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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: CDBG FY 2020-2021 Application

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Katie Wilken, Planning Manager

OTHER PRESENTER(S): Alex Lestinsky, Planner III, Christina Panaitescu, Grants & Neighborhood Services Supervisor

Summary: Public hearing to consider the submittal of two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications, a resolution to authorize the submittal of the applications for FY 2020-2021, and a budget transfer if awarded.

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the submittal of two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications to the Maricopa County Human Services Department.
 - a. Open Public Hearing
 - b. Staff Presentation
 - c. Receive Public Comment
 - d. Close Public Hearing
2. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2004 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF TWO APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2020-2021 CDBG PROGRAM FUNDS TO THE MARICOPA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID APPLICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE REQUIRED BUDGET TRANSFERS IF AWARDED.

Fiscal Impact:

The lighting improvements in North Subdivisions are included in the Capital Improvements Program as part of the LED Street Light Conversion (Project Number: 4200F) in FY2021. The city is requesting up to \$575,000 to fund the improved, enhanced, and walkway lighting project scope described below. Staff will be stating the minimum amount acceptable is \$115,000 to cover improved lighting and walkway lighting.

The baby pool conversion is currently in the FY2021 CIP—Loma Linda Baby Pool Conversion to Splash Pad (Project Number: 5000B), budgeted for \$495,000. The city is proposing a match funding of \$80,000 which will come out of the current CIP funding

allocation, if awarded. Due to the increased federal requirements (Davis Bacon requirements), the city is requesting up to \$440,000 to fund the project. The minimum amount that will be accepted is \$130,000 to partially fund the conversion, the remaining funds will be covered by the current CIP budget.

If awarded, the resolution includes the authorization of all required budget transfers.

Background and Previous Actions

The CDBG program was established in 1974 to address the community development needs of local governments. Maricopa County receives funding through the CDBG Entitlement program, which provides annual grants on a formula basis to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The Maricopa County Housing and Community Development Division awards a portion of its CDBG funds to participating local governments and nonprofit agencies through a competitive application process.

Applications are received by the Housing and Community Development Division and reviewed by the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC). CDAC consists of representatives from each of the participating jurisdictions. Councilmember Hampton is the City's CDAC representative and Councilmember Campbell is the alternate representative. After CDAC makes a recommendation, the County Board of Supervisors will make the final decision on which projects are awarded funding.

In program year 2020-2021, Maricopa County anticipates awarding approximately \$1,875,000 to achieve the following national objectives:

- Provide a benefit to low- and moderate-income persons.
- Prevent or eliminate slum and blight.
- Meet and urgent need that threatens health or welfare of residents.

Goodyear is eligible to compete for a portion of CDBG funds. A public hearing is required prior to the submittal of CDBG applications to Maricopa County.

Staff Analysis

Staff is requesting authorization to submit two CDBG grant applications to the Maricopa County Department of Human Services for FY2020-2021 funding. As discussed during the Council Work Session on November 4, 2019, Council provided direction on the priority of the proposed project as identified below.

- **Priority #1: Lighting Improvements in North Subdivisions.** North Subdivisions is an established, traditional (non-HOA) neighborhood. There are no sidewalks and the proposed lighting improvements will provide better lighting than the existing lamp post

style lights. The enhanced lighting and walkway project includes replacing 52 existing street lights with LED poles and fixtures, adding 44 new LED street lights, and adding 16 bollard pedestrian lights along sidewalks that bisect four blocks, highlighted in Attachment #1. The sidewalks are currently not lit by the existing streetlighting, so bollards will enhance visibility in this corridor. The City is requesting up to \$575,000 to complete the entire proposal. Staff has phased out the lighting improvement project as follows:

- **Improved Lighting** – 52 streetlight replacements - \$200,000
- **Enhanced Street Lighting** – Add new streetlights - \$300,000
- **Walkway Lighting** – Add 16 bollard pedestrian lights along sidewalk - \$75,000

In the event that the City does not receive full funding, staff recommends proposing a minimum funding request of \$115,000 to complete the Improved Lighting and Walkway Lighting.

- **Priority #2: Baby pool conversion at Loma Linda Park.** The other project is the conversion of the baby pool at our public pool, Goodyear Community Pool, to a splash pad. Roughly 24,000 people visit Goodyear Community Pool annually. This is currently the only public pool and sole location for city-sponsored swim lessons in Goodyear. Replacing the baby pool with a splash pad will provide a safer and more accessible amenity to the community.

In August, 2010 the City of Goodyear Parks & Recreation Department prepared a Redevelopment Master Plan for the Loma Linda Neighborhood Park. This plan proposed several changes and improvements to the existing park including many of which have been implemented over the past 9 years. The baby pool conversion is next on the list for updating/replacement.

The City will be requesting up to \$440,000 in CDBG funds for the project. Should this project be funded, the City expects that there will be increased time and project expenses due to federal regulations. Therefore, the minimum we could accept to continue with the project under the terms of the grant award would be approximately \$130,000.

Both projects have been brought to the city's attention by our residents and are located in communities with more than 51% low- to moderate-income residents.

The City Council may act on the proposed resolution authorizing the submittal of these grant applications upon completion of the public hearing. Grant applications must be submitted to Maricopa County Human Services Department by December 5, 2019.

Attachments

1. Map of North Subdivisions lighting
2. Resolution No. 2019-2004