

Community Development Block Grant Overview

- The City of Rochester Hills has received \$174,110 for the past 3 years in annual CDBG funding. The same amount is anticipated for the 2004 / 2005 program year
- The CDBG Program Year runs from July 1 through June 30 each year. (July 1 is when the new year's worth of funding is awarded).
- Of the \$174,110 the City of Rochester Hills receives annually at LEAST one half (\$174,110 / 2 = \$87,055) of the allocation MUST be allocated towards "Construction Type" projects. Over the past few years the City of Rochester Hills has funded several different types of "Construction Type" projects such as:
 - SAD Road Construction
 - Water / Sewer Hook-ups
 - Mobile Home Roof Repairs & Replacements
 - Furnace Repairs & Replacements
 - Purchase of Van for Older Persons Commission
 - Installation of Fire Alarms for low-income residents
 - ADA Accessible Pathways at Borden Park (2003)
 - 2004 – ADA Accessible Pathways at Bloomer Park and Yates Park are planned.
 - 2004 – ADA Accessible Vault Toilets are planned to service Veteran's Memorial Pointe (and the newly acquired Clinton River Pathway) as well as Bloomer Park.

A breakdown of Minor Home Repair activities (from 2001- YTD 2004) is provided below:

Activity	\$\$'s Spent	Residents Served
MH Roof	\$ 81,004.05	34
Furnace	\$ 61,714.01	38
Plumbing	\$ 5,921.05	6
Deck Repair	\$ 4,900.00	2
Handicap Ramp	\$ 2,800.00	1
Handicap Bathroom	\$ 2,795.00	1
Window Repair	\$ 2,304.92	2
	\$ 161,439.03	84

- A maximum of one-half of the annual allocation (or a maximum of \$87,055) can be used to support “Service Type” projects. The City of Rochester Hills has used these funds to support the following Home Chore type activities in an effort to aid low-income senior citizens and disabled residents:
 - Spring / Summer Lawn Mowing
 - Spring / Fall Yard Clean-up
 - Winter Snow Plowing

- Over the past two years (2002 / 2003) the following amounts were spent to support Home Chore activities:

Home Chore Program	Annual Cost
<i>2002 (Portion) Snow Plowing</i>	\$ 15,577.00
<i>2002 Lawn Mowing Total</i>	\$ 16,832.00
<i>2002 Spring / Fall Cleanup</i>	\$ 14,760.00
	\$ 47,169.00

Home Chore Program	Annual Cost
<i>2003 (Portion) Snow Plowing</i>	\$ 20,134.00
<i>2003 Lawn Mowing Total</i>	\$ 28,298.90
<i>2003 Spring Cleanup / Storm Cleanup</i>	\$ 10,430.00
<i>2003 Fall Cleanup</i>	\$ 8,775.00
	\$ 67,637.90

- Due to an article in the Spring 2003 Rochester Hills Herald, the amount of eligible seniors and disabled residents enrolled in Home Chore services has risen from approximately 90 residents (in 2002) up to over 125 residents (so far 2004), a 39% increase from the previous year.

- The City of Rochester Hills also uses a portion of the “Service Type” funding to support certain agencies that perform a variety of services for Rochester Hills residents:
 - Women’s Survival Center – Legal Services for people in domestic crisis
 - HAVEN – Emergency shelter and support programs for people in crisis
 - Avondale Youth Assistance – Helps area youths attend camps and other enriching activities
 - Rochester Area Youth Assistance – Funds programs and camps designed for area youths
 - Rochester Area Clothes Closet – Helps low-income residents to find affordable clothing and a variety of products.