



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Christina Taylor, Community Development Director
DATE: November 16, 2021
SUBJECT: CDBG Funding Requests for Program Year 2022-2023

Background and Analysis:

Each year the City applies for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for expenditure in the City of Beaumont. The amount estimated for this year for all programs is \$168,900. The City can award a maximum of 15% or \$25,335 to non-profit groups. In previous years, the City has funded approximately \$20,000 in non-profit requests and reserved the remaining funding for City and neighborhood improvement projects. This year, as in previous years, the minimum CDBG award for an individual program is \$10,000 for the County to act as the program administrator.

The proposed application requesting County approval of CDBG projects is divided into two sections. The first section is public non-profit programs and the second section is public improvement projects. Council approval is to authorize the preparation and submittal of the County of Riverside Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency.

Non-profit Public Programs

City staff received two requests within the posted deadline from non-profit organizations for CDBG funding of public programs:

New Beginnings Inc.: New Beginnings Transitional Services – Request \$181,500

This program is requesting funding for the organizations rapid rehousing rental assistance program. The Rapid Re-housing – Rental Assistance Project serves low-income military families to secure permanent housing. The program pays the move-in cost for a new housing rental, current rent, and delinquent rent to prevent eviction. It also provides a motel voucher for homeless veterans to transition immediately from the streets into a stable housing environment. The applicant anticipates 55 households will be served with the requested \$181,500.

Boys & Girls Club of the San Geronio Pass - \$20,000

This proposal is requesting funding for the Boys & Girls Club Camp Kids program. The program consists of Summer Camp, Thanksgiving Camp, Winter Camp and Spring Camp programs. The programs will be provided at Brookside Elementary and Sundance Elementary. Funds would be applied to scholarships for families that cannot afford the full cost of the programs.

Public Improvement Projects

City staff has prepared one eligible improvement project application for the 2022-2023 CDBG program year. A copy of the application is attached for review.

Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation - \$148,900

The proposed rehabilitation of existing City streets will include any combination of street maintenance, curb and ramp modifications to meet ADA requirements and stripping of cross walks as identified by the Public Works Department. This funding will be coupled with other funding the City has allocated through the Capital Improvement Program.

Through the 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan process, City Council approved the City's funding priorities as follows:

- Infrastructure Improvements – streets and sidewalks,
- Recreation Improvements – parks and community centers,
- Youth and afterschool programs, and
- Support Services – Homeless veterans and special needs.

City staff has reviewed the applications for completeness, to ensure that the proposals meet the City's funding priorities and provide CDBG eligible services. Each of the proposed applications meets these criteria.

The Notice of Funding Availability was published in the newspaper and on the City's website beginning October 1, 2021. The application period remained open for a minimum of thirty days as required by the CDBG program.

Fiscal Impact:

Projects and staff time to prepare documents and agreements are reimbursable through the CDBG program. City staff estimates the cost to prepare this report to be \$1,024.

Recommended Action:

Hold a public hearing;

Approve and authorize City staff to submit a CDBG application for the City of Beaumont Street Rehabilitation project and give authority to the City Manager to reduce or increase the amount funded to the projects based on the final amount of funding available to the City of Beaumont; and

Approve and authorize City staff to submit a CDBG application for the Boys & Girls Club of the San Gorgonio Pass program request of \$20,000 subject to the conditions of the CDBG program as provided by Riverside County EDA.

Attachments:

- A. New Beginnings Application
- B. Boys & Girls Club of San Gorgonio Pass Application
- C. City of Beaumont Application
- D. NOFA Publication Affidavit