



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 2, 2016 Agenda Item 5

Voting Session

Resolution Endorsing FY18 Community Development Block Grant Project

Recommended Council Action

Approve Resolution

Context with Key Issues

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides flexible funding for a variety of activities that include neighborhood revitalization and economic development. In June 2016, the City Council adopted new funding priorities for the program, limiting the expenditure of CDBG funds to capital projects benefitting low and moderate income populations. Letters of Inquiry from organizations seeking funding for capital projects were solicited. On September 7, community members were encouraged to comment during a public hearing on the needs of Takoma Park's low and moderate-income households and to suggest appropriate capital projects to address those needs. No eligible projects were identified during this process.

In the absence of specific proposals from the public, staff has requested the funds be set aside for various streetscape improvements within identified CDBG eligible neighborhoods. Projects would be more clearly defined during the budgeting process.

The CDBG program is administered by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs and projects must be approved by the County Council prior to the disbursement of funds. The accompanying resolution, which endorses the proposed use of CDG funds provides for the advancement of this project.

Council Priority

Advance Economic Development Efforts; Environmental Sustainable Community; Livable Community for All

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

An estimated \$91,000 will be available for qualifying capital projects in PY43 (FY2018)

Attachments and Links

- Resolution Endorsing FY18 Community Development Block Grant Project Takoma Park
- [Community Development Block Grant Program \(includes area eligibility map\)](#)

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Approved by: Suzanne R. Ludlow, City Manager

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2016 -

ENDORING FY18 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park participates in the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates receiving an estimated \$91,000 in FY18 from Montgomery County Maryland's annual CDBG entitlement funding, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2016-16, adopted by the Council on June 15, 2016, limits the expenditure of CDBG allocations to capital projects benefitting the community's low and moderate income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a general call to the community soliciting proposals for CDBG eligible capital projects and conducted a public hearing to identify potential projects on September 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, staff, having received no proposals from the public, have recommended the use of CDBG funds for various streetscape improvements in established low and moderate income neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that the following capital project has been accepted for consideration for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in FY18:

City of Takoma Park Streetscape Improvements \$91,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to forward the project to Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs for further review, to execute any documents, and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution including the reallocation of grant funds among the endorsed grantees in the event the City's FY18 CDBG allocation is modified.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk