



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving The Final Program Year 2019 Action Plan for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds and Submitting The Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Overview

On June 17, 2019 the Village Board approved the draft Program Year (PY) 2019 Action Plan and released it for a 30-day public comment period, which has now passed with no comments being received. The draft Program Year 2019 Action Plan included proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) activities, including funding levels recommended by the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) for sixteen non-profit agencies. The Board is now being asked to approve the final Program Year 2019 Action Plan.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the resolution approving the Program Year 2019 Action Plan and enabling the Village Manager to submit the Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Fiscal Impact

In April of 2019, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") posted the Program Year 2019 allocations committed to Oak Park. The Village is entitled to \$1,633,190 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$143,061 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year 2019, which begins October 1, 2019 and ends September 30, 2020.

Following Federal regulations, the Village is setting aside the 15% of the total CDBG allocation for CDBG Public Services (\$244,978) and the 20% for CDBG Administration (\$326,638), as well as 7.5% of the ESG funds for ESG Administration (\$10,729) in Program Year 2019. These commitments will not impact funds already committed to Village public infrastructure improvements, housing programs, and other Village CDBG-funded projects.

Since the PY 2019 CDBG allocation was lower than the PY 2018 CDBG allocation and to avoid making cuts to several programs, the Village will be adding \$34,330 in returned funds from previous years, for a total PY 2019 CDBG amount of \$1,667,520. Returned funds are funds returned by grant subrecipients because the entire allocation was not needed. The Village is expected by HUD to reprogram these funds.

Background

Every year, the Village must submit an Action Plan to HUD in order to receive Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funding. The Village Board accepted the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee ("CDCAC") funding recommendations for numerous non-profit agency proposed projects and released the draft Program Year 2019 Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period, with no comments being received during that period.

Alternatives

N/A

Previous Board Action

On June 17, 2019, the Village Board approved the CDCAC-recommended projects and released the draft Program Year 2019 Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period, which ran from June 20 to July 19, 2019.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

In March and April of 2019, the CDCAC reviewed applications, heard presentations and made recommendations to the Village Board with regard to Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant allocations for Program Year 2019 funding. The Village Board approved these funding recommendations at the June 17, 2019 meeting.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

The Program Year 2019 Action Plan will be submitted to HUD on or before August 15, 2019.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

As a member of the Cook County HOME Program Consortium, the Village is submitting the Program Year 2019 Action Plan to HUD in partnership with Cook County.