

Staff Report

| SUBJECT: | Hold a Public Hearing and Authorize CDBG Funding Requests for 2021-2022 Program Year |
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| DATE | December 1, 2020 |
| FROM: | Christina Taylor, Community Development Director |
| TO: | City Council |

Background and Analysis:

Each year the City applies for its share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The amount estimated for this year for all programs is \$163,900. 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, the minimum CDBG award for an individual program is \$10,000.

The proposed application requesting County approval of CDBG projects is divided into two sections. The first section is for non-profit public programs and the second section is for public improvement projects. By its approval, the City Council authorizes 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 one request within the posted deadline from non-profit organizations for CDBG funding of public programs:

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

The Boys & Girls Club has requested funding for the Camp Kids program. The program consists of Summer Camp, Thanksgiving Camp, Winter Camp and Spring Camp programs provided at various locations throughout the City. 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 construction project application for the 2021-2022 CDBG program year. A copy of the application is attached for review.

Street, Sidewalk and ADA Ramp Improvements - \$143,900

The proposed street improvement work will include rehabilitation of existing City streets. This funding will be coupled with other funding the City has identified for implementing the Citywide Street Improvement Project for FY 2022.

Last year City Council approved the City's funding priorities as follows:

- Infrastructure Improvements streets, 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 meet these criterias.

The Notice of Funding Availability was published in the newspaper and on the City's website as required.

Fiscal Impact:

Grant funding is provided by CDBG funds. The cost of staff time to prepare documentation and agreements is estimated to be \$1,270.

Recommended Action:

Hold a Public Hearing,

Approve and authorize 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 provided by Riverside County EDA, Approve and authorize staff to submit a CDBG application for the City of Beaumont street, sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements, and Additionally, give authority to the City Manager to reduce or increase the amount funded to the projects based on the amount of funding available to the City of Beaumont.

Attachments:

- A. Boys & Girls Club of the San Gorgonio Pass Application
- B. City of Beaumont Application