ORDINANCE NO. 2007-07-075

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT

(Urbana Park District - Victory Park Redevelopment, Project No. 0708-AAP-03)

WHEREAS, on APRIL 16, 2007, the Urbana City Council passed Ordinance No. 2007-04-034 approving the <u>City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium</u>

<u>Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2007-2008</u> authorizing certain activities under the Public Service Activity Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That an Agreement providing \$15,694 in Community Development Block Grant funds, to construct a water line and water access for planned community garden plots and program, as part of the Victory Park Re-Development project, in substantially the form of the copy of said Agreement attached hereto and herby incorporated by reference, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is authorized to attest to said execution of said Agreement as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

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CITY OF URBANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

AGREEMENT

SUBRECIPIENT NAME: Urbana Park District

PROJECT NO.

0708-AAP-03

PROJECT ADDRESS:

Victory Park at Green & Lynn Streets, Urbana IL 61801

CFDA No. 14.218

THIS SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the CITY OF URBANA, an Illinois Municipal Corporation (hereinafter the "City"), and Urbana Park District, an Illinois Not-For-Profit Organization (hereinafter the "Subgrantee").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City has been designated as an entitlement community by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter "HUD") under provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and, as an entitlement community, the City will receive an entitlement of Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter "CDBG") funds for the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, pursuant to the CDBG Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council has adopted an Annual Action Plan for the year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 which allocates a CDBG budget and authorizes establishment of public service/public facilities & improvement activities to be sponsored by non-profit agencies in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the City has the right and authority under said CDBG Program to allocate a portion of its funds to the Subgrantee for purposes of administering such activities; and,

WHEREAS, the City, as a condition of its assistance to the Subgrantee, requires the Subgrantee to file with the City certain attachments which are hereby incorporated and made part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The preamble set forth above is hereby incorporated and made part of the Subgrantee Agreement.
- 2. The purpose of this Subrecipient Agreement is to pledge FY2007-2008 CDBG program funds to: Construct a water line and water access for planned community garden plots and program, as part of the Victory Park Community Garden project, as described in Attachment D of this Subrecipient Agreement.
- 3. The City agrees to grant to the Subgrantee the sum of \$15,694.00 (Fifteen Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Four and 00 /100 Dollars), and the Subgrantee agrees to abide by the CDBG Program and to use said funds for the purpose of carrying out Subgrantee Project No.0708-AAP-03 (hereinafter the "Project").

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- 4. The Subgrantee understands and agrees that a request for disbursement of CDBG funds pursuant to this Subrecipient Agreement shall not be made until such funds are needed to pay eligible costs related to the Project. Subgrantee understands and agrees that funding in the full amount of this Subrecipient Agreement is contingent upon the City receiving said CDBG funds, and should the entitlement funds be discontinued or reduced for any reason, Subgrantee understands and agrees that funding under this Subrecipient Agreement could cease or be reduced without advance notice.
- 5. The City and the Subgrantee agree that no modification to this Subrecipient Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and executed by both the City and the Subgrantee.
- 6. The Subgrantee agrees and authorizes the City and HUD to conduct on-site reviews, examine personnel records and to conduct any other procedures and practices to assure compliance with this Subrecipient Agreement. The Subgrantee shall execute and abide by the terms of Attachment A, Equal Employment Opportunity Certification, and with all City of Urbana Affirmative Action requirements.
- 7. The Subgrantee shall complete and adhere to Attachment B, Assurances, of this Subrecipient Agreement and shall submit said Attachment B to the City as a condition of final execution of this Subrecipient Agreement.
- 8. The Subgrantee shall complete and adhere to Attachment C, Statement of Special Conditions, and submit said Attachment C to the City as a condition of final execution of this Agreement.
- 9. The Subgrantee shall at all times observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, or regulations of the federal, state, county, and local governments which may in any manner effect the performance of the Subgrantee with respect to the Subrecipient Agreement.
- 10. The Subgrantee represents to the City that the Project shall begin on July 1, <u>2007</u> and shall terminate on June 30, <u>2008</u>, unless otherwise extended in a written modification to this contract executed by the City and Subgrantee.
- 11. The Subgrantee shall not assign this Subrecipient Agreement nor any part thereof and the Subgrantee shall not transfer nor assign any funds or claims due hereunder without the prior written approval of the City. Any transfer or assignment of funds pursuant to the Subrecipient Agreement, either in whole or in part, or any interest therein, without prior written consent of the City shall be of no force or effect.
- 12. The allocation of these funds shall in no way obligate the City for any financial responsibility incurred by the project in excess of the stipulated allocation. The allocation of these funds shall in no way obligate the City to bear responsibilities for the maintenance of any project under the provision of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
- 13. This Agreement neither obligates nor precludes the City from further accepting or distributing funds entitled to the City nor restricts nor limits the powers of the City to use such funds pursuant to the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
- 14. This Agreement neither obligates nor precludes the Subgrantee from further accepting funds or assistance pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

