

Neighborhood Improvement Program

314-01-Neighborhood Improvement Program

Fund: 314, Neighborhood Improvement Program	
Total Expenditures	\$0
Revenue:	
General Fund Support	\$0
Bond Revenue	\$0
Other Revenue	\$35,000
Total Revenue	\$35,000

► Summary of Program

Neighborhood improvements have been provided in 43 project phases to 31 older neighborhoods that have experienced deteriorating streets and infrastructure. The program has been in place since FY 1979. Approximately \$75 million has been expended to complete these projects. While this program is nearing expenditure of all approved bond funds, there remain 31 neighborhoods on the waiting list for this program in addition to the two neighborhoods that are funded for planning only. Project services include survey, design, land acquisition and construction management.

Successful completion of a neighborhood improvement project significantly improves the appearance of the community. Increased property values can result. In addition, homeowners in these communities often make substantial improvements to their own private property after completion of the neighborhood improvement project.

► Funding Availability and Future Considerations

General obligation bonds have been approved by the voters in 1980, 1984, 1986, and 1989 for a total of \$76 million. General Funds in the amount of \$2.1 million were used to start the program. The latest referendum in 1989 included \$24 million for neighborhood improvement projects. No future referenda have been identified in the FY 2002 – FY 2006 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

► Funding Methodology

Funds are allocated for specific projects on a countywide basis. These projects are identified with the Department of Housing and Community Development. Following completion of the planning stage of a project, citizen meetings are held and support obtained from the property owners. A community plan is forwarded to the Community Improvement Advisory Committee. Following approval of this committee, the plan is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing and approval.

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► **Status of Program**

There are currently 8 projects with active funding in the program. Of these 8 active projects, 4 are complete. One neighborhood improvement project is under construction and nearing completion. Only one remaining neighborhood improvement project is approved for construction funding. As soon as utility relocations are completed, that neighborhood will start construction. Two neighborhood improvement projects have been approved for planning. Their community plans were approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 9, 1998. However, insufficient funds remain to move these two neighborhoods into the design phase.

There are 31 neighborhoods on the waiting list for this program. Preliminary estimates indicate approximately \$123 million in 1999 dollars would be required to implement all projects on the waiting list.

The Adopted Budget for FY 2002 is \$0. The current budget is approximately \$3.3 million due to the carryover of unexpended project balances from FY 2001 to FY 2002. FY 2002 expenditures are anticipated to be \$2.1 million, and encumbrances are approximately \$1.2 million. All remaining funds are committed to individual projects with the exception of \$20,000 assigned to general planning.