

CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 444

A RESOLUTION, establishing priorities for community development programs and projects for block grant funds under the Housing and Community development Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-383 for 1978-80; and approving project applications for the calendar year 1978.

WHEREAS, King County is an urban county applicant for block grant funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-383, and an Urban County Consortium has been established by interlocal cooperation agreements between the County and certain local municipal corporations within the County to which the City of Redmond is a party; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of said interlocal cooperation agreements and to qualify for reimbursement of eligible block grant community development programs under the Act, the City Council duly held a public hearing on August 16, 1977, and following such public hearing, has established priorities for community development block grant programs and projects within the City of Redmond and has approved the submission of appropriate applications therefor; Now, Therefore,

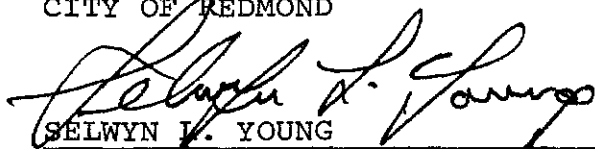
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Block Grant Community Development Programs for 1978-80 approved. That certain document entitled "Housing and Community Development Plan 1978-80, City of Redmond, August, 1977," which has been prepared by and is on file in the City of Redmond Department of Planning and Community Development, is hereby adopted as the City's Block Grant Community Development Program and Priorities for 1978-80 for submission to King County for allocation and approval for block grant funding in the order of priority established until the City's Housing and Community Development Fund entitlement has been exhausted, and as may be adjusted administratively by the Director of Planning and Community Development within the limits of the Program.

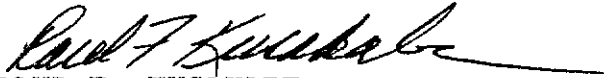
Section 2. Applications approved. The submission of appropriate applications and agreements for block grant funding of the community development programs and projects for the City of Redmond, set forth above under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Resolution, is hereby approved.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 6 day of September, 1977.

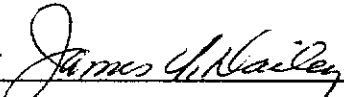
CITY OF REDMOND

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
1978 - 1980

CITY OF REDMOND  
August 1977

I. HISTORY/CULTURAL SETTING AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF REDMOND

A. History/Cultural Setting -

Luke McRedmond and Warren Perrigo, the original settlers of Redmond, arrived in 1871 and established farms by the Sammamish River, 2 miles north of Lake Sammamish.

Agricultural and lumbering opportunities, encouraged by the construction of the Lake Shore Eastern Railroad through the Sammamish Valley, attracted additional pioneers and the population increased.

Although the townsite of Redmond was platted in 1891, the town remained unincorporated until 1912. Agriculture and lumbering were the primary industries but as nearby stands of timber were harvested, the lumber industry decreased in significance. Thereafter, Redmond served mostly as a shopping hub for the surrounding agricultural areas.

B. Population Growth Trend -

Redmond was a small town in 1950 with about six hundred (600) persons residing in an incorporated area of approximately 0.3 square miles. By 1967 the City expanded its territory to about ten (10) square miles, and gained a population of about six thousand (6,000), of which about 1,500 persons were gained through annexation.

There are 17,757 persons residing within the incorporated limits of Redmond. The growth trend has been primarily affected by the regional economy. Redmond had annual population increases ranging from 16% to 30% during the regional aerospace and construction boom years (1967 - 1970). The growth rates dropped sharply in 1971 and 1972 due to the regional economic setbacks.

The City gained about 3,800 persons--an increase of about 25%--in the last three years due to the improving regional economic conditions and new housing development within the City.

C. Demographic Characteristics -

Redmond's general population characteristics are fairly typical of most suburban cities experiencing relative recent, rapid growth. The number of median school years completed is higher than the urban area. The median income, as reported in the 1970 census, is also higher than the urban area median. The number of Redmond families with incomes below the poverty level amounted, in 1970, to 2.3% of the total number of Redmond families, as opposed to 5.1% of the families in the Seattle-Everett urbanized area.

But while generally Redmond has few families below the poverty level, one age group of Redmond residents does have unique problems. That age group consists of Redmond's older residents, those 60 years of age and older.

In 1970, 9% of Redmond's population was over 60 years of age, 6% was over 65, and 2.5% was over 75. Nearly 13% of the people 65 and older were classified as near the poverty level in terms of income.

