Council Communication

Department: Community Development	Resolution No.: 21 -	City Council: June 14, 2021

Subject/Title

2021 Amendment to the Annual Plan for Community Development Block (CDBG) funds.

Background/Discussion

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The City of Council Bluffs is an entitlement community under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which results in annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order to receive these funds, the City is required to submit to HUD an Annual Plan, which was already submitted and approved by Council. In May 2021, the City of Council Bluffs was notified by HUD that the City would receive an additional allocation of $14,673. Due to the additional allocation, this amendment to the Annual Plan is required.

The Annual Plan details the City's objectives, revenues, expenditures and other actions. This document is prepared by the Community Development Department with input from the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC). On October 26, 2020 City Council approved the 2021 CDBG budget (Resolution 20-259). The City then received $995,720 in CDBG funding. Eligible CDBG projects had to meet the following national objectives: benefit to persons of low-to-moderate income, elimination of slum and blight and urgent need. In addition, the City received a $14,673 allocation. These additional funds were also allocated to the City through HUD's CDBG entitlement designation. The total CDBG program budget is $1,010,393 and includes the following sources of revenue:

2021 Annual CDBG Grant	$995,720
Additional CDBG Allocation	$14,673
Total	**$1,010,393**

Discussion

Of the 2021 Annual CDBG funding, a significant amount has been spent on ongoing programs. However, a portion of the available funds were allocated to various projects using a request for proposal (RFP) process. This included advertising the availability of funding in the *The Daily Nonpareil*, posting the availability of funding at City Hall and notifying others who expressed an interest. Upon the receipt of proposals, public hearings were held and recommendations formulated. The Community Development Department and Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is now recommending the additional allocation of funds go towards Community Development Administration and South End Opportunities (former Reliance Battery Factory).

Upon City Council approval, the Community Development Department will forward the amendment to the 2021 Annual Plan to the City of Omaha and to HUD.

Staff Recommendation

The Community Development Department recommends that City Council adopt a resolution approving the use of the additional allocation of funds as outlined in the attached budget; direct the Mayor to submit the 2021 Amendment to the Annual Plan to the City of Omaha and to HUD; and directs the Mayor to execute contracts with HUD for the use of the CDBG funds.

Community Development Advisory Committee

On June 2, 2021, CDAC met to review the CDBG additional allocation funds and recommend their approval. CDAC recommended the following for approval:

1. Allocating CDBG additional funds to activities as outlined in "Attachment A." Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those present. VOTE: AYE: Schlott, Rowe, Mathews, Adkins, Heininger; NAY – None; ABSTAIN –None; ABSENT – None.