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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The City of Las Vegas, Nevada, proposes to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) to be used for the following projects.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-35
PROJECT TITLE: WESTSIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

This project proposes to fund a community base organization whose function is to assist the City in the development of the Block Grant Program by: (1) Inform citizens about the program, (2) solicit community input on the program by conducting neighborhood meetings, and (3) assist the Block Grant staff in any citizen participation functions. Total cost of this project is \$26,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-36
PROJECT TITLE: FOCUS WEST
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

This project proposes to fund the youth/community guidance counseling service and the acquisition of a van for programmatic transportation. Services such as personal counseling, everyday personal grooming and health care and recreational activities will be provided for desired youths. The cost of the project is \$62,706.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-37
PROJECT TITLE: GERSON PARK DROP-IN CENTER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

This program proposes to fund the after-school drop-in recreation program for girls ages 6-14. The program is designed to meet the needs of girls according to the various stages of their emotional, physical and social needs. The total cost of this project is \$45,937.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-38
PROJECT TITLE: HOME OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT EDUCATION (H.O.M.E.)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund a project proposed by H.O.M.E. to provide low and moderate income homeowners with counseling and educational services as an alternative to foreclosure. H.O.M.E. will provide pre-occupancy counseling to all potential homeowners purchasing HUD repossessed homes. H.O.M.E. will directly support the loan rehabilitation program in Planning Areas 1 and 2. The major goals for H.O.M.E., therefore, are to prepare new homeowners for successful homeownership, reduce delinquency/default, foreclosure, abandonment rates, and provide local liaison between mortgagor and mortgagee. The amount of funding for this program will be \$58,292.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-39
PROJECT TITLE: DAY CARE CENTER - TITLE XX EOB
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to contract with the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) for a day care center for children of parents who are in need of child care in order to seek employment or training/education for employment. The program will primarily serve low-income persons in the general area of West Las Vegas, but is open to all of Clark County providing applicants meet the eligibility requirements. The goals to be met through this program are: (1) Provision of day care to a minimum of 100 children, ages 3-5, 30 at any one time; (2) to improve the educational potentialities of these children; (3) to improve the health and nutritional standards of these children. In addition to children's benefits, parents are also benefited. Parents involved in the program will derive benefits from contact with other parents and persons who can inform them of resources they can utilize, in addition to the increased economic viability, which is one of the program's overall goals. The program itself will be housed in a Housing Authority facility financed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which is located in the heart of Planning Area 1. This year's funding is \$37,154.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-40
PROJECT TITLE: SENIOR COMPANION VOLUNTEERS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to contract with Senior Companion Volunteers, a division of the Nevada Catholic Welfare to provide individualized personal services to the low-income, older, handicapped, or ill persons in Planning Areas 1 and 2, in an effort to prevent or delay institutionalization. The total cost of the project is \$50,884.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-41
PROJECT TITLE: SENIOR CITIZENS TAXI SERVICE
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to provide funds to augment a taxi service for senior citizens who reside within the designated neighborhood strategy areas of Planning Areas 1 and 2. These individuals would have to meet program eligibility. The program will be monitored by the Senior Companion Volunteers. The cost of the program is \$20,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-42
PROJECT TITLE: INFORMATION AND REFERRAL - VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER (VAC)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to contract with the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) to provide direct information and referral services, acting as an advocate for clients; establish and/or maintain additional network agencies concentrated in the target areas; publish and distribute 2,500 community service directories; perform on-going research on available services; and collect data on human service needs for use by public and private planning bodies. The program will continue to provide services (information and referral) to persons located primarily in Planning Areas 1 and 2. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 persons will be assisted by this program with 65% being residents of Las Vegas' "high need" areas. The cost of the project is \$20,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-43
PROJECT TITLE: POOR PEOPLE PULLING TOGETHER (P.P.P.T.)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City of Las Vegas proposes to fund a tenant organization project to be administered by Poor People Pulling Together. This year's program will provide a dual service by acting as a liaison between the tenant and the landlord. P.P.P.T. will locate and identify substandard rental housing in Census Tracts 35, 3.01, and 3.02. This effort is to alleviate the downward slide of rental units for low income and moderate income families in the West Las Vegas and adjoining areas. Another service will be a personal outreach program to inform low income homeowners of the low-interest rehabilitation loan program and provide each applicant/recipient with technical assistance. The funding of this project will be \$37,810.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-44
PROJECT TITLE: YOUTH TRANSPORTATION
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund a youth transportation program that will transport low and moderate income youth of Planning Areas 1 and 2 to various educational, cultural, recreational and social events that would be useful in these persons outward growth. Cost of the project is \$15,555.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-45
