



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT  
October 11, 2005

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Request for City Partnership in 2005 Weed and Seed Grant Application

**Location/Council District:** Y Street on the north, City limits on the south, Highway 99 on the east, and Stockton Boulevard on the west / Council District 5

**Recommendation:** The City adopt the attached resolution regarding City partnership in the 2005 Weed and Seed grant application sponsored by Sacramento Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) pending funding consideration during the City's mid-year budget process.

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**Presenters:** Derrick Lim, Neighborhood Services Area Director, 808-2260

**Department:** Neighborhood Services

**Division:** Area 2

**Organization No:** 3621

### **SUMMARY:**

Sacramento Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) is requesting City partnership in its 2005 Weed and Seed (Official Recognition) grant application post marked by October 15, 2005 to the United States Department of Justice. Under the May 24, 2005 Council adopted Weed and Seed principles and protocol, NHS's 2005 proposal does not meet the requirement regarding no additional impact to the City general fund. However, given the competitive Weed and Seed grant funding cycle and annual City budgeting process, it is recommended the Weed and Seed proposal be added for consideration during the City's mid-year budget deliberations.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Weed and Seed is a community based multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration funded by the United States Department of Justice. The goals of Weed and Seed are to control violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in designated high crime neighborhoods, and provide a safe environment free of crime and drug use for residents. Weeding focuses on law enforcement to eradicate criminals from the targeted neighborhood. Seeding emphasizes prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization. Attachment A provides a graphic representation of key Weed and Seed program components.

The City of Sacramento received a Weed and Seed grant from the United States Department of Justice in 2000. Based on that grant award and increased interest in adding new Weed and Seed areas, the Mayor and City Council adopted principles and protocol on May 24, 2005 to guide City departments and the City Council in making decisions about Weed and Seed proposals before their formal submittal for *Official Recognition* in the competitive grant funding process (Attachment B).

The Council adopted principles are intended to identify direct and indirect operational impacts and costs associated with the project proposal on already approved projects and existing resources in a timely and organized manner. A copy of the Council adopted principles were provided to NHS in June 2005 and were included in the June 2005 Weed and Seed Request for Proposal by Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

City services requested in NHS's 2005 Weed and Seed proposal include Police, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Neighborhood Services, and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (Attachment C). NHS is requesting current levels of service in these areas be "maintained to the maximum extent possible".

New City services are also being requested in the following areas below.

### Parks and Recreation

The Oak Park Weed and Seed is requesting authorization to designate the Oak Park Community Center and adjacent Oak Park Multi-Services Center as the Weed and Seed "Safe Haven". A Safe Haven is a location to organize and deliver an array of youth and adult-oriented human services in a multi-service center setting such as a school or community center

Oak Park Community Center has meeting rooms, conference rooms, activity rooms, etc. that can be reserved for Weed and Seed program activities based on availability.

City Fiscal Agent

The Oak Park Weed and Seed Program will require a Fiscal Agent to serve as an independent and objective agency for administration and reporting of the use of federal funds. NHS is requesting that the City of Sacramento serve as the fiscal agent. It is estimated that the workload would be equivalent to one 0.5 FTE Administrative Analyst for the duration of approximately five years during which the program receives federal funding. The estimated annual cost for this position would be approximately \$45,000 with salary and benefits. It is recommended that this cost come out of the Weed and Seed Grant to reimburse City costs for serving as the fiscal agent.

As proposed, this position will have negligible impact on the City's General Fund because of reimbursable cost from the grant.

Weed and Seed Coordinator

The Federal Weed and Seed program requires coordination to maintain progress on strategies, and ensure the efficient operation of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee and sub-committees. Costs for Weed and Seed coordination over the five-year term are estimated at \$60,000 annually for the coordinator and \$6,000 annually for material, supplies and related office support. Of this annual total of \$66,000 NHS is requesting the City of Sacramento contribute one-third or \$22,000 per year. The balance will come from the Weed and Seed grant and community contributions. The requested cost share for this position does impact the City's General Fund.

The evaluation criteria developed by the grant applicant along with post grant sustainability is weak and may impact the application's competitiveness. Regardless, with only one request for endorsement, the Mayor and Council should support the application.

Council action is necessary at this time to coincide with 2005 Weed and Seed grant cycle requiring completed application postmarked by October 15, 2005.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

In the Needs and Expectations section of the NHS Weed and Seed proposal, NHS is requesting various services be maintained to the maximum extent possible at current levels of service. While this may not appear to have an impact on resources on its face, there is the potential for increased calls for service for Police, Code Enforcement, etc. under the proposed Weed and Seed initiative. Resource impacts are difficult to estimate because workload is complaint driven.

Under the Council adopted Weed and Seed principles, new or additional City services are required to be called out and not have an impact on existing resources. The NHS 2005 Weed and Seed proposal identifies direct resource impacts to the City estimated at an annual cost of \$22,000. Over a five-year period this impact is estimated at \$110,000.

Given the competitive Weed and Seed grant funding cycle and annual City budgeting process, the Weed and Seed proposal can be added for consideration during the City's mid-year budget deliberations, to mitigate impact to the General Fund.

In addition, the 2005 Weed and Seed Program Guide and Application Kit, competitive sites are required to identify other funding sources (public or private) at a level five times the core funding contribution for sustainability. **For a grant award of \$175,000, the amount should equal or exceed \$875,000 (\$175,000 x 5) to be competitive.** The grant proposal will meet that standard.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This report concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) {CEQA Guidelines Sections 15601(b)(3); 15378(b)}.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Weed and Seed program is consistent with City values on public safety, quality of life, and neighborhood engagement. Relative to the Council adopted Weed and Seed principles, the 2005 Weed and Seed proposal by NHS will be considered during the City's mid year budget deliberations to mitigate resource and work load impacts on the City's general fund.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

No goods or services are being purchased with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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Area Director, Neighborhood Services

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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## RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTNERSHIP IN THE 2005 WEED AND SEED GRANT APPLICATION PENDING FUNDING CONSIDERATION DURING THE CITY'S MID YEAR BUDGET PROCESS

Whereas Weed and Seed is a community based multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration funded by the United States Department of Justice.

Whereas the goals of Weed and Seed are to control violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in designated high crime neighborhoods, and provide a safe environment free of crime and drug use for residents after the grant ends.

Whereas the City Council of the City of Sacramento strives to improve and expand public safety, and exercise fiscal responsibility with a balanced and sustainable budget.

Whereas the 2005 Weed and Seed grant application for Official Recognition status is sponsored by the non-profit lead agency, Sacramento Neighborhood Housing Services.

Whereas the Weed and Seed boundaries are Y Street on the north, City limits on the south, Highway 99 on the east, and Stockton Boulevard on the west, in City Council District 5.

