



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Carole Kendrick, Interim Community Development Director
DATE: November 19, 2024
SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Award of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

Description Annual review of applications and award of CDBG funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Background and Analysis:

Each year the City receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for expenditure in the City of Beaumont. The amount estimated for this year for all programs is \$151,000. The City can award a maximum of 15% or \$22,650 to non-profit groups. In previous years, the City has utilized 15% to fund non-profit requests and reserve the remaining funding for City and neighborhood improvement projects. This year, as in previous years, the minimum CDBG award for an individual program is \$10,000 for the County to act as the program administrator.

Applications for CDBG project funding are divided into two sections. The first section is public, non-profit programs and the second section is public improvement projects. City Council approval is to authorize the preparation and submittal of the County of Riverside Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the County of Riverside.

Non-profit Public Programs

Staff received three requests from non-profit organizations for CDBG funding of public programs:

Boys & Girls Club of the San Gorgonio Pass - \$50,000

This proposal requests funding for the Boys & Girls Club Camp Kids program (Attachment A). The program consists of Summer Camp, Thanksgiving Camp, Winter Camp and Spring Camp programs. The programs will be provided at Brookside Elementary and Sundance Elementary. Funds would be applied to scholarships for families that cannot afford the full cost of the programs. BGCSGP has also applied to

the County for funding which, if awarded, allows the County to handle all reporting requirements.

Voices for Children - \$10,000

This proposal requests funding to support the growth of the Riverside County CASA program by funding a portion of the salaries and benefits for two of VFC's staff Advocacy Supervisors (Attachment B). Advocacy Supervisors provide direct support and supervision to 40-45 CASA volunteers each. They accompany CASAs and their case children to court and child welfare meetings. They help CASAs to identify community services and resources that will benefit a specific child. They also staff an emergency cell phone line that CASAs can access 24 hours a day/365 day a year when they encounter emergencies. VFC is also requesting support for indirect expenses at a 10% de minimis rate, which will be used to fund administrative staff salaries. These CASA will work directly with children who live in the City of Beaumont.

Upwards' Boost Program - \$48,000

This proposal requests funding for Upwards' BOOST Program, which offers personalized business and technical support to in-home childcare providers (Attachment C). BOOST focuses on Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) XBE providers with fewer than five employees who care for children ages 0-5 and offer before- and after-school care for children up to age 13. The program aims to increase economic opportunities for LMI daycare owners in Beaumont by providing training on essential tools to improve operational efficiency, enhance revenue, and retain jobs within the childcare sector. Upwards has identified 23 daycares in Beaumont but proposes serving six microenterprise home daycares, prioritizing applicants by risk and need. The program can be scaled according to funding availability, with a phased cost of \$8,000 per provider. Through one-on-one coaching, training, and access to digital tools, BOOST supports providers in optimizing areas such as marketing, enrollment, accounting, and curriculum planning, enabling them to focus on quality care. By increasing revenues, providers can expand capacity, create new LMI jobs, and improve access to affordable, quality care for working families in Beaumont.

Public Improvement Projects

Pedestrian Safety Project - \$128,350

The proposed Pedestrian Safety Project is ongoing and includes any combination of installing sidewalks, curb and gutter where none currently exists or repairing or replacing sidewalk areas in disrepair. This funding will be coupled with other funding

City Council has allocated through the Capital Improvement Program from previous CDBG funding cycles. A map showing the project area is attached (Attachment E).

Through the 2024-2027 Consolidated Plan process, City Council approved the City's funding priorities as follows:

- Infrastructure Improvements
- Recreation Improvements
- Youth and afterschool programs
- Support Services – Homeless, veterans and special needs

Staff has reviewed the applications for completeness, to ensure that the proposals meet the City's funding priorities and provide CDBG eligible services. Each of the proposed applications meets these criteria and each proposal is also seeking funding from other cities and/or Riverside County.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published on the City's website beginning October 1, 2024. The application period remained open for a minimum of thirty days as required by the CDBG program. The NOFA was also advertised in the Press Enterprise on November 9, 2024, as shown in Attachment F.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this staff report is approximately \$150. Projects and staff time to prepare documents and agreements are reimbursable through the CDBG program.

Recommended Action:

Hold a public hearing; and

Approve and authorize staff to submit a CDBG application for the City of Beaumont Pedestrian Safety Project and give authority to the City Manager to reduce or increase the amount funded to the projects based on the final amount of funding available to the City of Beaumont; and

Approve and authorize staff to submit a CDBG application for Voices for Children in the amount of \$10,000 and the remaining amount to the Boys & Girls Club of San Geronio Pass, subject to the conditions of the CDBG program as provided by Riverside County EDA.

Attachments:

- A. Boys & Girls Club of the San Geronio Pass Application
- B. Voices for the Children Application

- C. Upwards Application
- D. City of Beaumont CDBG FY25-26 Application
- E. Construction Plans – Sidewalk Project
- F. Proof of Publication