

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM

Summary

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program was established May 20, 1997, by Pima County voters through a special bond election pursuant to the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") Section 35-455, as amended. The language of the ballot question number 5, approved by the voters on May 20, 1997, authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds:

"For the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, renovating and equipping, new and existing public facilities of the County for health, safety, recreational and cultural purposes, including libraries, buildings on the Kino Health Campus, community building and facilities for learning, recreation arts, day care and safety improvements to further neighborhood reinvestment and also including asbestos removal, lighting, fire safety improvements and improved access for disabled persons paying all expenses properly incidental thereto and to the issuance of such bonds, shall Pima County, Arizona, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the County, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$42,000,000" (see attached *Sample Ballot & Publicity Pamphlet*).

Of this \$42,000,000, \$32,000,000 was earmarked for specific projects identified by the bond committee of 1997 from multiple projects recommended by staff. The remaining \$10,000,000 was set aside specifically for Neighborhood Reinvestment (see *Bond Improvement Plan*).

How the Neighborhood Reinvestment money could be used and the benefits anticipated were outlined per the Bond Improvement Plan Ordinance No. 1997-35 passed by the Board of Supervisors on May 6, 1997, which states:

"Provides the maximum amount of any eligible project within any neighborhood is \$150,000, and that all projects require some form of matching resources to be provided by the specific neighborhood."

Eligible Projects include but are not limited to:

1. Subject to legal authority of the County, establishment of up to a \$5 million Housing Trust Fund to facilitate housing repair and investment patterned after the State Housing Trust Fund.
2. Purchase and demolition of abandoned and unsafe buildings.
3. Repair of abandoned buildings and conversion of same to a neighborhood public place for a variety of educational, health, or social service delivery.
4. Construction and development of child care facilities within the neighborhood.
5. Construction of neighborhood recreational facilities such as a basketball court, playground, or other similar facility.

All meetings of the Committees are posted with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Lori Godoshian, and must follow the Open Meetings Law of the state of Arizona. All projects submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval are submitted through the formal channels and are placed on the formal agenda of the Board of Supervisors. Once approved, an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) is drawn up by Neighborhood Reinvestment staff with overview by the Pima County legal department and then forwarded to the appropriate governments for their action.

HISTORY OF PROJECTS

To date, thirty-nine (39) projects have been approved through the Neighborhood Reinvestment Committee process and have been approved through the Board of Supervisors. Because this process has been in place since 1998, 32 of these approved projects have also been implemented or completed. The 7 projects approved on September 16, 2003, by the Pima County Board of Supervisors have just begun the implementation process. With this most recent approval, there remains only \$ 83,618 of the original \$5,000,000.

For the Neighborhood Reinvestment Process, neighborhoods are limited to a maximum amount of \$150,000. Neighborhoods are also required to provide some “matching consideration” either in cash, collateral, or in-kind. Several neighborhoods have received “matching consideration” through collaboration with the City of Tucson’s Back to Basics Program. Most projects have required the maximum of \$150,000 but some projects have been able to be accomplished with much less. A report outlining the Neighborhood Reinvestment projects and their funded amounts is included in this report. The total amount of approved and funded neighborhood projects is \$4,916,382.

Because the Housing Bond Advisory Committee and its housing projects must comply with federal, state and local laws, banking standards and requirements, as well as local codes, the approval process has been much more involved. In addition, the size of the awards are much larger and are being released to a broader group of recipients: private not-for-profit corporations, licensed builders in the private sector, units of government. Additionally as the research was done on the projects that were being submitted for funding, the Pima County Legal Department has narrowed the definition of how these general obligation bonds can be used in housing projects.

This narrower use of general obligation bonds for housing is best stated in the definition of eligible activities (as researched and determined by the Pima County Legal Department) as listed on the Pima County General Obligation Housing Bond Fund Application as follows:

