



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Information Only: CDBG Second Public Hearing

Preferred Agenda: August 23, 2022

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Reviewed By: Christy Wurster, City Manager Pro Tem

Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion ____ Roll Call ____ Other X____

Relevant Code/Policy: SH Charter, Chapter I, Powers of the City

Towards Council Goal: Vision Statement, Aspiration II: Effective and efficient local government, Mission Statement, Goal 2.1 Update and streamline processes

Attachments: Public Notice for CDBG Second Public Hearing
Sweet Home/Linn County Community Lending Works Final Report
SB2001 Final Completion Report

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to provide information regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Second Public Hearing scheduled for the August 23, 2022 Council meeting.

Background/Context:

In 2020, the City applied for two Community Development Block Grants from the Federal Government through Business Oregon. One was completed in the fall of 2020, however the second, a business assistance grant program, was not completed until earlier this year. While the City was the applicant for this program, the program was run by Community Lending Works, and businesses throughout Linn County were eligible. The program involved no funding from the City, and only minimal staff time.

In order to complete the project, the Federal Government requires a second public hearing in order to hear comments from the public on the program. The public hearing involves only the reading of the public notice and allowing time for public comments. The public notice was drafted based on federal guidelines, and the specific wording in the notice was required.

For your information, staff have attached the final report from Community Lending Works, and the Final Completion Report for the grant.

The Challenge/Problem:

The completion of required Community Development Block Grant processes and documents.

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home City Council – The City Council has the authority to approve applications for Community Development Block Grants.
- City of Sweet Home Staff – Staff members have worked to complete this project with Community Lending Works.
- The U.S. Government – The US Government has the authority to specify requirements for projects funded through Community Development Block Grants.
- Linn County Businesses – Linn County Businesses benefitted from the emergency assistance grants offered through this program.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

This project involved no direct spending of City funds, and only minimal staff time.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

An ideal outcome would be conducting a second public hearing to meet the requirements of the grant.

Options:

None. This is for information only.

Recommendation:

None. This is for information only.