

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Luke Watson, Director of Community Development

DATE: April 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Approve Fiscal Year 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Annual Action Plan Funding

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TEMECULA APPROVING THE 2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION
PLAN AS AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR
FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was established through the Housing and Community Development Act in 1974. The primary purpose of CDBG funding is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

From 1992 to 2012, the City participated in the Riverside County Economic Development Agency Entitlement Program to receive CDBG funding. On April 10, 2012, City Council adopted the first Five-Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), authorizing the City to become an Entitlement Community and direct recipient of CDBG funds.

In preparation for the 2020-21 Action Plan, staff held two CDBG community workshops at the Temecula Help Center December 12, 2019 (morning and evening). The workshops encouraged participation regarding CDBG funding and provided technical assistance to applicants. Based on input gathered from the public, and the adopted ConPlan, the following objectives continue to guide the City in allocating CDBG funds:

- Promote the development of affordable housing.
- Preserve the existing housing stock.
- Ensure equal access to housing opportunities.

- Provide public services for low and moderate income residents.
- Provide public services for residents with special needs.
- Provide public services for the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness.
- Provide public services for seniors and veterans.
- Improve neighborhoods, public facilities, and infrastructure.
- Promote economic opportunity.
- Amend land use and zoning laws to promote the development of affordable housing.
- Provide greater access to public facilities for persons with disabilities.

The Finance Committee, consisting of Mayor Stewart and Council Member Edwards, convened on March 6, 2020 to make recommendations on CDBG funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Their recommendations are reflected in this report. The draft 2020-21 Annual Action Plan was available for public review from March 28, 2020 through April 28, 2020.

2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Temecula anticipates receiving approximately \$559,529 through the CDBG program for the 2019-20 program year. A maximum of twenty percent may be allocated for administration of the program, and a maximum of fifteen percent may be allocated for public services, with the remainder, approximately \$363,693, available for capital improvement projects. The breakdown of the estimated budget is demonstrated in the following chart.

2020-21 CDBG Budget	
2020-21 Allocation	\$559,529.00
2020-21 Program Income	\$0.00
Available Unallocated/Reprogrammed Funds	\$0.00
Total Funds Available	\$559,529.00
Public Service Allocation	
Maximum 15% of 2020-21 Allocation	\$83,929.35
Total Public Service Funds Available	\$83,929.35
Capital Improvements Allocation	
2020-21 Allocation	\$559,529.00
2020-21 Program Income	\$0.00
Minus Allocated Administrative Funds	\$111,905.80
Minus Allocated Public Service Funds	\$83,929.35
Plus Available Reprogrammed Funds	\$0.00
Total Capital Improvements Funds Available	\$363,693.85
Administrative Funds	
Maximum 20% of 2020-21 Allocation	\$111,905.80
Total Administrative Funds Available	\$111,905.80

Public Services

A maximum of \$83,929 (15%) may be allocated for public services during the fiscal year. Staff completed an extensive review of the applications to determine the benefit to low and moderate-income persons, activity need, cost efficiency, effectiveness, activity management, and experience and past performance. A summary of the funding recommendations of the Finance Committee is below. All applicants for the 2020-21 funding period satisfy at least one Consolidated Plan priority, and are therefore eligible for funding.

Organization	Project Name	Program Description	Finance Committee Recommendation
Assistance League of Temecula Valley	Operation School Bell	Clothing & supplies for low income students in TVUSD	\$5,491
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest County	Before and After School Care	Round trip school transportation; activities before and after school	\$5,491
Canine Support Teams, Inc.	Service Dogs for Disabled Persons	Provide service and assistance dogs to people with disabilities.	\$5,491
City of Temecula	Homeless Prevention and Diversion Program	Connecting homeless individuals with services and financial assistance	\$20,000
Community Mission of Hope	Housing Resource Center	Provide case management for homeless; food pantry	\$5,491
Fair Housing Council of Riverside County	Comprehensive Fair Housing Program	Fair housing education, training, technical assistance; landlord/tenant mediation	\$20,000
Hospice of the Valleys	Senior Assistance Program	Provide direct costs of hospice care for senior citizens	\$5,491
Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center	Anti Violence Education and Crisis Intervention	Provide support and services to survivors of sexual assault	\$5,491
Safe Alternatives for Everyone (SAFE)	Creating SAFE Families	Victim awareness; case management; support for victims	\$5,491
Voices for Children	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program	Case management and advocacy for foster children in Temecula	\$5,491
Total Public Service Funds Requested for 2020-21			\$83,928

Housing Activities and Capital Improvement Projects

The City received one application for housing funds. The Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Maintenance and Repairs Program proposes to provide three to five low-income households with home repair and maintenance services to keep homes affordable. The Finance Committee recommended funding Habitat for Humanity \$50,000 from capital improvement funds. The Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Maintenance and Repairs Program meets the ConPlan goal of “preserv[ing] the existing housing stock.”

The Finance Committee recommended that the remainder of the CIP funds (\$313,693) be allocated towards high priority accessibility projects in City parks and facilities, as identified in the draft Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan. Financial allocations towards these projects satisfy the ConPlan goal of “provid[ing] greater access to public facilities and improvements for persons with disabilities.”

FISCAL IMPACT: Upon the approval of the 2020-21 Annual Action Plan, the City of Temecula anticipates receiving approximately \$559,529 through the CDBG program for 2020-21, and approximately \$2.75 million through the duration of the Consolidated Plan cycle.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution – Approval of 2020-21 Annual Action Plan
2. Exhibit A: 2020-21 Annual Action Plan
3. Notice of Public Hearings (English and Spanish)