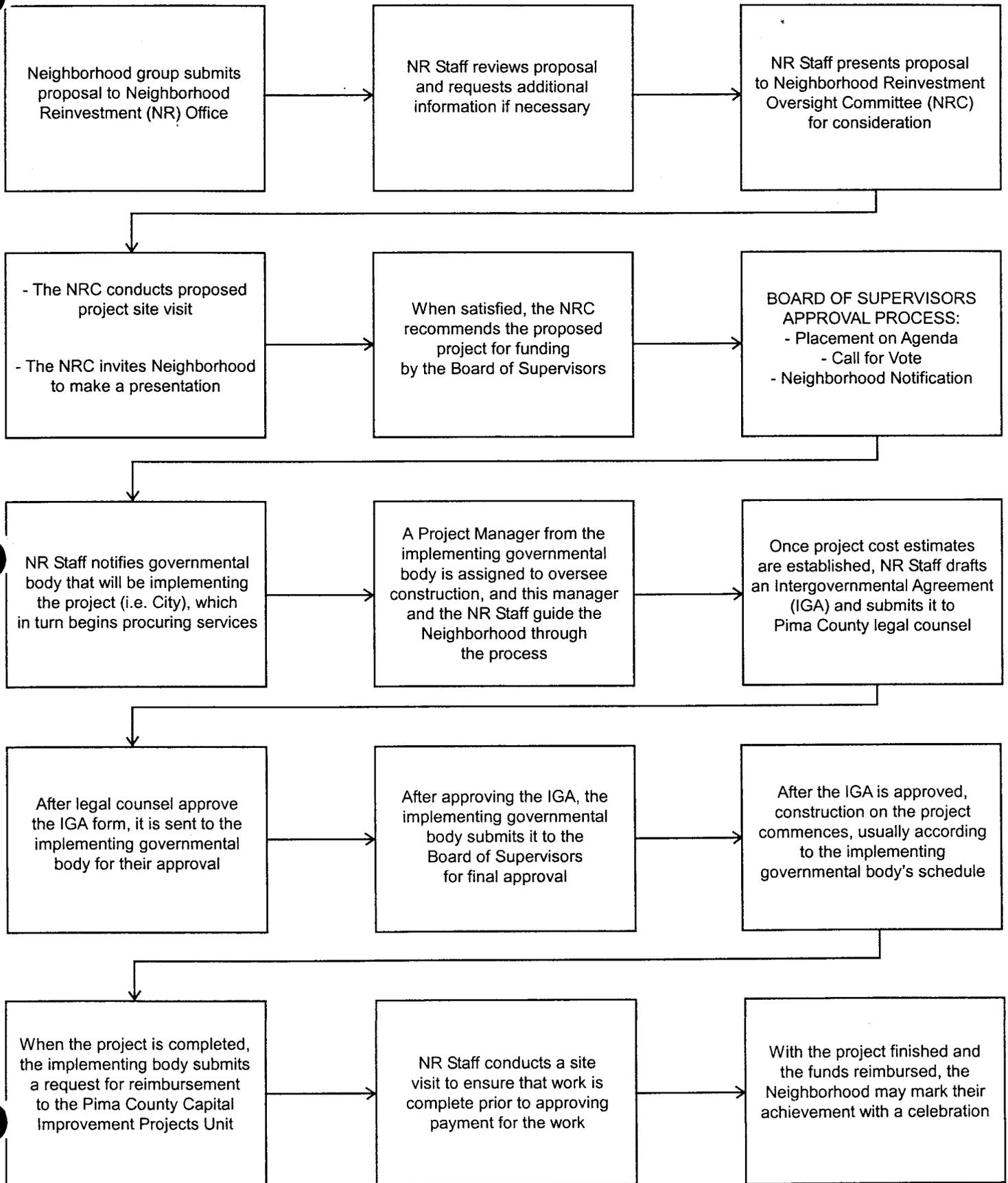
“Eligible Activities

Bond funds can be used for:

- *Off-site improvements located in the public right of way including but not limited to public roadways, sewer lines, utility lines, streetlights, sidewalks and curbs.*
- *Existing infrastructure improvements providing that the construction of improvements complied with Arizona Revised Statutes Title 34 procurement procedures.”*

