

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: February 18, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

TITLE:

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Discussion

SUMMARY:

Direction from the City Commission is requested for the submission of an application(s) for an eligible activity or activities to Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED) for funding made available under the FY 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant program. The City is eligible for its formula allocation in the estimated amount of \$301,586, and a Special Area of Hope allocation of an estimated \$350,650. The City is allowed to submit either one application for each allocation or one activity for the combined amount. The activity or activities to be submitted for funding will be determined by the City Commission during this meeting.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Four eligible activities proposed by staff are being presented during this meeting for consideration and comment by the Mayor, members of the City Commission and the public. Other suggested eligible activities from the Mayor, members of the City Commission and the public are also welcomed for funding consideration at this meeting.

The first activity consists of improvements to the 11th Avenue South and 9th Avenue South greenways. The proposed scope of work includes updating and improving the irrigation systems of these greenways, the installation of additional landscaping, the addition of amenities such as benches, doggie stations, garbage receptacles, static fitness stations, and community outreach stations, and the installation of artwork. The in-house cost estimate for these improvements is approximately \$301,650. The estimated FY 2025-2026 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

Infrastructure improvements are an eligible CDBG activity. This activity is located within the City's CDBG Target Area, thereby providing a presumed benefit to low- and moderate-income people.

The second activity involves improvements to the Tropical Ridge Fitness Park on North G Street. The proposed scope of work includes the removal of the existing concrete foundation and installation of a mulch base for the equipment, replacement of damaged fitness equipment and the installation of new playground and ADA accessible sidewalks. The in-house cost estimate for these improvements is \$300,000.00. The estimated FY 2025-2026 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. No local cost share

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The third activity includes proposed improvements to the Norman J. Wimbley Gymnasium. The improvements in the proposed scope of work include upgrading the signage and marquee, updating the HVAC systems, improving the restroom facilities, upgrading the front entrance, and upgrades to the athletic equipment. While the exact costs to make these improvements are not known, the Estimated FY 2025-2026 CDBG funding will be used to cover the costs of the items proposed in the scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

Public facilities and improvements are eligible CDBG activities. The service area of this public facility is located within the City's CDBG Target Area, thereby providing a presumed benefit to low- and moderate-income people.

The fourth activity consists of improvements to the Osborne Community Center campus located at 1699 – 1701 Wingfield Street. Proposed improvements include replacement of the roof on the Osborne Community Center building, resodding the athletic field at Howard Park and additional improvements to the Youth Empowerment Center building. The in-house cost estimate for these improvements is \$350,000. The estimated FY 2025-2026 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

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Staff respectfully request consideration from the City Commission public in the selection of the eligible activity or activities to be funded with the City's estimated FY 2025-2026 CDBG formula allocation of \$301,586 and Special Area of Hope allocation of \$350,650. Staff will bring the recommended activity or activities back for final review and formal approval at the Regular City Commission of March 4, 2025.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Potential projects