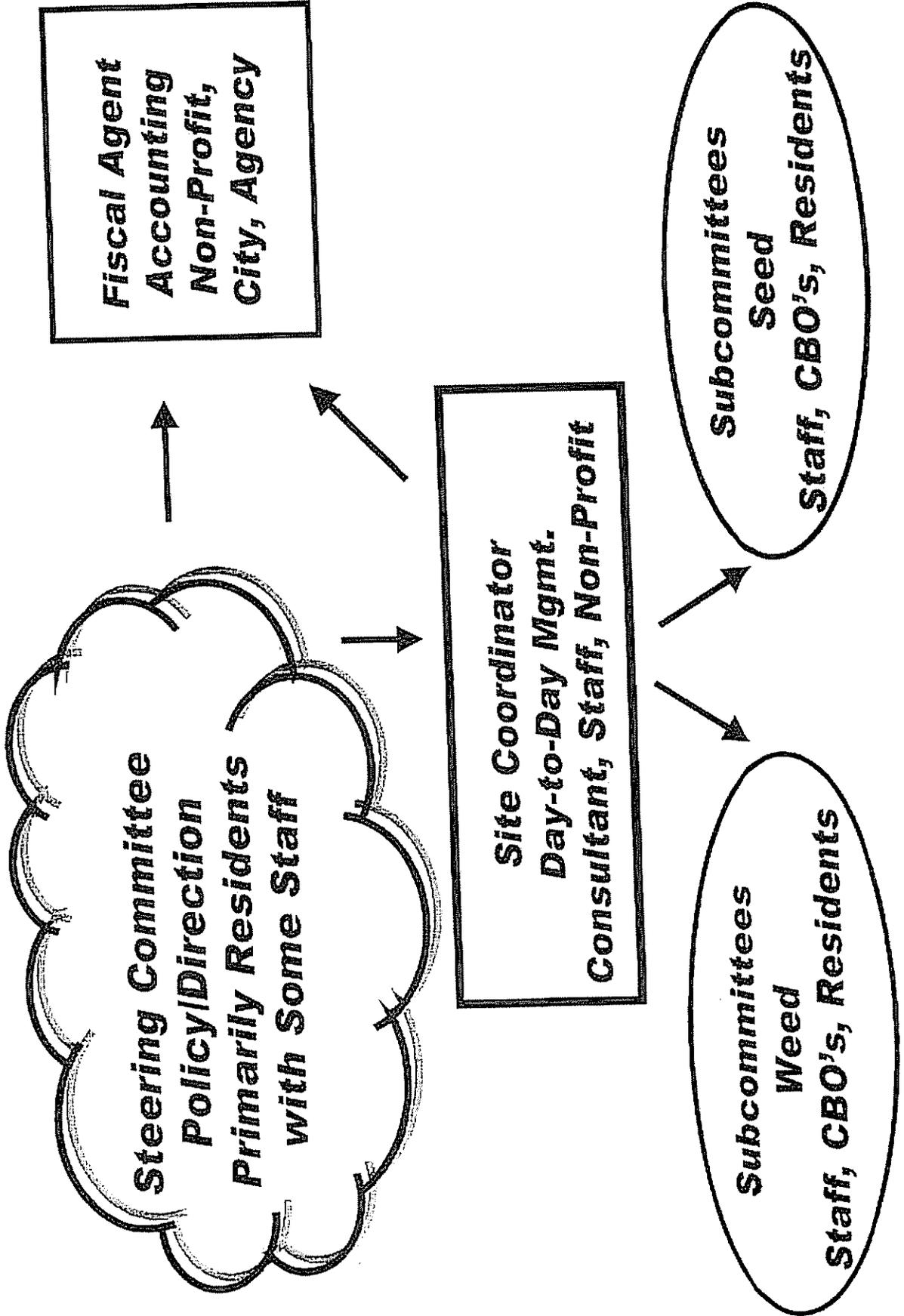
Whereas the City is expected to maintain existing levels of service to the maximum extent possible in the areas of Police, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Neighborhood Services, and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The City Council approve City partnership in the 2005 Weed and Seed grant application by the non-profit lead agency, Sacramento Neighborhood Housing Services pending mid year budget deliberations for the Weed and Seed proposal.
2. The City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) securing the support and participation of City Services.
3. The City Council consider budgeting approximately \$22,000 annually (\$110,000 total for five years) during its mid year budget process for Weed and Seed Coordination in the event Weed and Seed funding is received for Oak Park from the United States Department Of Justice.

4. The City (e.g., Police Department) serve as the fiscal agent for federal Weed and Seed grant if federal funding is received, and that the associated costs of such service will be fully reimbursed by the Weed and Seed grant.

# Key Weed and Seed Program Components



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ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF MAY 24 2005

RESOLUTION APPROVING WEED AND SEED GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOL FOR DETERMINING THE MOST COMPETITIVE SITE(S)

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Whereas the goals of Weed and Seed are to control violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in designated high crime neighborhoods, and provide a safe environment free of crime and drug use for residents after the grant ends.

Whereas the City of Sacramento received a Weed and Seed grant in 2000 from the United States Department of Justice.

Whereas the City Council of the City of Sacramento strives to improve and expand public safety, and exercise fiscal responsibility with a balanced and sustainable budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Council of the City of Sacramento approves the following guiding principles and protocol for selecting the most competitive Weed and Seed site(s) to apply for grant funding.

