


REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2019

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

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JOHN TREICHLER, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

SUBJECT: CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-1919, 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 Resolution No.19-1919, 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 Development Authority (LACDA). 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, 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.

At the March 27, 2019 City Council meeting, Council approved designating 15 percent of the funds towards the senior social services program and once the balances were confirmed with the LACDA, staff would meet with the appropriate committee to establish a project for consideration.

After meeting with the Community Services Sub-Committee, staff was directed to pursue possibilities regarding making various playground accessibility improvements at several of the City's parks. Forest Cove Park's lower playground was determined the highest priority for the use of CDBG funding, to assist in the removal of current ADA barriers. The scope of work will consist of the removal of all sand in the lower playground and replace it with a new rubber play-n-pour surface. Additional work includes, the replacement of four surrounding benches, and removal of concrete that exists between and around the playground, restrooms, and the parking lot. Current ADA designated parking spots will be

upgraded to meet current California guidelines, including the path of travel leaving the parking lot. The parking lot as a whole, will be repaired, slurry-sealed, restriped and include the installation of all required signage. In addition, there will be a bid alternative that would consider the purchase and installation of shade sails over the play area, which will be dependent on the bid proposals received and available funding.

A preliminary engineer's cost estimate for the park project is estimated at approximately \$265,000. Staff will be able to verify actual costs once the project goes out to bid and bid packages are submitted and reviewed for consideration, including the bid alternative. Unused funds may be rolled over to the following Fiscal Year 2020/2021 CDBG allotment.

The LACDA verified the City's CDBG allocated funds for the 2019-2020 Program Year to the following amounts:

• 2019-2020 CDBG Allocation	\$66,727.00
• Unallocated Balance	<u>\$231,845.00</u>
TOTAL	\$298,572.00
• Senior Social Program	<u>(\$10,009.00)</u>
TOTAL	\$288,563.00

Should the City Council approve Resolution No. 19-1919 the next step would be to get final approval from the LACDA. Following those required approvals, staff anticipates the bidding process to begin shortly after the new calendar year. Construction is estimated to be completed in approximately four months.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No.19-1919, approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs/Projects for the 45th Program Year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

Attachment: Resolution No. 19-1919

RESOLUTION NO. 19-1919

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAMS/PROJECTS FOR THE 45TH PROGRAM YEAR
(JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020)**

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 certain public projects for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Agoura Hills estimates receiving \$66,727.00 of allocated funds and in addition to the unallocated funds estimated at \$231,845.00 (\$298,572.00 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 December 11, 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 \$66,727.00, with approximately \$231,845.00 of unallocated funds (\$298,572.00 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 removal of all sand in the lower playground at Forest Cove Park in Agoura Hills, and replace it with a new rubber play-n-pour surface. Additional work includes, replacement of four surrounding benches, removal of surrounding concrete leading between the playground, restrooms and the parking lot. Parking lot improvements, including slurry-seal, restriping, additional required signage and upgrades to the current ADA designated parking spots in order to comply with new California guidelines, including the path of travel leaving the parking lot.

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 11th day of December 2019, by the following vote to wit:

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

Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC, City Clerk