FROM VISION TO REALIZATION

A Brief Summary of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Process

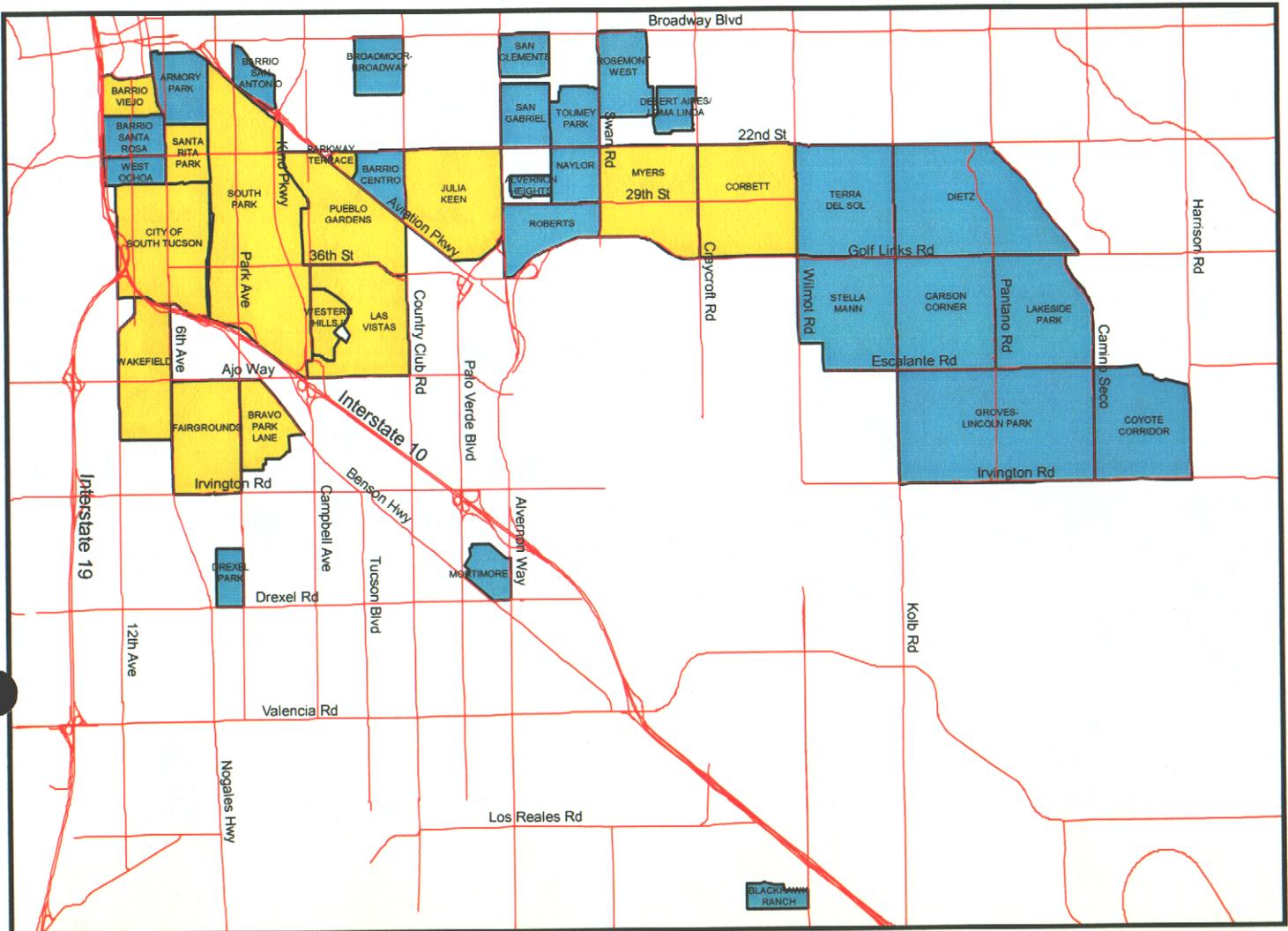


NR #	NEIGHBORHOOD	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	FUNDING AMOUNT	SPENT TO DATE	TYPE OF PROJECT	COMPLETION DATE	IGA STATUS	IGA - TERM DATE	DISTRICT	TRANSACTION TAX CLAUSE
1608	Amphi	Park Improvement	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Match Park & Recreation Funding	6/12/2001 - Completed	Approved		5	No (City to apply Transaction tax to another project)
1611	Balboa Heights	Park Improvement	\$133,832.00	\$122,318.00	Match Parks & Rec Funds	5/11/2001 - Completed	Approved - 10/10/00		5	Yes
1623	Barrio Blue Moon	Park Improvement	\$150,000.00		Match to Back to Basics	Completed - 5/31/03	City approved 1/28/02 - County approved 4/02/02	12/31/03	5	Yes
1619	Bravo Park	Park Improvement	\$125,000.00	\$119,995.65	City Parks & Rec to Manage	6/20/02	City approved 12/11/00 & County passed 1/16/01	12/31/02	2	Yes
1635	Bravo Park	Additional park lights and traffic mitigation	\$25,000.00		County Only	TBD	County to Draft	TBD	2	Yes
	Challenger Little League	Baseball Field Lighting	\$50,000.00						2	
1617	City Parkside	Streetlights	\$150,000.00		Uncertain - u/n	2/26/05	County to Draft once scope of project is determined	n/a	2	Yes
1615	Corbett	Sidewalks	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	Match to Back to Basics	11/3/2001 - Completed	Approved - 10/10/00	12/31/01	2	Yes
1615	Corbett	Bridge Improvements	\$10,000.00		County to Manage	8/18/03	Approved		2	Yes
1609	Dunbar/Spring	Traffic Mitigation	\$18,800.00	\$18,800.00	Match Barraza Aviation Pkwy Funds	Completed 1/23/2002	Approved - 10/10/00		5	Yes
1633	El Cortez Heights	Add walking/jogging path to community park, Traffic Mitigation	\$150,000.00		Match City of Tucson	11/28/03	Adopted by COT 8/5/02 - Passed by BOS 11/12/02	12/31/05	5	Yes
1622	El Rio Acres	Traffic Mitigation & Sidewalks	\$150,000.00		Match to Weed & Seed & COT Back to Basics	1/7/04	County to Draft	n/a	5	Yes
1602	Elvira	Streetlights	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Match to Back to Basics	Completed - 9/20/02	Approved	12/31/01	5	No
1603	Fairgrounds	Park Improvement	\$150,000.00	\$136,146.41	Match to Back to Basics	10/23/2000 - Completed	Approved	12/31/00	2	No
1621	Iron Horse	Park Improvement	\$150,000.00		Match to Back to Basics	Completed - 6/16/2003	City approved 1/28/02 & County BOS approved 4/2/02	12/31/04	5	Yes

