

CDBG Alternative Infrastructure / Parks Projects

At the direction of the City Council at the First Public Hearing on 6/3/24, all projects listed below are viable, eligible single alternatives to the use of \$614,325.00 of the available CDBG funds for the acquisition/rehabilitation housing project by the nonprofit organization of Sierra Saving Grace that was presented at June 3, 2024, public hearing. Council also requested alternative projects for \$1,313,621 of HOME funds, but staff was unable to identify any other viable alternative projects within the short timeframe; therefore there are no HOME projects listed as alternatives.

Recomm'd Ranking/ Option #	Project Title	Project Description and Details / Scope of Work	CDBG Funding = \$614,325	Location / Address	2024 Eligible Census Tract?	Council District
1	Applegate Park - Rossoti Ed-Zoo-Cation Center ADA, Parking, and Safety Improvements	Improves ADA, pedestrian, and service vehicle access to the Rossoti Center and Applegate Zoo by relocating parking for the Center and Kiddieland to the north side of W. 25th Street with new angled parking from P to R Streets, to include ADA spaces and bicycle parking. The project would also install new ADA accessible sidewalk to the Zoo, Kiddieland, and the Rossoti Center and along the entire north side of W. 25th Street, where there is none currently existing. The existing rear driveway would be gated, restricting its use to service/emergency access only, improving safety for bike path users and preserving the existing embankments of Bear Creek. The existing rear parking lot would then be available to the Zoo for any future habitat improvements/footprint expansion. Local Transportation Fund (LTF) funds would be available to install on-street parking improvements.	Uses all avail CDBG; needs additional funding to complete	1045 W 25th St.	Yes (Tract 13.01)	3 Perez
2	Fahrens Park - Disc Golf Course ADA Improvements	Under an existing planned project that uses separate funding, additional parking is already planned to be added to the existing disc golf parking area by the Parks Dept. With CDBG funds, expand the project to include installation of a new ADA accessible self-cleaning bathroom and drinking fountain adjacent to the parking area, where currently there are neither. Install an ADA accessible walking path from the parking area that follows the north bank of Black Rascal Creek westward along the south side of the disc golf course, then northward to connect to existing sidewalk on Buena Vista Drive. If enough funds, install an ADA accessible mini/kids disc golf course near the parking area.	Expands an existing Parks project; Uses all avail CDBG funds	945 Buena Vista Dr.	Yes (Tract 10.03)	5 Boyle
3	Steven Leonard Park ADA Improvements	Installs new ADA accessible self-cleaning restrooms; ADA access improvements for Splash Pad and existing playground; upgraded safety lighting throughout the park; and a new ADA accessible shade structure. With supplemental funding or with a separate future CDBG project, a new ADA accessible futsal ball court could also be included or be combined with the basketball court.	Uses all avail CDBG	W. 6th & T Streets	Yes (Tract 15.03)	2 DeAnda
4	Joe Herb Park ADA improvements	Rehab existing restroom facility to include ADA accessibility and other improvements; improve existing walkways to include ADA accessibility and upgrade safety lighting; install ADA access to the baseball fields.	Uses all avail CDBG	2200 Yosemite Parkway	Yes (Tract 17.00)	1 Ornelas
5	South Merced ADA Sidewalk Improvements for School/Park connections	Install ADA ramp and crosswalk upgrades and/or new sidewalks to improve disabled access to schools (Charles Wright Elementary), neighborhood/mini parks, and general pedestrian access throughout the 14.01 Census Tract, including Circle Drive Park. This Census Tract has been often overlooked for these types of improvements. Ramp installation costs for one block are approximately \$100,000 per block; therefore, this project could be planned as a longer-term, year-to-year improvement project, to complete improvements in the Census Tract over multiple years of funding.	Uses all avail CDBG; could be a multi-year CDBG project	Census Tract 14.01 in East Central Merced (South of Santa Fe RR, East of G Street, North of Yosemite Pkwy)	Yes (Tract 14.01)	3 Perez
6	Merced City Fire Dept - HEART and EAV EMS Vehicles	(Reinstate previous 2023 project that was eliminated with the Second Substantial Amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plan). Project involves the purchase and equipping of up to two Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Health Education Assessment/Referral Team (HEART) vehicles for supplemental transport and community services, including pop-up health clinics in low- to moderate-income areas of the City. If enough funding, the project would also purchase and equip one off-road Emergency Assessment Vehicle (EAV) for provision of emergency services to homeless encampments. All vehicles would help address the existing and ongoing service response gaps for Code 2 non-emergent calls. Vehicles would be permanently stationed at City-owned Fire Stations and staffed by EMS-trained and certified City of Merced firefighters.	Uses all avail CDBG; may need funding source for long-term staffing	Selected Fire Stations located in HUD Income Eligible Census Tracts	City-wide as LMA qualified area (> 51% LMI citywide)	All
7	McNamara Park Memorial Plunge Pool ADA Improvements	(Reinstate previous 2023 project that was eliminated with the First Substantial Amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plan). Project involves installing ADA improvements to the existing bathrooms; wheelchair lift for pool; possible expansion of pool footprint to accommodate ADA ramp into the pool; and upgrade/resurfacing of pool plaster to a slip resistant material(s); replacement of pool heating equipment to expand pool use into winter season and to extend use to the senior community. New security fencing is also needed.	Uses all avail CDBG; may need other funds to complete full scope	1040 Canal St.	Yes (Tract 16.01)	2 DeAnda