



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Motion to Concur with the Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission (CDCAC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Recommendations for Program Year (PY) 2023**

### **Overview**

As part of the five-year PY 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Action Plan for Housing and Community Development ("Con Plan") that guides decisions for allocating CDBG funds, the Village has prepared the draft PY23 CDBG funding recommendations, which includes proposed activities that the CDCAC recommended and that the Village Board is now being asked to approve.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the resolution authorizing the CDCAC's PY 2023 CDBG funding recommendations.

### **Background**

Each year the Village of Oak Park receives an allocation of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Village will receive \$1,539,187.00 in Program Year (PY) 2023 funding, which is a 1% decrease from the \$1,553,643 that was received in PY2022. For historical reference, the Village received \$1,653,543 in PY2021. As was the case for PY2022 and PY2021, the Village is not receiving any CDBG Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) monies in PY2023.

The purpose of the CDBG program is to meet the needs of primarily low-and-moderate-income persons. This funding recommendation, from the CDCAC, is for PY 2023 which operates from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The CDCAC reviewed PY 2023 applications, held four public meetings including two meetings of applicant presentations, and is now recommending specific funding allocations to the Village Board for non-profit entities that will carry out CDBG Public Services, Public Facility Improvement, and Administration. HUD limits public service funds to a 15% cap of the annual allocation allotting \$230,878 available in PY23 and administration funds to a 20% cap of the annual allocation allotting \$307,837 available. Administration funds also cover expenses for CDBG staff and overhead costs through the Village. The recommendations are outlined below.

Public Service: Easterseals, \$5,000; Borth West Housing Partnership, \$6,625; Way Back Inn, \$10,406; NAMI

Metro Suburban, \$11,000; Sarah's Inn, \$12,000; Community Support Services, \$12,000; Our Future Reads, \$7,000; New Moms, \$18,500; IWS Children's Clinic, \$25,000; Y.E.M.B.A., \$21,000; Hephzibah, \$21,000; Beyond Hunger, \$24,000; VOP Farmer's Market, \$12,000; Housing Forward, Interim Housing, \$32,000; Housing Forward WRAP, \$13,447.

Public Facility Improvement: UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, \$46,800; Hephzibah Children's Association, \$65,291; Way Back Inn, \$11,165; YEMBA, \$10,000; IWS Children's Clinic, \$35,000; Thrive Counseling Center, \$50,000.

Administration: Oak Park Regional Housing Center, \$60,000; Oak Park Coalition to End Homelessness, \$40,000.

### **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). This agenda item has no impact on the Village's General Fund.

### **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 are: 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**

Defer and request additional information.

### **Previous Board Action**

On June 21, 2022, the Village Board approved the PY2022 Action Plan for the 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 recommendations for the PY2023 CDBG funding. The final of these four meetings was a public hearing.

### **Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

On June 20, 2023, staff will present a 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. The above allocation awards will be part of the PY 2023 Action Plan. After this comment period, a final PY 2023 Action Plan will go to the Village Board for approval, and afterward, the Action Plan will be submitted to HUD.

**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 on August 15, 2023.