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1638	Jefferson Park Neighborhood	Sidewalks	\$150,000.00		Match City of Tucson Back to Basics	TBD	County to Draft	TBD	5	Yes
1637	Julian Wash Neighborhood	Traffic Mitigation - speed humps	\$5,000.00		County Only	TBD	County to Draft	TBD	2	Yes
1620	Keeling	Sidewalks	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Match to Back to Basics	2/2/2003 - Completed	COT approved 10/07/02 & County BOS passed 12/17/02	12/31/04	5	Yes
1629	La Pilita	Preservation, Park improvements	\$150,000.00		Match COT/TUSD/TPAC	8/27/03	Approved 12/17/02	12/31/04	2	Yes
1627	Las Vistas	Sidewalks & Curbs	\$84,000.00	\$45,574.49	Match to school improvements	1/26/03	Approved by COT 10/7/02	12/31/04	2	Yes
1639	Menlo Park Neighborhood	Traffic Mitigation - speed humps, signs & traffic circles	\$150,000.00		Match City of Tucson	TBD	County to Draft	TBD	5	Yes
1616	Meyers	Sidewalks, Lights, Paving	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Improvement District	12/24/2000 - Completed	Approved - 10/10/00	12/31/01	2	Yes
1610	Miracle Manor I	Sidewalks	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Match to City Transportation Funds	3/15/2001 - Completed	City approved 12/11/00 & County passed 1/16/01		5	Yes
1613	Miracle Manor II	Sidewalks	\$64,000.00	\$64,000.00	Match to City Transportation Funds	Completed - 3/26/2002	City approved 1/28/02 BOS adopted 4/2/02	12/31/02	5	Yes
1631	National City	Park Improvements & Traffic Mitigation	\$150,000.00		Match City of Tucson	5/8/04	County to Draft	n/a	5	Yes
1632	Old Pascua	Expansion of Community Recreation Bldg., Sidewalks, Traffic Mitigation	\$150,000.00		Match CDBG, COT Parks & Recreation	2/4/04	TUSD approved IGA on 2/11/03 COT approved 3/24/03 - Pima County approval 5/06/03	12/31/04	5	Yes
1605	Parkway Terrace	Streetlights	\$150,000.00	\$141,208.36	Pima County Managed	7/26/2000 - Completed	Approved	12/31/00	2	No
1628	Pueblo Gardens	Traffic mitigation	\$93,000.00		Match to TUSD & City money	5/3/03	County to Draft	n/a	2	Yes
1636	Pueblo Gardens- Western Hills	Playground equipment	\$32,750.00		Match TUSD	TBD	County to Draft	TBD	2	Yes

