



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

February 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Hold a Public Hearing and Consider Recommended Project Selection for the 38th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Collins, Director of Planning and Economic Development

REFERENCE NO:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed 38th year CDBG project, including the installation of sidewalk accessibility ramps located along South Main Street, Fair Oaks Boulevard, Limestone Drive, Himes Drive, Collin Drive, Sixpence Lane and Newport Way and motion to approve a recommendation regarding the selected CDBG project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Open the Public Hearing and continue it to the next meeting.
2. Open, conduct, and close the Public Hearing.
3. Approve the request with modifications – *simple majority*
4. Deny the request – *simple majority*

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually appropriates funds to entitlement communities through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. These funds are targeted to benefit low to moderate income persons and are to be used for the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities.

The City of Euless has identified the need for installation of accessible sidewalk ramps throughout several areas of the community. The installation of these ramps would provide transitions from sidewalks to street pavement grades that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Engineering Department has identified seventy three (73) sidewalk accessibility ramp locations. These accessibility ramps are located along South Main Street and within several residential neighborhoods.

Sidewalk accessibility ramp installations are eligible for CDBG funding regardless of their location within the community. The engineer's opinion of probable cost for the project totals \$326,300. All available 38th year CDBG funding will be utilized in the design, engineering and construction of sidewalk accessibility ramps.

Total funding allocation for the 38th year CDBG program has not yet been finalized. Tarrant County Community Development (TCCD) has indicated that the city's estimated project available allocation should be approximately \$321,807. Additionally, there is approximately \$115,019.05 in CDBG funds remaining from the 36th year CDBG program. These funds are eligible for use on the 38th Year project, thus total funding available for the 38th year CDBG project is estimated to be approximately \$441,379.05.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- 38th Year CDBG Application and Area Maps

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office