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City Council

Approval to Launch the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funding Allocation Public Process

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Move to approve the launch of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV 3) funding allocation public process. CDBG funding allocations were discussed at the October 14, 2020 Finance Committee meeting and October 29, 2020 General Government Committee meeting

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the launch of the CDBG-CV 3 public process.

Report

Issue:

Whether to authorize staff to receive public comment on the proposed CDBG-CV 3 funding allocations prior to the public hearing at the November 10, 2020 Council meeting.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

As required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City's CDBG Consolidated Plan, the City must conduct a public participation process in order to allocate CDBG funds. A minimum five-day public participation period (November 2 -10, 2020) must be conducted to allow opportunity for public comment on the CDBG-CV 3 allocations.

A public hearing on this topic will be held at the November 10, 2020 City Council meeting. A notice of this process will be posted in The Olympian.

In addition to CDBG and CDBG-CV activities previously approved by City Council, the CDBG CV-3 allocations include the following new or expanded activities and programs:

- Increased funding for the South Sound Senior Center and the Food Bank of Thurston County.
- Funding for an evening Outreach Program to help to prevent and respond to the spread of the coronavirus and lessen its impacts in the unhoused community.
- Increased funding for the Homeless Response Coordinator.
- Increased funding for Program Administration and Management.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Many neighborhoods and community stakeholders have an interest in how federal CDBG funds are invested in community development programs and projects.

Options:

1. Approve the launch of public participation process.
2. Modify the launch of the public participation process.
3. Do not approve launch of the Coronavirus allocation public participation process.

Financial Impact:

This public engagement process opens public comment on the proposed CDBG-CV 3 allocation totaling \$370,161 related to economic development and public service Coronavirus response.

Attachments:

CDBG CV-3 Budget
CDBG Quick Guide