- Grant applications for City Council consideration must be submitted by June 30.
The City Manager or designee is the lead in coordinating the preparation and review of proposed sites for Weed and Seed grant application funding
The Councilmember must be consulted and support the Weed and Seed proposal (includes target neighborhood(s) in their district and lead non profit agency coordination) prior to action by the City Council
The City Council approves the selection of the Weed and Seed neighborhood proposal prior to applicant's submittal of the Letter of Intent to the United States Department of Justice for Official Recognition

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- The proposal's goals and objectives are consistent with the City's strategic plan
- Measurable criteria is identified to evaluate program success
- The boundaries of the targeted neighborhood shall correspond to EDP (Electro Data Processing) Districts used by the Sacramento Police Department to identify crime trends and patterns, and are located in a redevelopment area or other targeted area with committed funding sources, staffing, and other resources consistent with Weed and Seed grant leveraging requirements
- An active and engaged neighborhood (association) is currently working with various City Departments, including Police
- Crime statistics in the targeted area for crimes such as homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery, gangs, and drugs are generally 20 percent higher than the average crime level for those crimes in the city
- A Safe Haven such as a community center is located in the targeted area
- There is demonstrated neighborhood and non profit agency leadership, involvement, networks, and capacity to be a significant partner in leveraging resources
- The proposal identifies any increased staff, training, equipment, supplies, and service impacts on existing resources and operations, and describes plans to address those impacts not funded by the grant or the City's general fund
- Any reallocation of specific resources (e.g., Problem Oriented Police Officers, Code Enforcement Officer, etc.) as part of the grant match will not be replaced or backfilled

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## **Oak Park Weed and Seed Proposal for Official Recognition**

**Program:** US Department of Justice, Weed and Seed Program

**Target Area:** Oak Park (Police patrol areas 60 and 61) bounded by the City limits on the south, Highway 99 on the east, Y Street on the north and Stockton Boulevard on the west. (See Attached Map). The proposed target area lies entirely within the incorporated area of the City of Sacramento.

**Proposed Action:** The following resolution supports the submission of an application to the US Department of Justice (DOJ) for Official Recognition (OR) as a Weed and Seed site. This action enables the Weed and Seed Program of Oak Park to apply for future grants from the DOJ to support activities which promote safe neighborhoods and community policing and which support associated community-building activities in the target area.

To qualify for Official Recognition, an application including a strategic plan must be submitted outlining the objectives and actions to be undertaken by collaborative partners in the community in the following areas:

- Law Enforcement
- Community Oriented Policing
- Prevention, Intervention and Treatment
- Neighborhood Restoration

In Oak Park a planning team comprised of representatives from Neighborhood Housing Services, City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services Area 3, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, City Police Department and the US Attorney's Office. This team was assembled in response to interest on the part of residents of Oak Park to establish a Weed and Seed Program.

As required by the US Department of Justice (DOJ), a Letter of Intent to apply for Official Recognition for the Oak Park area was submitted to the DOJ in late August 2005. Beginning in early September, a series of strategic planning sessions were held by NHS involving a broad set of stakeholders for Oak Park.

A draft strategic plan framework has now prepared by the Weed and Seed Community Planning Committee. Highlights of the strategic plan are presented below.

## **SUMMARY OF THE OAK PARK WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

### **CRITICAL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:**

- **Drugs** leading to violent crimes and neighborhood deterioration
- **Prostitution** related to in part to drugs.
- **Lack of Landlord Accountability**. Poor rental management that provides a haven for drugs and prostitution.
- **Parolees and Probationers** Highly concentrated in the neighborhood without adequate tracking and referral to existing services.
- **Youth Aimlessness and Violence** related in part to the neighborhood environment and substance abuse (alcohol and drugs)

### **PARTNERS:**

#### **Community Partners:**

Sacramento Neighborhood Housing Services  
Oak Park Neighborhood Association  
Oak Park Cop's and Coffee  
Oak Park Drug Free Zones  
Mc George School of Law  
Oak Park United Against Slum Landlords (OPUS)  
ACORN

#### **Faith Based Partners:**

Christian Brothers  
St. Paul M.B.C.  
New St. Bethel Church

#### **Public Sector Partners:**

City of Sacramento  
Police Department  
Neighborhood Services  
Parks and Recreation  
City Attorney  
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency  
Oak Park Multi-Service Center  
County of Sacramento Probation Department  
State of California Department of Corrections

## **KEY OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

Attachment 1 provides a summary of key strategies developed by the Oak Park Weed and Seed Strategy Committee and task groups. The strategies largely focus on coordination of existing resources to create a stronger network of enforcement and community building strategies.

