

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: February 17, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant Application

SUMMARY:

Direction from the City Commission is requested to authorize the submission of an application to Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development for funding under the FY 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant program in the estimated amount of \$306,691 for an eligible activity. The activity to be submitted will be determined by the City Commission during this meeting.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

At its Regular Meeting of March 1, 2022, the City Commission approved the submission of its FY 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") application to Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development ("DHED") for the Memorial Park Phase II Improvements project. This decision was made with the understanding that the project to be submitted for the City's FY 2023-2024 CDBG application would be the Osborne Community Center Improvements project.

Prior to this City Commission meeting, a public meeting was conducted on February 17, 2022 to determine public support among four CDBG eligible activities. The Osborne Community Center received overwhelming public support. However, the City Commission supported the Memorial Park Phase II Improvements Phase II project in order to complete all of the necessary improvements at this public facility with FY 2022-2023 CDBG funding. The City Commission further supported funding the Osborne Community Center Improvements project with the City's FY 2023-2024 CDBG allocation.

The improvements in the proposed scope of work include demolition of the existing flooring, baseboard, drop ceiling, deteriorated fixtures and components, upgrades to the HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems, replacement of doors, hardware, fixtures, trim, ceiling and flooring throughout the facility, modernization improvements to the foyer and welcome area, painting the interior and the exterior of the facility, exterior façade improvements and landscaping. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$306,691. Estimated FY 2023-2024 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. This project received overwhelming public support at the March 1, 2022 meeting.

Public facilities and improvements is 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.

Other Eligible CDBG Activities

Two other CDBG-eligible infrastructure projects were considered at this meeting. The first of these projects involves improvements to the 8th Avenue South right-of-way between South A Street and South G Street. The proposed scope of work includes the construction of new roadway sections, installation of new curbing and ADA accessible sidewalks, construction of swales and landscaped green areas, new striping and signage, and the installation of traffic calming measures on each block. The in-house cost estimate for these improvements is \$527,622. The City will be required to provide the balance of the funding in excess of the estimated FY 2023-2024 CDBG funding amount of \$306,691. This balance is estimated to be \$220,931 and would be requested to be funded through the FY 2024 CIP process.

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 of these projects consists of center block infrastructure improvements between Lake and Lucerne Avenues from North B Street to North H Street. The proposed scope of work includes the installation of new curbing and ADA accessible sidewalks, milling and resurfacing of the roadway, new striping and signage, installation of traffic calming measures on each block, and stormwater adjustments and improvements. The in-house cost estimate for these improvements is \$326,650. The City will be required to provide the balance of the funding in excess of the estimated FY 2023-2024 CDBG funding amount of \$306,691. This balance is estimated to be \$19,959, and would be requested to be funded through the FY 2024 CIP process.

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.

Requested Action

Staff respectfully requests direction from the City Commission in the selection of the eligible activity to be funded with the City's FY 2023-2024 CDBG allocation in the estimated amount of \$306,691. 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 2023-2024 CDBG funding and to authorize the submission of an application to DHED for CDBG funds in the estimated amount of \$306,691 for the selected activity.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Presentation