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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

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DATE: July 17, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff directions regarding the 2027-2028 Community Development Grant Program Application recommendations.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Foster Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

BACKGROUND

The Community Development Grant funds are awarded through the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) review process that includes an application from the applicant to the committee followed by recommendations to City Council from the committee. There are three (3) grant types: Human Services, Housing Projects, and Public Facility Projects.

Each year staff review the previous applications to determine if revisions are needed to ensure ease on behalf of the applicant. Staff receive feedback from applicants regarding the application process and common questions that assist staff in updating application questions.

Based on the Community Development Grant applications and funding priorities, CSAC will give staff direction regarding the development of the 2027-28 applications set to go live around October. These applications are for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and General Fund (GF) dollars.

CDBG funds can be awarded to fund a wide range of community development activities such as acquisition of real property, relocation and demolition, rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures, construction of public facilities, and economic development activities. Each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefiting low- and moderate-income people, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development urgent needs for which other funding is not available.

HOME funds can be awarded to fund a wide range of housing activities, including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-moderate income people.

2027-28 APPLICATION TIMELINE

Each year, the Community Development Department releases grant applications for Human Services, Housing, and Public Facility projects. CSAC follows a timeline that is created by Community Services staff. Below is last year's timeline.

Month	Activity
December	Applications are Released
January	Applications are Due
February	Summary of Applications provided to CSAC and Release of all 3 funding type applications
March	Neighborly training on reviewing and scoring applications
April	Deadline to Score Applications
April	Recommendation Discussion
May	Final Recommendations for City Council considered by CSAC

Previous CSAC discussions have included releasing the applications earlier in the year, so that applications are not due soon after the holidays. Staff also want to consider any changes to the release of funding applications to CSAC to ensure sufficient time is available for review and scoring. Below are options to incorporate the changes discussed above:

APPLICATION OPTIONS

1. Accept staff recommendations on the 3 funding applications
2. Not Accept staff recommendations on the 3 funding applications
3. Other committee recommendations

CSAC TIMELEINE OPTIONS

1. Keep all grant applications' release date and due date the same as last year.
2. Move up the application release date to early October with a due date of mid-November before the holidays.
3. Provide all three funding applications received to CSAC at the same time.
4. Stagger the release of funding applications by type to give CSAC time to review and score applications.
5. Other committee direction.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Combined Application- Human Services, Housing and Public Facility Projects

Exhibit 3 – Presentation

Exhibit 4 – Draft Scoring Rubric

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