

City of Visalia

Memo



To: Steven M. Salomon, City Manager

From: Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist

CC: Ricardo Noguera, Housing & Economic Development Director

Date: July 16, 2010

Re: Minor amendment to 2010-2011 Action Plan Project Description (ADA Projects)

On April 19, 2010, City Council approved the 5 year Consolidated Plan which included the 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan. The ADA Compliance project description approved on April 19, 2010 was:

Suitable Living Environment through Public Improvements

Outcome Goal (SL-1): Increase availability of handicapped access benefiting population with special needs.

- **Streets-ADA Compliance Projects** – The City is committed to addressing the needs of the disabled community. City Staff attends the Disability Advocacy Committee meetings to understand what the needs are within the disabled community. On an annual basis, the committee requests additional curb cuts and truncated domes. In this Action Plan, the City allocated a total of \$40,000 in CDBG funds for the construction of at least 10 ADA compliant ramps and warning detection panels for the blind throughout the areas of downtown within the city's CDBG target areas.

During the last few months, Staff met with Park & Recreation and determined that the use of the ADA Compliance funding would best be utilized for wheelchair accessible water fountains. Staff has confirmed with its local HUD office (San Francisco) that the change in use meets the National Objective and Presumed Benefit requirements.

This use is also consistent with the original intent of ADA compliance projects and continues to address the needs of the disabled community through the addition of accessible water fountains within parks for the disabled population, rather than the truncated domes and curb cuts.

The amended description is as follows:

Suitable Living Environment through Public Improvements

Outcome Goal (SL-1): Increase availability of handicapped access benefiting population with special needs.

- **ADA Compliance Projects** – The City is committed to addressing the needs of the disabled community. The City has allocated a total of \$40,000 in CDBG funds for the construction of ADA drinking fountains within five locations: Three within Blain Park; one at Jefferson Park near the playground and one at Pinkham Park.

This memo acts as authorization to allow \$40,000 of CDBG funding as described above.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Salomon", is written over a horizontal line.

Authorized: Steven M. Salomon, City Manager