




REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MARCH 27, 2019

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

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JOHN TREICHLER, ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE 

SUBJECT: CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.19-1892, APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS/PROJECTS FOR THE 45th PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020)

The request before the City Council is to conduct a public hearing to consider approval of attached Resolution No.19-1892 approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs/projects for the 45th Program Year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are allocated on an annual basis to municipalities 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 and on the cities' need to provide housing, economic and social service, and community development opportunities that principally benefit seniors and persons of low to 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 2019-2020 program year, which begins on July 1, 2019, and ends on June 30, 2020, 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 previous funding cycles for accessible paths of travel improvements in Chumash Park and Old Agoura Park, and for senior social services classes provided through the Community Services Department.

The City's estimated CDBG allocated funds for the 2019-2020 Program Year total is \$68,098.00. In addition, the City has an unallocated reserve balance of approximately us

\$200,000.00, but this amount will not be formally verified until later this year. The City cannot allocate the reserve funds for several larger projects until the funding is verified. Thus, staff is only able to present one initial program for consideration at this point in time and must do so to meet established deadline. Once HUD and CDC verify the reserve balance, staff will present an updated project list to the appropriate committee for review and recommendation to the entire City Council, prior to the adoption for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget. Similar to previous years, and consistent with past City Council direction, staff is requesting the City Council consider designating 15 percent of the funds (\$10,214.00) toward the senior social services program which is the maximum allocation that can be used towards public service programs. These essential classes, which include various topics, such as caregiver support, health care and finances, are provided by Senior Concerns and are held up at the Recreation and Event Center.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No.19-1892 approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs/projects for the 45th Program Year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

Attachment: Resolution No. 19-1892

RESOLUTION NO. 19-1892

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE FORTY-FIFTH (45th) PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020) 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 \$68,098 of allocated funds and is waiting verification of unallocated funds estimated at \$200,000 (\$268,000 total) in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to further the attainment of these goals during Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has published information regarding eligible activities under the Act and has conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on March 27, 2019, 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 45th 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 45th Program Year CDBG projects.

Section 4. That for planning purposes, the City's estimated annual allocation for the upcoming 2019-2020 Program Year is estimated at \$68,098.00, with approximately \$200,000.00 of unallocated funds (\$268,000.00 total), 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 towards improvements consistent with American with Disabilities Act at city-owned parks and facilities.

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 27th day of March 2019, by the following vote to wit:

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

Linda L. Northrup, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC, City Clerk