

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

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. 24-2052, APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE 50th PROGRAM YEAR (JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025)

The request before the City Council is to conduct a public hearing to consider approval of Resolution No. 24-2052, approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and Projects for the 50th Program Year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).

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 Chumash Park Rehabilitation Project, in addition to the annual allotment for senior social service 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 continued being provided via virtual meetings.

After meeting with the Community Services Subcommittee on December 5, 2023, the Subcommittee recommended the following: 1) to continue the support for our Senior Social Services Program; and, 2) designate the remaining funds towards the Chumash Park Rehabilitation Project.

The LACDA estimated the City's CDBG allocated funds for the 2024-2025 Program Year to be the following amounts:

• 2024-25 CDBG Allocation	\$ 67,000
• Allocated Balance / Chumash Park	<u>\$255,580</u>
TOTAL:	\$322,580
• Chumash Park (FY 2024-25)	(\$57,000)
• Senior Social Program (FY 2024-25)	<u>(\$10,000)</u>
TOTAL:	\$67,000

LACDA will not release final appropriations from HUD until later in the spring of 2024.

Chumash Park's scope of work will consist of making improvements to the path of travel leaving Medea Valley Drive to the playground area, including the removal of the concrete areas surrounding the restrooms. Accessibility improvements will also be made surrounding the playground including replacing existing benches with ADA compliant benches. The restroom structure is also being replaced, but will fall under another grant and is not discussed in detail here.

The preliminary engineer's cost estimate for the Chumash Park Project came in at approximately \$250,000 and since this is a preliminary estimate it should be noted that costs for building materials may continue to rise due to supply demands. Staff will have a better evaluation of costs once the project goes through the bidding process.

Should the City Council approve Resolution No. 24-2052 the next step would be to receive final approval from the LACDA. Following those required approvals, staff anticipates the bidding process to begin in Spring 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact. Funds were appropriated in the FY 2024-25 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 24-2052, approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and Projects for the 50th Program Year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).

Attachment: Resolution No. 24-2052

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2052

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM AND PROJECTS FOR THE 50th PROGRAM
YEAR (JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025)**

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 \$68,000 of allocated funds in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to further the attainment of these goals during Fiscal Year 2024-25; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has published information regarding eligible activities under the Act and has conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on January 10, 2024, 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 verbal 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 50th 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 50th Program Year CDBG projects.

Section 4. That for planning purposes, the City's estimated annual allocation for the upcoming 2024-25 Program Year is estimated at \$67,000 and those funds will be utilized for: 1) eligible senior social service programs, not to exceed \$10,000 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 the Chumash Park Rehabilitation 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 10th day of January 2024, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: (
NOES: (
ABSTAIN: (
ABSENT: (
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Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC, City Clerk