- 15. The Subgrantee agrees to protect, indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend the City against any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees incurred by reason of a law suit or claim for compensation arising in favor of any person, including the employees or officers or independent contractors or subcontractors or agents of the Subgrantee, on account of personal injuries or death, or damages to property occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting under this project, whether such loss, damage, injury or liability is contributed to by the negligence of the City or its officers, employees or agents, or by the premises themselves or any equipment thereon whether latent or patent, or from other causes whatsoever, except that Subgrantee shall have no liability for damages or the costs incident thereto caused by the sole negligence of the City, or its officers, employees or agents.
- 16. It is mutually understood and agreed that the Subgrantee shall have full control of the ways and means of performing the services referred to herein, subject to guidelines established in Attachment C, and that the Subgrantee or its employees, representatives, subcontractors, or agents are in no sense employees of the City.
- 17. However, Subgrantee agrees that in the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services, the following conflict of interest provisions shall apply.
 - A. No persons who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to activities assisted under this Agreement, or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or family ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.
 - B. This conflict of interest provision of shall apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the Subgrantee or the City.
 - C. Upon written request, exceptions to the conflict of interest provisions may be granted jointly by the City and HUD on a case-by-case basis but only after the Subgrantee has disclosed the full nature of the conflict, submitted proof that the disclosure has been made public, and provided a legal opinion that there would be no violation of state or local law if the exception were granted.
- 18. Upon execution of this Subrecipient Agreement, including the required submission of all required attachments, the City and the Subgrantee shall adhere to the following:
 - A. The City and Subgrantee shall adhere to all special conditions described in Attachments A, B, and C of this Subrecipient Agreement;
 - B. To the greatest extent feasible all expenditures made under this project shall be made to Champaign County firms and individuals;
 - C. Financial records and payments shall comply with all federal regulations;

- D. The Subgrantee agrees to allow any and all audits of its records as may be required and to permit inspection of program records by representatives of the Urbana Grants Management Division and HUD.
- E. The Subgrantee agrees to retain all records pertinent to expenditures incurred under this Agreement for a period of four (4) years from the date of submission of the CAPER in which the specific activity is report for the last time, unless there is litigation, claims, audit, negotiation, or other actions involving the records, which has started before the expiration of the 4-year period. In such cases, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it or the end of the regular 4-year period, whichever is longer.
- F. The Subgrantee shall maintain client data demonstrating client eligibility for services provided. Such data shall include, but not be limited to, client name, address, income level or other basis for determining eligibility, and description of service provided. Subgrantee agrees that client information collected pursuant to this Subrecipient Agreement is confidential, and the use or disclosure of such information, when not directly connected with the administration of the Project, is prohibited unless prior written consent is obtained from such person receiving service, and in the case of a minor, that of a responsible parent/guardian.
- 19. The City may suspend or terminate this Subrecipient Agreement, in whole or in part, if Subgrantee materially fails to comply with any term of the Subrecipient Agreement, or with any of the rules, regulations or provisions referred to herein; and the City may declare the Subgrantee ineligible for any further participation in the CDBG program, in addition to other remedies as provided by law.

The Subgrantee agrees that if the City determines that the Subgrantee has not complied with or is not complying with the provisions of the Subrecipient Agreement and so notifies the Subgrantee by written notice of said violations and the Subgrantee fails to correct said violations within thirty (30) days from receipt of said notice, the City may terminate this Subrecipient Agreement by written notice. And, may take other action as may be permitted by this Subrecipient Agreement.

- 20. Subgrantee shall submit regular Progress Reports to the City in the form, content, and frequency as required by the City. Requirements for said Progress Reports are specified in Attachment C hereto and made a part hereof.
- 21. Notices and communications under this Agreement shall be sent first class, prepaid mail to the respective parties as follows:

TO THE CITY:	John Schneider, Manager
	Grants Management Division
	Dept. of Community Development Services
	400 South Vine Street
	Urbana, Illinois 61801

DATE:

ATTEST:

22.

TO THE SUBGRANTEE:

Urbana Park District 303 West University Avenue Urbana Illinois 61801 This Agreement shall be effective as of the date executed by the City. **CITY** TITLE: DATE: DATE: **SUBGRANTEE**

Vickie J. Mayes

ATTACHMENT A EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

The undersigned understands and agrees that it is a Subgrantee of the Urbana CDBG Program and agrees that there shall be no discrimination against any employee who is employed in carrying out work receiving assistance from the City and HUD, or against any applicant for such employment, because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin, including but not limited to employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

The Subgrantee further agrees to the following:

- (1) It will be bound by said equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices during the duration of its participation with the City and HUD;
- (2) It will furnish the City and HUD such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance and will otherwise assist the City and HUD in the discharge of primary responsibility for securing compliance;
- (3) It will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the Secretary of Labor, the City or HUD;
- (4) It shall abide by the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance regarding equal employment.
- (5) In the event that it fails or refuses to comply with the undertaking, the City or HUD may cancel, terminate or suspend in whole or in part any contractual agreements the City or HUD may have with the Subgrantee; may refrain from extending any further assistance to the Subgrantee under any program until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such Subgrantee; or may refer the case to HUD for appropriate legal proceedings.

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Date: 8/13/07	

ATTACHMENT B ASSURANCES

The Subgrantee hereby assures and certifies with respect to the grant that:

- 1. It possesses legal authority to receive CDBG Program funds from the City and to execute the proposed program.
- 2. Its governing body has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion, or similar action authorizing execution of this Agreement, including all understandings and assurances contained herein, and directing and designating the authorized representative of the Subgrantee to act in connection with the Agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- 3. The City of Urbana's CDBG Program has been developed so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which will benefit very low-income families. As a subrecipient of CDBG Program funds, Subgrantee agrees to give maximum feasible priority to very low-income families when administering the Subgrantee program described herein.
- 4. It will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular A-122 as they relate to the acceptance and use of Federal funds for this federally-assisted program.
- 5. It will comply with all requirements imposed by HUD concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements approved in accordance with OMB Circular A-110.
- 6. It will comply with all regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular A-133 as they relate to audits of non-profit organizations. Audits shall be conducted annually.
- 7. It will comply with
 - A. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part I), which provide that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Subgrantee received Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measure necessary to effectuate this assurance.
 - B. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR 570.601), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with Title I funds.
 - C. Executive Order 11246, and all regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 130), which provide that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of federal or federally-assisted contracts.

Such contractors and subcontractors shall take affirmative action to insure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training and apprenticeship.