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1612	Rancho Chukson - Barrios Unidos	Construct Community Center	\$150,000.00		Match Tax Increment Financing & City	9/904	City Reviewing	n/a	5	Yes
1614	Rose	Park Improvement	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Match PAG funds/City to manage	Completed - 10/21/2002	City approved 6/25/01- County passed 8/7/01	12/31/02	5	Yes
1625	Santa Rita	Construct Skate Park	\$150,000.00		Partnership between COT Parks & Rec & Camp Fire Boys & Girls	10/26/03	City to approve 3/3/03	12/31/06	2	Yes
1604	Silvercroft	Streetlights	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Improvement District	Completed - 3/15/02	Approved	6/30/02	5	No
1626	South Park	Sidewalks, Bus Shelters	\$150,000.00		Finish project started with Federal money	2/25/03	County to Draft	n/a	2	Yes
1607	South Tucson	Community Garden & Basketball court	\$150,000.00		South Tucson to Manage	11/23/03	Approved by City of South Tucson on 2/24/03	12/31/06	2	Yes
1630	Sunnyside	Park Improvements & Traffic Mitigation	\$150,000.00		Match City of Tucson	10/10/03	County to Draft	n/a	5	Yes
1640	Sunset Villa	Traffic Mitigation, landscaping, street lights, neighborhood signs	\$150,000.00		Match City of Tucson CDBG & possible Federal T.E.	TBD	County to Draft	TBD	5	Yes
1618	Wakefield	Traffic Mitigation	\$150,000.00	\$115,000.00	Match to Back to Basics	3/29/2001- Completed	Approved - 10/10/00		2 & 5	Yes
1634	West Ochoa	Sidewalks, lighting, traffic mitigation and landscaping	\$150,000.00		Match City of Tucson Back to Basics	TBD	County to Draft	TBD	2	Yes
1624	Western Hills	Traffic Mitigation & Sidewalks	\$150,000.00		Match to COT Transportation Funds	3/28/03	Sent to COT	12/31/04	2	Yes
TOTALS			\$4,916,382.00	\$1,888,042.91						
DISTRICT 2										
			\$2,074,750.00							
DISTRICT 5										
			\$2,841,632.00							

**PIMA COUNTY - DISTRICT 2
NEIGHBORHOODS - City of Tucson
CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON (also included)**



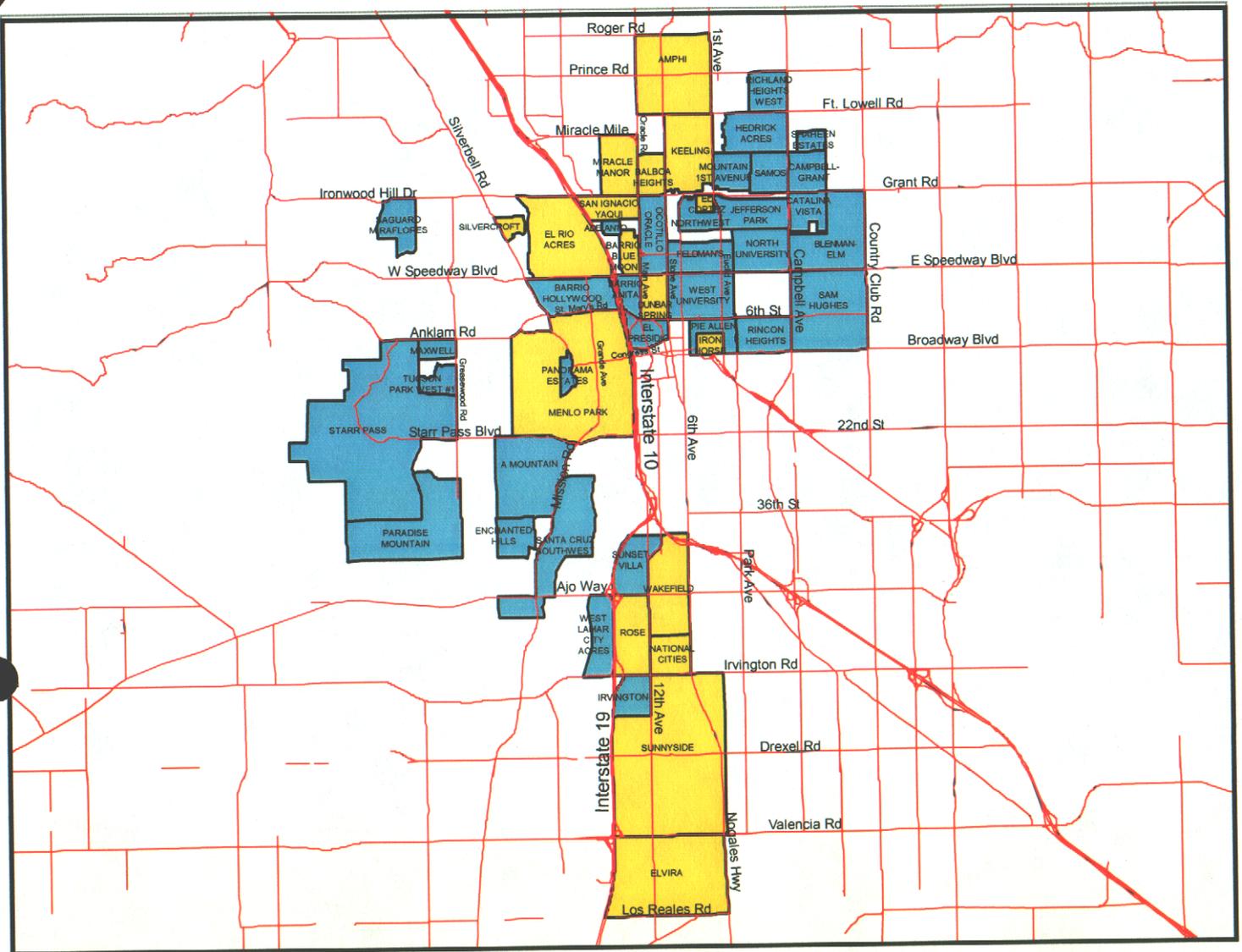
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- Funded Neighborhoods
- Non-Funded Neighborhoods
- Major Streets
- Neighborhood Boundaries

