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From: The City Manager

Subject: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subgrantee Contracts

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that City Council approve the CDBG Subgrantee Contracts for 2008-09 and that the proper City officials be authorized to execute the same. The contracts are subject to the approval of the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

Justification:

Transmitted herewith are 13 contracts for housing, economic development and public services to be carried out under the City's 35th year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The following information outlines the scope of activity and funding level for each of these projects.

1. Home Maintenance Self-Help \$14,025.00.

This project (City Clerk's File No. _____) is sponsored by the County of Saginaw through Michigan State Cooperative Extension Service. It assists low and moderate-income residents to help maintain properties and prevent further deterioration in city neighborhoods. It also provides homebuyer education, financial literacy, and foreclosure counseling.

2. Elderly and Disabled Home Repair \$93,500.00.

This activity (City Clerk's File No. _____) is operated by Saginaw County Community Action Committee (CAC). It provides onetime home repairs for the elderly and disabled residents in the City who could not otherwise afford to make improvements to their home. Pre-inspections will determine which repairs are needed and prioritize them.

3. Saginaw Economic Development Corp \$70,125.00.

This program (City Clerk's File No. _____) is operated by the Saginaw Economic Development Corporation. It provides funds to make business loans to credit worthy entrepreneurs and firms that wish to start or expand businesses in the targeted areas. Each business loan is based on the number of jobs to be created and made available for low and

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moderate-income residents in the City. A total of 4 firms are anticipated to be helped via loans. The budget is comprised of entitlement funds, loan repayments and carryover funds.

4. DDA Development and Redevelopment \$37,400.00.

This activity (City Clerk's File No. _____) is sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority. Its main focus is to bolster economic development within the districts. The district includes what is referred to as the Riverfront District (Michigan Avenue to Center Street, across the Douglass G. Schenck bridge to Washington Avenue to Potter Street). Development activities also take place in the Central Business District (Downtown), the East Genesee Avenue Corridor, Covenant Hospital District, Cathedral District (including St. Mary's Hospital) and Old Town Business District. Acquiring land for future development and preparing properties for redevelopment are key to revitalizing these areas.

5. Youth Protective Services \$23,966.00.

The Saginaw County Youth Protection Council (YPC) operates this program (City Clerk's File No. _____). It provides intensive long-term social casework intervention for 20 low to moderate-income families whose personal problems have led to degeneration of the family unit. This activity will not be effective until October 1, 2008, when the current contract expires. By approving this contract, City Council will allow the activity staff to begin planning for the 2008-09 year, which begins October 1, 2008.

6. Teen Parent Support \$23,966.00.

The Saginaw County Youth Protection Council (YPC) operates this program (City Clerk's File No. _____). It seeks to provide assistance directed toward high-risk pregnant and parenting females under the age of 20. Teen Parent Support works to: reduce infant mortality and child abuse; delay subsequent pregnancies; and help young mothers work toward self-sufficiency. The activity will serve 55 clients eligible to be assisted with CDBG funds. This activity will not be effective until October 1, 2008, when

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the current contract expires. By approving this contract, City Council will allow the activity staff to begin planning for the 2007-08 year, which begins October 1, 2008.

7. Teen Intervention \$15,895.00.

This project (City Clerk's File No. _____) is sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Saginaw County. It will identify youths showing signs of risky or criminal behavior and/or gang activity. Selected youth will be involved in daily Boys and Girls Club activities including support groups and individual help. Individual development plans will be set up and tracked. Teens selected will live in low and moderate-income areas of the City.

8. Urban Scouting \$14,025.00.

This program (City Clerk's File No. _____) is sponsored by Lake Huron Area Council #265 Boy Scouts of America. The program will service 500 at-risk youth in grades 1-12 throughout numerous CDBG eligible areas of the City. Youth will be mentored by adults of high character, trained to be self-reliant, assisted in building self-confidence, taught the value of citizen participation and physical and mental development.

9. New Alternatives Youth Service Center \$17,765.00.

This activity (City Clerk's File No. _____) is sponsored by New Alternatives Youth Service Center, Inc. It provides funding for a youth service center, which provides alternative programs and services for inner city youth in the neighborhood strategy areas within low to moderate income areas of the City after school and during the summer. The goal is to provide counseling, support, job training and placement with mentors that serve as role models. Targeted outreach will take place to reach high-risk youth between the ages of 10 and 20.

10. Youth Mentoring \$14,025.00.

This activity (City Clerk's File No. _____) is operated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc. It is committed to making a

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positive difference in the lives of children and youth, primarily through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with mentors who assist them in becoming confident, competent and caring individuals.

11. Girl Pride Sugar and Spice/Young Men Who Dare \$5,610.00.

This activity (City Clerk's File No._____) is sponsored by Women of Colors, Inc. Three unique programs were developed to nurture and promote responsibility in the lives of Saginaw's youth from ages 5 to 18 and mentor at risk youth and instill values of respect and accountability. Teach etiquette, teamwork, and community service outreach to develop youth of excellence. Each program also was established to challenge and prepare youth to become positive peers, responsible role models and leaders. Enhance the gifts, talents and skills of each participant through collaboration and implementation of successful initiatives.

12. Malaila Fresh Start Prisoner Reentry (NEW) \$4,675.00.

This project (City Clerk's File No._____) is operated by Malaila Fresh Start. It helps ex-offenders successfully reintegrate back into society by breaking down barriers. Providing a link between the employer that is willing to hire ex-offenders and the ex-offender who needs a fresh start. Training, education, counseling and job placement empower client to become productive citizens and possibly reduce crime and recidivism.

13. Small Business Training \$3,740.00.

This activity (City Clerk's File No._____) is offered by Saginaw Service Career Paths, Inc. It offers a path that enables economically disadvantaged persons a way out of poverty. This is accomplished by preparing them for entrepreneurship – owning a micro enterprise. Owning one's own business is now seen as a safety net for many.

Council Action:

Council_____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.