



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: JOHN BINGHAM, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER 

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR THE 47TH PROGRAM YEAR (2021-2022) - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING; AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1715, APPROVING THE CDBG 47TH PROGRAM YEAR (2021-2022)

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2021

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct a public hearing on the proposed projects and budget for the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year. Upon consideration of the public testimony and discussion of relevant issues, adopt Resolution No. 2021-1715 (Attachment A) approving the allocation of 2021-2022 CDBG funds, and the proposed projects for implementation during the CDBG 2020-2021 Program Year.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, CDBG funds are allocated to cities by the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), and administered through the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA). Participating cities, whose total populations are less than 50,000, participate in the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program, and receive funding based upon the total number of cities participating in the County's program. It is also based on a city's need to provide housing, economic and social services; and community development opportunities that principally benefit persons of low and moderate income levels, aid in the prevention of neighborhood deterioration, and meet

other urgent community development needs due to natural disasters or other emergencies. To be eligible for the CDBG program, a household of two persons cannot exceed the annual moderate income limit of \$72,100, per HUD Income Guidelines. A household of four persons cannot exceed the annual moderate income limit of \$90,100.

This is the 47th year the City of Calabasas (or, prior to 1991, unincorporated Calabasas) has participated in the Los Angeles Urban County's CDBG Program. In order to continue its participation in the upcoming 2021-2022 program year, which begins on July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022, the City of Calabasas must prepare and submit its proposed CDBG project descriptions to LACDA no later than March 1, 2021, for review and approval.

Pursuant to Federal requirements, notice of this public hearing was properly published and posted in public buildings within the City. Federal requirements also mandate that as part of the hearing, the Council and public be informed of the range of eligible housing and community development activities that may be funded under the CDBG program. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Federal eligibility guidelines, available at the City of Calabasas Administrative Services Department, during regular business hours.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The City of Calabasas estimated CDBG allocation for Program Year 2021-2022 is approximately \$100,358. This is a **planning estimate only**; LACDA will not release final appropriations from HUD until Spring 2021. The City's final CDBG allocation may be **more or less** than the planning estimate. Generally, the final allocation is within 10% of the estimate provided. In FY 2020-2021, Calabasas' CDBG appropriation was \$101,372.

For consideration, the following project is proposed for the 2020-2021 CDBG Program Year:

Residential Rehabilitation - \$80,287

This project offers grants to owner-occupied residential property owners (including mobile homes) for emergency repairs, improvements to substandard properties, corrections to code violations, seismic retrofits, and lead-based paint and asbestos hazard evaluations and remediation. A wide range of exterior and interior repairs are eligible for funding including plumbing, electrical, roofing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning upgrades, handicap accessibility ramps, and energy efficiency upgrades

such as water heaters and windows. To be eligible, owners must qualify as low or moderate income under HUD guidelines. Grants up to a maximum of \$15,000 will be available to eligible homeowners. It is anticipated that approximately six to eight grants will be completed under this program.

There continues to be high demand for the Residential Rehabilitation Program and approximately 20 prospective applicants are on the program waiting list. During FY 2020-2021, four household projects were completed. For FY 2021-2022, it is anticipated that seven households will be served. To continue to meet the demand, it is recommended that the Residential Rehabilitation Program be offered for the upcoming CDBG Program Year 2021-2022.

Senior Activities - \$20,071

This project will provide a variety services to senior citizens who are 55 years of age or older, including (but not be limited to): The Calabasas Savvy Seniors program consisting of classes, excursions, special events, lectures and luncheons for seniors within the City of Calabasas. Online and in-person programs through the Calabasas Senior Center. The project may also assist with vaccination programs for seniors. The project will provide services to approximately 100 senior citizens during the program year.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

For planning purposes, the City's CDBG estimated annual allocation for the upcoming 2021-2022 Program Year will be approximately \$100,358.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Conduct a public hearing on the proposed projects and budget for the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year. Upon consideration of the public testimony and discussion of relevant issues, adopt Resolution No. 2021-1715 approving the allocation of 2021-2022 CDBG funds.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution Number 2021-1715