

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2017

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-1833, APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS/PROJECTS FOR THE 43rd PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018)

The request before the City Council is to conduct a public hearing to consider approval of attached Resolution No. 17-1833, approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs/projects for the 43rd Program Year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018).

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 ("City") has participated in the CDBG Program since 1984. In order to continue its participation in the upcoming 2017-2018 program year, which begins on July 1, 2017, and ends on June 30, 2018, the City must prepare and submit its proposed CDBG program/project descriptions to the CDC for review and approval.

While the City Council has flexibility in selecting projects/programs that best suit the City's needs, these programs/projects must also comply with the specific federal qualification criteria of benefiting persons of low-moderate income, including seniors, and certain public projects for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Most recently, the City Council allocated CDBG funds for this current Fiscal Year for accessible paths of travel improvements in Chumash Park and Old Agoura Park, and for senior social services classes being offered through the Community Services Department. These classes, which include various topics such as caregiver support, health care and finances, are provided by Senior Concerns and are held at the Recreation and Event Center.

The City's estimated CDBG allocated funds for the 2017-2018 Program Year total approximately \$63,104. Staff wishes to emphasize that this is a planning estimate only; the CDC will not release final appropriations from HUD until later this Spring. The City's final CDBG allocation may be more or less than the CDC's planning estimate. Similar to last year, staff is requesting the City Council approve designating 15 percent of the funds (\$9,465) toward the senior social services program. This is the maximum amount the City may allocate toward public service programs.

Staff also recommends the remaining funds for the 2017-2018 Program Year be carried forward to the following Program Year (2018-2019) for possible use toward partnering with a non-profit agency, such as Habitat for Humanity, for single-family residential rehabilitation projects benefitting low-moderate income households. Applying this fund balance with the following Program Year's allocation will potentially allow for additional residential rehabilitation construction project opportunities. On October 19, 2016, the Land Use/Economic Development considered and supported this recommendation. Habitat for Humanity has expressed to staff their interest in partnering with the City for possible future single-family residential rehabilitation projects, however the City Council would be required to discuss future CDBG funding allocations for such projects next year in a public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 17-1833, approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs/projects for the 43rd Program Year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

Attachment: Resolution No. 17-1833

RESOLUTION NO. 17-1833

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE FORTY-THIRD (43rd) PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018) LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

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 estimates receiving \$63,104 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to further the attainment of these goals during Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has published information regarding eligible activities under the Act and has conducted a duly noticed public hearing on January 25, 2017, 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 eligible CDBG projects with the 43rd 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 43rd Program Year CDBG projects.

Section 4. That for planning purposes, the City's estimated annual allocation for the upcoming 2017-2018 Program Year will be approximately \$63,104 and those funds will be utilized for: 1) eligible senior social service programs, not to exceed 15% of the Program Year allocation, including senior advocates information and resources, support groups for senior caregivers and care-giving spouses, and legal and financial services to seniors; and 2) allocating the remaining balance of funds to the following Program Year for future consideration of the single-family residential rehabilitation program.

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 25th day of January, 2017, by the following vote to wit:

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

Denis Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC, City Clerk