

Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: Lee's Summit 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan

Issue/Request:

In 1994, Lee's Summit was designated as an Entitlement Community under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which gives the City the authority to administer the grant in our community. As a CDBG grantee, the City is required to prepare, adopt and submit to HUD for approval a five-year Consolidated Plan before preparing and implementing annual grant programs. In 2015, the City submitted its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019-20 is the fifth year of this Consolidated Plan cycle. An annual grant is awarded to the City to support local programs and projects primarily benefitting low-to-moderate income persons and households. The grant distribution aims to achieve priority goals and objectives as established in the City Consolidated Plan, a five-year strategic plan for the grant program. In 2018-19 program year, the City was awarded \$390,209.00 grant funds and the 2019-20 grant amount has not been announced by HUD as of today. For the purpose of local planning and process, HUD instructed grantees to use last year's grant amount as an estimate for the upcoming year's grant.

The City is required to adopt an annual action plan for each program year that summarizes local actions to be taken to address specific needs of the community's low-to-moderate income persons. The Action Plan also includes CDBG funding distributions to provide financial support for local services and public housing provider to carry out activities that meet priority needs of the community as identified in the Consolidated Plan. The draft Action Plan presented here has been prepared through a public process, which includes a press release, a funding application period, staff evaluation and prioritization of the applications received, staff funding allocation recommendations and the drafting of the Action Plan. In addition to the assumed \$390,209.00 grant fund to be awarded by HUD, a surplus fund in the amount of \$16,023.60 from prior years' CDBG activities is also recommended to be reallocated to the next year's program.

Following the public hearing, there will be a 30-day public comment period before City Council adoption.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that CEDC approve a recommendation for approval of the attached Lee's Summit 2019-20 CDBG Action Plan by the full City Council by ordinance with necessary funding distribution adjustments when HUD formally announces Lee's Summit's grant amount.

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