

## CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL  
May 24, 2005

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Ken Domer, City Manager

**SUBJECT: COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR URBAN COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM.**

### **BACKGROUND**

As a city with a population less than 50,000, Villa Park is eligible to participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program through the County of Orange's Urban County Program, administered by the Housing and Community Services Department, or through the State of California's Small Cities or State CDBG Program. CDBG funds are primarily used for low and moderate-income housing programs as well as community development activities. While Villa Park is generally ineligible to receive any CDBG funds based on the lack of qualifying homeowners, funds may be available for limited-clientele populations such as disabled persons. Cities may use such funds to overcome barriers to access for persons with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The County's Urban County Program is made up of cities less than 50,000 in population and funds are made available on a competitive basis based on qualification. The inclusion of Villa Park in the County's Urban County program assists with providing these critical funds to Orange County residents, in general.

### **FINDINGS**

The City has participated in the County's Urban County Program during the previous six years. The County's program assists low and moderate-income persons across the County through various community development and housing related activities, including the development of affordable housing in partnership with other participating cities, which helps maintain an adequate supply of housing opportunities for residents. While Villa Park has not competed for funds, the availability and possibility to obtain funding for specific ADA related improvements in the future represents a viable funding source for such projects. Participating with the County would benefit the City because of local consideration versus competing for funds on a state-wide basis.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Possible grants funds for qualifying projects – none anticipated.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Cooperative Agreement between the City and the County of Orange for participation in the Urban County Program.