



## **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

February 12, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Hold a Public Hearing and Consider Recommended Project Selection for the 39<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for fiscal year 2013-2014.

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

**REFERENCE NO:**

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed 39<sup>th</sup> Year CDBG project, for the installation of sidewalk accessibility ramps located along North Main Street, Midway Drive, and within several neighborhoods and motion to approve a recommendation regarding the selected CDBG project.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

- Open the Public Hearing and continue it to the next meeting
- Open, conduct, and close the Public Hearing
- Approve the request with modifications
- Deny the request

### **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.

For the second consecutive year, 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 eighty-six (86) sidewalk ramp locations. These are located along North Main Street, Midway Drive and within several 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 \$402,296. All available 39<sup>th</sup> Year CDBG funding will be utilized in the design, engineering and construction of sidewalk accessibility ramps.

Total funding allocation for the 39<sup>th</sup> 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 \$289,626.30, or approximately 10% less than allocated the previous year. Additionally, there is approximately \$124,996.50 in CDBG funds remaining from the 37<sup>th</sup> Year CDBG program. Of these rollover funds, approximately \$112,669.70 would be used to fund the balance of the sidewalk program for this year. The total available funding from this year's allocation and the eligible rollover funding will cover the estimated costs of the sidewalk replacement program.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- 39<sup>th</sup> Year CDBG Application and Area Maps

**APPROVED BY:**

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