## **NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS FROM THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO**

### **Maintain to the Maximum Extent Possible Existing Levels of City Services.**

The Oak Park Weed and Seed Strategy is based on the expectation that existing levels of City Services will remain and be coordinated for increased effectiveness. In particular, the existing level of services anticipated to support the strategy include:

Police. The current level of service for police is the assignment of a total of 12 officers spread over three shifts a day for districts 60 and 61. The estimated cost of 12 patrol officers over 3 shifts 7 days a week is \$1.4 million. This is comprised of 2 officers per district per shift-3 shifts a day plus one Problem Oriented Police Sergeant and 10 general fund officers.

Code Enforcement. Current level of service based on complaint basis of approximately 3 code enforcement officers and 3 building inspectors is estimated at \$570,000 (does not include clerical support).

Parks and Recreation. Existing youth services programs at the Oak Park Community Center and access to meeting facilities at the community center.

Neighborhood Services. On-going coordination with Oak Park community based groups (OPNA, Cops and Coffee), support for community based clean-up events, and support for the on-going Neighborhood Response Team.

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Continuation of existing service level including one planner dedicated to the Oak Park Redevelopment Area, and administration of tax increment funded redevelopment programs.

### **Requested Areas of Assistance**

#### **Parks and Recreation.**

The Oak Park Weed and Seed is requesting authorization to designate the Oak Park Community Center and the adjacent Oak Park Multi-service Center as the Weed and Seed "Safe Haven". A Safe Haven is a location to organize and deliver an array of

youth- and adult-oriented human services in a multi-service center setting such as a school or community center. Meeting facilities to support the Steering Committee and Weed and Seed coordination activities will be needed. We are requesting this as an in-kind donation.

#### City Fiscal Agent.

The Oak Park Weed and Seed Program will require a Fiscal Agent to serve as an independent and objective agency for administration and reporting of the use of federal funds. We are requesting that the City of Sacramento serve as the fiscal agent. It is estimated that the workload would be equivalent to one 0.5 FTE Administrative Analyst for the duration of approximately 5 years during which the program receives federal funding. The estimated annual cost for this position would be approximately \$45,000 with salary and benefits. It is recommended that this cost come out of the Weed and Seed Grant to reimburse City costs for serving as the fiscal agent.

