



MEETING DATE: August 12, 2024

PRESENTED BY: Jo Anne Longoria, Community Development Director

AGENDA ITEM: TABLED 07/22/2024 - Approval of Final Annual Action Plan 2024-25 and Authorize City Manager to Execute Subrecipient Agreements for those receiving FY'24 CDBG Allocations - Longoria

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local jurisdictions to prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan (AAP) in order to receive federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The AAP describes the activities that will be undertaken with CDBG funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS) 2023-2027. On June 7, 2024, the DRAFT of the AAP was available at the Community Development Office and the City's official website.

As required by HUD, public hearings were held by City Council on June 24, 2024 and Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) on June 25, 2024 to solicit input on CAC's proposed funding recommendations for public service agencies and city departments for the AAP. During the public hearings, a resident voiced the need for providing support services and housing assistance to homeless individuals. Received written comments on the importance to continue funding the Housing Assistance Program which improves the living conditions primarily for elderly and disabled individuals who lack the resources to maintain their homes. CAC members stressed the continued need for housing as there are several applicants that went through the eligibility process and are waiting to be assisted. They also understood the change in strategic direction of the CDBG funding and expressed the need for infrastructure improvements, such as streets, drainage, sanitary and storm sewer, and parks, recreational facilities throughout the city. The thirty-day comment period ended on July 10, 2024.

CAC recommended the following agencies and departments be funded through the FY'24 allocation of \$980,555: **(Option B) Recreational Connectivity Trail Project (\$250,000), Astroland Park Phase II Playground Equipment (\$229,125), Astroland Storm Sewer Improvements (\$150,000), Amigos Del Valle (\$43,864), LRGVDC - Area Agency on Aging (\$10,000), CAMP University (\$5,000), To Give International dba Creative Arts Studio (\$3,000), Comfort House (\$1,000), HOPE Medical Services (\$8,000), Children's Advocacy Center (\$18,000), CASA of Hidalgo County (\$1,000), Silver Ribbon (\$3,000), Speer Memorial Library (\$12,455), Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc. (\$50,000), and Administration (\$196,111).** A subrecipient orientation meeting will be scheduled to discuss their responsibilities to ensure compliance with all federal regulations. Upon approval, the Annual Action Plan 2024-25 will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by August 16, 2024.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

Departmental Approval: Approval of Option A

Advisory Board Recommendation: Approval of Option B

City Manager's Recommendation: Approval of City Manager's recommendation *MRP*

RECORD OF VOTE: **APPROVED:** _____

DISAPPROVED: _____

TABLED: _____

_____ AYES

_____ NAYS

_____ DISSENTING _____