

EXECUTIVE BRIEF SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA DATE: March 19, 2020

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Resolution No. 08-2020 – FY 2020 – 2021 Community Development Block Grant application

SUMMARY:

The resolution authorizes the submission of an application to Palm Beach County for funding under the FY 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant Program in the estimated amount of \$235,870 for improvements to Howard Park located at 1699 Wingfield Street.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES) has announced the starting date of the planning process for its Consolidated Plan One Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. In furtherance of this process, DHES has announced that it is accepting applications from eligible applicants for Fiscal Year 2020–2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding. By participating 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 CDBG allocation that is estimated to be \$235,870. This funding is subject to availability from HUD and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

As a sub-recipient 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. The eligible activity must further meet one of the three National Objectives of the CDBG program, that include providing a benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, aiding in the prevention of slum and blight, and meeting an urgent community development need.

Pursuant to discussion provided by participants at a public meeting on February 27, 2020, the City's proposed use of FY 2020-2021 CDBG funding will be for improvements to Howard Park. Planned improvements at this time include resurfacing the basketball courts, reconstruction of the bathrooms, replacement of the existing pavilion, installation of a new playground, installation of new benches with tables, replacement of the existing fencing, and installation of sod and mulch. Additional public input will be gathered at the March 2020 District 1 community meeting to determine the final scope of work for the project.

Public facilities and improvements is an eligible CDBG activity. The service area of the public facility is located within the CDBG Target Area, thereby providing a presumed benefit to low- and moderate-income persons.

The City's application is due to the County by its extended deadline of March 20, 2020,

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 08-2020 authorizing the submission of the City's FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant program application to Palm Beach County.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – not applicable
Resolution