#### Weed and Seed Coordinator.

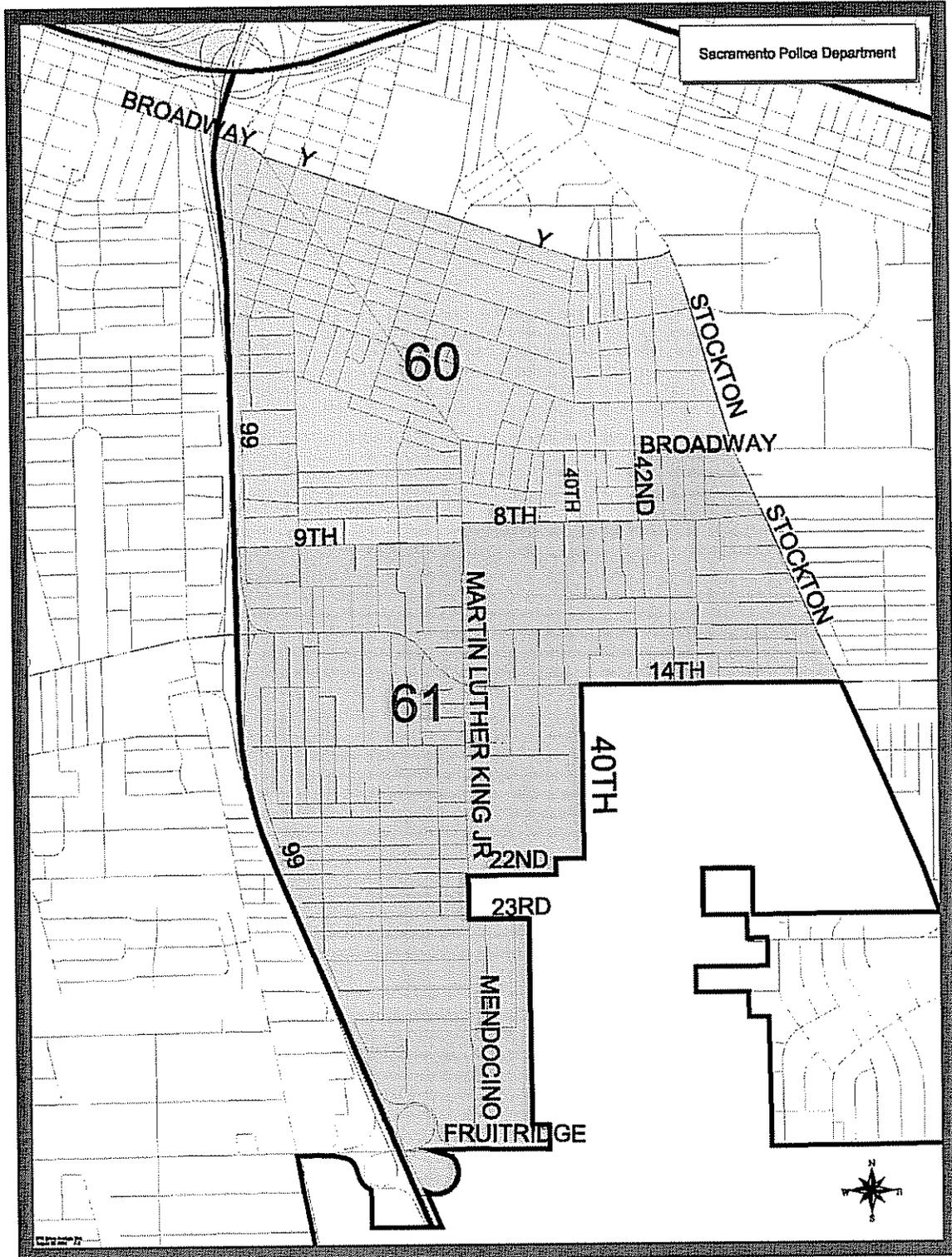
The Federal Weed and Seed program requires coordination to maintain coordination and progress on strategies, and ensure the efficient operation of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee and sub-committees. Costs for Weed and Seed Coordination over the five-year term are estimated at \$60,000 annually for the coordinator and \$6,000 annually for material, supplies and related office support. Of this annual total of \$66,000 we are requesting that the City of Sacramento contribute one-third or \$22,000 per year. The balance will come from the Weed and Seed grant and community contributions. At this time Neighborhood Housing Services has offered to house the coordinator.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the City Council approve participation in the Oak Park Weed and Seed Program and authorize the City of Sacramento to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) securing the support and participation of City Services.
2. That the City Council approve budgeting approximately \$22,000 annually for Weed and Seed Coordination in the event Weed and Seed funding is received for Oak Park from DOJ.
3. That the City Council accept responsibility to serve as the fiscal agent for federal Weed and Seed funding if federal funding is received, and that the costs of such service be taken out of the Weed and Seed grant.
4. That the City Council approve designation of the Oak Park Community Center /Multi-Service Center as the Weed and Seed "Safe Haven" and provide

meeting space for the Weed and Seed coordination activities on an "in-kind" basis.

**Figure 1: OAK PARK WEED AND SEED AREA**



**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**DRUG USE AND SALES**  
**WEED AND SEED STRATEGIES**

**Law Enforcement**

Reduce Street Level Open Air Drug Dealing particularly by Repeat Offenders through Continued Enforcement and Community Oriented Policing

- Increase percentage of filings on drug sales cases by District Attorney's Office (specific emphasis on repeat offenders) through actions such as Research on case filing process and methods to achieve more successful prosecutions.
- Improve communication with the U.S. Attorney's Office on drug and gun related cases.
- Ensure increased publicity of successful Federal cases in Oak Park to serve as a deterrent.
- Continue on going dialog with neighborhood groups (Cops and Coffee, OPNA) regarding the presence of drug sales, the location and other activities.

**Prevention, Intervention and Treatment**

Decrease drug and alcohol use in Oak Park  
  
 Increase participation in existing prevention, treatment and recovery programs by 10% per year and increase use of existing treatment and recovery programs.

- Research, gather and assess available resources, programs, access and availability
- Provide auxiliary services; such as, translation, childcare, and transportation to support use of existing treatment and recovery programs.
- Aggressive outreach to the community through a public information media campaign.
- Support anti-drug and alcohol free community events
- Disseminate drug and alcohol treatment resource materials at the monthly mandatory probation/parolee meetings to reach this specific target population

**Community Oriented Policing**

Support enforcement activities through accurate and timely community reporting of criminal activity by neighborhood residents.