- D. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, requiring that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given lower-income residents of Champaign County and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to eligible business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by, persons residing in Champaign County.
- E. Labor Standards. The requirements of the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act as amended, Sections 103 & 107 of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327 et seq.) and all other applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement. The Subgrantee agrees to comply with the Copeland Anti-Kick Back Act (18 U.S.C. 874 et seq.) and its implementing regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor at 29 CFR Part 5. The Subgrantee shall maintain documentation that demonstrates compliance with hour and wage requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to the Grantee for review upon request.
- F. Guidelines for Energy Management / Energy Star. Guidelines have been established regarding energy management using Energy Star and are recommended by both the Dept. Housing & Urban Development and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and subgrantees are encouraged to follow these guidelines.
- G. Copyrights. If this contract results in any copyrightable material or inventions, the Grantee and/or grantor agency reserves the right to royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, the work or materials for governmental purposes.
- H. Patent Rights. Agencies shall use standard patent rights clause specified in "rights to Inventions made by Non-Profit Organizations and Small Business Firms" (37 CFR Part 401), when providing support for research and development.
- I. Clean Air/Clean Water. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the following requirements insofar as they apply to the performance of this Agreement:
 - a. Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C., 7401, et seq.;
 - b. Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C., 1251, et seq., as amended, 1318 relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder;
 - c. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations pursuant to 40 CFR Part 50, as amended.

- J. Disbarment & Suspension. The Subrecipient certifies that it is not Disbarred or Suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549. The Subgrantee shall establish procedures to ensure that any award made to contractors or subcontractors at any tier, is not in violation of the non-procurement debarment and suspension common. The Subgrantee shall verify and document that none of its contractors or subcontractors are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participation through the effective use of the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement programs ("List".) The Subgrantee may request assistance from the City of Urbana to access the List and document results to the file, or verify by using the following website (www.epls.gov) or any other approved method.
- 8. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
- 9. It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act which limit the political activity of employees. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of Subgrantee, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency including the City, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency including the City, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, Subgrantee will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

10. It will give HUD and the Comptroller General through any authorized representative access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.

These assurances are signed with regard to Subgrantee Project No. <u>0708-AAP-03</u> of the Urbana CDBG Program.

Name (Please print): View J. Mayes	
Signature: lichi Man	
Title: Seculiar Director	
Attest:	
Date: 8/13/07	

ATTACHMENT C STATEMENT OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Subgrantee understands and agrees that it is a subrecipient of Urbana CDBG Program and is eligible to receive funds for Subgrantee Project No. 0708-AAP-03 pursuant to this Agreement.

The following conditions, in addition to those established in the Agreement itself, and other attachments thereto, and federal, state, county and city laws, regulations, and procedures pertinent to this project, have been set forth and must also be complied with in order for Subgrantee to receive CDBG Program Assistance for Subgrantee Project No. <u>0708-AAP-03</u>.

1. This Agreement is contingent upon Subgrantee operating the Scope of Service herein outlined during the period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

SCOPE OF SERVICE

The Application submitted by the Subrecipient is incorporated herein as part of this Subrecipient Agreement and attached as Attachment D: Subrecipient Application.

 Subgrantee shall be responsible for administering the program herein described, utilizing funds from the CDBG Program in a manner satisfactory to the City and consistent with any standards required as a condition of providing these funds. Such program shall include the following activities eligible under the CDBG Program.

A. Program Delivery

The Subgrantee shall provide a suitable living environment which includes increasing access to quality public and private facilities, and services by constructing a water line and water access for planned community garden plots and program, as part of the Victory Park Community Garden project.

B. General Administration

The Subgrantee shall provide all necessary staffing, materials, meeting sites, and anything else necessary to facilitate the services/project described above. Subgrantee shall maintain records related to the number of persons served under this grant along with documentation of income eligibility, as well as appropriate financial documentation of the expenses of the program and how funds received under this Agreement are disbursed.

3. Subgrantee certifies that activities carried out with funds provided under this Agreement shall meet one of the CDBG Program's National Objectives which is to benefit low-income persons as defined in 24 CFR Part 570.208. Therefore Subgrantee understands and agrees that activities funded under this Agreement shall benefit families/individuals within the following income guidelines. Income limits are subject to periodic revision by HUD.

Family	Income Not
Size	To Exceed
1	\$21,900
2	\$25,050
3	\$28,150
4 -	\$31,300

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5	,	\$33,800
6		\$36,300
7		\$38,800
8		\$41,300

6. In addition to the normal administrative services required as part of this Agreement, Subgrantee agrees to provide the following levels of program service:

Total Number of Persons To Be Served: 50 – 100 (households)

Subgrantee shall be responsible for documenting the number of persons served by submitting Certifications of Income in a form provided by the City at the time requests for reimbursement of funds are submitted.

7. It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the City under this Agreement shall not exceed \$15,694.00. Drawdowns for the payment of eligible expenses shall be made against the line item budget specified below. The City shall make payments to the Subgrantee as reimbursement of expenses related to the administration and expenses of the program activities as stated in Article 2. The City shall make payment to Subgrantee within 21 calendar days of receipt of an acceptable billing from Subgrantee. Acceptable billing shall include such documentation as outlined herein.

LINE ITEMS AND DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: K09-1-6300-4057

The initial request for reimbursement submitted by the Subgrantee to the City shall include the following supporting documentation: cancelled checks, and paid receipts or copies of invoices.

FOR Public Service Grants: With each subsequent request for reimbursement, Subgrantee shall submit copies of Certification of Income forms signed by the parents/guardians of the youth served (or other such documentation as agreed upon between the City and the Subgrantee). Ethnic information for each person served shall also be submitted.

FOR Public Facility Grants: The Subgrantee shall submit a copy of the Contractor's Statement and Certified Payrolls as required to comply with Davis Bacon regulations; An Architects Inspection report that indicates percentage of project completion and other supporting documents as required by the City.

