



Legislation Text

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Approval of resolutions for 2016 CDBG application

SUMMARY:

As discussed earlier, staff has been looking at a potential CDBG application for a housing rehabilitation project to assist low-to-moderate income homeowners with the rehabilitation of their homes. The maximum grant is \$500,000, plus \$25,000 as a Three Star Community. Generally, this would be expected to serve approximately 10 families. In addition, the City has approximately \$25,000 in funds remaining from earlier housing rehabilitation grant. Surveys have been done for several areas and the most promising area is the Darrell Ave/Diane St area. A meeting is being held with property owners in that area on January 4 to see if there is interest and enough qualified owner-occupied homes for the project. The information gleaned from that meeting will be presented at the work session.

If Council decides to proceed with an application, resolutions must be passed for approval to submit the application and the selection of the administrator and project inspector. Letters were sent to qualified firms to provide these services, as required by the granting agency. It is recommended that Community Development Partners be selected for administrative services and McCarter Home Inspection, LLC for implementation of the project. Both firms will provide application assistance at no -charge.

Following the work session, the new HUD rule was researched. A copy of the summary is attached, which provides more support to facilitate local decision-making on fair housing priorities and goals. In addition, contact was made with the administrator as to any new requirements. He responded that furthering Fair Housing is still a requirement and something that we have done as part of all CDBG funded projects, whether they are housing, sewer, water, etc. The only change is that each county used to have to complete a Fair Housing Impediment study to be on file and detail local practices and impediments. These have always been put together on behalf of a county. Recently, the State did a state-wide plan that is now in use. This plan is required to be on file should we be funded. In addition, we will need to conduct a Fair Housing activity listed within this state plan should the project be funded. Past Fair Housing activities have included a poster in City Hall regarding the laws on Fair Housing, resolutions by the City that we support Fair Housing, letters to realtors as a reminder of the goal of fair housing, etc. There has always been a requirement for a fair housing activity.

BUDGET ACCOUNT:

NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION: Approve resolutions for 2016 CDBG application