## II. COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

### A. Problems and Needs Related to Senior Citizens -

Redmond's older residents have common problems unique to the 60 and over age group. Many lack access to adequate transportation, adequate health care, adequate help on legal problems and adequate diet, as well as recreational and social opportunities.

Also, some senior citizens have limited mobility to flee from burning residences, mobile homes, etc. The prevention of potential tragedies is essential for senior citizens.

### B. Problems Related to Handicapped Citizens -

Redmond has needs, however, beyond those of the Senior Citizens. For Redmond's handicapped citizens (including 26 adults)\* confined to wheel chairs, problems exist with the use of public/semi-public restrooms and other facilities, and the downtown area presents mobility problems. The installation of wheel chair ramps at downtown intersections would make the downtown more accessible to people in wheel chairs.

### C. Pedestrian, Circulation and Traffic Safety Problems

A review of Redmond accident reports from 1972 through 1975 produced the following pertinent observations:

1. Accidents in the City of Redmond were increasing at a rate more or less in proportion to population increases until 1975. In that year, the startling 37% increase recorded was symptomatic of traffic congestion having reached critical levels.
2. Many of the accidents contributing to the above 1975 increase involved pedestrians or bicyclists. This is due to the lack of a complete non-vehicular circulation system in the City. Residents are unable to get around from one neighborhood to another without automobiles. Some older Redmond streets were constructed with inadequate pedestrian walkways mak-

\*Department of Social and Health Services, State of Washington

ing it hazardous to walk on the edge of the streets especially for senior citizens and school children.

Several local streets without walkways are located in neighborhoods that have higher than average numbers of senior citizens and moderate income families. This indicates that more sidewalks/walkways are urgently needed. The provision of walkways could improve the safety for persons of moderate income, senior citizens, school children and the general public as well.

#### D. Youth Problems and Service Needs

##### 1. The problem -

Redmond-Kirkland area youth under the age of 18 represent an age group that has a substantial number of problems, many of which are not being adequately addressed. Included are:

- Runaways
- Incorrigible youth
- Non-delinquent troubled youth
- Alcohol abuse
- Drug abuse
- Truents and dropouts
- Vandalism
- Shoplifting
- Burglaries
- Theft, including auto theft
- Assault
- Difficulty in finding jobs.

##### 2. Needs -

Several types of social service activities, if properly devised and administered could assist in reducing the magnitude of the above problems. Some of these services are:

- On-going counseling (individual, group and family)
- Teen-age job information
- Foster care
- Receiving home care
- Drug and alcohol prevention education.

### III. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGIES

#### Goal

Improve the safety and welfare of senior citizens, handicapped persons and low/moderate income residents.

#### Objectives

1. Reduce traffic hazards and improve pedestrian circulation

in/near the neighborhoods of senior citizens and persons of low/moderate income.

2. Attain adequate nutrition for senior citizens.
3. Provide recreational opportunities for senior citizens.
4. Protect senior citizens and handicapped persons from fires and other hazards.
5. Prevent environmental health problems in the low/moderate residential areas.
6. Provide a community center to facilitate senior citizen activities and programs.
7. Encourage adequate maintenance to prevent deterioration and dilapidation of housing.
8. Offer assistance to troubled youth and their families in Redmond for reducing and preventing problems.

Activities/Strategies to Implement Community Development Block Grant Program Objectives

1. Continue transportation program for senior citizens.
2. Install wheel chair ramps in Redmond downtown area and public places where the needs exist.
3. Encourage public/semi-public restroom facilities for the physically handicapped.
4. Construct walkways in or near the neighborhoods of senior citizens and persons of low/moderate income, where the needs exist.
5. Continue nutritional and recreational programs for senior citizens.
6. Install smoke detectors for the homes of senior citizens and other persons having limited mobility.
7. Complete the senior citizen Community Center renovation including the adjoining streets, curb, gutter and sidewalks.
8. Provide full spectrum of services/programs for troubled youth and their families through a contract with Youth Eastside Services.

IV. OTHER PROGRAMS/PROJECTS ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Presently, there are several other programs/projects being proposed to meet some of the community needs in addition to projects funded through the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program. These programs include:

1. Park land acquisition and development program partially funded through the Inter-Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation to meet community recreational needs;
2. Senior citizen nutrition program funded through Area Agency on Aging, State of Washington;
3. Recreational programs funded by the City of Redmond; and,
4. Street improvement programs funded through Federal Aid Safety Program and Federal Aid Matching Funds to meet community traffic safety needs.