PROJECT TITLE: SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to provide the Las Vegas Housing Authority funds to match an urban Mass Transportation Agency grant for the purchase of buses that will be used in a Las Vegas Senior Citizen Transportation Program. The service will be extended to all Las Vegas Housing Authority housing complexes. Seniors will be transported to designated "service facilities" which provide direct services to them. Cost of the project is \$20,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-46
PROJECT TITLE: NALA DAY CARE CENTER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund a day care service to be provided to residents of Planning Area 2 operated by the Nevada Association of Latin Americans. The program's goals are: (1) Provide a day care service for 80 children for 12 months; (2) provide a bilingual/bicultural curriculum; (3) enable the parents to seek employment by keeping their children, and (4) provide affordable child care services to children ages 2-6. Total cost of the project is \$24,602.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-47
PROJECT TITLE: CRITICAL CARE UNIT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund a critical care unit vehicle to be used to transport emergency victims of Planning Area 1. The high degree of various accidents in the Planning Area has made a need for better medical services in the area an identifiable need. This service would be at no cost to the low and moderate income residents of Planning Areas 1 primarily (also Planning Area 2). Total cost of the project is \$50,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-48
PROJECT TITLE: EOB SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to make available funds to the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) for an urban Mass Transportation Agency match that will be used to purchase and operate an additional vehicle for their transportation program. This vehicle will be used in transporting low and moderate income seniors to various locations on a need basis. Cost of the project is \$20,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-49
PROJECT TITLE: SHELTERED ENTERPRISES OF NEVADA
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund the Sheltered Enterprises of Nevada organization which is a treatment and training program for adult clients with emotional and mental illness. The program will uplift and train mentally and emotionally ill neighborhood citizens in a sheltered workshop setting to enable them to develop the kinds of skills which will lead to employment. The total cost of the project is \$10,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-50
PROJECT TITLE: HOUSING REHABILITATION FINANCING
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to finance a housing rehabilitation program to support its efforts in neighborhood preservation efforts in the Planning Areas. The project entails providing loans and/or grants for home improvements. The cost of the project is \$70,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-51
PROJECT TITLE: CLEARANCE AND DEMOLITION
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund this project as a part of its efforts in neighborhood preservation for the Planning Areas. The project entails minor clearance and demolition activities in the Planning Area neighborhood strategy areas. The cost of the project is \$15,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-52
PROJECT TITLE: HOUSING INSPECTION AND COUNSELING
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund this project as part of its neighborhood preservation activities. The program entails using housing counselors for code inspection and financial counseling in the Planning Areas. This program will also include purchasing vehicles to carry out their responsibility. The overall objectives of the program are: (1) To upgrade the neighborhoods of the Planning Areas, (2) prevent deteriorating neighborhoods from becoming "slum areas", and (3) alert occupants and property owners of conditions hazardous to their health and safety, as well as their structure. The cost of the project is \$120,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-54
PROJECT TITLE: REHABILITATION MATERIALS AND WESTSIDE AESTHETIC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund this project as part of its efforts in neighborhood preservation activities. The project will consist of providing 200 low and moderate income residents of Planning Areas 1 and 2 paint and weather-stripping materials to upgrade the exterior of their dwellings. The program also consists of promoting community aesthetic awareness through the production of murals, sculptures and public graphics designs in Planning Area 1. Cost of this project is \$121,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-55
PROJECT TITLE: INTERIM ASSISTANCE
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund this project as a part of its neighborhood preservation activities in the Planning Areas. It entails providing emergency financial assistance through grants to Planning Area residents who are hit by unexpected "natural disasters". The cost of this project is \$5,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-56
PROJECT TITLE: COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund this project as part of its economic redevelopment efforts in the Planning Areas. The project entails creating a revolving commercial loan fund for the purpose of making direct, low interest loans and grants for the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of commercial properties in the Planning Areas designated neighborhood strategy areas. Cost of the project is \$100,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-57
PROJECT TITLE: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT LEVERAGE FUND
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund this project as part of its economic redevelopment efforts in the Planning Areas. The project entails providing "seed money" or leverage money to local development corporations (LDC's) and Small Business Investment Corporations (SBIC's) in order to encourage private sector investment in the neighborhood strategy areas of Planning Areas 1 and 2. The leverage money would work at a ratio of 2 1/2 (2.5c to the dollar). The cost of the project is \$30,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-60
PROJECT TITLE: HANDICAP ACCESS - LIONS AND FANTASY PARKS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The project consists of (1) installing ramps at the entrance of the park, (2) upgrade the restrooms to meet handicapped specifications, (3) install concrete paths and wheelchair paths to playground and, (4) install handicap therapeutic playground equipment and picnic tables. The cost of the project is \$10,200.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-61
PROJECT TITLE: STREET LIGHTING - LAKE MEAD ("H" TO HIGHLAND)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to place street lights on Lake Mead ("H" to Highland). The proposed project will be approximately four (4) blocks long (1/4 mile, 1320'). The right-of-way is proposed at 100' and will have tentative spacing of 120' staggered light placements. The strip will have approximately 22 standards. The light fixtures will be 250 Watt high pressure sodium (HPS) lamps. Total cost of this project is \$22,500.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-62

