## Southfield seeks funding

City of Southfield will apply for \$522,000 in com-munity block grant funds to Department of Hous-ing and Urban Development (HUD).

Spending plans for 1977-78, the last year of the three-year community development program, in-

clude:

Continuation of the neighborhood beautification and improvement project—\$74,000.

Soil stabilization and sealcoating of Catalpa between Greenfield Road and Lathrup "Vüllage—
\$25,000.

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•Construction of a sidewalk and bisycle path along Nine Mile between Divine Providence Church and Propsper on the south and along Levey School to Brandywynne on the north—\$13,000.

Acquisition and development of a recreation fa-cility in the city's northeast section—\$380,000.

More than \$155,000 has been used over the past two years for 68 long-term; low-interest home improvement loans, according to Deputy City Planner Joseph Sutschek, coordinator of the program. The service will be self-sustaining after the third year when loans will be repaid and funds recycled, he said.

"FUNDS SPENT under the first two years of the program have benefitted primarily low and moderate-income groups in the city." according to a Feb. 14 Southfield City Council resolution approving the three-very program.

The resolution also authorizes application for 1977-78 federal funding. The city will submit to HUD for approval an amended 1976-77 community development suffice.

nut for approval an amended 1997-7 community development outline.

Originally, the city allocated \$110,000 in federal funds for a bicycle path along Shiawassee. Beech and Nide, Mile to make Beech Woods Park more convenient to residents in the northwest section. Total cost of the project, however, was only \$77,540.

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Another \$424,000 was allocated to partially fi-nance construction of a neighborhood park in the northeast section. The project hasn't been started because the city was unable to obtain a clear title to land proposed for the facility. Unused funds of \$52,000, first budgeted for the bike path, have been reallocated to sealeoat Semi-nole. Addelin, Sedalia, Emmett. Byrond, Poin-ciana, Negaunea and Indian streets. Another \$194,60 has been reappropriated from funds not used for the bike trail or park to con-struct sidewalks along Evergreen from Birney School to Southfield Civic Center. Funds will also be used for sidewalks along Nine Mille from Twin-ing Drive to Laura.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION by city officials is 15 acres of land, owned by Southfield School Board, for a recreation facility in the northeast portion of the city.

School board members have agreed to waive a deed restriction on the property which is east of Southfield Road and north of Twelve Mile in the Better Stevens, solvenson agree subdivision association, said at the Peh M council meeting residents approved of use of the site for a park. The tity must obtain awaivers from two-thirds of property owners before a recreation facility can be constructed on the parcel.

Representatives of Cranbrook Subdivision Association have suggested officials consider a ninearce site, once known as "Agatas Dump," for the city's third recreation center.

The parcel on the west side of Southfield Road between Twelve and Thirteen Aille could be a "big zoning headache," area homeowners maintain. They fear a high-rise development could be constructed on the site.

The \$145.00 first-year program, established under the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act, has been completed, Suschek said.

The second-year \$225.000 program is still being implemented, he said.

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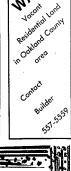
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