



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

February 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Hold a Public Hearing and Consider Recommended Project Selection for the 41st Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

REFERENCE NO:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed 41st year CDBG projects which include the replacement of a six (6") inch water main with an eight (8") inch waterline on N. Ector Road from Midway Drive to Trojan Trail and installation of sidewalk accessibility ramps along W. Harwood Road, and motion to approve a recommendation regarding the selected CDBG projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Open the Public Hearing and continue to next meeting
- 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 fourth 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 seventeen (17) sidewalk ramp locations. These are located along W. Harwood Road. 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 \$59,301. A portion of the available 41st year CDBG funding will be utilized in the design, engineering and construction of sidewalk accessibility ramps.

This year, staff has also identified an infrastructure improvement project which is located within a US Census Block Group identified by HUD as an eligible block group for CDBG funds as a majority of population within the block group identify as low/moderate income levels. The project would entail the replacement of a six (6") inch water main, originally installed in the 1950s, with an upgraded eight (8") inch water line. The water line identified for replacement is located within the N. Ector Drive right-of-way between Midway Drive and Trojan Trail. The total estimated cost of the phase one of the project is \$310,925 utilizing both 41st year CDBG funds and 39th year rollover CDBG funds.

Total funding allocation for the 41st 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 \$90,000 in CDBG funds remaining from the 39th Year CDBG program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- 41st Year CDBG Application for Sidewalk Accessibility Ramps and Area Maps
- 41st Year CDBG Application for Waterline Project

APPROVED BY:

_____ **LG** _____ City Manager's Office

_____ **KS** _____ City Secretary's Office