



City of Tualatin

## CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst II  
Rachel Sykes, Public Works Director

**DATE:** September 25, 2023

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**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of **Resolution No. 5727-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept Community Development Block Grant Funds to Complete the Juanita Pohl Center Siding Replacement Project

**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 2024-2025 funding cycle. The City of Tualatin can benefit from this grant program and is seeking CDBG funding for the design and construction of the Juanita Pohl Center Siding Replacement Project. Council authorization is a requirement as part of the grant application package.

The Juanita Pohl Center opened in 1982 (as the Tualatin/Durham Senior Center). 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.

The proposed project will replace the existing, original wood siding on the exterior of the building. The existing siding is wearing down due to age and damage from woodpeckers. The City aims to replace the wood siding with standing seam metal siding, which is durable and will likely last through the remaining life of the building. The new siding will give the center a more modern, fresh, and inviting look for current and future users.

The City is planning to complete this work as soon as possible; continuing to delay this project may lead to dry rot and further structural issues underneath the siding, which would lead to increased costs for the work and possible disruptions in services for users 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. The siding project is identified as the next phased project, as reflected in the

most recently adopted Capital Improvement Plan.

In order to advance this project, the City of Tualatin is requesting \$200,000 of Community Development Block Funds for Public Facilities, which would be available in 2024. 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 selected as a CDBG grant recipient, the City Manager will authorize and accept the funds.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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