



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 21, 2022

TO: Mayor Reische and Members of the City Council

FROM: Fernanda Vanetta, Grant Writer through Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Subject: Public Hearing for the discussion of the application of California Department of Housing and Community Development's 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Recommendation: For the community and council to contribute feedback and support the projects identified for pursuit under the 2022 CDBG grant opportunity: 1) A planning grant to get a new City of Colusa Police Station shovel ready and 2) establish a grant program that would enable business to improve and remodel the facades of business in the commercial corridors of the city.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) announces the availability of approximately \$30 million in funding available through the federal Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the 2022 funding year. CDBG funds are provided as grants to Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions. The objectives of the CDBG program are to develop viable communities by the provision of decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and to expand economic opportunities, principally for the benefit of Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) persons, families, households, and neighborhoods. LMI is defined as neighborhoods, families, households, and individuals whose income does not exceed 80 percent of the county median income, as adjusted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for family household size.

This year there is no funding allocated for Capital Improvement Project under Community Development, but it is able to apply for planning and technical assistance. Planning for a new City Police Station has been identified as project that would be eligible for application under 2022 CDBG Non-Housing Community Development activities.

The City of Colusa's police department was established in 1922 and is now completing 100 years of operation. In that time, the department has not had a home that was dedicated to its use and needs. Colusa PD has done a great job in utilizing its current facilities in the best way possible, but it is constantly using its time and efforts into adapting to its surroundings rather than the more important task of community policing.

Funding has also been allocated for grants targeting Economic Development Activities.

ED activities and grant awards include:

- 1) Business Assistance and Microenterprise Assistance (including both Micro Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance)- up to \$750,000
- 2) Infrastructure in Support of Business- up to \$1.5 million
- 3) Economic Development Planning and Technical Assistance- up to \$250,000.

The City of Colusa has identified revitalizing buildings in the city's commercial corridor to support infrastructure in support of local business while attracting new opportunities. This should help business retain and/or create jobs, especially in the low- and moderate-income range. The project would provide funds to business with the purpose of revitalizing business facades.

BUDGET IMPACT: Currently no impact, current staff time is the current investment.

ATTACHMENT: Exhibit A – CDBG 2022 Community Project Deck