- Provide on-going training for residents on methods of reporting illegal drug sales.
- Promote membership and attendance at Cops and Coffee and the Oak Park Neighborhood Association which area venues for education and collaboration and in particular, promote participation by underserved or hard to involve groups or areas of Oak Park.
- Research expanded methods of maintaining neighborhood connections and communications between groups and residents (newsletter, website, kiosks)
- Engage the Stockton Boulevard and Oak Park PBID Business Associations in local strategies to reduce drug dealing.

**Neighborhood Restoration**

Eliminate or resolve areas of the neighborhood which harbor drug sales through elimination of blight, unsafe conditions, or other conditions which attract and support drug sales and use. (See also Landlord Accountability and Problem Properties).

- Continue aggressive code enforcement of problem properties to reduce the "habitat" for illegal drug sales or prostitution.
- Continue coordination between residents and code enforcement such as NRT.
- Continue commercial revitalization activities on Stockton and Broadway.
- Through the Drug Free Zones, Oak Park Neighborhood Association and the Business Association promote events and community based activities such as graffiti paint outs, vacant lot clean-ups and street sweeps.
- See also Landlord Accountability and Problem Properties Strategies)

**PROSTITUTION  
WEED AND SEED STRATEGIES**

**Law Enforcement**

<p>Reduce high visibility prostitution activity in targeted areas</p>	<p>Through on going enforcement of 647B arrest, prostitutes, enforcement in targeted areas, reduce the visibility and presence of prostitution in Oak Par by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Publicize arrests of Johns and prostitutes</li> <li>▪ Continue undercover John and prostitute stings</li> <li>▪ Increase involvement of business associations in strategy</li> <li>▪ Research effective strategy used in other cities</li> <li>▪ Acquire high tech surveillance equipment to use at identified problem locations.</li> </ul>
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**Prevention, Intervention and Treatment**

<p>Reduce the rate of repeat offender for prostitution through providing alternative programs and referrals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to research, gather and assess information about the Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) program in San Francisco</li> <li>▪ Cooperate with law enforcement and other potential partners to develop model programs.</li> <li>▪ Provide a liaison between the Sacramento Police Department enforcement of prostitution and referrals of prostitutes to appropriate programs.</li> </ul>
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**Community Oriented Policing**

<p>Support enforcement activities through accurate and timely community reporting of criminal activity by neighborhood residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide on-going training for residents on methods of reporting suspected prostitution activity areas or rings.</li> <li>▪ Promote membership and attendance at Cops and Coffee and the Oak Park Neighborhood Association which area venues for education and collaboration and in particular, promote participation by underserved or hard to involve groups or areas of Oak Park.</li> <li>▪ Research expanded methods of maintaining neighborhood connections and communications between groups and residents (newsletter, website, kiosks)</li> <li>▪ Engage the Stockton Boulevard and Oak Park PBID Business Associations in local strategies to identify and reduce prostitution.</li> </ul>
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**Neighborhood Restoration**

<p>Eliminate or resolve areas of the neighborhood which harbor prostitution through elimination of blight, unsafe conditions, or other conditions which attract and support drug sales and use. (See also Landlord Accountability and Problem Properties).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue aggressive code enforcement of problem properties to reduce the "habitat" for illegal drug sales or prostitution.</li> <li>▪ Continue coordination between residents and code enforcement such as NRT.</li> <li>▪ Continue commercial revitalization activities on Stockton and Broadway.</li> <li>▪ See also Landlord Accountability and Problem Properties Strategies)</li> <li>▪ Through the Drug Free Zones, Oak Park Neighborhood Association and the Business Association promote events and community based activities such as graffiti</li> </ul>
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**PROSTITUTION**  
**WEED AND SEED STRATEGIES**

paint outs, vacant lot clean-ups and street sweeps.

