



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

February 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Hold a Public Hearing and Consider Recommended Project Selection for the 40th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

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

REFERENCE NO:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed 40th year CDBG projects, rehabilitation and installation of sidewalk accessibility ramps within the City of Euless Municipal Complex Plaza located at 201 N. Ector Drive, and for sidewalk accessibility ramps along Kynette Drive and W. Pipeline Road, and motion to approve a recommendation regarding the selected CDBG projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Open the Public Hearing and continue to next meeting
- Open, conduct, and close the Public Hearing
- Approve the request with modifications
- Table 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 third consecutive year, the City of Euless has identified the need for installation of accessible sidewalk ramps throughout 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 fifty (50) sidewalk ramp locations. These are primarily located along W. Pipeline Road, Kynette Drive, and Signet Drive. 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 \$138,099. A portion of the available 40th Year CDBG funding will be utilized in the design, engineering and construction of sidewalk accessibility ramps.

This year, staff has also identified an accessibility project which affects citizen access to municipal buildings within the City of Euless Municipal Complex. The City contracted with Schrickel, Rollins and Associates (SRA) to provide a report assessing the pathways from parking areas to municipal buildings through the plaza area. SRA evaluated these paths for their compliance to slope and design according to design standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The report found that certain ramps from the eastern parking lot are out of compliance, areas of the aggregate concrete paving have heaved, cracked and have been damaged, which may cause slope and trip hazards. Additionally, the surface treatment, slope and landing interval of the path from the plaza to the Library east side entrance is also non-compliant.

SRA has provided a cost estimate within a phased plan for the reconstruction of the plaza area to achieve compliance with ADA standards and to improve the safety and functionality of the area. Phase I of the project focuses on the reconstruction of the pathways for ADA compliance. The report specifically identifies which items would be eligible for funding through CDBG. The total estimated cost of the CDBG eligible portion of the project is \$246,929. The estimated City cost for the project is \$110,572.

Total funding allocation for the 40th 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 \$280,274. There is approximately \$125,594.47 in CDBG funds remaining from the 38th Year CDBG program which can be used for a total of \$405,868.47.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- 40th Year CDBG Application for Sidewalk Accessibility Ramps and Area Maps
- 40th Year CDBG Application for Municipal Plaza Accessibility Project.

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office