



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 25, 2019

Agenda Item 1

Public Hearing

Priority Needs and Proposed Projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Recommended Council Action

None – Public Hearing

Context with Key Issues

The Council is holding a public hearing to solicit comments regarding Takoma Park's Community Development Block Grant program.

The Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) was initiated in 1974 and is one of the oldest programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG grants are provided on an annual basis to communities to ensure decent affordable housing for all, to provide services to the most vulnerable, to create jobs, and expand business opportunities. On June 15, 2016, the Council adopted Resolution 2016-16, limiting the expenditure of CDBG allocations to capital. Takoma Park's CDBG funds are provided as a pass through from Montgomery County.

Qualifying capital projects must be located in designated CDBG eligible census tracts, illustrated in the accompanying map, or persons or households of low and moderate incomes as defined by HUD. Community members are encouraged to comment during the hearing on the needs of the City's low and moderate-income households and to suggest appropriate capital projects to address those needs.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Considerations

The environmental implications are unknown and will be developed as the project progresses.

Fiscal Considerations

The City will receive an estimated \$91,000 in funds for FY20.

Racial Equity Considerations

This Council action will primarily benefit low and moderate income residents of Wards 4, 5 and 6, where an estimated 80% of the residents are people of color.

Attachments and Links

- Map of CDBG Eligible Areas
- Resolution 2016-16 Establishing Funding Priorities for the CDBG Program

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2016-16

**ESTABLISHING FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

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, receiving a proportionate share of Montgomery County Maryland's annual CDBG entitlement funding, and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program provides a flexible funding source for a variety of community development projects including public service programs which benefit persons of low and moderate incomes and capital projects located within designated low and moderate income areas; and

WHEREAS, funding for public service programs under the CDBG program is limited and the use of funds for this purpose is heavily regulated by HUD; and

WHEREAS, comparable grant opportunities for public service programs have been developed by the City for programming benefitting this same targeted population that provide greater access to funds and are less burdensome to administer than grants awarded through the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the Council, having completed a review of the grant programs offered by the City, have found that the continued use of CDBG funds for public service programs is not an efficient use of resources; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations governing the CDBG program do not require funding of public service programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the expenditure of future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations will be limited to capital projects benefitting low and moderate income populations as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure the appropriate distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and compliance with federal regulations governing the CDBG program.

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2016.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

<p>Purpose</p> <p>Council Priority</p> <p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>Award Process</p>	<p>To provide funding for capital projects in designated low and moderate income census tracts and/or which benefit certain low and moderate income populations.</p> <p>Advance Economic Development Efforts Environmental Sustainable Community Livable Community for All</p> <p>Capital projects including purchase and installation of equipment. Examples include: Flower Avenue Green Street, Commercial Façade Easements, Community Kitchens, ADA Improvements, etc.</p> <p>Competitive grant process with applications reviewed by the Grants Review Committee and recommendations endorsed by the City Council. Final awards approved by Montgomery County Council.</p>
<p>Funding Structure</p> <p>Recommended Funding Level</p> <p>Recommended Awards</p> <p>Match Requirements</p> <p>Award Restrictions</p> <p>Term of Award</p>	<p>Competitive Application - Grant Agreement</p> <p>100% of Annual CDBG Allocation - Estimated at \$91,000</p> <p>Minimum \$10,000 award</p> <p>None</p> <p>One grant per funding cycle</p> <p>12 month award</p>
<p>Targeted Beneficiaries</p> <p>Residency Requirements</p> <p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Low and moderate income neighborhoods</p> <p>100% Takoma Park Residents</p> <p>501(3) organizations recognized by the IRS City of Takoma Park</p>

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

City of Takoma Park CDBG Eligible Areas

