



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 31.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 2, 2014

DEPARTMENT: PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

DIRECTOR: STEPHEN HARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion for possible action regarding an estimated allocation of \$4,624,463 FY 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City of Las Vegas by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$4,624,463

Funding Source: HUD-CDBG

Dept./Division: Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services/Neigh. Services

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas anticipates utilizing \$4,624,463 of United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG Funds for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The CDRB reviewed applications and heard presentations in order to make funding recommendations to the City Council. The City of Las Vegas shall complete all HUD-required Environmental Reviews (ER). No project may commit and/or expend any funds prior to compliance with 24 CFR Part 58 and final notification. Should there be an increase or decrease in funding amounts, awards shall be changed proportionately.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the CDBG allocations and authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all related agreements and documents required for the projects following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Submitted at Meeting - Agenda Memos with Recommended Allocations by Staff

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BOB COFFIN, RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, STAVROS S. ANTHONY, STEVEN D. ROSS, BOB BEERS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

STEPHEN HARSIN, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, introduced ROXANA McCOY, Chair and AUDREY ASSELIN, Vice Chair of the Community

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Development Recommending Board, who reviewed applications and heard presentations in order to make funding recommendations to the City Council. This year the funding was slightly higher and he submitted for the record the updated information.

MS. McCOY outlined the application process, which includes providing information about other funding sources, their budget and partnerships they have formed with other agencies. The City is limited by federal regulations to allocate fifteen percent of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to public service projects. This year 29 agencies were partially funded for a total of \$1,878,226. The agencies were informed about the City Council's priorities for this fiscal year, which included homeless outreach/prevention, youth programs with a focus on academic skills and early childhood development, special needs population and the seniors. Keeping with the Council's priorities, the Board recommended funding for ten homeless programs, four senior programs, three special needs programs and 12 youth programs in the amount of \$693,669.

MS. ASSELIN continued with the recommendations and stated that the Board reviewed four applications for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for a total of \$433,066. The Board recommended funding for three of the ESG applications for a total of \$336,143. This funding will provide services to address the needs of the homeless with emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, rental assistance and homeless prevention services. For the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) program, the City has designated recipients of funds for all of Clark County. The Board reviewed applications requesting a total of \$1,298,912, and recommended funding for five applications in the amount of \$1,099,590. This funding will provide services to address the needs of persons affected by HIV including rental assistance, permanent affordable housing, case management and emergency services. MS. ASSELIN acknowledged the CDRB Members.

MS. McCOY thanked the Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services staff, especially SHAWN BOLSTER, CDRB Coordinator, for her invaluable help in making this very difficult process seamless.

MR. HARSIN discussed with MAYOR GOODMAN that the increase from last year was \$350,000 and was distributed by Housing of Urban Development.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked MS. McCOY and MS. ASSELIN why they chose to participate on this Board. MS. ASSELIN responded that it is a way for her to give back to the community, especially for agencies that help the homeless and people in need. MS. McCOY echoed MS. ASSELIN's sentiments and added that it gives her an opportunity to understand the different programs that provide services to the community and how they impact the lives of the citizens. MS. ASSELIN remarked that for those who would like to get involved, meet with their Council representative, visit the many different agencies, learn about their programs and volunteer. MS. McCOY indicated that she experiences firsthand the impact these programs make to the lives of the constituents. MAYOR GOODMAN added that the public find their passion, get involved and volunteer.