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Housing Authority of the
City of Sacramento
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Application for Community Services Block Grant funds: \$17,630 for and Enterprise Zone Job Bank, \$105,827 for the Transitional Housing Program, \$40,000 for the Senior Companions Program and \$32,305 for the Sacramento Elderly Nutrition Program.

SUMMARY

Proposals for the 1987 Community Services Block Grant funds are due October 3, 1986. This report recommends five proposals for submission to the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), the CSBG Grant Administrator.

1) A proposal to use \$17,630 for staffing a Job Bank for the Del Paso Heights/ Northgate Enterprise Zone. (This is the only amount available for Economic Development).

2) A proposal for funds to support the Transitional Housing Program. Although the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency is submitting the proposal, the services offered under this program will be delivered by a consortium consisting of the Agency, Travelers Aid Society, South Area Emergency Housing Center, Lutheran Social Services, the Interfaith Service Bureau and the Galt Concilio. The consortium is applying in the same categories as last year, although available funds have been reduced.

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3) A proposal for \$40,000 to fund eight Senior Companions, who would serve approximately fifty frail elderly persons with In-Home Supportive Services.

4) Two proposals from the Sacramento Elderly Nutrition Program totaling \$32,305, to fund 10,000 transportation units (rides) for elderly persons at risk of becoming isolated and homebound to and from congregate nutrition meals sites and to subsidize home-delivered meals to frail elderly persons at or below the income levels established for Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplemental Payment (SSI-SSP).

BACKGROUND

The Sacramento Employment and Training Agency annually issues Requests For Proposals for Community Service Block Grant funds to be used for human service programs throughout Sacramento County. During the last four years, SETA has funded 109 programs and 74 community-based organizations and public agencies.

The proposals face serious competition given that only \$352,000 is available, and most non-profits or public entities providing services to low-income households are eligible to apply. The service categories are:

Emergency Housing	\$	70,519
Starvation and Malnutrition		52,889
Economic Development		17,630
Youth Services		70,519
Senior Services		70,519
Emergency Assistance		70,519

Five of these categories, Emergency Housing, Emergency Assistance, Economic Development, Senior Services and Starvation and Malnutrition are applicable to the Agency's objectives. Proposals for these categories are summarized below. The final proposals will be submitted to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission when completed.

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Economic Development

This category is specifically targeted by SETA for use in the Enterprise Zone. Although the Del Paso Heights/Northgate Enterprise Zone has not received final designation (due to State administrative delays), the Agency's Enterprise Zone Coordinator has been active in establishing the system necessary to administer the program. As the program gradually takes shape, it has become apparent that the most difficult stumbling block is getting Zone businesses to successfully participate in this program. This is difficult because, in order to qualify for the Enterprise Zone state income tax credits, businesses must hire a full 30% of their labor force from High Density Unemployment Areas (HDUAs) - - Del Paso Heights, Downtown and Oak Park. The most obvious places to receive referrals are the Employment Development Department's (EDD) two field offices, the Private Industry Council (PIC) and SETA-funded job providers. However, for business to access a labor pool large enough to find qualified residents, all these agencies must be contacted, which causes frustration on the part of the business. In addition, the situation is made more difficult because not enough unemployed HDUA residents are listed with any of the agencies mentioned.

The concept of a Job Bank has been developed by the Enterprise Zone Task Force to resolve these problems. The Job Bank would be a one-stop clearinghouse for Zone employers and residents. With the funds available, a staff person (under contract) will be hired to:

- 1) Work with employers to help them receive as many referrals as possible by "front-running" coordination among the job training/ placement providers, and
- 2) Organize recruitment and referral agencies in Del Paso Heights so that residents are encouraged to be certified for Enterprise Zone employment. Residents would be screened and referred to training programs (26 in Sacramento) or directly to jobs. Given the higher unemployment in the HDUAs (almost three times higher than the city-wide rate), there must be an intensive neighborhood recruitment effort if the residents are to be fully represented in job training programs or with Enterprise Zone employers.

The \$17,630 would only support a part-time position.

