

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: April 6, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant Funding Presentation

SUMMARY:

As a participating jurisdiction in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program, the City will be provided with continued access to funding under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as a part of the Palm Beach County Entitlement Jurisdiction. The County has notified the City of its FY 2021-2022 CDBG allocation in the estimated amount of \$266,560.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Palm Beach County Entitlement Jurisdiction serves unincorporated areas and non-entitlement municipalities (those with populations under the 50,000 threshold) within Palm Beach County by providing the opportunity to access funding allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a participating jurisdiction in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program, the City is eligible for receipt of its portion of the formula allocation of CDBG funds that the County receives from HUD. The County has notified the City of its FY 2021-2022 CDBG allocation in the estimated amount of \$266,560. This funding is subject to availability from HUD and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, the allocation of CDBG funds the City receives must be used for eligible activities pursuant to CDBG regulations in accordance with the County's CDBG program. Such eligible activities are limited to CDBG-eligible infrastructure and public facility improvements, including but not limited to: roadway and drainage improvements; potable water and sanitary sewer improvements; sidewalks; parks and recreational facilities; ADA improvements; community centers; and publicly owned facilities serving populations with special needs. Municipal code enforcement activities serving an existing CDBG target area are also eligible for funding.

The County's CDBG program does not permit the City to conduct public service, planning and administrative activities with its allocation of CDBG funds.

These eligible activities must address one of the three national objectives of the CDBG program as follows:

- to benefit low- and moderate income persons;
- the prevention of slums or blight; or
- to address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

The County has established a CDBG Target Area in the City of Lake Worth Beach that is comprised of approximately two square miles in which eligible CDBG activities can be conducted. Such activities carried out in this area meet the national objective of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. CDBG funds can be utilized for eligible activities outside the CDBG Target Area provided such activities meet one of the national objectives of the CDBG program as noted above.

It should be noted that the grant contains an unfunded component that is yet to be identified. It is intended that the Lake Worth Beach City Commission will make a determination on how to fund this unfunded component.

Staff has provided three eligible public facilities and infrastructure projects for consideration. These include the following:

- Improvements to Memorial Park, including pavilion and restroom replacement
- Infrastructure improvements to 8th Avenue South from South A Street to South G Street
- Lake Avenue to Lucerne Avenue Center Block Improvements from South A Street to South G Street

MOTION:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – not applicable