PROJECT TITLE: STREET LIGHTING - "D" STREET (OWENS TO BONANZA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:
The City proposes to place street lights on "D" Street (Owens to Bonanza). The proposed project will be approximately twelve (12) blocks long (3/4 mile, 3960'). The right-of-way is proposed at 180' and will have tentative spacing of 180' staggered light placements. The strip will have approximately 42 standards. The light fixtures will be 250 Watt high pressure sodium (HPS) lamps. Total cost of this project is \$20,250.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-63
PROJECT TITLE: STREET LIGHTING - "H" STREET (OWENS TO BONANZA)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to place street lights on "H" Street from Owens to Bonanza. The proposed project will be approximately twelve (12) blocks long (3/4 mile, 3960'). The right-of-way is proposed at 80' and will have tentative spacing of 160' staggered light placements. The strip will have approximately 48 standards. The light fixtures will be 250 Watt high pressure sodium (HPS) lamps. Total cost of this project is \$29,750.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-64
PROJECT TITLE: WEST LAS VEGAS SIDEWALKS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

This project is a physical development activity in Planning Area 1. The proposed project will consist of constructing sidewalks on one side of the area bounded by Owens Avenue, Highland, I-15 and Bonanza Road (where no sidewalks presently exist). The proposed project will provide safety to the residents, physical and aesthetic enhancement to the neighborhoods, and will provide better pedestrian transportation to residents who choose the alternative of walking than riding through their neighborhood. Total cost of this project is \$110,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-65
PROJECT TITLE: NALA DAY CARE REHABILITATION
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund the rehabilitation activity necessary to convert a Housing Authority recreation room in the Kelso Turner Complex into the NALA Day Care Center. This activity will include the expansion of the interior, painting, and weatherizing as well as the installation of 750 square feet of fenced play area for the children. The total rehabilitation cost is \$15,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-66
PROJECT TITLE: MINI-PARK RESTROOMS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The project will consist of the construction of "super-secure comfort stations" with handicap accessibility. The proposed structure is 9' wide and 25' long. The exterior is made from steel and the interior is complete with cast aluminum plumbing fixtures. These structures will be located on:
- Morgan and "B" Streets
- Washington and "D" Streets
- Fitzgerald Park - "H" and Jackson Streets
Total cost of this project is \$58,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-67
PROJECT TITLE: WESTSIDE SCHOOL SECURITY LIGHTING AND PARKING LOT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

This is a proposed project that would entail the installation of exterior lighting for the Westside School at "D" and Washington. The proposed lighting will be installed on the exterior of the building and on the adjacent parking lot. Total cost of this project is \$30,000.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-69
PROJECT TITLE: OPERATION LIFE BUILDING REHABILITATION

This is a continued renovation project. The City of Las Vegas will continue to provide funding to further help rehabilitate the community facility located at "D" Street and Jackson that is presently occupied by Operation Life. This year's rehabilitation efforts will concentrate on the second through fifth floor in the Operation Life Building. The rehabilitation will include repairing and painting walls, strengthening flooring where necessary, laying carpet and tile and construction materials for refurbishing the rooms into useable offices. Total cost of this project is \$107,265.

PROJECT NUMBER: 673-71
PROJECT TITLE: REHABILITATION OF CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (CET)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE:

The City proposes to fund the rehabilitation of the Center for Employment Training. The activity will include the construction of partitions or walls for two classrooms, installation of an additional lavatory, installation of a back door to the facility, demolition and removal of dilapidated houses at the rear of the facility, grading and paving of 7,500 sq. ft. for a parking lot and replacement of a 6' X 7' window. Total cost of this project is \$22,800.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within projects has been made by the City of Las Vegas, of Clark County, Nevada, which documents the environmental review of the projects. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The City of Las Vegas will undertake the projects described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Las Vegas is certifying to HUD that the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Las Vegas, may use the Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer or applicant approved by HUD; or (b) the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part. 58), and may be addressed to HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Francisco Area Office, One Embarcadero Center, Suite 1600, San Francisco, California 94111. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after May 16, 1978 will be considered by HUD.

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