



STAFF REPORT
11/18/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Hold a Public Hearing, Receive Public Comment, and Adopt Resolution No. 2020-70 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the County of Riverside for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant Program Entitlement Funds in the Amount of \$364,000.00 for the Green Infrastructure Improvements Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing, receive public comment, and adopt Resolution No. 2020-70 authorizing the city manager to submit an application for the Community Development Block Grant program Entitlement Funds for Fiscal Year 2021- 22 in the amount of \$364,000.00 for the Green Infrastructure Improvements Project at three locations: Avenida Adobe (north of Westerfield Way), Meadows Lane/Sierra Street, Meadows Lane/Brianne Lane.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Riverside and City of Coachella executed a Cooperation Agreement, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Solutions Grant for fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24, whereby the City elected to participate with the County, which has qualified as an “Urban County” for purposes of receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and to assist and undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Through this agreement, the City agreed to undertake and assist with the community development activities, within its jurisdiction, by utilizing the sum of \$364,000.00, CDBG Entitlement Funds for the Green Infrastructure Improvements Project for fiscal year 2021-2022. This allocation reflects a proportional share of the County of Riverside’s entitlement allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City can use its allocation for any eligible CDBG-activity, including, but not limited to, housing rehabilitation, code enforcement, and infrastructure improvement needs, as long as the primary beneficiaries are low-to-moderate income households. The City’s annual allocation is based on a formula that includes population, poverty rate, overcrowding, and sub-standard housing. For fiscal year 2021-2022, the City of Coachella’s allocation is approximately \$364,000.00 for CDBG-related activities.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Through the 2021-2022 CDBG General Allocation, City Staff is proposing the submittal of a grant application for up to \$364,000.00 for the following eligible activities:

Green infrastructure improvements to manage stormwater at three locations:

<p style="text-align: center;">AVENIDA ADOBE (north of Westerfield Way)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEADOWS LANE/SIERRA STREET <i>and</i> MEADOWS LANE/BRIANNE LANE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Design plan development✓ Creation of DG walking path✓ Installation of desert-scape rock and plant material✓ Installation of three 250-foot leach lines to improve drainage,✓ Installation of 6-8 solar lights <p style="text-align: center;">\$200,000.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Design plan development✓ Creation of DG walking path✓ Installation of desert-scape rock and plant material✓ Installation of 2 solar lights per basin <p style="text-align: center;">\$164,000.00</p>

The proposed activities are considered eligible for CDBG funding because they meet one or more of the following CDBG national objectives:

- Provide a benefit to low and moderate income persons;
- Prevent or eliminate slums and blight; or
- Meet other urgent community development needs due to natural disasters or other emergencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Hold a Public Hearing, Receive Public Comment, and Adopt Resolution No. 2020-70 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the County of Riverside for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant Program Entitlement Funds in the Amount of \$364,000.00 for the Green Infrastructure Improvements Project
2. Not Hold a Public Hearing, Receive Public Comment, and Adopt Resolution No. 2020-70 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the County of Riverside for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant Program Entitlement Funds in the Amount of \$364,000.00 for the Green Infrastructure Improvements Project

FISCAL IMPACT:

Once the application is approved, the County will send a Supplemental Agreement for signature and the County will issue a Letter to Incur Costs to the City of Coachella so that the City can receive reimbursement in the amount of \$364,000.00 in CDBG entitlement funds for its Green Infrastructure Improvements Project. All disbursements of CDBG funds will be made within thirty (30) days after the County has received the City's reimbursement request including documentation supporting expenditures.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2020-70