allows the City to spend up to 20% of its total CDBG funds within these categories. For 2005, the City can spend up to \$77,528 and City Council approved spending \$25,000, or 6.4% of the 2005 CDBG funds.

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## **SECTION 2 – Projects that qualify under “Public Services”**

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### **What are Public Services?**

Public Services include child care, health care, job training, recreational programs, educational programs, public safety services, fair housing activities, services for senior citizens, services for homeless persons, drug abuse counseling and treatment, energy conservation counseling and testing, homebuyer down-payment assistance and welfare.

- 2. The Salvation Army ARP (\$25,000) –** The Salvation Army is requesting money this year to fund the expansion of the Adult Rehabilitation Program to include 10 additional beds allowing the Salvation Army to serve an additional 20 people per year. ARP is an intensive confidential, clinical and highly structured six-month residential treatment program for men and women. The program currently has 32 beds, 18 for men and 10 for women and a 4 bed transitional Living Center. The ARP provides counseling, education, structure, housing, meals and other needs for successful recovery. The goal is to successfully discharge their clients to the community with the ability to become active, healthy, productive, law-abiding community members no longer dependent on local social programs, prepared to enter society substance free, gainfully employed and with adequate permanent housing of their own. The services are provided at no cost to the client. The ARP waiting list is between 24 and 36 months. Sixty-one percent of the referrals come from the criminal justice system.
- 3. Mesa Youth Services (Partners) (\$15,000) – 12 Passenger Van Purchase –** Funding would be used to purchase a 12 passenger van for the Restitution Community Service Work Program. This program served 1,043 individuals in 2004 which is approximately 50% of all youth served in the Partners program. Sixty-five percent of the youth served by Partners live within the City limits with 75% of them from low and moderate income families.

**BUDGET NOTE:** Proposed projects 2 AND 3 above are eligible for CDBG funding under “Public Services” and HUD allows the City to spend up to 15% of its total CDBG funds within this category. For 2005, the City can spend up to \$58,146 and the requests total \$99,922. The City Council is approved spending \$40,000, or 10.3% of the 2005 CDBG funds.

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## **SECTION 3 – Projects that qualify under “Capital Projects”**

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### **4. City of Grand Junction Neighborhood Program (\$120,000)**

City Council’s Strategic Plan identifies “Vital Neighborhoods” as one of six Solutions with a specific objective of identifying potential funding sources, including CDBG funds. In 2003 Council set aside \$83,400 in CDBG funding to spend on a neighborhood based CDBG program. These funds were expended on the Riverside School (\$19,000) and the remainder transferred to another CDBG project (\$64,400 for Linden Pointe affordable housing project). In 2004 Council set aside \$120,000 of which portions are being used on the Riverside School Roof Repair Project (up to \$47,650) and the Senior Recreation Center for architectural services (up to \$20,000).

For the remaining 2004 funds and for any 2005 money that is allotted to program specific projects can be identified in the future. A plan amendment to the respective 2004 or 2005 CDBG Action Plan and an environmental review will need to be completed for each project as identified prior to expending any CDBG funds.

- ### **5. Housing Resources of Western Colorado – Homeless Veterans Housing Complex Wheelchair Lift or Ramp**
- Housing Resources acquired eight, one-bedroom residential dwelling units for emergency housing/permanent supportive housing for homeless veterans in part using 2004 CDBG funds (\$50,000). The location of the property is 1333 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Housing Resources of Western Colorado has partnered with Homeward Bound, a local case management provider and the Veterans Administration to accomplish this project. They are required to make one of the eight units ADA accessible. In order to accommodate this in the current building structure, it will be necessary to install a wheel chair lift. CDBG funds would be used to construct this lift. These CDBG funds will also allow Housing Resources to leverage other funding for other rehabilitation work needed for this 8-plex.

HUD in a Notice published December 29, 2003 on Federal coordination of ending Chronic Homelessness stated, “The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is an important resource for local governments in their efforts to provide both transitional and permanent housing, as well as supportive services, to families and/or individuals experiencing homelessness.”

### **6. City of Grand Junction (\$172,644) – Ouray Avenue Storm Drain Enlargement –**

CDBG funds would be used to construct a new 48 inch storm sewer from Mulberry Street to Crosby Avenue in the El Poso neighborhood. This is the first phase of a two phase project to replace a 24 inch storm drain pipe with a new 48 inch storm sewer in alignment with Ouray Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Crosby Avenue. This storm drain conveys runoff from a large drainage basin extending from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and from Ouray Avenue to North Avenue.

**2005 Program Total \$387,644**

## 2005 PROGRAM YEAR ACTION PLAN

The purpose of the Program Year Action Plan is to define the current program year activities to be completed toward full implementation of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This one-year action plan discusses activity to occur from September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. Program Year activities are accomplished through the use of a variety of resources, including the annual allocation of CDBG Funds.

### 2005 Program Year Community Development Block Grant Awards

On May 18, 2005, the Grand Junction City Council approved 2005 CDBG funding requests totaling \$387,644 for the 6 projects listed in Exhibit 6-1 below. A description of each funded activity is provided in the 2005 Program Year Objectives and Program Year Activities sections in this chapter and on HUD Table 3.