8. Subgrantee agrees that funds received from the City pursuant to this Agreement shall be used to cover program costs. Subrecipient shall report semi-annually for periods ending December 31st and June 30th all program income generated by activities carried out with CDBG funds made available under this Agreement. Subgrantee may use such income during the contract period for activities permitted under this Agreement and shall reduce requests for funds by the amount of any such program income balances. Any and all program income (including investments thereof) on hand when this Agreement expires, or received after the Agreement's expiration, shall be returned to the City.

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- 9. Subgrantee agrees to submit semi-annual Progress Reports to the City in an agreed upon format. Progress Reports shall be due December 31st and June 30th. Final billing requests shall not be processed for payment until a final Progress Report (June 30th) is submitted.
- 10. Subgrantee agrees to maintain financial records in accordance with the applicable Federal OMB Circulars A-110 and A-122 and to separately and accurately identify use of CDBG Program funds pursuant to this Agreement.
- 11. Records maintained by Subgrantee pursuant to this Agreement shall be available for inspection upon request by the City and HUD.

Name (Please Print): 1. Mouses
Signature: / Luthi AMana
Title: Executies Ducker
Attest:
Date: 8/13/07

ATTACHMENT D SUBRECIPIENT APPLICATION





CITY OF URBANA FY2007-2008 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC FACILITIES

This application should be used by agencies requesting funding to carry out public facility projects only

Funding awarded through this application process is intended for use between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. To be considered for funding, applications must be submitted by **4:00p.m., Friday, January 12, 2007** to the Dept. of Community Development Services, Grant Management Division, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana. Questions regarding the application should be directed to John Schneider or Kelly Hartford, City of Urbana, Dept. of Community Development Services, Grants Management Division, (217) 384-2447.

The amount of available funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs will depend upon HUD allocations to the City of Urbana for FY2007-2008.

Please complete all information as completely and concisely as possible in the space provided.

PROJECT INFORMATION	
Project Title	Victory Park Water Line
Amount Requested	\$15,694.00
Duration of Project	From: 7/01/07 To: 6/30/08
Project Type	
XX New Program	Started:)
ORGANIZATION INFORMATION	
Applicant Organization	Urbana Park District
Organization's Legal Name	same
Address:	303 W. University Ave.
Telephone No.	367-1536
Contact Person:	Vicki J. Mayes
Federal I.D.#:	
Type of Applicant: Unit of Government, Public Non-Profit, Private Non-Profit	Unit of Government
APPLICATION COMPONENT CHECKLIST	
Complete Application: One (1) original and three (3) copies	
Project Budget	
Project Schedule	
Fiscal Audit	
Listing Board of Directors	

Completed applications should be returned to:

City of Urbana
Dept. of Community Development Services
Grants Management Division
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, IL 61801

*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION IS 4:00P.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2007 *
NO INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS, FAX APPLICATIONS, OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

APPLICATION
Instructions for Application on Page 10

A. Project and Applicant Information

Type of Project (check)	Type of Applicant (check)
	☐ Unit of Government
☐ Public Facilities	☐ Public Non-Profit Agency
	☐ Private Non-Profit Agency
	For-Profit Agency

Applicant:	*All applicants must attach a list of their governing board members*
Name:	Urbana Park District
Street:	303 W. University Ave.
City, State, Zip:	Urbana, IL 61801
Phone Number:	367-1536
Fax Number:	367-1391
E-mail Address:	vjmayes@urbanaparks.org

Person(s) Respons	ble for Preparation of Application:
Name:	Ellen Kirsanoff
Street:	303 W. University Ave.
City, State, Zip	Urbana, IL 61801
Phone Number	367-1536
Fax Number	367-1391
E-Mail	erkirsanoff@urbanaparks.org

Person(s) Responsi	ble for Proposed Activity:
Name:	Urbana Park District
Street:	303 W. University Ave
City, State, Zip:	Urbana, IL 61801
Phone Number:	367-1536
Fax Number:	367-1391
E-Mail:	www.urbanaparks.org

Interagency Collaboration describe the extent of their	Identify any other agencies than nvolvement.	t are involved in y	our project and briefly
Agency Name	Address	Phone	Contact Person
Historic East Urbana	405 E. High St. Urbana, IL	D) 244-2186	Christopher Stohr,
Neighborhood	61801	E) 328-4071	HEUNA President
Association			
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Could your project be funded with one grant over multiple years, or would the entire grant be needed in the first year? Multi-year Activity to be funded:
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B1. Fully describe the activity for which you are requesting funds (Attach additional sheets if necessary): Funding is being sought to construct a water line and water access for planned community garden plots and
program as a part of the Victory Park Re-Development project.
B2. Why are CDBG funds needed for this activity? What other funding sources have been solicited? The Urbana Park District is investing a substantial amount of capital dollars in the Victory Park Re-
Development Project. Support from CDBG funds will enable better use of tax funds to create a vibrant
Neighborhood Park that will enrich the recreational opportunities of all those who live nearby, and in Urbana as
a whole. The Urbana Park District is dedicating significant Capital Development funds to this overall park
improvement project, of which this is one piece.
B3. Maximum time anticipated to complete activity:
Beginning Date: July / 1st / 2007
Ending Date: June / 30th / 2008
Duration: 1 year
B4. Steps or phases necessary to complete activity (engineering/design, advertising, bidding, contract award, construction, etc.: bar charts, graphs or narratives may be used and attached to this application). Engineering of water line – July, 2007, bidding of construction work – August, 2007, site preparation and
construction - September to December 2007.
B5. Quantify your anticipated accomplishments (e.g. 2,000 feet of storm sewer, 80 clients trained, 3000 meals served, etc.) 250 feet of water service piping, 2 installed code approved yard hydrants, cap service line to allow for
additional service/hydrants in the future.
B6. Estimate the number of <u>total</u> persons / households that will benefit from implementation of this project
50-100 Persons / Households (circle one)
B7. Estimate the number of persons / households served who will be extremely low, low and moderate-income
Extremely low (<30% MFI) Very low (31-50%)
<u>50%</u> Low (51-60% MFI) <u>50%</u> Moderate (61-80%)
B8. Percentage of persons / households served who will be City of Urbana residents: 100 %
B9. Indicate other significant characteristics of the population to be served (i.e., elderly, disabled, persons with Aids, etc.):
Any persons regardless of ability, ethnicity, age or any other characteristic are served by the Urbana
Park District.

