



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Christine Taylor, ACM

DATE: April 12, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding funding recommendations for applications and applicant presentations for 2024-2025 Community Development Grant Program.

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 and presentation from the applicant to the committee followed by recommendations to City Council from the committee. A total of twenty-two (22) eligible grant applications were received by the application deadline on January 16, 2024, and chose to complete the application process, from eligible non-profit organizations and city departments totaling \$1,957,024.00 for the 2024/2025 program year. A breakdown of applications received by application type is included below:

- Human Services – 17 applications totaling \$1,073,560.00
- Housing Projects – 3 applications totaling \$598,464.00
- Public Facility Projects – 2 applications totaling \$285,000.00

Projects Human Services applicants were invited to present their projects to the CSAC on March 30, 2024. Applicants had five (5) minutes to make a presentation regarding the funding request, and the CSAC then asked questions for up to five (5) minutes following each presentation. Public Facility and Housing applicant presentation materials were provided to the CSAC due to lack of quorum on the scheduled presentation date of March 8, 2024.

Based on the Community Development Grant applications, the applicant presentations, and funding priorities, the CSAC will give staff direction regarding the development of funding recommendations 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: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or

elimination of slums or blight, or address community development urgent needs for which other funding is not available.

The CDBG funding for public (social) services is capped by federal guidelines at 15% of the total CDBG allocation. This is estimated to be \$144,679.00 of the total allocation in Program Year 2024/2025. GF dollars are used to support human services activities that are not funded through CDBG. This is estimated to be \$377,955.00 in GF to be awarded to social service programs providing needed services to City of Denton residents.

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-income people. The HOME grant requires that at least fifteen (15) percent of the HOME funds must be undertaken by a special type of non-profit called a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). The application from Denton Affordable Housing Corporation is for CHDO funding, and the minimum amount that must be provided is \$78,266.09 based on the estimated 2024/2025 grant allocation.

The total CDBG, HOME and General dollars available for applications is \$1,675,353.93 for the 2024-2025 funding year.

Source	Estimated Amount
Community Development Block Grant Funds	\$775,625.00
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$521,773.93
General Funds	\$377,955.00
TOTAL	\$1,675,353.93

Upon approval from City Council, CDBG, HOME and General Fund funding recommendations will be included in the City’s annual *Action Plan for Housing and Community Development* submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in August 2024.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

2024-2025 Community Development Grant Program Application Timeline

PROPOSED ACTIVITY	DATE
Applications Due	January 16, 2024
CSAC Funding Hearings	March 8, 2024 March 23, 2024
CSAC Funding Recommendations	April 12, 2024
Development of Action Plan	April 2024
30-day Comment Period on Action Plan	May 2024
Work Session Presentation of Action Plan to City Council	May 21, 2024
City Council and Public Hearing	June 18, 2024
City Council considers approval of Action Plan	July 23, 2024
Submission of Action Plan to HUD	August 15, 2024

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Grant Application Summary Materials

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