### Exhibit 6-1

#### 2005 CDBG Program Year Summary of Requests and Recommended Funding

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	GRANT AWARD
<b>City of Grand Junction</b>	Administration Costs to manage and administer the City's CDBG Entitlement Program including the Neighborhood Program for the 2005 Program Year. (20% cap)	\$ 25,000
<b>Salvation Army</b>	Funding for the Adult Rehabilitation Program (ARP) to expand the program to include 10 additional beds allowing Salvation Army to serve an additional 20 people. (15% cap)	\$ 25,000
<b>Mesa Youth Services (Partners)</b>	Funds to purchase a 12 passenger van to transport youth in the Restitution Program.	\$ 15,000
<b>City of Grand Junction Neighborhood Program Funds</b>	Budget for the neighborhood based CDBG program	\$ 120,000
<b>Housing Resources of Western Colorado</b>	CDBG funds will be used to construct an ADA accessible wheelchair lift or ramp for the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing complex at 1333 N. 13th Street.	\$ 30,000
<b>City of Grand Junction</b>	CDBG funds will construct a new 48 inch storm sewer from Mulberry Street to Crosby Avenue within the El Poso Neighborhood.	\$ 172,644
		<b>\$ 387,644</b>

## **2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan Priorities for CDBG Funds**

The Grand Junction City Council has identified the following four priorities for CDBG Funding for this Consolidated Plan's five year planning horizon:

1. Need for Non-Housing Community Development Infrastructure/Neighborhood Program;
2. Need for Affordable Housing;
3. Needs of the Homeless;
4. Special-Needs Population and Other Human Service Needs.

The following sections review the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Objectives and Strategies and describe 2005 Program Year Activities utilizing CDBG funds and other resources.

### **Need for Non-Housing Community Development Infrastructure**

Historically, the City of Grand Junction has determined its role to be the provision of basic citizen services such as public works and utilities, police and fire protection, parks and recreation, general planning, code enforcement, and local economic development. The City has defined numerous non-housing community development needs, including streets and public facilities remodel and repair, improvements in infrastructure, and maintenance and development of city parks. Recognizing that the cost of meeting these objectives exceeds the amount of CDBG funds allocated, several of these needs are budgeted in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM: City Council's 2002 Strategic Plan identifies "Vital Neighborhoods" as one of six Solutions with the specific objective of identifying potential funding sources, including the use of CDBG funds in Low and Moderate Income (LMI) qualified neighborhoods. The neighborhood program will use CDBG funding for eligible activities identified by residents of these neighborhoods.

#### **A. Five Year Objectives and Strategies (Revised):**

*Objective 1 Provide ongoing and improved water and sewer service*

Strategy 1: Phased over the five year plan the City will expend \$37.2 million on water and sewer service improvements throughout the city.

*Objective 2 Improve street and pedestrian systems*

Strategy 1: Phased over the five year plan the City will expend \$46.3 million on street system improvements.

Strategy 2: Phased over the five year plan the City will expend \$2.5 million on citywide neighborhood sidewalk improvements.

*Objective 3 Provide ongoing and improved storm sewer service*

Strategy 1: Phased over the five year plan the City will expend \$10.1 million on citywide storm drainage improvements.

*Objective 4 Improve parks and recreation facilities*

- Strategy 1: Phased over the five year plan the City will expend \$4.2 million to provide general maintenance and upgrades to parks and recreation facilities throughout the city.
- Strategy 2: The City has budgeted \$1.7 million for acquisition of land for and improvements to neighborhood parks throughout the city.

*Objective 5 Provide for ongoing maintenance and new construction of public facilities*

- Strategy 1: The City has budgeted \$3.5 million for a new fire station within the next 5 years. COMPLETED
- Strategy 2: The community is raising funds to construct new and/or renovate existing library facilities within the next 5 years,
- Strategy 3: The City has budgeted \$500,000 to be expended in the five year plan to acquire land for expansion and construction of City Shops facilities.
- Strategy 4: The City has budgeted \$1.2 million to be expended in the five year plan for improvements to and construction of public parking facilities. COMPLETED
- Strategy 5: The City has budgeted \$377,800 to be expended in the five year plan for solid waste disposal system improvements.
- Strategy 6: The City has budgeted \$2 million to be expended in the five year plan for abatement and removal of asbestos from public facilities.
- Strategy 7: The City has budgeted \$28,823,186 to be expended over the next 8 years for construction of the Riverside Parkway to improve traffic flows throughout the City.
- Strategy 8: Voters of Mesa County approved a \$109 million bond issue for Mesa County Valley School District 51 to repair schools and construct three new schools and two replacement schools to be completed in 2007.

*Objective 6 Provide for ongoing neighborhood program (see above)*

- Strategy 1: Work with LMI income eligible neighborhoods in determining infrastructure needs of neighborhood.

**B. 2005 Program Year Objectives, Performance Measures, and Project Locations**

- **The City will spend \$341,400 in CDBG funds to construct sidewalk, street improvements and other capital projects in CDBG eligible neighborhoods.**
- The City will expend \$6,164,500 to improve street and pedestrian systems throughout the City.
- The City will expend \$470,970 to improve water and sewer systems throughout the City
- The City will expend \$1,569,000 to improve storm sewer systems throughout the City.

- The City will expend \$1,046,000 to improve parks and recreation facilities.
- The City will expend \$296,500 for ongoing maintenance and construction of public facilities

**C. 2005 Program Year Activities:**

**1. CDBG infrastructure (capital) projects:**



WEST OURAY AVENUE

- **West Ouray Avenue Storm Drain Enlargement** **\$221,400**
- **Neighborhood Program Funds** **\$120,000**

2. Other Infrastructure Improvements: The following specific activities are budgeted for the 2005 Program Year in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Projects include street, pedestrian, water and sewer, and storm sewer system improvements.

