



Agenda Report

December 16, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: William K. Huang, Housing Director

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 AND 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

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 "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment;
2. Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan as described in the report for the reallocation of \$256,365 in non-committed HOME Partnership Act (HOME-ARPA) funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and
3. Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan as described in the report to reprogram \$680,000 in unspent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Annual Action Plan sets forth the projected uses of federal entitlement funds, including Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnership Act ("HOME"), and Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") program funds for the program year. The Plan addresses the efforts made toward accomplishing the goals and objectives included in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024). On May 20, 2019, the City Council convened a public hearing approving the submission of the 2019 Annual Action Plan as an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). On May 20, 2024, the City Council convened a public

hearing approving the submission of the 2024 Annual Action Plan as an application to HUD. The modifications described below require that the respective Annual Action Plans be amended in accordance with HUD regulations by a "Substantial Amendment" (as that term is used in the Citizen Participation Plan).

The Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan will enable the City to allocate \$256,365 in HOME-ARPA funds to cover some of the administrative costs to implement HOME-ARPA programs.

The Substantial Amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan will enable the City to allocate \$680,000 in unspent CDBG funds for several public facility and infrastructure projects in the City. The table below summarizes the Substantial Amendment allocation.

Description	Implementing Agency	Location	Action
<u>HOME-ARPA Administration</u> Provides funding to manage and implement HOME-ARPA funded projects.	City of Pasadena – Housing Department	649 N. Fair Oaks Ave. #202	Funding Increase of HOME-ARPA by \$256,365
<u>Robinson Park Security Enhancements Phase I</u> Provides funding to install security cameras on northside of park.	City of Pasadena – Information Technology Department	1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.	Funding Increase of CDBG by \$50,000
<u>Robinson Park Security Enhancements Phase II</u> Provides funding to install security cameras on southside of park.	City of Pasadena – Information Technology Department	1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.	Allocate \$130,000 of CDBG
<u>Villa Parke Locker Room and Parking Lot ADA Upgrades</u> Provides funding to make ADA improvements.	City of Pasadena – Public Works Department	363 E. Villa Street	Funding Increase of CDBG by \$400,000
<u>NW Sidewalk Improvements</u> Provides funding to make ADA improvements to sidewalk located in Northwest Pasadena.	City of Pasadena – Public Works Department	100 N. Garfield Ave.	Funding Increase of CDBG by \$100,000

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense" 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 Amendments to the Annual Action Plans 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended actions will have no direct fiscal impact. Approval of the Amendments by the City Council and subsequent approval by HUD will result in a total allocation of \$256,365 in HOME-ARPA funds to support housing activities, and \$680,000 in CDBG funds to support community development activities.

Respectfully submitted,


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