

CITY OF DAVIS
2003-2004 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS WITH RESPONSES

Name of Applicant: City of Davis-Removal of Architectural Barriers
Project Title: City ADA-Special Projects

1. Aren't there transit funds available for transit stop improvements?

City staff have consulted with Unitrans about funding for transit stop improvements. Federal funding could be obtained. However, for the relatively low cost of the improvements, the delays and contracting requirements associated with the federal funds available to Unitrans did not seem warranted. These stops will be used by both Unitrans and Yolobus, and are in fact a part of the City's street improvements, so ultimately they are the City's responsibility.

2. Please provide the total amount of funds committed from other sources for the propose projects.

The only projects proposed which have a share of cost paid from other sources are the Veterans Memorial Theater and the Davis Senior Center Expansion. The Veterans Memorial Theater is a multi-year project with a budget of approximately \$432,000. Of this, \$270,000 of the total (about 62 percent) will be from CDBG. The improvements related to access, in particular the much-needed restrooms, are the most expensive features of the improvement and expansion.

The Davis Senior Center expansion is also a multi-year project with an estimated total cost of \$1 million.

3. Why isn't the City Hall elevator project rated? Is there a need for an elevator at City Hall?

The failure to include the elevator feasibility in the ranking was a staff error. However, the funds requested are only for pre-development feasibility analysis, so the elevator is not yet a definable project. The City currently has staff located in several sites, some of which do not meet ADA standards for accessibility. The City also seeks cost effective ways to meet needs for staff offices. The second floor of City Hall is currently used to a limited extent for staff offices, but clearly does not meet ADA standards. This feasibility analysis will permit the City to determine whether the second floor can be made accessible, and at the same time determine other access issues for City employees working in City Hall.