



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 16, 2019 Agenda Item 3

Work Session

Discussion of Proposed FY2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

Recommended Council Action

None – Discussion only

Context with Key Issues

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides flexible funding for a variety of activities that include neighborhood revitalization. Programming priorities, established by the Council with the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-16, limits the expenditure of CDBG funds to capital projects benefitting low and moderate income populations as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which administers the CDBG program on behalf of the HUD, has indicated that an estimated \$91,000 in CDBG funds will be allocated to the City in FY21. The actual grant award may vary depending upon the allocation of funding at the federal level.

Staff has requested the funds be set aside for various ADA streetscape improvements in the CDBG eligible areas. Potential project sites include a section of Maple Avenue (MD 410 to Sligo Creek Parkway) and Ritchie Avenue (Ward 4); one side of Carroll Avenue from Ethan Allen to Jefferson Avenues (Ward 3); and Carroll Avenue between Merrimac and University (Ward 6). Given the location and nature of the proposed improvements, the project meets the federal low- and moderate-income beneficiary requirements as they are either located within a CDBG eligible area and/or the assumed beneficiaries of these improvements, individuals with disabilities and seniors, is a population that HUD presumes is lower income.

Council Priority

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 FY2021

Racial Equity Impact of Action

We do not believe this action will adversely affect or disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

- DRAFT Resolution Endorsing FY21 Community Development Block Grant Project Takoma Park
- CDBG Eligibility Map

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Posted: 2019-10-08

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Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2019-

ENDORING FY2021 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 FY2021 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 Council has endorsed the use of CDBG funds for eligible streetscape and ADA improvements.

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 FY2021:

City of Takoma Park Streetscape and ADA 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 FY2021 CDBG allocation is modified.

Adopted this __ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

City of Takoma Park CDBG Eligible Areas

