




## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

**BY:** NATHAN HAMBURGER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER   
DOUG HOOPER, PLANNING DIRECTOR 

**SUBJECT:** CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16-1824, APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) OLD AGOURA PARK ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE 42<sup>ND</sup> CDBG PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017)

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The request before the City Council is to conduct a public hearing to consider approval of attached Resolution No. 16-1824, approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Old Agoura Park ADA Improvements Project for the 42<sup>nd</sup> CDBG Program Year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).

Each year, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are allocated to Cities by the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) and administered through the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC). Funding for participating Cities of the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program is based upon the total number of participating Cities. It is also based on the Cities' need to provide housing, economic and social service, and community development opportunities that principally benefit seniors and persons of low and moderate income levels, aid in the prevention of neighborhood blight, and meet other urgent community development needs due to natural disasters or other emergencies. The City of Agoura Hills has participated in the CDBG Program since 1984.

On January 28, 2015, the City Council approved Resolution 15-1776, allocating \$131,170 of CDBG funds to be used last Fiscal Year for ADA access improvements in Old Agoura Park. The project was placed on hold by the CDC until completion of the CDBG senior center exterior window and patio shade structures project at the City Recreation and Event Center. That project was completed last Fiscal Year and \$160,000 is now available to be allocated for the Old Agoura Park Project. At the request of the CDC, the City Council is asked to hold a new public hearing for approval of the Old Agoura Park Project. As approved by the City Council, \$56,567 of separate CDBG funds will also be used this Fiscal Year for ADA access improvements in Chumash Park.

Staff is requesting the City Council approve designating the available \$160,000 of CDBG funds for the 2016-2017 Program Year toward the construction improvements at Old Agoura Park, in order to provide an accessible path of travel for the City's disabled population to cross Driver Avenue from the south side of the street. Currently, there are no street sidewalks on the perimeter of the park. It would be staff's intent to: 1) provide a new, relocated cross walk on Driver Avenue, adjacent to and east of the existing street bridge; 2) install a new pedestrian bridge within the park, spanning Chesebro Creek; and 3) provide a new, accessible path of travel from the bridge to the existing play equipment located on the west side of Chesebro Creek. The locations of these proposed improvements are shown on the attached site plan. Although the proposed new bridge would serve the City's disabled population, staff would note that it would also allow for safer equestrian crossing between both sides of the park. Also, the CDC has informed staff that CDBG funds could not be used for the proposed new cross walk striping on Driver Avenue. Instead, the Public Works Department has budgeted for this portion of the project.

Staff will evaluate the possibility of using CDBG funds during next Fiscal Year (2017-2018) for affordable housing projects.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing and approve Resolution No. 16-1824, approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Old Agoura Park ADA Improvements Project for the 42<sup>nd</sup> CDBG Program Year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).

Attachments: Resolution No. 16-1824  
Site Plan of Proposed CDBG Project for Old Agoura Park  
Photograph of Existing Chesebro Creek Bridge Sidewalk  
Photograph of Sample Pedestrian Bridge

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-1824**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT FOR THE FORTY-SECOND (42<sup>nd</sup>) PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017)**

WHEREAS, on August 22, 1974, the President of the United States signed into law the Housing and Community Development Act (Act) of 1974; and,

WHEREAS, the primary goals of Title I of the Act are the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Agoura Hills has estimates receiving \$160,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to further the attainment of these goals during Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has published information regarding eligible activities under the Act and has conducted a duly noticed public hearing on September 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California; and,

WHEREAS, the notice of the public hearing was posted and advertised pursuant to applicable federal, state and local laws; and,

WHEREAS, both oral and written testimony was presented to the City Council at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Agoura Hills desires to fund an eligible CDBG project with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Program Year funds.

Section 2. That City staff is hereby directed to submit to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, through this document, the City's intent to approve and fund CDBG projects.

Section 3. That City staff is hereby directed to prepare and submit documentation required for the approval and implementation of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Program Year CDBG project.

Section 4. That for planning purposes, the City's estimated available allocation in the 2016-2017 Program Year will be approximately \$160,000 and those funds will be utilized for construction of ADA accessible paths of travel improvements in Old Agoura Park, on both sides of Chesebro Creek, north of Driver Avenue. Old Agoura Park is located on the northwest corner of Driver Avenue and Chesebro Road.

Section 5. That City staff is authorized to perform modifications to the approved projects, as required, to conform to CDBG requirements, and to provide for the expedient expenditure of funds.

Section 6. That the Mayor and/or City Manager are authorized to execute the contractual and related documents to be prepared by the County of Los Angeles that are required for the implementation of projects set forth herein.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: (0)  
NOES: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

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Harry Schwarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk, MMC



# PROPOSED CDBG PROJECT FOR OLD AGOURA PARK

Driver Avenue

Install ADA  
Path of Travel  
Between the Bridge  
and Play Equipment

Remove Existing  
Cross Walk

Install New  
Pedestrian Bridge  
Over Creek

Install New  
Cross Walk