- Riverside Parkway \$11,367,475
- Contract Street Maintenance \$ 1,775,000
- Neighborhood Alley Improvements \$ 360,000
- Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk Improvements/Replacements \$ 300,000
- New Sidewalk \$ 150,000
- Accessibility Improvements \$ 50,000
- Street Light & Traffic Control / Calming Updates \$ 349,500
- Intersection Improvements Citywide \$ 122,000
- 29 Road Viaduct \$ 500,000
- Horizon Dr/I-70 Interchange Improvements \$ 250,000
- Crosby Avenue; 25 ½ Road to Main Street \$ 1,700,000
- Storm Drainage Improvements Citywide \$ 49,000
- 28 Road Detention Pond Improvements \$ 20,000
- Water Line Replacements \$ 300,000
- Water Treatment/Lab Improvements \$ 39,970
- Water Supply Improvements \$ 131,000

3. Parks and Recreation Facilities: The following specific activities are budgeted for the 2005 Program Year in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Projects include streetscape improvements, community-wide parks improvements and neighborhood parks development and improvements.

- Lincoln Park Tennis Court Resurface \$ 30,000
- Pak Land Acquisition \$ 80,000
- Stadium Football Field Renovation \$ 23,000
- Minor Park Improvements Citywide \$ 125,000
- Trails Maintenance \$ 96,000



- Parks Irrigation Systems Improvements Citywide \$207,000
- Neighborhood Park Development \$485,000
- TRCC Improvements \$205,000
- Avalon Theatre Upgrade/Remodel \$ 45,000
- LP & OM Pool Upgrades \$ 46,500
- TRCC Event Software \$ 55,000

4. Maintenance and Construction of Public Facilities: Specific projects within this category are covered under Public Works and Parks And Recreation projects listed in 1 through 3 above.

## **Need for Affordable Housing**

### **A. Five Year Objectives and Strategies: (2005 update)**

#### *Objective 1 Increase the number of affordable rental housing units*

Strategy 1: Phased over the five year plan, the Grand Junction Housing Authority will develop a minimum of 100 units for lease and / or sale. Ninety-two units completed at Linden Pointe plus 4 single family homes were purchased for lease/sale by low income households.

Strategy 2: Within two years, the Grand Junction Housing Authority will apply to expand the Section 8 Voucher Program. No additional funds have been made available by HUD, funding has actually been cut.

Strategy 3: Phased over the five year plan, Housing Resources of Western Colorado will develop new and / or purchase and rehabilitate 300 rental housing units. Housing Resources has completed 99 with another 200+ rental units being worked on, but won't be completed by the end of the 2005 program year. In addition, there have been 52 Self Help housing units completed in the city limits since 2001.

#### *Objective 2 Increase the number and type of home ownership opportunities available to low- and moderate-income homebuyers*

Strategy 1: Within the next five years, Housing Resources of Western Colorado will establish a Comprehensive Home Ownership Program

Strategy 2: Each year, Housing Resources of Western Colorado will develop 21 units of sweat-equity housing in the city/county.

Strategy 3: Within the next five years, Habitat for Humanity will have developed 11 homes for sweat-equity ownership. Five homes completed.

Strategy 4: Phased over the next four years, the Grand Junction Housing Authority will develop new and / or rehabilitate a minimum of 100 units for sale and / or for lease. Four homes have been purchased for the "Lease to Purchase Option" program. The program is currently being expanded.

Strategy 5: The Grand Junction Housing Authority will teach low-income renters the characteristics of good tenants and the steps to take toward home ownership. The Family Self Sufficiency and Home Ownership programs educate tenants and prepare or help move them to home ownership.

*Objective 3 Remove or reduce substandard housing units*

Strategy 1: Housing Resources of Western Colorado and the Grand Junction Housing Authority will rehabilitate substandard housing as they implement Objective 1 Strategies 1 and 3. Housing Resources will rehabilitate 56 owner occupied homes by December 2005.

*Objective 4 Preserve existing stock of affordable housing resources*

Strategy 1: The Grand Junction Housing Authority will work to preserve all existing Section 8 vouchers.

Strategy 2: The Grand Junction Housing Authority, Housing Resources of Western Colorado, HUD, and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority will work together whenever possible to preserve the existing affordable housing inventory. Housing Resources preserved the 91 Units at Garden Village Apartments by purchasing these units and Grand Junction Housing Authority refinanced and therefore preserved the affordability of its Ratekin Towers housing units.

**B. 2005 Program Year Objectives, Performance Measures, and Project Locations**

- Habitat for Humanity will construct 3 homes.
- Habitat for Humanity will begin developing a single family residential development to be a subdivision for low-income households.
- Housing Resources of Western Colorado will construct 25 sweat-equity (self-help) owner-occupied homes throughout the City/County by August 2005.
- The Grand Junction Housing Authority will apply for additional Section 8 vouchers available to Grand Junction. No HUD funding was available to expand the voucher program.

**C. 2005 Program Year Activities:**

1. Habitat for Humanity will construct 3 new owner-occupied homes at Camelot Gardens Subdivision at 2844 Kennedy Avenue, Grand Junction in 2005. All owners will invest sweat-equity in the home by participating in the construction process.
2. Habitat for Humanity will develop the Camelot Gardens II subdivision for future Habitat homes.

3. Housing Resources of Western Colorado will construct 25 sweat-equity owner-occupied homes at a cost of \$2,500,000 in the City/County by September 2006.
4. The Grand Junction Housing Authority will continue to seek and apply for additional Section 8 Vouchers. No HUD funding was available to expand the voucher program.
5. Housing Resources of Western Colorado will continue to administer its Comprehensive Home Ownership Program.

## **Needs of the Homeless**

### **A. Five Year Objectives and Strategies:**

#### *Objective 1 Provide shelter for homeless adults*

Strategy 1: Within the next two years, the Grand Junction Community Homeless Shelter will be expanded and become a year-round facility with the support of the Grand Junction Housing Authority and other key partners. Completed.

#### *Objective 2 Provide shelter for homeless families*

Strategy 1: Within the next two years, the Grand Junction Community Homeless Shelter will accommodate homeless families in the new enlarged permanent shelter. Completed.

Strategy 2: Hope Haven will serve homeless, pregnant and parenting young women adolescents with shelter, support and education. Ongoing.

