



THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS WILL RECEIVE \$1,885,000 FOR ITS FOURTH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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IT BEGAN IN 1974-Congress passed new legislation called the Community Development Act to provide block grants of money to cities to expand economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income, and provide decent housing in a suitable living environment. The official goals of the Act are to: eliminate and prevent deterioration, eliminate hazards through housing rehabilitation, conserve and expand the housing supply, improve the quality and quantity of community services, make rational use of the land, reduce the isolation of income groups, and restore and preserve properties of aesthetic or historic value. The City of Las Vegas this year will receive \$1,885,000 from the Federal government to be used for these purposes.

TIMETABLE FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

(All Dates Will Be Adhered to as closely as possible)

- October 18, 1977 -
Commission Chambers,
7:30 PM, City Hall
- October 19, 1977 -
Old Westside School,
7:30 PM, Corner of "D"
and Washington
- October 20, 1977 -
E.O.B. Day Care Center,
7:30 PM, Balzar & Com-
stock
- October 25, 1977 -
Commission Chambers,
7:30 PM, City Hall
- October 27, 1977 -
Sunrise Acres Elementary
School, 7:30 PM,
2501 Sunrise Avenue
- November 1, 1977 -
Westside School, 7:30 PM,
Corner of "D" & Washington
- January 4, 1978 -
Commission Chambers,
9:00 AM, City Hall -
Public Hearing
- January 11, 1978 -
Commission Chambers,
7:00 PM, City Hall -
Public Hearing

The purpose of this program is to:

"to promote 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."

This money must be used in conformance with Federal laws relating to: Civil Rights; Environmental Protection; Property Acquisition and Relocation.

For technical assistance on the Block Grant Program, call 386-6462 or come to: Department of Funds, Coordination and Projects, Fifth Floor, City Hall, 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

COUPON INSTRUCTIONS:

Number the most important community need No. 1, second most important No. 2, and so on.

CHECKLIST FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS	OTHER CONCERNS THAT NEED PRIORITY:
<p><input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS. Acquisition, redevelopment and preservation of downtown and general removal of commercial blight.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS. Projects that may be expected to stop the decline of neighborhoods by either rehabilitation of existing homes or relocation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PARKS & OPEN SPACE. For upgrading of neighborhoods and public areas.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Purchase and restoration of properties for public benefit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Such as street furniture, street paving, traffic signals, street lights, water and sewer, and removal of architectural barriers to elderly or handicapped persons.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MORE PUBLIC OR SOCIAL SERVICES. Provide for such things as day care or health care services.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">STAMP</div> <p><i>Mail or Bring to:</i> CITY OF LAS VEGAS DEPT. OF FUNDS, COORDINATION & PROJECTS 400 E. Stewart Las Vegas, Nev. 89101</p>

From Our Readers

EDITORS NOTE: The Las Vegas Voice will publish your opinion on any subject - praise - complaints - questions - or answers. We do reserve the right to edit, and your letter must be signed with a valid address and phone number for verification prior to publication. We want your letters! At your written request your name can be withheld.

Greetings:

This letter is to express my deep concern, as well as that of others I have talked with, about the economic status of minorities and disadvantaged people in northern Nevada. The situation here (northern Nevada) may be more critical than in Clark county. According to some reports, there's a lot to be desired to measure up to equality in Clark county as it relates to federal funds that are sent into the state to assist the people in raising their standard of living.

There are many people in northern Nevada who have expressed grave disappointment in Congressman Santini. A group of several minorities requested a meeting with him prior to the election last year to discuss the problems of the Washoe County CETA funding that had refused to allow five minority groups (i.e. Race Relations Center; NAACP; ELSOL; Construction-Opportunity Trust; O.I.C.) to participate in Title I training funds. This was a tragedy to minorities during the height of unemployment. As of today, Blacks and other minorities are not allowed to have CETA contracts under Title I, Washoe County. There were also questions about revenue sharing funds, community development monies, small business administration funds, etc. To this day, Congressman Santini has not met with these groups to discuss their problems.

As it has been expressed, Congressman Santini has done a lot for many people, but at the same time has ignored a plea from minority groups who were discriminated against, harassed, and intimidated by the powerful office of the Department of Labor in San Francisco and the local Washoe County CETA staff.

Minorities are going to have to look for someone to elect to state-wide office other than officials like Congressman Santini. Letter answering politics are something of the past. People not only want answers to their letters, they also want answers to their problems.

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