

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2022

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER

BY: JOHN TREICHLER, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
LOUIS CELAYA, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-1995, APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE 48th PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023)

The request before the City Council is to conduct a public hearing to consider approval of Resolution No. 22-1995, approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and Projects for the 48th Program Year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

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' needs to provide housing, economic and social services, 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.

While the City Council has flexibility in selecting programs and projects that best suit the City's needs, these programs and projects must also comply with the specific federal qualification criteria of benefiting persons of low to 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 past fiscal year towards the Recreation and Event Center Outdoor Accessibility Project that is about to begin construction, in addition to the annual allotment 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 have been provided via virtual meetings, due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The City's estimated CDBG allocation for the 2022-2023 Program Fiscal Year total approximately \$74,715. Staff wishes to emphasize that this is a planning estimate only. LACDA will not release final appropriations from HUD until later this spring.

Staff is recommending the City Council approve designating twenty percent (20%) of the funds (\$14,940) toward the Senior Social Services Program, which is the maximum amount the City may allocate toward public service programs with the remaining \$59,775 will be available after July 1, 2022.

These funds may be combined with the City's current-year unallocated balance of \$3,500 in CDBG funds that would provide a total of \$63,275 available to fund a future fiscal year project.

Staff reviewed the current needs and presented recommendations to the Community Services Subcommittee on December 15, 2021, for the 48th CDBG Program Year.

The Community Services Subcommittee expressed support with the continued ongoing support for our Senior Social Services Program and roll over the remaining funds towards a future project, which currently would be improvements to our local parks.

Should the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-1995, the next step would be to get final approval from the LACDA.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 22-1995, approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and Projects for the 48th Program Year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

Attachment: Resolution No. 22-1995

RESOLUTION NO. 22-1995

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM AND PROJECTS FOR THE 48th PROGRAM
YEAR (JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023)**

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 \$74,715 of allocated funds in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to further the attainment of these goals during Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has published information regarding eligible activities under the Act and has conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on January 26, 2022, 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 46th Program Year funds.

Section 2. That City staff is hereby directed to submit to the Los Angeles County Development Authority, 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 48th Program Year CDBG projects.

Section 4. That for planning purposes, the City's estimated annual allocation for the upcoming 2022-2023 Program Year is estimated at \$74,715.00 and those funds will be utilized for: 1) eligible senior social service programs, not to exceed twenty percent (20%) 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 a future project.

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 26 day of January 2022, by the following vote to wit:

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

ATTEST:

Deborah Klein Lopez, Mayor

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC, City Clerk