C1. Identify which of the following national objectives this project will address:
Assistance to Low / Moderate Income Persons
Prevention / Elimination of Slum or Blight Conditions
Urgent Need (i.e. Disaster Relief)
C2. Explain fully how the proposed project meets the CDBG National Objective of principally benefiting low- and moderate-income persons / households. Provide substantiating documentation supporting your claims (use additional pages if needed).
Victory Park is located in Census Tract 55, which is a target area for CDBG funding. Use of the Community
Gardens that this infrastructure project/water line will support will be a great opportunity for neighborhood
residents to supplement their food supply. Gardening is a strong recreational activity. It also helps people to
pe independent. Gardening can also enhance a sense of community and respect for the environment.
C3. Which local funding priority does this project meet that is identified for inclusion in the Five-Year Strategic Plan of the City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2005-2009? (See Page 2 for funding priorities.)
Goal5: Support community efforts to provide services and training for low and moderate income residents.
Strategy 2: Encourage appropriate area social service agencies to expand recreational, educational, and
cultural opportunities and alternatives for low-income youth and young adults.
C4. Explain how the proposed project addresses the objective listed above:
Gardening as a recreational activity has tremendous benefits to all those who participate. It also provides for
educational opportunities of all kinds to those who participate in such programs. Attached to this application
you will find information regarding Community Garden programs and their value.
C5. Explain how you will measure the project's effectiveness at meeting this objective:
The Urbana Park District will track participation numbers annually (as we do for all programs). We also
annually ask all program participants to complete an evaluation form, providing feedback and suggestion for
mprovements.
D. National Environmental Policy Act Compliance/Uniform Relocation Act
D1. Will the project traverse or impact a floodplain or wetland area? ☐ Yes X No f yes, please provide a map showing the floodplain or wetland area as it relates to the project execution.
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Note: Income benefit must be documented by Census data or income survey forms. The total number of households benefiting should be an actual and reliable neighborhood or client count. You must define your beneficiaries and document how you calculated this figure.

C. National Objective Compliance

construction? Please explain. None	
	. , , , ,
D4. Will project replace an existing structure or involve new con Please explain:	nstruction? □ Yes 💆 No
This project is a new water line and yard hydrants that are an	addition to Victory Park. This will facilitate
future programming possibilities for neighborhood residents. The	he Urbana Park District already operates an
Organic Garden Program in Meadowbrook Park. These Comm	unity Garden plots will be managed by staff
who already manage that Garden Program.	
D5. Will the project substantially increase the present capacity of Please explain:	of an existing facility? □ Yes 🕻 No
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
D6. Will it be necessary to obtain temporary or permanent ease If yes, please identify property owners:	ements? □ Yes 🔀 No
D7. Is the project going to disturb land previously not disturbed To the best of your knowledge, is there anything of historical or ☐ Yes ☑ No	
D8. Will the activity involve an existing structure or involve new If it involves an existing structure, is that structure vacant or occ	
D9. Are you rehabilitating existing residential space? ☐ Yes If yes, what year was the building / unit constructed?	, XNo
E. Lead Based Paint	
E1. Has the project been assessed for lead-based paint (LBP)?	? □ Yes □ No N/A
If yes, does the project contain lead-based paint?	□ Yes □ No N/A

E2. If the project <u>has not</u> been assessed If no, why not?	for LBP, is an asses	sment planned? □ Yes	S □ No N/A
E3. If the project contains lead-based pa	int, how will it be add	dressed, and who will be i	responsible for such?
F. Detailed Activity / Project Bud	get		4
Source of Funds			
CDBG funds requested:		\$15,694.00	
		· ·	
Applicant's funds:		0*	
Other funds (please specify sources): *T			
District is dedicating substantial Capital development of Victory Park. Specifical			
and additional pathways in the park, alor			
the Tennis Court.			
		C	
TOTAL FUNDS:		\$15,694.00	
The state of the s	(Digital 44). The relative decrees the discontinuity of the resident by the decr		
Use of Funds	ODDO # A	Oth C At-	Τ-1-1 Φ Δ1
Budget Line Item: 250 Ft. of 2" type K Copper pipe	CDBG \$ Amt: \$4,897.00	Other \$ Amt:	Total \$ Amt:
Excavation/trenching	\$2,000.00		
-			
Backfill	\$1,500.00		
2 frost proof yard hydrants	\$1,000.00		
Curb stops @ each hydrant	\$500.00	·	
Labor	\$5,797.00		
TOTAL	\$15,694.00	· ·	
	_ 	to the second se	

Note: Operational (day-to-day) expenses are not eligible CDBG activities under this application. Please request an application for the City's Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, available in March, 2007.