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Emergency Shelter

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency is the lead agency in a consortium with Travelers' Aid Society, South Area Emergency Housing Center, Lutheran Social Services, the Interfaith Service Bureau and Galt Concilio. This consortium received CSBG funding from SETA to provide a continuum of services ranging from emergency shelter, education, social work services to placement in permanent housing and sponsorship in the community. In its initial year, the consortium has met its stated goals: 54 families served in apartments, 275 served by the Housing Coordinator and after-hours worker at the South Area Emergency Housing Center, 54 families counseled by Lutheran Social Services, 32 served by the Interfaith Service Bureau and 144 families were provided emergency assistance by Travelers Aid. The program is 70-80% successful in assisting families in resolving homelessness.

Senior Services (OAVP)

The Agency's Older Americans Volunteer Programs/ Senior Companion Program enables low-income seniors to receive training and support to provide In-Home Support Services (routine housekeeping and homemaking, linkage to community services and respite), to persons who are sixty years of age or over, frail and low-income. Without these services, these seniors are at risk of early, unnecessary and expensive institutionalization. The CSBG moneys will fund eight Senior Companion positions, each at half-time equivalent.

Senior Services (SENP)

During the 1986-7 Fiscal Year, the Sacramento Elderly Nutrition Program (SENP) will provide approximately 220,000 congregate meals to seniors sixty years of age or older, approximately 20,000 rides to elders at risk of becoming homebound and isolated between their homes and congregate nutrition sites and 80,000 home-delivered meals to persons sixty years of age or older, or spouses, who are unable to prepare nutritious meals in their own homes or attend a congregate nutrition meal site due to restricted mobility, chronic illness or mental impairment. Congregate meals are less expensive to provide, and the congregate setting is important in maintaining social and individual functioning.

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Transportation is therefore a vital link to prevent frail elders physically capable of attending congregate sites from becoming prematurely homebound. The \$20,000 requested from CSBG under this category will enable 10,000 units of transportation (rides between the elder's residence and the congregate nutrition site) to be provided to this at-risk group of people.

Starvation and Malnutrition Services

During the 1986-7 Fiscal Year, the Sacramento Elderly Nutrition Program (SENP) will provide approximately 220,000 congregate meals to seniors sixty years of age or older, approximately 20,000 rides to elders at risk of becoming homebound and isolated between their homes and congregate nutrition sites and 80,000 home-delivered meals to persons sixty years of age or older, or spouses, who are unable to prepare nutritious meals in their own homes or attend a congregate nutrition meal site due to restricted mobility, chronic illness or mental impairment. The latter contribute an average of seventy-five cents per meal towards the cost of the home-delivered meal; this amount constitutes a hardship for the most impoverished and frail of elders. The \$12,305 CSBG funding under this category will enable a subsidy for those persons receiving home-delivered meals and who are on limited fixed incomes, at or below the benefit standard of Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplemental Payment.

FINANCIAL DATA

In order to submit these proposals, the Agency is required to provide 10% in matching non-federal funds and/or in-kind service. For the Economic Development category, the \$1,763 will be provided by the staff services of the Enterprise Zone Coordinator. For the Transitional Housing Program, \$10,508 will be provided via volunteers, various funded programs and staff services within the consortium agencies. The Senior Companion Program will provide \$4,000 match through staff and volunteer service hours. The Sacramento Elderly Nutrition Program will provide \$ 3,231 through matches in food, staffing, meal delivery and transportation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Environmental review is not required for the actions requested in the staff report.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The actions proposed in this staff report are consistent with previously approved policy, and there are no policy changes being recommended. Approval will augment existing efforts to fulfill Agency objectives.

VOTE AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

At its regular meeting of September 15, 1986 the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission adopted a motion recommending the attached resolution. The votes were as follows:

AYES: Glud, Lopez, Moose, Pettit, Sanchez, Sheldon, Wooley,
Amundson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution, which 1) authorizes the Executive Director to submit five proposals for CSBG funds; and 2) endorses the proposals as summarized.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. 86.023

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO

ON DATE OF



September 23, 1986

AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF SACRAMENTO:

Section 1. The Executive Director is authorized to submit a proposal for Community Services Block Grant funds in the amount of \$17,630 for an Enterprise Zone Job Bank.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to submit a proposal for Community Services Block Grant funds in the amount of \$105,827 for the Transitional Housing Program.

Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to submit a proposal for Community Services Block Grant funds in the amount of \$40,000 for the Senior Companions Program.

Section 4. The Executive Director is authorized to submit two proposals for Community Services Block Grant funds to total the amount of \$32,305 for the Sacramento Elderly Nutrition Program.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY