

City Council

Approval of Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

On April 22, 2020, the General Government Committee agreed to put forward the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (PY) 2020 Annual Action Plan to the City Council for consideration.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the CDBG PY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the allocation of \$468,529 in new CDBG federal funds within the CDBG Program Year (PY) 2020-2021.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Council held a public hearing on the PY 2020 Annual Action Plan on July 14, 2020. One person gave public testimony in support of Enterprise for Equity's program. No other public comment has been received at this time. The written comment period will remain open until Monday, July 20 at 5:00 p.m. Staff will forward any additional comments received to the Council prior to their regular meeting on the July 21.

The recommended PY2020 Annual Action Plan Allocations are as follows:

• \$215,000 - Economic Development

o Enterprise for Equity - \$50,000

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- EDC Center for Business & Innovation \$75,000
- o Business Support Programs (TBD) \$90,000
- \$163,529 Public Services
 - Downtown Ambassadors Program \$113,529
 - Thurston Asset Building Coalition \$50,000

• \$90,000 - Program Administration

Total - \$468,529*

*Includes federal funds of \$403,529 and estimated program income of \$65,000

When this proposal was discussed with the General Government Committee on April 22, the childcare assistance program was not part of the discussion. Since that time this was added as a potential project under the Business Support Program. The Childcare Action Council is assessing needs with local childcare providers and will provide the City with the outcomes of that assessment. At that time, City staff will determine the best use of the \$90,000 allocated to Business Support Programs out of the options provided.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

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

Options:

- 1. Move to approve CDBG Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan.
- 2. Modify allocations within CDBG Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan, and delay submission of action plan to US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.
- 3. Do not approve CDBG Program year 2020 Annual Action Plan, and delay submission of action plan to US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, risking noncompliance of federal HUD regulations.

Financial Impact:

US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development will grant the City \$403,529 in federal entitlement funds. There is also an estimated \$65,000 in program income anticipated to be received in PY2020-2021.

Attachments:

Citizen Summary
Full Annual Action Plan