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PIMA COUNTY - DISTRICT 5 NEIGHBORHOODS - City of Tucson

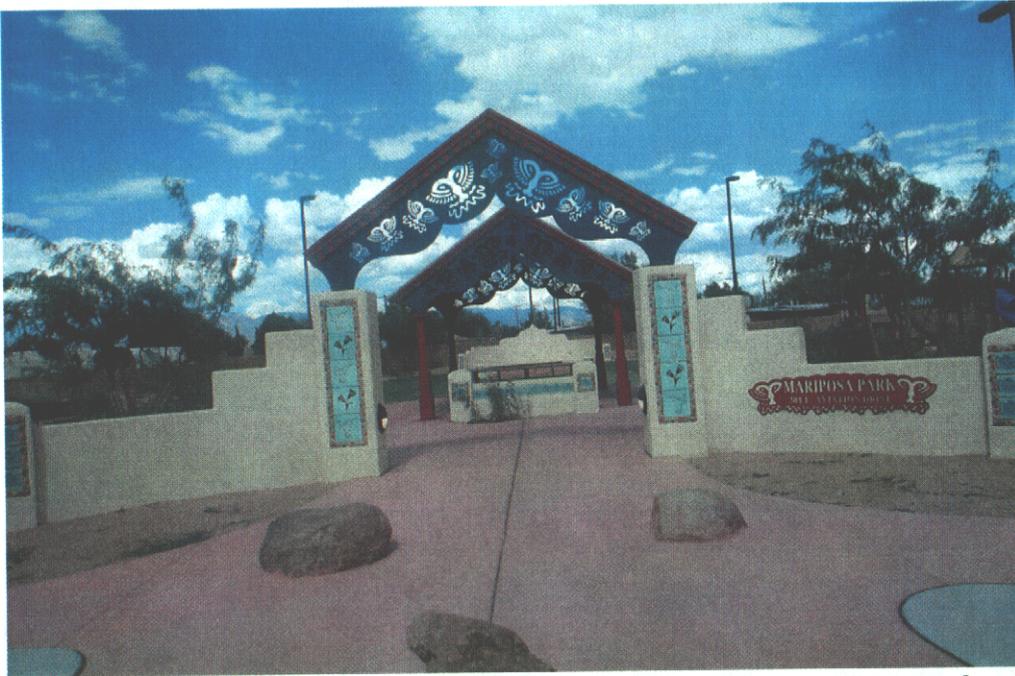


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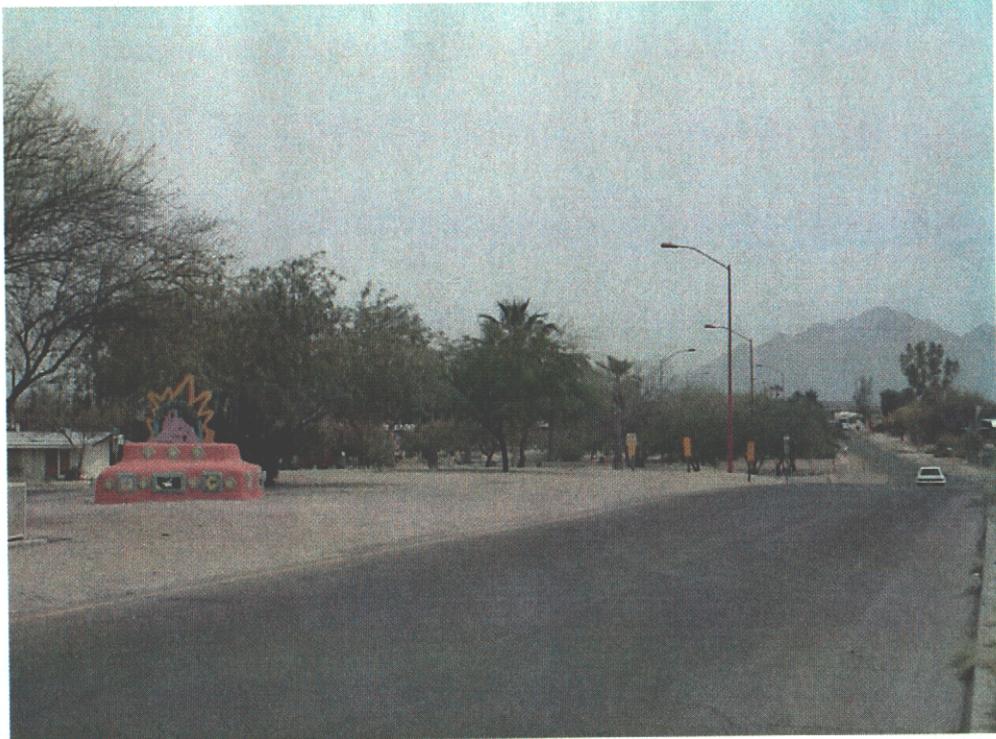




