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Council divides CDBG funding

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The San Marcos city council decided how to divide up just over a half million dollars in Community Development Block Grant money this week with the largest single amount going to the Scheib Center.

Receiving \$200,000 this year, the Scheib Center had requested the money for rehabilitation of a warehouse at their campus. The second largest funding, in the amount of \$100,000, will go to Southside Rehab which will use the money to rehab seven houses at an average cost of \$14,285 each.

The council voted to spend \$42,000 of the money for mini-skate park features to be installed at four parks. At least one of the parks will be located on the east side of IH-35.

Receiving \$25,000 each are several entities or projects including the Women's Center, CASA and the Green Belt Trail. The latter will be used for the Willow Springs Park Trail.

Council members also voted to allocate \$14,219

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to provide scholarships in the amount of \$250 per child for the summer recreation program and \$10,000 for Cephas House leader stipends in the amount of \$125 per month per leader.

United Way received \$11,667 in this year's allocation and the council voted to spend \$10,000 on the First Time Homebuyers program.

The latter allows for loans to pay up to one half of the down payment and 100 percent

of closing costs.

The balance of the funds, \$109,691, is allocated for program administration costs of the Community Development Block grants.

Two requests that were denied funds, the Veterans Park and bus stop improvements, will be handled separately. The Veterans Park request of \$187,740 will be reconsidered for funding in next years CDBG cycle while the three sites proposed for bus stop improvements will be funded via other sources by the city.