#### V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The City of Redmond is undertaking a citizen involvement program in planning processes which include planning for the Three-Year Community Development Plan as well as planning in general. A Citizen Advisory Committee, representing a cross section of the interests of various groups in the community, was established in June 1977 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed plans, regulations and capital improvement programs.

The information concerning the development plan, the amount of funds available for projects and other important program requirements was publicized through news releases and articles in the two weekly newspapers that serve Redmond: The Sammamish Valley News and the Journal American. A City Council public hearing was publicized and held in August 1977 for the adoption of this plan, and one more public hearing will be held sometime in November this year for the adoption of projects and the establishment of priorities.

Three public meetings were held by the Redmond Citizen Advisory Committee on July 25, August 1, and August 8, 1977, for the purpose of soliciting citizen input. The Staff summarized the intent and requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program during the meetings.



APPENDIX

MINUTES  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
AS PRESENTED TO  
Redmond Development Guide Advisory Commission

City of Redmond  
1977

JULY 25, 1977

The regular meeting of the Redmond Development Guide Advisory Commission (CAC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Paul Onerheim, Chairman.

The Planning Director, Julian Sayers, stated that the objectives of the Block Grant Program are to: (1) encourage decent housing; (2) provide a suitable living environment; and, (3) prevent and/or eliminate slums or blight. Mr. Sayers also indicated that maximum feasible priority of the program is to benefit low and moderate income persons.

Example program categories were given by the Staff. The Planning Director gave a report on the status of all the Community Development Block Grant Program projects.

Problems and needs of the community were identified by the Commission members and include the following:

1. Pedestrian, circulation and traffic safety problem;
2. Problems related senior citizens such as lack of mobility and recreational/social facilities;
3. Problems, related to handicapped citizens.

The proposal for a joint project with King County for the construction of a walkway-trail system on Avondale Road between Novelty Hill Road and Union Hill Road was brought up by the Planning Staff. Most of the members were supportive of the concept.

AUGUST 1, 1977

The regular meeting of the Redmond Development Guide Advisory Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Paul Onerheim, Chairman.

Mr. Rubin Yu of the Planning Staff read a proposed Three-Year Development Plan draft based on discussion at the previous meeting and solicited comments.

Mrs. Viola Hudnall, a senior citizen, supported the plan and indicated senior citizens do need a community center for social and recreational programs.

Mrs. Isabelle Hittle also supported the proposed plan and stated that the senior citizen van program has been very helpful in getting to places. She would like to see the transportation program continued.

Mrs. Viola Hudnall also indicated problems with lack of adequate walkway systems in the community.

There were no further comments made on the proposed plan draft.

AUGUST 8, 1977

The regular meeting of the Redmond Development Guide Advisory Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Paul Onerheim, Chairman.

Mr. Rubin Yu of the Planning Staff asked the Commission members if they had questions and/or comments on the proposed Three-Year Development Plan.

Mr. Guy Pepoy, Executive Director of Youth Eastside Services (YES), and Dr. Mitchell Wax of his staff presented a proposal for a joint project with King County, Redmond and Kirkland. This proposed project would provide social services (including primary and secondary diversion from the juvenile system) to youth and families in the low and moderate income category who reside in the Lake Washington School District.

The Commission approved the concept of the proposal and asked YES to submit a specific and detailed proposal to the Planning Department by August 12, 1977.

A motion was made by Marilyn Langlow and seconded by Christine Himes to recommend to the City Council the approval of the proposed Three-Year Development plan. Motion carried unanimously.

# Citizen response sought on spending money

The Redmond Planning Department is again seeking public input on how to spend some federal money. The dollars come in each year as part of a block grant program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This year the city will be spending about \$76,000; next year it should receive \$86,000 from H.U.D. Citizens may express

their opinions at a meeting of the citizens' advisory committee July 31, 7:30 p.m. in city hall. The city council will also hold a hearing in August. Funds to be discussed will be spent in 1978, 79 and 80.

Planning Director Julian Sayers said Congress determined the block grant money only may be spent to "encourage decent housing, provide suitable living environ-

ment and prevent slums and blights."

