



Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a staff presentation and hold preliminary discussion on the selection of proposed activities for \$823,414.87 in the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan

Meeting date: July 6, 2021

Department: Planning and Development Services

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Funds Available: Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: On May 18, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on housing and community development needs, including non-housing community needs, and the selection of proposed activities.

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Workforce Housing

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.

☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

☐ Land Use - Choose an item.

☒ Neighborhoods & Housing - Diversified housing options to serve citizens with varying needs and interests

☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.

☐ Transportation - Choose an item.

☐ Core Services

☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

Background Information:

Attached for ease of reference is the information provided in the May 18, 2021, ARF on this year's CDBG Entitlement timeline and amounts to be allocated. Comments received as of June 28, 2021, are also attached. Public comments were received during the public hearing at City Council and at the presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission. Comments on potential programs included the following:

PUBLIC HEARING

- alternative forms of housing outside of single detached family homes
- community health and mental health services
- transitional housing for homeless residents of the community
- allocating the maximum 15% to public services
- saving streets and neighborhoods like Harvey Street, Victory Gardens, East Guadalupe, and Dunbar
- planning for archaeological research surveys and historic districts
- clearance activities
- property rehabilitation including historic preservation
- acquisition of property

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- improvements to the Historic Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Drive and renovations to 218 Martin Luther King Drive.
- rehabilitation of the Dunbar Home Economic Building
- funding a position to work with existing non-profits and assist with the formation of the Local Homeless Coalition

The application window for Program Year 2021-2022 CDBG Entitlement funding was open for four weeks and closed on June 18, 2021. The public comment period on the applications and the draft Annual Action Plan is currently in process and will end July 25. All applications received and the draft Annual Action Plan are attached for City Council review.

A final decision for funding allocation must be made by City Council at the August 3 Council meeting in order to meet the HUD submittal deadline and receive the funding. Staff is presenting all applications and a preliminary staff recommendation at this meeting to begin the Council discussion process.

The amount available for allocation is \$823,414.87. Tables showing applications received, evaluation scores and notes, and staff recommendations are attached.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

While no decision can be made by Council until after the public comment period, staff's preliminary recommendation, pending public comment period, is attached.