

2009 – 2010 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization: City of Davis
Project Title: City ADA - Special Projects

1. Please provide the following:

- A. **A more detailed budget. Are there any other funding sources? If not, explain how costs such as utilities will be covered.**
 The budget for this function is included in Division #48 of the Community Services Department overall budget which is currently being developed for consideration by City Council and adoption in June. Other funding sources include general fund support.
- B. **Clarify the budget. What person or agency will receive the \$40,000 salary? What entity will provide the consultant, construction and project services? If specific providers are not yet identified, how will the providers be chosen?**
 The \$40,000 covers some of the compensation costs of the City’s ADA Coordinator. The amount budgeted for consultant contracts will cover some of the costs of a consultant for the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan development. City staff has initiated a competitive Request for Proposals process for selection of a qualified consultant and the City Council will be taking action on the proposed contract by the end of March, 2009.

2. The performance objective, as written is too vague. Provide measurable performance objectives. For example, include a copy of the site-specific locations for FY 2009-2010 referenced in the project description on page 3.

Revised Performance Measures:

Activity	Indicators	Outcome
Begin implementation of projects and activities resulting from ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Evaluation and Transition Plan is completed and approved by City Council, including list of high priority ADA City projects. • A minimum of 50 curb cut/ramps and adjacent path of travel modifications are completed in the areas identified in the Self Evaluation and Transition Plan. • Complete installation of accessible entrances to 1818 Fifth Street facilities. 	Improved access to City facilities, programs and services.

3. **The report of accomplishments for the 2007-2008 grants included "a complete review of all city facilities and services for compliance with ADA standards". Will these documented needs serve as measurable performance goals for the next grant period?**

Yes, a Transition Plan will be developed for this use and will include a prioritized list of ADA projects, specific timeline, estimated costs, and proposed funding levels.

4. **Has the ADA Subcommittee reviewed the Accessible Space Inc application or the YCCC M St roof replacement?**

No, historically, the ADA Subcommittee is only involved with review and recommendations related to the City's ADA projects, not outside agency projects.

5. **Architectural Barrier Removal - The \$75,000 for projects to be ID'd later. This money is to be combined with \$133,218 already designated. This seems to suggest the City has a "Contingency fund of:**

75,000 Available

133,000

\$208,218

for ADA compliance. This is a LOT of unspent money in view of the need.

- 1. Is this a correct reading of the proposal?**
- 2. Why isn't the City spending the available funds?**

The City has been involved with the initial phase of the ADA Self Evaluation project for over one year and the funds are anticipated to be fully utilized once the Commission and City Council receive the final results of the Evaluation and are best able to direct this funding to the highest priority projects. Since capital improvement projects related to ADA compliance will require more than small amounts of funds, staff has recommended the setting aside of these funds so that they are available for the highest priority projects once the Evaluation is completed.

6. **Due to limited funds, what is the minimum amount, that your agency could benefit from/use?**
\$60,000-\$70,000 would ensure completion of the Self Evaluation and development of the Transition Plan for identification, prioritization and development of implementation plan. However, this would not cover any costs to begin implementation of the high priority items identified through the Self Evaluation.

7. **For the Parks and General Services Office do ADA requirements require that multiple entrances per building be accessible?**

No. If there are more than 50 individuals in the building, two means of accessible egress is required for emergencies or rescue. Administrative offices upstairs that interact with the public in person must and do have a means to provide the same service in an accessible area downstairs. While the main public entrance at the administrative offices and other buildings at this location meet ADA requirements in terms of width, zero-entrance thresholds and clearance, there are no power-assist doors to facilitate entry for individuals with disabilities. Other ADA-required signage (visible and tactile) would also need to be installed throughout the facility to direct individuals to accessible entrances and detectable warning mechanisms installed to guide disabled individuals across the path of traffic and onto the safe path of travel into the facility.

8. Is the current entrance at each building situated in such a manner as to be out of the way or inconvenient for an individual who would need an accessible entrance?

No. The entrances to the buildings are in front, facing the main public entrance on Fifth Street and the building most frequented by the public is the main administrative offices building. The other two buildings are a combination of staff offices, work areas for fleet services, parks maintenance staff activities, and facility staff activities.

9. How many citizens visit these offices on a daily basis? On average, about 30 individuals visit these offices on a daily basis.

10. Have there been complaints about the accessibility of these buildings?

No complaints have been reported to the ADA Coordinator.

11. What sort of things have been identified as "high priority" projects?"

Highest priority items are identified with the following criteria (some samples are bulleted):

A) Modification Needed to Protect Public Health and Safety:

- removal of hazardous items in public right of way and path of travel.
 - Protrusions (interior, exterior, and public right of ways)
 - pavement dislocation, uneven walkways, unsafe drainage grates.
 - cross slopes.
- Detectable warnings - curb ramps to parking lot; sidewalk to driveway
- fire alarms (visual & audible) and fire exit signs.
- accessible sanitary facilities including drinking fountains and bathrooms

B) Modifications Needed to Ensure Access and Egress to Programs, Services and Activities.

- Public right-of-way curb ramps from public transportation or public parking lot to facility's path of travel and entrance.
- Door thresholds, entrance and exit hardware.
- Number of accessible exits; ratio of exits to room or building capacity
- Ramps and zero-entry thresholds to parks, programs and activities, playgrounds, including pools.

12. For the City-wide curb-cuts and ramps, how many roughly can the city put into place with \$310,000?

According to the City's Public Works Department, on average, ramps cost about \$2,500 with some specific locations that have unique geometry costing up to twice that much. The requested funds would get us about 100-120 ramps which would include accessibility improvements to the adjacent path of travel (i.e. sidewalk and public transportation access).

13. The total beneficiary number is based on the Census, will these city-wide improvements be in high traffic areas where a high number of these disabled individuals are likely to encounter these areas and need these improvements?

Based on the results of the ADA self evaluation, and census data, staff would determine which curb improvements would be completed first (i.e. high traffic areas for the beneficiaries). One consideration is that the fiscal year 2009-10 funds be used in the downtown core area which, as a major commercial center of town, would likely serve the majority of beneficiaries on a regular basis.