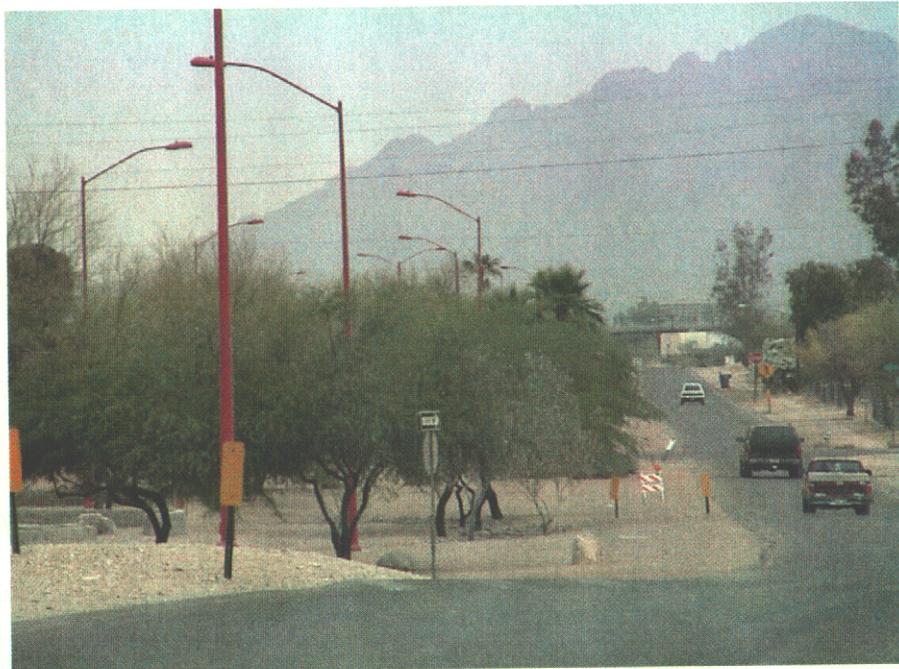
Fairgrounds Neighborhood "Mariposa Park" – District 2
Awarded \$150,000.00
Park, Playground Equipment, Landscaping, Sidewalks and Landscaping



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Median Lighting



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Amphi Neighborhood Park – District 5
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Playground Equipment, Lighting and Landscaping



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Playground Equipment, Ramada and Picnic Area



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TUCSON

SOUTH TUCSON

Sunset Villa

10TH AVE.

19

38TH ST.

Pedestrian Enhancement Project

39TH ST.

40TH ST.

Sidewalks, shade
landscaping &
beautification
project

Marshall
Group
Home

44TH

1 AVE.



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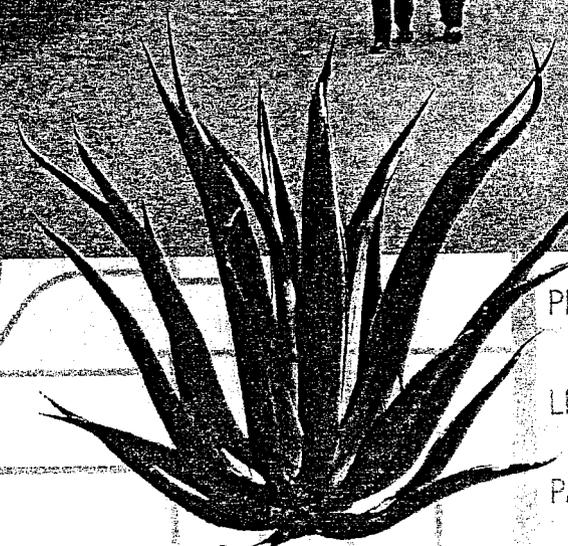
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Neighborhood Reinvestment Program

BENEFITS

Throughout the implementation of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, there has been consistent and positive feedback from neighborhood groups to the Pima County staff and to the members of the Board of Supervisors. To quantify the benefits that neighbors are deriving from the Neighborhood Reinvestment projects, it was decided in June, 2003, to conduct a survey of the Neighborhood Reinvestment participants. Surveys were completed by 75% of the neighborhoods. The estimated total population of the neighborhoods that received Neighborhood Reinvestment money is 99,030.