#### *Objective 3 Increase the number of transitional housing units with support services for homeless individuals and families*

Strategy 1: Within two years the Rescue Mission will develop up to 10 transitional beds for homeless families.

Strategy 2: Within two years Grand Valley Catholic Outreach will develop a transitional housing program for up to 25 individuals. Completed.

#### *Objective 4 Improve homeless prevention activities*

Strategy 1: Within three years, the Salvation Army will expand its residential drug / alcohol treatment program by 20 beds.

Strategy 2: Gateway Youth & Family services will expand its drug and alcohol counseling services to youth and adults.

Strategy 3: Grand Valley Catholic Outreach will expand its Day Center and Soup Kitchen services to the poor. Completed

Strategy 4: The Grand Junction Housing Authority will conduct renters' education, and other life skills classes to increase the housing

retention capacity of the residents of its affordable housing units.

Strategy 5: Grand Valley Catholic Outreach will provide the support services outlined in Objective 3 in its transitional housing facility. Ongoing.

Strategy 6: Housing Resources of Western Colorado will provide transitional housing for homeless veterans in the Grand Valley. Housing Resources has completed 8 units.

## **B. 2005 Program Year Objectives, Performance Measures, and Project Locations**

- The Salvation Army will obtain financing, gain site control and associated approvals to house its expanded drug and alcohol rehabilitation program toward opening this program in the next couple of years.
- Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless will conduct a community wide education campaign on homelessness to include information through the media. Ongoing.

## **C. 2005 Program Year Activities:**

1. Housing Resources of Western Colorado will construct an ADA accessible wheelchair lift or ramp for the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing complex located at 1333 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street (\$30,000 2005 CDBG funds).

a. Funds Committed or Received

**2005 Program Year CDBG Funds**  
**\$ 30,000**



2. The Salvation Army will obtain financing, gain site control and associated approvals for a facility to house its expanded drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. This program will house men and women for 6 months while residents maintain sobriety and develop the employment and social skills needed to successfully reintegrate with the larger culture.

a. Funds Committed or Received

**2005 Program Year CDBG Funds**                      **\$ 50,000**

3. The Grand Junction Housing Authority (GJHA) will continue a recently developed program for homebuyers called "Home Ownership Made Economical (H.O.M.E.). In this program low income families can enter this homeownership program for up to two years where they receive intensive counseling helping them clean up their credit, improve their overall credit rating and earn down payment assistance. While they are in the program they lease a home which is later purchased when they graduate from the program.

4. Housing Resources of Western Colorado and Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley will continue to rehabilitate the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing complex located at 1333 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
5. Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless will conduct a community wide education campaign on homelessness to include information through the media (i.e. Radio, television and newsprint). Ongoing.

## **Special-Needs Population and Other Human Service Needs**

### **A. Five Year Objectives and Strategies (Revised 2004):**

*Objective 1 Increase the capacity of existing medical and dental facilities*

Strategy 1: Marillac Clinic will expand its dental facility from eight to 12-14 operatories. Completed.

Strategy 2: Marillac Clinic will expand its medical facility by three exam rooms. Completed.

*Objective 2 Increase the number of group homes that can accommodate individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities*

Strategy 1: Mesa Developmental Services will construct four six-bedroom group homes specifically designed for individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities. 2 group homes Completed.

*Objective 3 Support programs helping the elderly and other special need populations*

Strategy 1: Saint Mary's Foundation through their Senior Partners, Gray Gourmet and Foster Grandparents programs will provide day to day living support and meals for seniors in the community. Ongoing.

Strategy 2: Hilltop Community Resources will serve special need populations through their six programs administered from the Resource Center on Colorado Avenue. The six programs serve women in need of prenatal care access, families in need of health care access, high school students who have dropped out of school, at-risk adolescents, young moms and young dads in need of parenting and early childhood services, and youth in need of employment and job training. Ongoing.

Strategy 3: Hope Haven will serve homeless, pregnant and parenting young women adolescents with shelter, support and education. Ongoing.

*Objective 4 Increase the quality of affordable childcare for children of the working poor and people entering the workforce*

Strategy 1: The Early Childhood Initiative will establish a rating

system to measure quality childcare.

Strategy 2: In two to five years, Mesa County Department of Human Services and Hilltop Community Resources will enlarge the facility and improve the quality of the childcare available through the Mesa County Workforce Center.

*Objective 5 Increase the availability of drug and alcohol counseling to youth*

Strategy 1: Gateway Youth & Family Services will expand its drug and alcohol services to youth and adults.

*Objective 6 Promote and support healthy recreational activities and other youth programs*

Strategy 1: Partners, in collaboration with Hilltop will move and expand its computer lab / recreation center. Completed.

Strategy 2: Partners will help youth through their Restitution Program. Ongoing.

## **B. 2005 Program Year Objectives, Performance Measures, and Project Locations**

- Partners will purchase a 12 passenger van to transport youth in their Restitution Program. Ongoing.
- St Mary's Foundation Gray Gourmet meals on wheels program. The purpose of this program is to meet the nutritional needs of a growing elderly population. Meals are delivered by volunteers five days per week to low and moderate income, and the frail elderly. Ongoing.
- St Mary's Foundation Foster Grand Parents Program gives seniors the opportunity to help children by volunteering in preschools, daycare centers and elementary-secondary schools. Ongoing.
- St Mary's Senior Companions Program helps frail elderly seniors keep their independence for as long as possible. Ongoing.
- Radio Reading Services of the Rockies serves blind, visually impaired and print handicapped citizens. The program provides access to ink print materials not otherwise available to Grand Junction residents. Ongoing.
- Mesa County Health Department provides services to disabled children.
- Hilltop Community Resources houses six programs in their facility on Colorado Avenue. These programs serve various special needs populations including human services and educational services. Ongoing.
- Hope Haven provides shelter, support and education to pregnant and parenting adolescents. Ongoing.