Considering that, there are certain categories which are eligible for funding. They include housing repair, utilities, support facilities for low cost housing, slum clearance and/or redevelopment, provision of public services, development of a community center or neighborhood parks, streets, sidewalks, storm drains, and planning and

administrative support for the programs.

Some of the projects already funded include transportation services for Redmond senior citizens and transforming one of the log cabins in Anderson Park to a community center (expected to be completed next month). Numerous sidewalks have also been built.

Sayers said the city council has been shifting its concern from specific pro-

jects to slightly more long-range planning for the projects. "The council wants a more definitive statement on the overall objective," said the planner.

Citizen input is sought now as part of a three-year housing and development plan which must be submitted by Sept. 1.

Sayers has stated the funds could also be used for residential smoke detectors and sewer hookups for low-income families.

# Up and coming

## Meeting, hearing

A public meeting and a public hearing have been scheduled so citizens can tell Redmond planners and council members how they'd like quite a bit of federal money to be spent.

The funds, which the city will receive during the next three years, is part of a block grant program sponsored by the department of Housing and Urban Development.

This year the city got \$76,000 and next year it will receive \$86,000. The amount also is expected to increase in 1979 and 1980 planners say.

The public meeting is scheduled Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m., before the Citizens Advisory Committee for the city's development guide, in city hall.

The hearing, before the city council, will be held at 8 p.m. Aug. 16 in city hall.

The three-year plan is designed to identify housing problems and in general improve the living standards of low and moderate income families.

Senior citizens are especially urged to attend, the planners say.

**Public Notice 77-211**  
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Redmond will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington, on the 16th day of August, 1977, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, regarding:

1977, 1978 and 1979 housing and community development block grant program.

To consider the adoption of the Three-Year Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program Plan. The proposed Plan consists mainly of 1) the identification of community problems and needs; 2) establishment of housing and community development goals and objectives; and, 3) a proposal of activities and strategies for meeting the community needs.

The objectives of this program are to: 1) encourage decent housing; 2) provide a suitable living environment; 3) prevent and/or eliminate slums or blight.

Maximum feasible priority of the program is to benefit low and moderate income persons.

Needs and Objectives under the following example program categories are:

1. Housing repair
2. Utilities
3. Support for lower cost housing
4. Clearance and redevelopment of blighted areas
5. Public services such as public transportation
6. Community centers
7. Neighborhood parks
8. Neighborhood streets and walkways
9. Storm drainage improvements
10. Planning and Administration

Requested Action: All persons having an interest in said item are invited to comment in person at the hearing or in writing to the Planning Department prior to the hearing. For further information, please contact the Planning Department at City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington 98052-885-2300, Ext. 241.

Julian Sayers, Planning Director.  
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### Public Notice 77-207

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 43.21C, RCW, notice is hereby given that:

Saturday, July 23, 1977

# Redmond planners to review community projects

By LAURA PARKER

Redmond planners will begin a review of the city's community block grant projects next week.

The projects, which include walkways and community center improvements, are funded by the community block grant program, a federal program designed to enhance lower and middle income persons in communities around the country.

The program was organized in 1975 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Since 1975, HUD has spent \$8.4 billion on the block grant program, the Redmond planning

Department reported. Funds are distributed to communities based on population and need. King County's share of the federal pie next year (excluding Bellevue and Seattle) will be about \$2.9 million. Of that, Redmond will be eligible for about \$88,000.

A new regulation in the chain of administrative bookwork leading to HUD's purse strings requires communities to prepare three-year proposals of potential projects. The proposals must be reviewed and approved by citizens and presented to grant program administrators before funds are dispersed.

Redmond's tentative three-year

projects include street, curb and gutter improvements, home smoke detectors and residential sewer connections for low and moderate income families.

**THE PROPOSALS** will be reviewed by Redmond's citizen advisory committee Monday evening. The Redmond Planning Commission, Park Board and citizens' advisory committee will also host a joint meeting July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at city hall for citizen comment and critique.

The city will hold a public hearing on the proposed projects in August.

Redmond's deadline to report to King County administrators is Sep. 1, said

Julian Sayers, Redmond's planning director.

Redmond's participation in the program drew fire from Redmond Mayor Selwyn "Bud" Young and several council members last fall because of the enormous amount of paperwork city planners had to prepare in order to qualify for the funds.

But Sayers said many of the start-up snags in the three-year old program have been ironed out and the program is running more smoothly.

He added that Redmond would probably not be able to afford the projects if they were not paid for by block grants.