

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** March 5, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**TITLE:**

Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant Application

**SUMMARY:**

Direction from the City Commission is requested to authorize the submission of an application for an eligible activity to Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED) for funding made available under the FY 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant program in the estimated amount of \$266,814. The activity to be submitted for funding will be determined by the City Commission during this meeting.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Three eligible activities proposed by staff are being presented during this meeting for consideration and comment by members of the City Commission and the public. Other suggested eligible activities from 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 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 art work. The in-house cost estimate for these improvements is \$266,814. The estimated FY 2024-2025 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

Infrastructure improvements is 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 persons.

The second activity involves improvements to the Youth Empowerment Learning Center located at 1701 Wingfield Street. The proposed scope of work includes remodeling of the interior of the building, interior and exterior ADA improvements, the addition of exterior amenities, exterior improvements, and landscaping. The in-house cost estimate for these improvements is \$266,814. Estimated FY 2024-2025 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

Public facilities and improvements are an eligible CDBG activity. 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 persons.

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. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$266,814. Estimated FY 2024-2025 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

Public facilities and improvements are an eligible CDBG activity. 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 persons.

Staff respectfully requests direction from the City Commission in the selection of the eligible activity to be funded with the City's FY 2024-2025 CDBG allocation in the estimated amount of \$266,814. It is further requested that the City Commission authorize the submission of the application to DHED for this purpose.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove staff's request to determine the activity to be selected for FY 2024-2025 CDBG funding and to authorize the submission of an application to DHED for CDBG funds in the estimated amount of \$266,814 for the selected activity.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A  
Presentation  
CRA area map