Hilltop Community Resources

**C. 2005 Program Year Activities:**

1. Hilltop will provide program services for children by giving funding to clients supporting wraparound services to avoid out of home placement for youth, maintain youth at the lowest level of care and to support family unification. **2003 CDBG funds for this project was \$7,500.**

2. Hilltop Community Resources houses six programs in their facility on Colorado Avenue. These programs serve various special needs populations including human services and educational services to over 5,000 individuals annually. Over 80% of these individuals live within the City limits and 90% are low and moderate income. CDBG funds will be used to replace windows and install programmable thermostats.

a. Funds Committed or Received

**2004 Program Year CDBG Funds                      \$ 50,000**



3. Hope Haven will use CDBG funds to purchase and install 43 energy efficient vinyl windows at the Hope Haven facility located at 811 Ouray Avenue. Hope Haven provides shelter, support and education to pregnant and parenting adolescents (typically 16-23 years of age) so that they receive the necessary support to become self-sufficient and to make healthy choices for themselves and

their babies. The young women are able to live at Hope Haven for up to 18 months

a. Funds Committed or Received

**2004 Program Year CDBG Funds                      \$ 7,500**

4. Mesa Youth Services (Partners) runs a Restitution Program for youth. As part of this program transportation to job sites is needed. 2005 CDBG funds were allocated to help purchase a 12 passenger van for this project.

a. Funds Committed or Received

**2005 Program Year CDBG Funds                      \$ 15,000**

b. Additional Funding Requests

El Pomar Foundation YCS Program                      \$ 1,000

Client/family members donations                      \$ 4,500

Fundraising Events                      \$ 7,500

Junior Service League                      \$ 1,500

Volunteer Station cash                      \$ 6,700

Daniels Foundation                      \$ 9,000

Bacon Family Foundation                      \$ 8,000

Anschutz Foundation                      \$ 8,000

c. In-kind Contributions

Volunteers                      \$ 19,990

## **Monitoring**

The City of Grand Junction will use adequate and timely techniques to ensure that its CDBG Program is in compliance with applicable rules and regulations. The City will also ensure that the programs and activities funded by CDBG funds are properly conducted and accomplished.

All CDBG-funded projects will be monitored on an on-going basis. The City will use its staff and its existing procedures to monitor and ensure compliance. Proper techniques such as telephone calls, reviewing project reports, on-site visits and inspections of projects and programs will be used. When Davis Bacon wages and other Labor Standards or in-depth Environmental Reviews are required for a CDBG project, the City will perform additional monitoring to ensure that the proper regulations are adhered to by the sub-grantee, contractors and / or sub-contractors.

Monitoring, including monitoring of sub-grantees, relating to relocation activities under the Uniform Relocation Act will be adhered to.

The City of Grand Junction will facilitate future meetings to assess the Strategic Plan implementation process as discussed in Chapter 5, and will report the community's accomplishments in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to HUD.

## **Evaluate and Reduce Lead-Based Paint Hazards**

See the 2001 Consolidated Plan Chapter 5 "Lead-Based Paint Hazards" (page 58) for background information. The City of Grand Junction has identified the following objective and the strategies that will be used to accomplish the objective.

*Objective: Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards*

Strategies:

- 1) Housing Resources of Western Colorado and Grand Junction Housing Authority will continue to expand their resources to address lead-based paint hazards and meet the requirements of the Federal Rule.
- 2) The City of Grand Junction will investigate, identify, coordinate and/or support additional efforts to address this potential health hazard. This includes complying with the Federal Rule as it applies to the expenditure of CDBG funds.
- 3) The Grand Junction Housing Authority will continue to provide information to residents concerning potential hazards of lead-based paint.



## **Reduce the Number of Poverty Level Families**

### Anti-Poverty Strategy

While essentially every community is challenged to meet the essential needs of its low-income citizens, the growing disparity between wages and housing costs in Grand Junction is creating an increasing need for an effective multifaceted community response.

*Objective: Provide opportunities for all citizens to realize increased stability and increased household income*

#### Strategies:

- 1) Encourage efforts to raise earned income levels
  - Increase employability of recipients of public benefits  
The Mesa County Workforce Center in 1998 initiated its work to end or reduce the dependence on public benefits by engaging recipients of public benefits in employment training programs, linking them with potential employers, and supporting their movement into the workforce. A primary focus of this work is to help their clients develop their fullest potential, engaging them in truck driving, computer operation, construction skill development and other economically viable vocational training programs of up to one year in duration.

Partners Youth Conservation Corps (PYCC) targets troubled youth, and has a structured training and employment program that works with public land management organizations. PYCC provides employment, on the job training, computer skills training, and college tuition credit after 900 hours in the program.

- Attract higher paying employers to Grand Junction  
The Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) is striving to improve the quality of life of Mesa County residents by encouraging the relocation to Grand Junction of employers offering higher paying jobs and, at the same time, diversifying and strengthening Mesa County's economic base. Their objective is to raise per capita income by recruiting and developing manufacturing, national service and other industries that provide base jobs and long term employment that pays an average of \$10.62 per hour.
- 2) Encourage increased access to employment
    - Public Transportation  
In February 2000 Grand Valley Transit began public transportation delivery to Grand Junction residents. Since 2000 additional busses and routes have been added expanding the transit's ability to serve more residents. Grand Valley Transit has significantly enhanced the ability of all residents, including low-income and special needs persons, to access employment, healthcare, and retail centers.

