

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: March 8, 2022

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Justine Bruno, Assistant Village Manager

Topic: Cook County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Request

PURPOSE

The Village of Homewood is seeking to replace an aged sanitary sewer lift station located on the southeast section of Elder Road. The location of this lift station is within census tract 8284.02, which is eligible for Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG). The Village of Homewood is requesting CDBG funding to complete the replacement of this lift station in this qualifying area.

PROCESS

In an effort to pursue all available grant funding for Homewood projects, staff is applying for \$324,000 of CDBG monies to replace a sanitary lift station. The lift station was constructed in the 1960's and serves Homewood Shores apartment/condominium complex. Importantly, the lift station is located in Block Group #3 in Census Tract 8284.02. Block Group #3 in this census tract is the only area in Homewood that meets the low-to-moderate (LMI) income requirement for CDBG funding. The boundaries of Block Group #3 in Census Tract 8284.02 include Ridge Road to the north, 183rd Street to the south, Halsted Street to the east and Center Avenue to the west.

To be eligible for CDBG funds, the Area Benefit threshold for capital improvement projects must be met. An 'Area Benefit' refers to an activity that benefits all residents in a particular geographic area, where at least 51.0% of the residents are considered LMI persons. Block Group #3 in Census Tract 8284.02 has an LMI of 66.85%, which exceeds the required 51.0% LMI threshold.

The village is applying for \$324,000 of CDBG monies to fund this project, with the deadline to submit the application on March 16, 2022. An application for CDBG funds for this same project was made to Cook County in 2021. While the grant application was unsuccessful last year, the 3.0% local match being offered and the revision of estimated project costs may improve the probability of grant award.

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OUTCOME

The project includes the replacement of an antiquated below ground, confined space, sanitary sewage lift station that is located in a low to moderate income block group. The station was constructed in the late 1960s and will be upgraded to a safer and accessible, above-ground sanitary sewage lift station.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No funding match is required for this grant application; however, staff does recommend offering a 3.0% match on the requested funds, or \$9,720.00, to allow our application to be more competitive.

- **Funding Source:** Water/Sewer Fund
- **Budget Amount:** \$0
- **Cost:** \$9,720

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass a resolution supporting a request to Cook County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Program Year 2022.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution