



## MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

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**Date:** February 3, 2026

**To:** City of Angels City Council

**From:** Amy Augustine, AICP – City Planner

**Re:** **RESOLUTION 26-23 Combined Closeout for Community Development Block Grants 20-CDBG-CV1-0016, CV2/3-00247, CV2/3-00262 for the Utica Park Kitchen, Bathroom, Generator, Signs and Related**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Hold a public hearing and approve Resolution 26-23.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The City was allocated Covid Relief Funds (aka CARES Act) through three Community Development Block Grants originally made available in 2020. One grant was secured to upgrade the Utica Park Kitchen to meet commercial standards so that facility could operate as a commercial kitchen serving the public during emergencies. One grant was be used for small business support in the form of grants and loans in response to Covid. Destination Angels Camp (DAC) was to implement the programs. However, it was determined that DAC could not undertake federal procurements (for the kitchen), therefore City Staff took on implementing the Utica Kitchen upgrade grant.

Guidelines for expending the funds followed the grant award by many months. Upon the release of the implementation guidelines, DAC determined that it would be required to operate as a bank in order to provide the loans and grants under the program and withdrew. The City's options were to return funds or find an alternative use. In upgrading the Utica Park kitchen to commercial status, the City was informed that nearby bathrooms are required for a commercial kitchen. Therefore, the City approved using funds to construct a new 2-stall ADA bathroom at the park (2 stalls).

In summary, in July of 2022, the City of Angels began implementing the three Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) under the Covid Relief Fund (CARES) program. The grants were used for kitchen equipment and supplies, fencing and a generator for the kitchen, engineering for banner poles, a message board/trailer, a new bathroom and signage at Utica Park to serve the community during emergencies.

Grant funds specifically were used as follows:

- Purchase a commercial refrigerator and freezer for the Utica Park Kitchen. Purchase kitchen supplies including a meat slicer, ice machine, warming trays, bowls, serving supplies, shelving, griddle, cooking supplies geared to preparing large meals, kitchen safety signage
- Purchase a two-stall unisex bathroom at the park

- Purchase a generator to provide emergency power to the kitchen with an upgraded propane tank, line and electrical plus security fencing
- Purchase a changeable message sign with trailer that can be stationed at the park providing emergency messaging.
- Engineering services to prepare a final design for banner poles. Insufficient funding remained to construct and install the banner poles. The City is seeking alternative funding for this final item.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None. The closeout provides a final chance for public input on the grant. No costs are associated with the action.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING:**

The final map is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15268(b)(3) of the state and City guidelines for implementing said act because the project is ministerial and ministerial projects are exempt from CEQA.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution 26-23