Please describe the effect on the proposed project if the City of Urbana grant is <u>not</u> awarded during this fiscal period (i.e. unable to complete due to lack of funding; construction delayed; other resources utilized, etc.)
During the next 2 years, the Urbana Park District will be completing significant re-development of Victory Park.
The completion of the Community garden plots will enhance this overall development and make it a more
vibrant park for it's neighbors. This funding will enable to Park District to complete the total project in a timely
fashion.
G. Leverage/Match
The applicant leveraging/match may be provided in the form of materials and/or labor, cash and/or other non-federal funding and must offer a minimum of 25% of the estimated project cost. The minimum percent of leveraging which is pledged for the project must be maintained, regardless of the amount of CDBG/HOME funds awarded.
Source of applicant's leveraging:
Urbana Park District Capital Development funds \$_150,000.00
Illinois grant funds \$ 150,000.00
<u></u>
TOTAL\$ <u>300,000.00</u>
Calculate leveraging ratio as leverage offered divided by total project cost:
150,000.00 divided by 300,000.00 equals 50 %
Note: CDBG funds, including previously awarded CDBG monies cannot be counted as leverage. Applicant's leverage funds must be spent prior to drawing on CDBG funds. H. PAST Leveraging/Match Performance
All applicants are required to state the amount of funds or in-kind contributions provided by the applicant toward implementation of the last CDBG project funded and/or completed under the City of Urbana's program. Explain at the bottom of this page how your funds were expended (i.e. staff administration, engineering, construction, etc.)
Provide budget for the last project funded through CDBG:
Your funds: \$N/A
Total of Other funds \$ N/A (list sources on next page)
CDBG funds \$N/A
Total \$
Calculate leveraging ratio as leverage offered divided by total project cost:
0 divided by equals0%

Explanation of how leverage funds were spent:	N/A		
ACTIVITY YOUR \$\$ CDBG \$\$	OTHE	R\$ TOTAL	Carlos de Carlos
Staffing Engineering		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Engineering Materials			
Labor		,	
Submission of this application and the information con	tained herein is au	ithorized by:	•
Wicki Aflano			
Signature of Chief Executive Officer / Executive Direct	or		
Vicki J. Mayes			
lame			
Executive Director		-	
Title			
Urbana Park District			
Agency/Organization			
1/11/07			
Date			

URBANA PARK DISTRICT Urbana, Illinois

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT For the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2006

Prepared by: Business Services Department

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

APRIL 30, 2006

	G	overnmental <u>Activities</u>		ess-Type ivities	•	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS					. c	
	 \$	E00 644	¢	E 4 47E	\$	627.446
Cash and equivalents	Ф	582,641	\$	54,475	Ф.	637,116
Investments Receivables, Net of Uncollectible Amounts:		2,438,098		, -		2,438,098
Property Taxes		3,441,702			ï	3,441,702
Other		141,362		140,377		281,739
Prepaid Expenses		74,352		129		74,481
Internal Balances		174,031		(174,031)		- 1,101
Capital Assets not being Depreciated		2,701,007		-		2,701,007
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		4,179,681		-		4,179,681
,			-		-	•
Total Assets	\$	13,732,874	\$	20,950	\$	13,753,824
· ·						
LIABILITIES:						
Cash Overdraft	\$	6,690	\$	· _	\$	6,690
Accrued Salaries	. Ψ	26,807	Ψ	3,461	Ψ .	30,268
· ·		22,155		85		22,240
Accounts Payable		1,990,686		20,190		2,010,876
Unearned Revenue		1,990,000	•	20,190		2,010,070
Non-Current Liabilities:		045.040				045 040
Due within one year		815,249		· · · · · · ·		815,249
Due after one year		490,000		· -		490,000
Total Liabilities	\$	3,351,587	\$	23,736	\$	3,375,323
NET ASSETS:						
Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt		5,715,688				5,715,688
Restricted for:						
Debt Service		351,035				351,035
Capital Projects		788,873		-		788,873
Other	,	855,717		-		855,717
Unrestricted	·	2,669,974	•	(2,786)		2,667,188
- (-11)-(A		10 201 207	· .	(2.796)	•	10,378,501
Total Net Assets	Φ	10,381,287	\$	(2,786)	\$	10,370,301