As staff analyzed the data, we were pleased at the strong, positive responses the neighbors gave to the survey questions. Some of the results follow:

- 90% responded that all ages benefit from the improvement
- 68% responded that more than 50% of the neighborhood residents use the amenity
- 94% rated the cooperation level on the project as 5 or better on a scale of 10 (excellent) (36% gave the neighborhood cooperation a 10)
- 91% estimated that 50% or more of the neighborhood households used the improvement.
- 86% of the neighborhoods held open meetings for discussion and voting
- 90% of the neighborhoods worked closely with City of Tucson staff
- 100% of the neighborhoods worked closely with Pima County staff

The following are some of the comments given for the question, "What was the primary reason the project was needed?"

- Too few sidewalks; traffic a major problem (Keeling)
- No where in the neighborhood to play; people having to cross busy streets; death of boy 8 years old; kids in danger from having to play in the streets (Balboa Heights)
- Speeding a major problem in the neighborhood (Wakefield)
- Neighborhood was very dark and criminal activity would take place (Silvercroft)
- To provide a facility with amenities so neighbors have a place to picnic; to beautify the immediate area; to improve safety (Rose)

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROJECT SURVEY RESULTS
ALL PROJECTS

*1. Type of Improvements:

5 - STREET/MEDIAN LIGHTING

4 - SPEED HUMPS/TABLES

2 - BUS STOP BENCHES/SHELTERS

9 - PARK IMPROVEMENTS/ADDITIONS
(BENCHES, RAMADAS, ETC.)

5 - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

2 - LIGHTING FOR EXISTING
COURTS OR BASEBALL FIELDS

2 - WATER HARVESTING SYSTEM

6 - WALKWAY/PARKPATH

1 - COMMUNITY GARDEN

1 - RESTORATION/PRESERVATION/
RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING
STRUCTURES/LANDMARKS

9 - SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBS

3 - TRAFFIC CIRCLES

2 - PARK CONSTRUCTION

3 - PUBLIC ARTWORK

2 - BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL
COURTS

1 - SKATE PARK

4 - DRINKING FOUNTAINS

2 - SIGNAGE

11 - LANDSCAPING

2 - OTHER (Specify)

- park walkway lighting
(Balboa Heights)
- irrigation path lighting
(Rose)
- sidewalk access ramps
and irrigation system (El
Cortez)
- parkpath lighting (Barrio
Blue Moon)

EXAMPLES OF HOW THESE GROUPS BENEFIT:

ALL AGES – “Elementary school kids can walk safely to school; junior high kids using the crossings make it safer; adults can walk and jog in neighborhood safely.” (Keeling)

“Provides play area for kids and an area for families to picnic and adults to walk and jog.” (Balboa Heights)

“Speeding has been reduced which makes it safe for residents of all ages.” (Wakefield)

“Children can play while older residents can walk or jog on the paths. Families can have picnics at the park.” (Amphi)

“Everyone of all ages can go outside at night and feel safer.” (Silvercroft)

“People of all ages utilize the improvements.” (Rose)

“It will make the neighborhood safer for everyone.” (Dunbar Spring)

“Everyone has more pride in the neighborhood.” (Elvira)

“It makes it easier for residents to walk on sidewalks instead of dirt pathways, and safer by not having to walk on the street.” (Miracle Manor)

“Kids got something they desperately needed – playground equipment, and the elderly got a walking path. The basketball court is a big hit, as well as the playground. Charter schools are bringing the kids in to play now at the park.” (Bravo Park Lane)

“When the skate park is complete, lights will deter people from selling and buying drugs in the park. It will also give the seniors someplace to go and enjoy themselves, and the kids will have their own skate park.” (Santa Rita Park)

Exercise and recreation time together; reunions; birthday parties; children play on equipment; older siblings ride bikes on hills and pathways; touch football games and softball games played by older teens and families; stage provides a setting for concerts and performances. (Fairgrounds)

Keeps everyone off the street. (Corbett)

Provides someplace other than the street for people to walk. (Las Vistas)