



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving Program Year (PY) 2023 Funding Recommendations and Releasing the Draft PY 2023 Action Plan for Public Comment

Overview

As part of the five-year Program Year (PY) Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development “Con Plan” that guides decisions for allocating Community Development Block Grant funds, the Village has prepared the draft PY 2023 Action Plan which includes proposed CDBG activities that the Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission (“CDCAC”) recommended and that the Board is now being asked to approve.

Recommendation

Approve the resolution authorizing the CDCAC’s PY 2023 funding recommendations and release the PY 2023 Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period.

Background

Each year, the Village must prepare an Annual Action Plan (“Action Plan”) in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”). The purpose of the CDBG Program is to meet the needs of primarily low- and moderate-income persons. The Action Plan describes the funding allocations the Village is making for Program Year 2023 (“PY 2023”), which begins on October 1, 2023, in order to serve these populations.

The Village will receive \$1,539,187 in CDBG funding for PY 2023, which is a 1% decrease from the \$1,553,643 that we received in PY 2022. For historical reference, the Village received \$1,653,543 in PY 2021. The Village did not receive CDBG Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) monies in PY 2023 and has not received these monies since PY 2019.

The CDCAC reviewed PY 2023 applications, held four public meetings including two meeting presentations from applicants, and is now recommending specific funding allocations to the Village Board for numerous non-profit agencies that will carry out CDBG Public Services, CDBG Facility Improvement projects, and CDBG Administration. These recommendations became part of the draft PY 2023 Action Plan, including Village of Oak Park operated projects; Public Works Infrastructure, Neighborhood Services Housing Programs, and Public Health Department Farmer’s Market.

Fiscal Impact

The Village of Oak Park is an entitlement community receiving an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually. There is no fiscal impact on the General Revenue Funds.

DEI Impact

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program requires that each activity funded, except for administration, meet one of three national objectives. The three national objectives area: 1) benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons; 2) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and 3) Meet a need having a particular urgency. An activity that does not meet a national objective is not compliant with CDBG requirements.

Oak Park CDBG program focuses on the first national objective which benefits low-and moderate-income persons. This objective includes the following eligible activities: Area benefit activities (LMA), Limited Clientele Activities (LMC), Housing Activities (LMH), and Job Creation and Retention Activities (LMJ)

Alternatives

None.

Previous Board Action

On June 21, 2022, the Village Board approved the PY 2022 Action plan for the time period of October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Community Development Citizens Advisory Commission (CDCAC) reviewed applications, held four public meetings including two meetings of applicant presentations, and developed the recommendations for the PY 2023 CDBG funding. The final of these four meetings was a public hearing. There were no formal public comments at the Public Hearing. The Board is being asked to approve these funding recommendations.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

After the Board approves the Resolution releasing the draft PY 2023 Action Plan for a 30-day comment period, the Village will advertise the availability of the document, and the public can review and provide comments. After this comment period, a final PY 2023 Action Plan will go to the Village Board on August 7, 2023, for approval; this will be submitted to HUD on or before August 15, 2023, as required with HUDs deadlines.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

As a member of the Cook County HOME Program Consortium, the Village is submitting the PY 2023 Action Plan to HUD in partnership with Cook County.