URBANA PARK DISTRICT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2006

	L .					Major Fu	nds				:	All Other	
	General <u>Fund</u>	Recreation	Special Recreation	Liability Insurance	IMRF	Social Security	James <u>Memorial</u>	English Indoor <u>Pool</u>	Museum	Bond Principal and Interest	Capital <u>Projects</u>	(Non-Major) Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
EVENUES .													
roperty Taxes itergovernmental Revenues harges for Services, program rentals and	\$ 1,074,365 37,401	\$ 469,249 7,940	\$ 182,798	\$ 245,990	\$ 168,278 -	\$ 109,441	\$ - -	\$	\$ 251,711 4,630	\$ 663,149	\$ -	\$ 15,177 131,252	\$ 3,180,158 181,223
related items ontributions and sponsorships terchandise and concession sales	14,281 57,760 1,943	552,003 19,931 31,158	•				:	<u>.</u>	94,569 8,658 225	:	89,039	32,039 25,720	692,892 201,108 33,326
rants restment Earnings	8,659	4,595 4,156	356	3,689	5,794	2,960	16,538	40,974	909 2,189	10,844	171,635 20,327	500 19,002	177,639 135,488
otal Revenues	\$ 1,194,409	\$ 1,089,032	\$ 183,154	\$ 249,679	\$ 174,072	\$ 112,401	\$ 16,538	\$ 40,974	\$ 362,891	\$ 673,993	\$ 281,001	\$ 223,690	\$ 4,601,834
XPENDITURES					:	,							
urrent: Culture and Recreation:												<u>.</u>	· •
Salaries and wages Fringe benefits	\$ 760,223	712,970	-	537	2,960 136,509	146,061	- -	· •	246,482 - 48,843	-	156,766 24,962 7,342	9,878 - 9,282	1,889,816 307,532 773,819
Commodities Contractual services Total Current	252,528 176,233 1,188,984	230,055 126,903 1,069,928	173,903	3,680	139,469	146,061	4,357	20,473	8,689 304,014		189,070	25,649 44,809	539,887 3,511,054
apital Outlay ther expenditures	53,013	57,552	173,905	15,964	100,400	- 140,001	-	-	5,174	800	575,872 1,985	1,204	575,872 135,692
ebt Service: Principal Interest and fees	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		660,000 24,030		-	660,000 24,030
otal Expenditures	\$ 1,241,997	\$ 1,127,480	\$ 173,903	\$ 245,950	\$ 139,469	\$ 146,061	\$ 4,357	\$ 20,473	\$ 309,188	\$ 684,830	\$ 766,927	\$ 46,013	\$ 4,906,648
et Excess (Deficit) of evenues Over Expenditures	.\$ (47,588)	\$ (38,448)	\$ 9,251	\$ 3,729	\$ 34,603	\$ (33,660)	\$ 12,181	\$ 20,501	\$ 53,703	\$ (10,837)	\$ (485,926)	\$ 177,677	\$ (304,814)
THER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								•					-
ransfers In ranfers Out suance of Debt	\$ 192,250	48,989 (50,060)		- -	3,200	• •	(14,390)	(38,909)	1,267 (43,170)	(4,000)	(56,500) 675,000	12,810 (130,396)	258,516 (337,425) 675,000
et Other Financing Sources (Uses):	192,250	(1,071)			3,200		(14,390)	(38,909)	(41,903)	(4,000)	618,500	(117,586)	596,091
et Change in Fund Balances	\$ 144,662	\$ (39,519)	,) \$ 9,251	\$ 3,729	\$ 37,803	\$ (33,660)) \$ (2,209)	\$ (18,408)	\$ 11,800	\$ (14,837)	\$ 132,574	\$ 60,091	\$ 291,277
und Balance, Beginning of Year, as previously stated	\$ 546,800	\$ 280,153	\$ 90,101	\$ 180,192	\$ 84,553	\$ 150,467	\$ 481,169	\$ 874,125	\$ 191,013	\$ 365,872	\$ 656,299	\$ 540,289	\$ 4,441,033
rior period adjustment				73,539			. 						73,539
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, as restated	\$ 546,800	\$ 280,153	\$ 90,101	\$ 253,731	\$ 84,553	\$ 150,467	\$ 481,169	\$ 874,125	\$ 191,013	\$ 365,872	\$ 656,299	\$ 540,289	\$ 4,514,572
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 691,462	•			\$ 122,356	\$ 116,807	\$ 478,960	\$ 855,717	\$ 202,813	\$ 351,035	\$ 788,873	\$ 600,380	\$ 4,805,849

The Notes to Financial Statements are an Integral part of this statement.

URBANA PARK DISTRICT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

APRIL 30, 2006

						Major Fund	S					All Other	• • •
	General Fund	Recreation	Special Recreation	Liability Insurance	IMRF	Social Security	James Memorial	English Indoor <u>Pool</u>	Museum	Bond Debt Service <u>Fund</u>	Capital Projects	(Non-Major) Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS													
Cash and Equivalents Investments Receivables, Net of Uncollectable Amounts:	\$ 108,843 59,657	\$ 35,491 28,635	\$ 365	\$ 50,994 11,931	\$ 37,120 10,690	\$ 41,345 4,104	\$ 39,892 439,051	\$ 953 854,764	\$ - 15,511	\$ 994 37,727	\$ 47,355 730,000	\$ 219,289 246,028	\$ 582,641 2,438,098
Intergovernmental Property Taxes Other Prepaid items Due from other funds	1,176,797 29,557 12,740 7,387		190,729	295,153 339 52,834	164,027 9	149,245 10 -	17	-	252,716 2,450 850 98,030	712,849 51	84,682 - -	24,795 1,239 153,000	3,441,702 141,362 74,352 258,417
Total Assets	\$ 1,394,981	\$ 570,453	\$ 191,094	\$ <u>411,251</u>	\$ 211,846	\$ 194,704	\$ 478,960	\$ 855,717	\$ 369,557	\$ 751,621	\$ 862,037	\$ 644,351	\$ 6,936,572
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES: Cash Overdraft Accrued Salaries Payable Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds Unearned Revenues	\$ 10,914 8,998 22,172 661,435	11,713	91,742	\$ - 153,791	\$ -	\$ - 2,075 - 75,822	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ 6,690 2,831 	\$ - 20,000 380,586	\$ - 2,230 13,157 57,777	\$ - 71 - 30,500 13,400	\$ 6,690 26,807 22,155 84,385 1,990,686
Total Liabilities	\$ 703,519	\$ 329,819	\$ 91,742	\$ 153,791	\$ 89,490	\$ 77,897	\$	\$-	\$ 166,744	\$ 400,586	\$ 73,164	\$ 43,971	\$ 2,130,723
FUND BALANCES: Reserved for prepaid items Reserved for Debt Service Reserved, reported in Special Revenue Funds Unreserved, Reported in:	12,740	7,928	-	52,834 - -			- -	855,717	850 -	351,035		•	74,352 351,035 855,717
General Fund Special Revenue Funds Capital Projects Funds	678,722	232,706	99,352	204,626	122,356	116,807	478,960	•	201,963		788,873	600,380	678,722 2,057,150 788,873
Total Fund Balances	\$ 691,462	\$ 240,634	\$ 99,352	\$ 257,460	\$ 122,356	\$ 116,807	\$ 478,960	\$ 855,717	\$ 202,813	\$ 351,035	\$ 788,873	\$ 600,380	\$ 4,805,849
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,394,981	\$ 570,453	\$ 191,094	\$ 411,251	\$ 211,846	\$ 194,704	\$ 478,960	\$ 855,717	\$ 369,557	\$ 751,621	\$ 862,037	\$ 644,351	\$ 6,936,572

