



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst, Public Works

DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 5821-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept Community Development Block Grant Funds to Complete Facilities Enhancements at the Juanita Pohl Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Washington County Office of Community Development is accepting proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2025-2026 funding cycle. The City of Tualatin can benefit from this grant program and is seeking CDBG funding to design and construct facilities enhancements at the Juanita Pohl Center.

The Juanita Pohl Center opened in 1982 (as the Tualatin/Durham Senior Center) and is operated by the City of Tualatin. The facility's fundamental function is that of a traditional senior center, providing a place for seniors to meet, recreate, and access valuable services. There is no other public senior center in the area offering similar activities and services. In addition, Meals on Wheels administers a congregate meal program at the center.

This project seeks to enhance the Juanita Pohl Center in a variety of ways, including reconstruction of the bathrooms to improve ADA accessibility, as well as overall modernization and upgrades to other essential components of the building.

A feasibility study was completed in 2009 that identified modernization needs of the facility. Because there are too many improvements to fund at one time given Tualatin's limited resources for capital projects, the improvements have been broken down into phases to complete as funds become available.

In order to advance this project, the City of Tualatin is requesting \$200,000 of Community Development Block Funds for Public Facilities and Infrastructure, which would be available during the 2025-2026 fiscal year. If the grant funds are awarded, they will be used to design and construct this project.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

A copy of a Council approved resolution authorizing an application for Community Development Block Grant funds must be submitted with the application. If approved, staff will submit an application for CDBG funds for this project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If funded, the City Manager will authorize and accept the funds and the project will move forward. The City may be required to budget for matching funds, which will go through the traditional budgeting process.

ATTACHMENTS:

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