- Childcare
 

The growing disparity between local pay scales and rising housing costs sometimes requires two incomes for many families to maintain their household expenses. In addition many households have only a single parent. Due to the scheduling challenges for families, families with children may not be able to hold two jobs without outside childcare. To effectively address the childcare needs of this population, the care should be affordable, available to children of parents that work evenings and weekends, care for ill children, and care for special-needs children.
- 3) Foster increased household stability
- Educational programs (Life Skills)
 

Classes in home purchase and maintenance, parenting, family planning, and vocational training are among the many current programs addressing this need.
  - Many households struggle to maintain housing and employment due to lack of basic life skills. Classes in money management, literacy, healthy recreational activities, and tenant responsibilities in rental housing, energy efficiency programs are beneficial.
  - Maintain and expand existing drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.
  - Maintain and expand existing services to people with special needs.
- 4) Support efforts to reduce the possibility of catastrophic expense
- Provide essential healthcare to the uninsured.
  - Provide effective public transportation to reduce the need for private automobiles and related costs.

## **Develop Institutional Structure**

The City of Grand Junction Community Development Department is one of seven departments that comprise the administration of the City of Grand Junction. The CDBG Administrator reports to the City Manager through the Assistant City Manager. The City Council sets policy on community development activities and adopts the final Consolidated Plan.

The Grand Junction Housing Authority (GJHA) was created in 1974 by the City in response to a growing need for affordable housing, particularly for elderly and disabled persons. GJHA now develops and manages housing resources for extremely-low and low- to moderate-income residents, and is governed by a seven member Board appointed to five year staggered terms by the City Council. One member of the Board is a City Council member and one member is a client of the GJHA.

The Grand Junction City Council has provided guidance in the development of the Consolidated Plan, particularly the One-Year Action Plan. A committee made up of all seven City Council members met on May 2, 2005 to discuss funding the 2005 applications for CDBG funding. From this City Council committee, a recommendation was formed for 2005 projects and considered by City Council at the Consolidated Plan Public Hearing held May 18, 2005.

Highly effective nonprofit organizations deliver a wide array of services to Grand Junction's citizens. The City, as lead agency responsible for the development and implementation of the Plan, depends upon these private agencies to meet the needs of the low- to moderate-income population. Despite the City's dependence on the effectiveness of these private agencies to implement the Consolidated Plan, the capacity of the City to fund their operations is limited. It is clear that all of the human service needs cannot be met with the annual allotment of Community Development Block Grant funds from HUD, and that service providers must continue to seek other resources to fund their operations. The Consolidated Plan will be fully implemented only with the cumulative effort of every public and private agency serving the low- to moderate-income and special needs residents.

In its role as CDBG funds administrator, the City of Grand Junction will disburse grant funds, oversee their effective use, and with community involvement prepare and submit annual Consolidated Action Plan Evaluation Reports (CAPER) to HUD

### **Enhance Coordination between Public and Private Housing and Social Service Agencies**

City staff is represented in the Community as part of the Homeless Coalition and the Affordable Housing Coalition which both meet monthly to coordinate and plan for the needs of the community in their respective areas.

Many different businesses, citizens groups, agencies and nonprofit organizations work individually and collectively to deliver housing, community development and special needs services to Grand Junction citizens. Throughout the creation of the 2001 Five Year Consolidated Plan, an effort was made to contact the majority of these service providers to determine their mission and current organizational status, understand their future operational plans, and to request their involvement in the creation of the Consolidated Plan.

A committee of representatives from these organizations, known as the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee provided regular input throughout the data collection and Plan development process. The mission and work of the individual organizations represented on the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee are discussed below.

The Grand Junction Homeless Coalition sponsored a series of work sessions with community leaders in February and March 2001 to collectively assess the scope of homelessness in Grand Junction and clarify the needs of homeless men, women, and children. That assessment, and the data compiled in the point-in-time survey conducted

March 15, 2001, provided the Coalition's working groups with the information needed to plan a community response to this growing challenge. The Coalition's recommendations and action plans to complement existing services through the development of a more complete Continuum of Care to the homeless are included in this Consolidated Plan.

A comprehensive listing of existing organizations addressing the needs of low-income persons and persons with special needs, their target population and type of services provided by each is included in the 2001 Consolidated Plan in Attachment 2B.

# 2005 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR ACTION PLAN

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the Consolidated Plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

**Anti-displacement and Relocation** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

**Drug Free Workplace** -- 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
  - (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.

**Anti-Lobbying** -- To the best of the jurisdiction's 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 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and

cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature / Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low- and moderate-income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan 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 Action Plan 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);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2004, 2005, 2006 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low- and moderate-income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds 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.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to



pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- 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;

**Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature / Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

#### A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

#### B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and / or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I apply. (This is the information to which jurisdictions certify).
4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies. (Not applicable jurisdictions.)
5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
  
7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
  
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)

250 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Junction, Mesa, CO 81501

2549 River Road  
Grand Junction, Mesa, CO 81505

Check \_\_\_ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here; the certification with regard to the drug-free workplace required by 24 CFR parts 24, subpart F.

9. Definitions of terms in the Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

"Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

"Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

"Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant,

including: (i) All "direct charge" employees; (ii) all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

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**Applicant's Name** City of Grand Junction

**Priority Need** Program Administration

**Specific Objective** Planning and administration

**Project Title** City of Grand Junction CDBG Administration Budget

**Project Description**

Administration costs to manage and administer the City's CDBG Entitlement Program

**Location** Community Wide

**Funding**

Project ID 001	Local 2005-01		
Type of Recipient Public	HUD Matrix 21A General Program Administration	CDBG ESG HOME HOPWA	30,000 0 0 0
CDBG Citation 570.206 Admin Costs	National Objective Low-mod Income Persons Admin/Planning	Total Prior Year Funds Other Funding	30,000 0 0
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/01/05	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 08/31/06	Assisted Housing PHA	0 0
Performance Indicator	Units	Total Other Funding	0

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**Applicant's Name**                      Salvation Army

**Priority Need**                              Needs of Special-Needs Populations and Other Human Service Needs

**Specific Objective**                      Support programs of special needs populations

**Project Title**                              Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Program (ARP)

**Project Description**

Funds to expand the ARP to include 10 additional beds allowing Salvation Army to serve an additional 20 persons. Currently there are 32 beds serving 64 persons annually.

