

CDBG Alternative Infrastructure / Parks Projects (reconsideration for possible amendment by City Council)						
The below projects were presented to the Merced City Council during the 2024 Annual Action Plan's original approval process in August 2024. Any of these projects may be considered as alternatives to the CDBG project funding preliminarily allocated to the Sierra Saving Grace's project for residential 1-4 unit property acquisition with rehabilitation (for subsequent rental as affordabler units). However, they may also be considered for use of CDBG funds in future years, which would provide more adequate time to fully evaluate each project's scope of work, budget, completion timelines, and federal environmental clearances. Due to the expenditure timeframes that HUD requires, attention should be given to the additional time any of the below projects will take to complete and fully expend the subject CDBG funds.						
Recommendation /Options	Project Title	Project Description and Details / Scope of Work	Funding/Other Notes	Location / Address	2024 Eligible Census Tract?	Council District
<i>* most necessary/feasible per Recreation & Parks Department staff</i>						
STAFF RECOMMENDED , for additional available funds (CDBG, CDBG-CV); also recommended if funds are moved from Acq/Rehab	12th and K Street/Hwy 59 Water/Sewer Main Replacement and ADA Improvements (Existing 2023 Annual Plan project)	This project is currently in progress, having already received its Federal environmental clearance, and an Interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding with the Engineering Department for plans design and project construction oversight is currently being drafted. Though some Water and Sewer Enterprise funds were previously set aside, the project is in need of additional funding. The project was originally begun in 2018 as part of the Gateway Terrace II (GTII) affordable housing project, but was on hold as part of a January 2020 HUD environmental monitoring. After removing the project from the 2018 Annual Plan, it was restarted and approved by the City Council and HUD with the 2023 Annual Action Plan. Plans were preliminarily drawn in 2019 by a local civil engineering firm for the prior housing development, but updates are needed, which the Engineering Department will finish. The project will replace an aging water main and partially collapsed sewer main in the alley between W. 12th and W. 13th Streets that intersects with K Street and which also runs through a public utility easement on the former GTII project site, as well as a section of sewer main that extends under Highway 59. These improvements will both improve water and sewer services to area residents and also protect the City's water supply by ensuring correct separation between the two lines within the current trench. The project will also install new ADA ramps, walkways, and crossings in the immediate area of the vacant former GTII, which is still very much a viable project site for affordable housing.	Proposed with Both Amendments: 2024 CDBG funds of \$749,035 \$679,319 (project costs) and remaining 2019 CDBG-CV funds of \$470,109 (total of \$1,189,144 \$1,149,428) Project in progress and needs addtl funding	Alley from K Street to east side of Hwy 59	Yes (Tract 16.01)	2 DeAnda
1 *	Joe Herb Park ADA improvements	Rehab existing restroom facility to include ADA accessibility and other improvements; improve existing walkways to include ADA accessibility and upgrade safety lighting; install ADA access to the baseball fields.	Needs NEPA clearance, scope of work, budget	2200 Yosemite Parkway	Yes (Tract 17.00)	1 Dupont
2 *	Applegate Park - Rosotti Ed-Zoo-Cation Center ADA, Parking, and Safety Improvements	Improves ADA, pedestrian, and service vehicle access to the Rosotti Center and Applegate Zoo by relocating parking for the Center and Kiddieland to the north side of W. 25th Street with new angled parking from P to R Streets, to include ADA spaces and bicycle parking. The project would also install new ADA accessible sidewalk to the Zoo, Kiddieland, and the Rosotti Center and along the entire north side of W. 25th Street, where there is none currently existing. The existing rear driveway would be gated, restricting its use to service/emergency access only, improving safety for bike path users and preserving the existing embankments of Bear Creek. The existing rear parking lot would then be available to the Zoo for any future habitat improvements/footprint expansion. Local Transportation Fund (LTF) funds would be available to install on-street parking improvements.	Needs NEPA clearance, scope of work, budget; would need additional funding to complete	1045 W 25th St.	Yes (Tract 13.01)	3 Harris
3	Fahrens Park - Disc Golf Course ADA Improvements	Under an existing planned project that uses separate funding, additional parking is already planned to be added to the existing disc golf parking area by the Parks Dept. With CDBG funds, expand the project to include installation of a new ADA accessible self-cleaning bathroom and drinking fountain adjacent to the parking area, where currently there are neither. Install an ADA accessible walking path from the parking area that follows the north bank of Black Rascal Creek westward along the south side of the disc golf course, then northward to connect to existing sidewalk on Buena Vista Drive. If enough funds, install an ADA accessible mini/kids disc golf course near the parking area.	Expands an existing Parks project; Needs NEPA clearance, scope of work, budget	945 Buena Vista Dr.	Yes (Tract 10.03)	5 Boyle
4	Steven Leonard Park ADA Improvements	Installs new ADA accessible self-cleaning restrooms; ADA access improvements for Splash Pad and existing playground; upgraded safety lighting throughout the park; and a new ADA accessible shade structure. With supplemental funding or with a separate future CDBG project, a new ADA accessible futsal ball court could also be included or be combined with the basketball court.	Needs NEPA clearance, scope of work, budget	W. 6th & T Streets	Yes (Tract 15.03)	2 DeAnda
5	South Merced ADA Sidewalk Improvements for School/Park connections	Install ADA ramp and crosswalk upgrades and/or new sidewalks to improve disabled access to schools (Charles Wright Elementary), neighborhood/mini parks, and general pedestrian access throughout the 14.01 Census Tract, including Circle Drive Park. This Census Tract has been often overlooked for these types of improvements. Ramp installation costs for one block are approximately \$100,000 per block; therefore, this project could be planned as a longer-term, year-to-year improvement project, to complete improvements in the Census Tract over multiple years of funding.	Needs NEPA clearance, scope of work, budget; good potential for annual/multi-year CDBG project	Census Tract 14.01 in East Central Merced (South of Santa Fe RR, East of G Street, North of Yosemite Pkwy)	Yes (Tract 14.01)	3 Harris
6	McNamara Park Memorial Plunge Pool ADA Improvements	(Reinstate previous 2023 project that was eliminated with the First Substantial Amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plan). Project involves installing ADA improvements to the existing bathrooms; wheelchair lift for pool; possible expansion of pool footprint to accomodate ADA ramp into the pool; and upgrade/resurfacing of pool plaster to a slip resistant material(s); replacement of pool heating equipment to expand pool use into winter season and to extend use to the senior community. New security fencing is also needed.	Has NEPA clearance from 2023 AAP; may need other funds to complete full scope	1040 Canal St.	Yes (Tract 16.01)	2 DeAnda
7	Merced City Fire Dept - HEART and EAV EMS Vehicles	(Reinstate previous 2023 project that was eliminated with the Second Substantial Amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plan). Project involves the purchase and equipping of up to two Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Health Education Assessment/Referral Team (HEART) vehicles for supplemental transport and community services, including pop-up health clinics in low- to moderate-income areas of the City. If enough funding, the project would also purchase and equip one off-road Emergency Assessment Vehicle (EAV) for provision of emergency services to homeless encampments. All vehicles would help address the existing and ongoing service response gaps for Code 2 non-emergent calls. Vehicles would be permanently stationed at City-owned Fire Stations and staffed by EMS-trained and certified City of Merced firefighters.	Has NEPA clearance from 2023 AAP; may need funding source for long-term staffing	Selected Fire Stations located in HUD Income Eligible Census Tracts	City-wide as LMA qualified area (> 51% LMI citywide)	All