

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: March 1, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 CDBG Application

SUMMARY:

Direction from the City Commission is requested to authorize the submission of an application to Palm Beach County for funding under the FY 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant in the estimated amount of \$274,506 for an eligible activity. The activity to be submitted will be determined by the City Commission during this meeting.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED) has announced the start of its planning process for its Consolidated Plan One Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In furtherance of this effort, DHED has announced that it is accepting applications from eligible subrecipients for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding. By its participation in the Palm Beach Urban County Partnership program and by having an approved CDBG Target Area, the City will have access to a formula-based allocation that is estimated to be \$274,506. This funding is subject to availability from HUD and approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

As a subrecipient under the County's CDBG program, the City can submit one application for one eligible activity under the CDBG regulations set forth at 24 CFR Part 570, as allowed by the County. These include eligible public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and code enforcement within the CDBG Target Area. The selected eligible activity must further meet the National Objective of the CDBG program of providing a benefit to low- and moderate-income persons pursuant to 24 CFR 570.208(a).

The City conducted a public meeting on February 17, 2022 to gather public input on the proposed use of its FY 2022-2023 CDBG allocation. Fifteen residents attended the public meeting in person and additional residents participated online via Zoom.

The first activity is Memorial Park Improvements Phase II for facility concession and restroom replacement and upgrades. (Memorial Park Improvements Phase I is currently underway and is funded with FY 2021-2022 CDBG funds.) The proposed scope of work includes construction of larger and ADA accessible restroom facilities for patrons, construction of a larger concession area, construction of a larger storage room area, replacement of the common area fencing around the pavilion and expansion to the west, installation of new sodding throughout the common area, replacement of the existing benches and tables with new benches and tables, and pavement resurfacing of the entire parking lot. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$274,506. Estimated FY 2022-2023 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. No votes were received from the public in support of this project.

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.

The second activity includes proposed improvements to the Osborne Community Center. 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 \$274,506. Estimated FY 2022-2023 CDBG funding will cover the entire cost of the proposed scope of work. Fourteen votes were received from the public in support of this project. It should be noted that a leading proponent of this activity was of the opinion that if certain essential improvements could be made to the restrooms, the balance of the scope of work could be deferred to a later time.

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The third activity 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 CDBG funding amount of \$274,506. This balance, which is estimated to be \$253,116, would be requested to be funded through the FY 2023 CIP process. One vote was cast in favor of this activity.

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The fourth project 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 CDBG funding amount of \$274,506. This balance, which is estimated to be \$52,144, would be requested to be funded through the FY 2023 CIP process. One vote was received in support of this project.

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Staff respectfully requests direction from the City Commission in the selection of the eligible activity to be funded with the City's FY 2022-2023 CDBG allocation in the estimated amount of