**Location**                                  903 Grand Avenue and/or another location may be established

		Funding	
Project ID	Local		
002	2005-02	CDBG	25,000
Type of Recipient	HUD Matrix	ESG	0
Private Non-Profit		HOME	0
		HOPWA	0
CDBG Citation	National Objective	Total	25,000
570.201(c)	Low-mod Income Persons	Prior Year Funds	0
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Other Funding	0
09/01/05	08/31/06	Assisted Housing	0
Performance Indicator	Units	PHA	0
Beds//Persons	42/84	Total Other Funding	0

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**Applicant's Name**                      Mesa Youth Services (Partners)

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**Priority Need**                              Needs of Special-Needs Populations and Other Human Service Needs - Youth

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**Specific Objective**                      Promote and support youth programs

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**Project Title**                              Purchase 12-Passenger Van

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**Project Description**

Funds to purchase a 12-Passenger van to transport youth in the Restitution Program.

**Location**                                      Community Wide

		Funding	
Project ID	Local		
003	2005-03	CDBG	15,000
Type of Recipient	HUD Matrix	ESG	0
Private	05D Youth Services	HOME	0
	05E Transportation Services	HOPWA	0
CDBG Citation	National Objective	Total	15,000
570.201(e)	Low-Moderate Income Persons	Prior Year Funds	0
Start Data (mm/dd/yyyy)	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Other Funding	0
09/01/05	08/31/06	Assisted Housing	0
Performance Indicator	Units	PHA	0
Persons	1,050	Total Other Funding	0

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<b>Priority Need</b>	Non-housing Community Development Infrastructure
<b>Specific Objective</b>	Provide funding for the City's Neighborhood Program. CDBG funds are being set aside for qualifying LMI neighborhoods.
<b>Project Title</b>	Neighborhood Program

**Project Description**

Provide a budget for the City's neighborhood based CDBG program within qualifying LMI neighborhoods. Projects could include curb, gutter and sidewalk construction; drainage improvements; neighborhood park improvements; neighborhood facilities improvements; youth programs; daycare programs; job training programs; etc. All funded activities will require an Action Plan amendment and environmental assessment prior to expenditure of funds.

**Location** Community Wide (Qualifying Neighborhoods)

		Funding	
Project ID 004	Local 2005-04		
Type of Recipient Public	HUD Matrix 03 Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG	120,000
		ESG	0
		HOME	0
		HOPWA	0
CDBG Citation 570.201 (c) Public Improvements	National Objective Low-mod Income Persons	Total	120,000
		Prior Year Funds	0
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/01/05	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 08/31/06	Other Funding	0
		Assisted Housing	0
Performance Indicator	Units	PHA	0
		Total Other Funding	0

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**Applicant's Name** Housing Resources of Western Colorado

**Priority Need** Needs of the Homeless

**Specific Objective** Provide shelter for homeless adults

**Project Title** Homeless Veterans Housing Complex – Wheelchair Lift

**Project Description**

Funds to construct an ADA accessible wheelchair lift for the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Complex.

**Location** 1333 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street

		Funding	
Project ID 006	Local 2005-06		
Type of Recipient Private Non-Profit	HUD Matrix 03C Homeless Facilities	CDBG	30,000
		ESG	0
		HOME	0
CDBG Citation 570.201(a)	National Objective Low-mod Income Persons	HOPWA	0
		Total	30,000
Start Data (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/01/05	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 08/31/06	Prior Year Funds	0
		Other Funding	0
Performance Indicator Persons	Units 8	Assisted Housing	0
		PHA	0
		Total Other Funding	0

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<b>Applicant's Name</b>	City of Grand Junction
<b>Priority Need</b>	Non-Housing Community Development Infrastructure
<b>Specific Objective</b>	Improve Storm Drainage System
<b>Project Title</b>	Ouray Avenue Storm Drain Enlargement
<b>Project Description</b>	Funds to construct a new 48-inch storm sewer within the El Poso Neighborhood, a low and moderate income neighborhood.
<b>Location</b>	Ouray Avenue between Mulberry Street and Crosby Avenue

		Funding	
Project ID 006	Local 2004-06		
Type of Recipient Public	HUD Matrix 03K/L Street Improvements/Sidewalks	CDBG	172,644
		ESG	0
		HOME	0
		HOPWA	0
CDBG Citation 570.201(c)	National Objective Public Facilities and Improvements	Total	172,644
		Prior Year Funds	0
		Other Funding	150,504
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/01/05	Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 08/31/06	Assisted Housing	0
		PHA	0
Performance Indicator Lin Ft 48" Storm Drain	Units 1,500	Total Other Funding	150,504

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**FEDERAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

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**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**May 18, 2005**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005, at 7:09 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Jim Doody, Gregg Palmer, Jim Spehar, Doug Thomason and President of the Council Bruce Hill. Also present were City Manager Kelly Arnold, City Attorney John Shaver and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Hill called the meeting to order.

**Public Hearing – 2005 CDBG Program Year Funding for the 2005 Action Plan, a Part of the 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan**

City Council will consider which activities and programs to fund and will prioritize and recommend levels of funding for CDBG projects for the 2005 Program Year.

The public hearing was opened at 8:21 p.m.