**PROBLEM PROPERTIES AND LANDLORD ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**WEED AND SEED STRATEGIES**

**Law Enforcement**

<p>Continue to connect arrests in problem properties with code enforcement activities and land lord responsibility strategies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify specific problem properties</li> <li>▪ Develop cooperative strategies with Police, Code Enforcement and related agencies such as Probation to address issues using Problem Oriented strategies.</li> <li>▪ Use all available methods to ensure landlords are aware and accountable for persistent illegal activities occurring on their property.</li> </ul>
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**Community Oriented Policing**

<p>Identify the problem property owners and apply neighborhood peer pressure to achieve voluntary compliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a data base of property ownership through SHRA or other resources.</li> <li>▪ Develop methods to keep the data base up to date.</li> <li>▪ Train residents to report incidences of problem properties through on-going training and education of Oak Park residents in problem solving through Oak Park Neighborhood Association.</li> <li>▪ Create a recognition process of neighborhoods doing successful problem solving.</li> <li>▪ Provide written notification to problem landlords of problems or illegal activities occurring on their site and actions they can take to ameliorate the situation.</li> <li>▪ If voluntary compliance is not forthcoming, engage full enforcement activities.</li> <li>▪ Promote a local landlord association to promote training in effective property management, tenant selection and identification of tenant related problems.</li> </ul>
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**Neighborhood Restoration**

<p>Increase the ownership and stability in the neighborhood through:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promotion of first time homebuyer programs and other strategies to increase homeownership in Oak Park.</li> <li>▪ Promote housing rehabilitation programs offered by SHRA and NHS.</li> </ul>
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<p>Research alternative methods of neighborhood resolution for problem properties through:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with Mc George Law School in developing enhanced methods for the community to seek voluntary compliance from problem landlords.</li> <li>▪ Work with Mc George Law School on possible social nuisance cases.</li> <li>▪ Continue to work with OPUS and ACORN on community based strategies and campaigns to increase landlord accountability.</li> </ul>
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**PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS**  
**WEED AND SEED STRATEGIES**

<b>Law Enforcement</b>	
Enhance methods of coordination between Sacramento Police Department, County Probation and the State Department of Corrections regarding identification of parolees or probationers living in problem properties or undertaking illegal activities in the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Set up communication teams and procedures for easy identification by property address or name.</li> <li>▪ Set up immediate communication procedures for feedback to parole or probation officers of suspected or confirmed activities.</li> <li>▪ Research other methods of offender accountability.</li> </ul>
<b>Prevention, Intervention and Treatment</b>	
Increase awareness and access to positive supportive services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Disseminate drug and alcohol treatment resource materials at the monthly mandatory probation/parolee meetings to reach this specific target population</li> <li>▪ Work with Probation and CDCR to enhance connections with local SETA employment resources and programs such as the Lemon Hill Skills Center.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Oriented Policing</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See strategies for Prostitution, Drugs and Problem Properties</li> </ul>	
<b>Neighborhood Restoration</b>	
Engender respect for the neighborhood through community service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the Probation Department to use community service workers to clean vacant lots and public spaces, or undertake other community service projects which create a clean and safe environment.</li> </ul>

**YOUTH STRATEGIES**  
**WEED AND SEED STRATEGIES**

<b>Law Enforcement</b>	
Reduce the presence of aimless or undirected youth at risk for creating problems or committing crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinate with County Probation to conduct curfew sweeps approximately once a quarter.</li> <li>▪ Work with Sacramento High, Probation Department and the Police Department to set up a Truancy Sweep with a parent accountability component.</li> </ul>
<b>Prevention, Intervention and Treatment</b>	
Coordinate and where feasible, expand after-school programs for youth particularly where no such programs exist (e.g. American Legion High School).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a Youth Resources Directory for Oak Park</li> <li>▪ Develop a distribution system for the Youth Services Directory</li> <li>▪ Provide after school services at high-risk American Legion High School.</li> <li>▪ Coordinate with local Substance Abuse campaigns at local schools.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Oriented Policing</b>	
Provide opportunities for first time youth offenders to make restitution through community service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue the Neighborhood Accountability Board</li> <li>▪ Work with the OPNA to identify community service work projects for youth offenders.</li> <li>▪ Expand participation by the community in the NAB Board and mentoring programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Neighborhood Restoration</b>	
Create a Safe, Drug Free and Violence Free Public Environment and Image for Oak Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sponsor Drug Free and Alcohol Free Community events such as the Oak Park Concert Series, and the Oak Park Multi-cultural Festival.</li> <li>▪ Work with the Business Associations to develop youth engagement programs such as mentorships, internships or entrepreneur programs.</li> </ul>