



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Motion to Re-Allocate \$57,515 in Unspent Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funding by Adding the \$57,515 to CDBG Public Services Funding and Distributing it to the Nine (9) Local Non-Profits Previously Approved for Public Services Funding, Per Village Staff's Recommendations and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents for Board Consideration

Overview

The Village received \$1,259,754 in Community Development Block Grant-Corona Virus ("CDBG-CV") funds. In 2020 the Village Board designated \$550,000 of the CDBG-CV funds for the DCS Department to administer a Business Assistance Loan Program to help Oak Park businesses create and/or retain jobs for workers with incomes at or below 80% of the AMI for Cook County. In 2020 and 2021, 84 grant applications were approved and a total of \$492,485 was loaned out to Oak Park businesses, leaving \$57,515 in unspent program funds. This motion recommends the re-allocation of the unspent \$57,515 in CDBG-CV funding (Business Assistance Loan Program) to CDBG-CV Public Service funding, increasing the amount available for Public Service Funding from \$162,107 to the proposed new \$219,622 and reallocating this grant money to the nine (9) local non-profits previously approved for said funding.

Recommendation

Approve the Motion

Fiscal Impact

The \$57,515 in unspent CDBG-CV (Business Assistance Loan Program) fund would be made available to the nine (9) local non-profits previously approved for Public Services funding. This re-allocation of funding would bring the total CDBG-CV Public Services funding from \$162,107 to \$219,622.

Background

On June 15, 2020, the Village Board approved a resolution authorizing the use of \$300,000 of CDBG-CV funds to establish a Business Assistance Loan Program. On October 5, 2020, the Village Board approved an additional \$250,000 in funding for this same purpose. In both 2020 and 2021, this \$550,000 in Business Assistance Loan funding was utilized to help Oak Park businesses create and/or retain jobs for workers with incomes at or below 80% of the AMI for Cook County. In total, 84 grant applications were approved, assisting 55 separate Oak Park businesses. A total of \$492,485 was loaned out to these 55 businesses, leaving \$57,515 in unspent CDBG-CV program funds.

Further, on July 20, 2020, the Village approved resolutions designating \$162,107 in CDBG-CV Public Service funding to the following nine (9) local non-profits: Beyond Hunger (\$85,000), Hephzibah (\$10,000), New Moms (\$20,000), Oak Leyden (\$3,947), The Infant Welfare Society, Children's Clinic (\$6,000), Thrive (\$3,930), UCP Seguin (\$15,974), Way Back inn (\$7,256), and West Cook YMCA (\$10,000).

If the Village Board approves the re-allocation of this unutilized \$57,515 in CDBG-CV funding, the additional Public Services Funding to the nine (9) previously qualified local non-profits would utilize the same disbursement percentage as previously approved, as follows: Beyond Hunger (\$30,158), Hephzibah (\$3,548), New Moms (\$7,096), Oak Leyden (\$1,400), The Infant Welfare Society, Children's Clinic (\$2,129), Thrive (\$1,394), UCP Seguin (\$5,668), Way Back inn (\$2,274), and West Cook YMCA (\$3,548).

Alternatives

None.

Previous Board Action

On June 15, 2020, the Village approved the designation of \$300,000 in CDBG-CV funding to be utilized for a Business Assistance Loan Program. On October 5, 2020, the Village approved adding \$250,000 in CDBG-CV funds to this program, bringing the total amount available for the loan program to \$550,000.

On July 15, 2020, the Village Board also approved \$162,107 for CDBG-CV Public Service funding to nine (9) local non-profit entities.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC) did not review or make a recommendation on CDBG-CV funds. Village staff did communicate with the Chair regarding the process for funding recommendations.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

If the Village Board approves the re-allocation of the \$57,515 in unspent CDBG Business Assistance Loan Program resources to be utilized for CDBG-CV Public Service Funding purposes, Village staff will request new proposals from the nine (9) previously funded local non-profit organizations as a part of the increased Public Service funding.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

As a member of the Cook County HOME Consortium, the Village communicates with Cook County on CDBG-CV assistance, as they are the lead agency of the Consortium.