

Agenda Report

December 9, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Housing Department

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2019-2020) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that upon close of the public hearing the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- 2) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2019-2020) as described in the report to reprogram \$861,127 in Community Development Block Grant funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Annual Action Plan sets forth the projected uses of federal entitlement funds, including Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program funds for the coming program year, and addresses the available resources for program implementation, activities to be undertaken, program guidelines, and monitoring. The Plan addresses the efforts made toward accomplishing the goals and objectives included in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2015-2019). On May 20, 2019, the City Council convened a public hearing approving the submission of the Annual Action Plan (2019-2020) as an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The proposed funding modifications described below require that the Annual Action Plan be amended in accordance with HUD regulations by a "Substantial Amendment" (as that term is used by HUD). The subject Substantial Amendment was issued for

public review from November 17, 2019 to December 9, 2019 in a published notice of the scheduled public hearing to amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. To date no public comments have been received regarding the Substantial Amendment.

REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS

The closure of the fiscal year end for PY18-19 has resulted in the availability of unspent CDBG funds in the amount of \$861,127. Staff is recommending the reprogramming of unspent funds to the following projects:

Activity Name & Description	Implementing Agency	Funding Amount	Locations(s)	Action
<u>Healthy Retail Program</u> Business façade improvement	Public Health Department – City of Pasadena	\$75,000	Citywide	Funding Reallocation
<u>1015 Lake Building Renovation</u> Rehabilitation of public facility	Housing Department – City of Pasadena	\$235,334	1015 N. Lake Ave.	Funding Reallocation
<u>Public Wifi at Robinson Park</u> Install Wifi for public	Department of Information Technology – City of Pasadena	\$27,152	1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.	Funding Reallocation
<u>ADA Audible Pedestrian Signal Upgrade</u> Install ADA audible push buttons	Public Works Department – City of Pasadena	\$150,000	Citywide	Funding Reallocation
<u>Thermal Imager Camera Replacement</u> Replace outdated thermal cameras at Fire Station 33 & 36	Fire Department – City of Pasadena	\$15,986	1140 N. Fair Oaks; 515 N. Lake Ave.	Funding Reallocation
<u>Security Enhancements at Villa Parke Community Center</u> Installation of video surveillance	Department of Information Technology – City of Pasadena	\$144,558	363 E. Villa St.	Funding Reallocation
<u>Security Enhancements at La Pintesca Branch Library</u> Installation of video surveillance	Department of Information Technology – City of Pasadena	\$80,375	1355 N. Raymond Ave.	Funding Reallocation

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<u>Security Enhancements at Hastings Ranch Library</u> Installation of video surveillance	Department of Information Technology – City of Pasadena	\$64,666	999 E. Washington Blvd.	Funding Reallocation
<u>Security Enhancements at Santa Catalina Branch Library</u> Installation of video surveillance	Department of Information Technology – City of Pasadena	\$68,056	999 E. Washington Blvd.	Funding Reallocation

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "General Rule" provision of CEQA which applies to projects which may have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The approval of the subject Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan is a funding mechanism only and is excluded from the definition of "project" pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4). Furthermore, the action proposed herein will not have a significant effect on the environment and, hence, is not subject to CEQA.

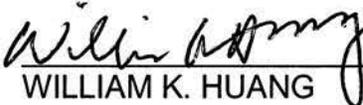
COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This proposed action supports the City Council Strategic Planning Three-Year Goals in the areas of improving, maintaining, and enhancing public facilities and infrastructure; improving mobility and accessibility throughout the City of Pasadena; and supporting and promoting the quality of life and the local economy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of the approval of the Substantial Amendment and it will not have any indirect or support cost requirements. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be none. Cost will be covered by the existing CDBG fund balance.

Respectfully submitted,



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