



**The City of Lee's Summit**  
**Action Letter - Draft**  
**Community and Economic Development Committee**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

4:00 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairperson Forte at 4:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** 5 - Chairperson Diane Forte  
Vice Chair Fred DeMoro  
Councilmember Craig Faith  
Councilmember Beto Lopez  
Planning Commissioner Donnie Funk

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Faith, seconded by Vice Chair DeMoro to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Business**

**A. [2020-3328](#) Public Hearing: Lee's Summit 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan**

Mr. Ryan Elam, Director of Development Services, presented an overview of the 2020-21 CDBG Program process and the timeline. The HUD CDBG Grant amount for Lee's Summit is \$372,384. However, there is additional prior year funds available of \$21,067 to be used (for reallocation only) in the "Other" category, for a total of \$393,451 CDBG funds for 2020-21.

A representative from each of the following organizations presented information about their funding requests:

Planning and Administration (20% Cap) \$74,476.80 available for allocation:

City of Lee's Summit

Lee's Summit Housing Authority

Public Services (15%) \$55,587.60 available for allocation:

Coldwater of Lee's Summit

Lee's Summit Social Services

Hillcrest

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Other (No Cap) Remaining Amount + Prior Year Funds for Reallocation \$263,116.60 available for allocation:

Lee's Summit Housing Authority

Truman Heritage Habitat

Mr. Elam then reviewed staff's recommendation for each of the funding requests and answered commissioners questions. Mr. Elam added the commission can increase or decrease funds allocated from one program to another, up to the cap limits, if they so choose.

At 5:27 pm, Mayor Pro Tem left the dais.

**ACTION:**

Councilmember Faith made a motion that the CEDC recommend the City Council approve the Lee's Summit 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan by ordinance, seconded by Vice Chair DeMoro.

Vice Chair DeMoro then amended the original motion to fund the Lee's Summit Housing Authority an additional \$10,000 and reduce the funds allocated to the Truman Heritage Habitat by \$10,000. Seconded by Councilmember Faith, followed by discussion. A vote was taken and the motion failed. 1 Aye (Vice Chair DeMoro), 2 Nay (Chairperson Forte, Councilmember Faith) and 1 Absent (Mayor Pro Tem Lopez)

After additional discussion, Councilmember Faith made an amended motion to fully fund the \$140,000 request by the Lee's Summit Housing Authority by decreasing the City's CDBG Administrative request by \$2,384, seconded by Vice Chair DeMoro. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Mayor Pro Tem absent)

Councilmember Faith made a motion that the CEDC recommend the City Council approve the Lee's Summit 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan by ordinance with the amendment, seconded by Vice Chair DeMoro. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Mayor Pro Tem absent)

## 6. Roundtable

Vice Chair DeMoro asked if the 15% cap on Public Services is regulated by HUD and how can it be changed.

Mr. Elam replied yes, the percentage is determined by HUD and it can only be changed at the federal level.

Vice Chair DeMoro expressed his concern about cutting services that help children as they are the future of our community and country. He asked if there were other government programs available to assist.

Mr. Elam stated he is not familiar with other funding sources, but other staff may know.

## 7. Adjournment

Chairperson Forte adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.

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