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral Part of this statement.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2006

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets

	Program Revenues							and Changes in Net Assets					
FUNCTIONS / PROGRAMS	Expenses	Charges (Gra	erating nts and ributions	G	Capital Frants & atributions	G	overnmental <u>Activities</u>		Business- Type <u>Activities</u>		Total	
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES: Culture and Recreation Interest on long-term debt	\$ (4,167,752) (24,030)	\$ 726,218	. \$	207,112	\$	171,635	\$	(3,062,787) (24,030)	\$	<u> </u>	\$	(3,062,787) (24,030)	
Total Governmental Activities	(4,191,782)	726,218		207,112	·	171,635	· : <u></u>	(3,086,817)		:		(3,086,817)	
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES: Enterprise Funds	(509,282)	209,239		221,253		-	-	<u> </u>	٠ 	(78,790)	: , 	(78,790)	
Total Business-Type Activities	(509,282)	209,239	·	221,253		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				(78,790)	-	(78,790)	
Total Government	(4.701.064)	935,457	hard the state of	428,365		171,635	****	(3,086,817)		(78,790)		(3,165,607)	
	General Revenues: Property Taxes Investment Earnings Intergovernmental reven	ue - unrestricted			•			3,180,158 135,488 181,223 (78,909)		808 - 78,909		3,180,158 136,296 181,223	
	Total General Revenues						·	3,417,960		79,717	:	3,497,677	
	Change in Net Assets							331,143	٠.	927		332,070	
	Net Assets - Beginning, as pro	eviously reported					\$	9,976,605	\$	(3,713)	\$	9,972,892	
	Prior period adjustment			• .			\$	73,539	\$	-	\$	73,539	
	Net Assets - Beginning, as re	stated		. :			\$	10,050,144	\$	(3,713)	\$	10,046,431	
	Net Assets - Ending						\$	10,381,287	\$	(2,786)	\$	10,378,501	



January 12, 2007

Vickie J. Mayes, CPRP, Executive Director Darius E. Phebus Administration Building Urbana Park District 303 W. University Avenue Urbana, IL 61801

RE: Application of CDBG for Improvements at Victory Park

Dear Ms. Mayes:

Bounded by Washington Avenue on the south, Vine Street on the west, Main Street on the north, and Glover Avenue on the east, Historic East Urbana is a low-to-moderate income neighborhood under CDBG guidelines. The Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) is composed of neighborhood residents and business leaders who work with entities such as the City of Urbana and the Urbana Park District (UPD) to make improvements in the neighborhood. Notable accomplishments include raising money for annual picnics and welcome signs at the perimeter of the neighborhood, campaigning against demolition and conversion of single family dwellings to high density apartments, and working to restore historic brick sidewalks, a project recognized with the Preservation and Conservation AssociationÆs Landscape Award. Beginning nearly two years ago, HEUNA began one of its largest projects to date, engaging in a partnership with the UPD to develop a Master Plan to revitalize Victory Park in the neighborhood's northeast corner.

Established in 1920 following the Allied victory in WWI, Victory Park has historical significance as the site of community "victory gardens" during WWII, where local residents tended vegetable plots during a time of food rationing in order to preserve scarce resources for U.S. service personnel engaged overseas. As part of the HEUNA/UPD partnership, HEUNA conducted a poll of neighborhood residents, which identified as priorities: replacement of

John Schneider, Director
City of Urbana Grants Management Division
Re: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Victory Park improvements

January 11, 2007

Dear John Schneider, Grants Director,

I am writing you today to express my full support of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application submitted by the Urbana Parks District on behalf of the Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) and citizens of East Urbana to pursue further improvements to Victory Park, a neighborhood park in Census Tract 55, Urbana, Illinois. As a member of HEUNA and a City Council Alderman residing in this neighborhood, I whole-heartedly support this grant application.

Victory Park is a five-acre neighborhood park located in East Urbana at the corner of E. Green Street and S. Lynn Street. Victory Park is one of the oldest parks in the Urbana park system and is used by the families in this older east-side neighborhood.

Neighborhood activism in the past year has brought long overdue improvements to this small park. With the support of the Urban Park District and neighborhood planning sessions we have secured an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD), a matching funds grant offered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, resulting in the installation of new play equipment in Victory Park in September 2006.

Further improvements are planned for Victory Park. One such feature, to which this application is addressed, is the creation of Community Gardens in the northern section of the Park. Historically, community vegetable gardens, known as "Victory Gardens," existed in this park during World War I. The Park District and the Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association partner in our request for grant monies to recreate the Community Gardens and to fund the facilities needed to bring water to them.

The area surrounding the park is the home of diverse racial and ethnic citizens, many of who occupy rental properties that provide no opportunities to garden or work in the soil. I feel the creation of Community Gardens—one of the most requested items mentioned in our neighborhood survey taken in preparation of the Park Renovation Project—would offer individuals a unique place to meet, interact, and find creative expression, as well as to grow useful supplementary food stocks for their families in this lower income neighborhood. This project can double as a creative vehicle for enhancing the multi-cultural cross-pollination of citizens and to encourage enhanced neighborly interaction.

This grant specifically requests assistance in the cost of laying the new water line from a water source near the street to the north end of the Park, and to provide above-ground spigots, hoses or other equipment required to effectively bringing water to the garden development areas and to coordinate the practical engineering aspects of this task.

I speak here for myself and the citizens living within the East Urbana neighborhood, Census Tract 55, who seek grant funds to help pay for this project through this CDBG funding application.

I fully support the grant application of the Urbana Park District and the Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association to further this Victory Park project.

Very sincerely,

Dennis Roberts

Alderman, Ward 5, Urbana Illinois

Jennis Roberts

507 East Green Street, Urbana, Illinois 61802 (217) 344-0069