



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Christina Taylor, Deputy City Manager  
**DATE:** November 15, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing and Consideration of CDBG Funding Requests for Program Year 2023-2024

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**Description** Annual consideration of requests for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

### **Background and Analysis:**

Each year the City applies for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for expenditure in the City of Beaumont. The amount estimated for this year for all programs is \$168,900. The City can award a maximum of 15% or \$25,335 to non-profit groups. In previous years, the City has funded approximately \$20,000 in non-profit requests and reserved 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.

The proposed application requesting County approval of CDBG projects is divided into two sections. The first section is public, non-profit programs and the second section is public improvement projects. 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 one request from non-profit organizations for CDBG funding of public programs:

#### **Boys & Girls Club of the San Geronio Pass – Request of \$35,000**

This proposal is requesting funding for the Boys & Girls Club Camp Kids program. 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.

### Public Improvement Projects

Staff has prepared one eligible project application for the 2023-2024 CDBG program year. A copy of the application is attached for your review.

### **Downtown Blight Abatement – Request of \$148,900**

The proposed blight abatement activities will include any combination of repairing or replacing nonworking streetlights, graffiti removal, trash/debris removal and assistance with repair of dilapidated structures. This funding will be coupled with other funding City Council has allocated through the Capital Improvement Program.

Through the 2019-2024 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.

The Notice of Funding Availability was published in the newspaper and on the City's website beginning September 27, 2022. The application period remained open for a minimum of thirty days as required by the CDBG program.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Cost to prepare the application and staff report is approximately \$250.

### **Recommended Action:**

Hold a public hearing,

Approve and authorize staff to submit a CDBG application for the City of Beaumont Downtown Blight Abatement and give authority to the City Manager to reduce or increase the amount funded to the project based on the final amount of funding available to the City of Beaumont, and

Approve and authorize staff to submit a CDBG application for the Boys & Girls Club of the San Geronio Pass in the amount of \$20,000 subject to the conditions of the CDBG program as provided by Riverside County EDA.

**Attachments:**

- A. Boys & Girls Club of San Geronio Pass Application
- B. City of Beaumont Application
- C. NOFA Publication Affidavit