David Thornton, Principal Planner, reviewed this item. He noted this is year five of the five-year plan so the Council will see a new five-year plan next year. The City's entitlement annually funds the City with CDBG funds. This year the City anticipates receiving \$387,644. The final adoption of the funding recommendations will be at a public hearing on June 15, 2005.

Mr. Thornton explained the process for receiving applications, the deadline for which was April 15. The City received twenty applications. The City Council is recommending funding six of the projects from their workshop discussion. He reviewed the fourteen that were not proposed to receive funding. The first five received funding in 2004. A number of the remaining fourteen projects were City projects totaling \$478,000.

Mr. Thornton then described the six which are being recommended for funding: Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation is asking for some expansion funds to provide more beds, Mesa County Partners is asking for \$15,000 for a 12-passenger van to transport youth in the program, funding for the City's new neighborhood program of \$120,000 is being requested, \$30,000 for a wheelchair lift for the Homeless Veteran Transitional Housing complex, and lastly funding for the construction of storm sewers in the El Poso neighborhood in the amount of \$172,644.

Council President Pro Tem Palmer asked if the presentation could make it more clear to folks what the qualifications are since there were eight applications that were disqualified as ineligible. Mr. Thornton agreed noting they will use this year as an example when making next year's presentation.

Councilmember Spehar advised this funding is a declining funding source yet there were requests for three times the amount of the entitlement. He noted the City has sent

representatives to Washington to support the continuation of the program. In the past Staff has not dedicated any funds for administration of the program and should be commended.

Milton "Tony" Long, 302 Pitkin Avenue, a resident for over nine years and one of the homeless, said he hopes the community can work together to solve some problems. He felt that fewer regulations will mean the homeless will need less money.

Alfred Parker, Major with the Salvation Army, thanked City Council for consideration of their request, expressing that the CDBG program should be a free-standing program.

Joe Higgins, 140 W. Kennedy, Partners Director, stated his organization has a very strong work relationship with the City and federal dollars for those programs are disappearing. Partners like to have the youth work in the community where they get paid for the work they do. The program has been using unsafe vehicles to transport clients so this request will help alleviate that. He thought staff did a good job clarifying the requirements at the presentation this year and were helpful.

Dan Whalen, Director of Housing Resources, 336 Iron Horse Court and Teresa Black, 384 Skyler Street, Director of Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley, advised that the Veteran Transitional Housing is the only such facility between Salt Lake City and Denver and if the funding is granted it will help make it happen.

Council President Hill inquired why the request is to only make one unit accessible. Mr. Whalen said they hope to be able to make all four accessible, they are working on that.

The public hearing was closed at 8:38 p.m.

Council President Hill said he was pleased to be at the ribbon cutting of the Veteran facility. The dollars from CDBG help leverage other dollars. The funds the City has received through the entitlement program have leveraged \$21 million. The federal government may ask if the City can survive without these funds and the answer is yes they can but they take very good care of these funds which are used for very worthwhile purposes.

Councilmember Coons thanked the applicants and commended them for their efforts.

Councilmember Doody, knowing how non-profits must leverage money, said he appreciated their importance.

Councilmember Spehar moved to approve the CDBG City Council Subcommittee recommendation for funding six projects for the City's 2005 CDBG Program Year Action Plan and set a hearing for final adoption of the CDBG 2005 Action Plan for June 15, 2005. Council President Pro Tem Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC  
City Clerk

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 15, 2005**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005, at 7:05 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Jim Doody, Jim Spehar, Doug Thomason and President of the Council Bruce Hill. Also present were City Manager Kelly Arnold, City Attorney John Shaver and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin. Council President Pro Tem Gregg Palmer was absent.

Council President Hill called the meeting to order. Councilmember Thomason led in the pledge of allegiance. The audience remained standing for the invocation by Pastor Steve Johnson, Living Hope Church.

**Public Hearing – 2005 CDBG Program Year Action Plan, a Part of the 2001 Five Year Consolidated Plan**

City Council will consider final adoption of the 2005 Program Year Action Plan. This annual plan is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the use of CDBG funds. The Action Plan includes the CDBG projects for the 2005 Program Year that City Council approved for funding on May 18, 2005.

The public hearing was opened at 8:16 p.m.

Council President Hill noted the good news, that the CDBG program was not cut by the Federal Government and though the funds were reduced, they were not eliminated.

David Thornton, Principal Planner, reviewed this item. He explained the purpose of the public hearing is to adopt the Action Plan for 2005. Mr. Thornton detailed the recommendations for funding and also stated in the plan, a number of human service agencies are included within the consolidated plan which helps bolster the causes of those programs and also funded are a number of City programs that meet the criteria of the CDBG program. Mr. Thornton said the public hearing is to adopt the plan and the public comment period ends July 8<sup>th</sup>. He said the minutes of this meeting and the plans are then submitted to HUD and then there is a forty day review period. Mr. Thornton said they expect approval from HUD at the end of August or in September, then the City can begin funding.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 8:21 p.m.

Council President Hill stated the CDBG program was the main focus of most communities at the NLC conference due to the possibility of the funding being cut by the Federal Government. He said the City made a presentation at that conference and was pleased to hear that the funds were not eliminated. He said the presentation made it clear that communities do not take these funds lightly and they are appreciated and used wisely. The funds are also used to leverage up to eight times more funding.

Councilmember Spehar commended the efforts to reach out to the legislators to make sure they are aware of the importance of these funds. He said these funds precipitated the start of the City's neighborhood program.

Resolution No. 113-05 – A Resolution Adopting the 2005 Program Year Action Plan as a part of the City of Grand Junction 2001 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the Grand Junction Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Councilmember Spehar moved to adopt Resolution No. 113-05. Councilmember Beckstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC  
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# 2005 PROGRAM YEAR ACTION PLAN CDBG PROJECTS



## Legend

— City Limits

— CDBG Project Boundary



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