



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 23, 2019 Agenda Item 4F

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Endorsing FY2021 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. 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 FY2021. 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 planned ADA streetscape improvements throughout the community. Specific projects sites, to be identified in partnership with the Public Works Department, must be approved by Montgomery County to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

The accompanying resolution, if adopted by Council, will be forwarded to the Montgomery County Council for consideration and incorporation in its FY2021 budget.

Council Priority

Livable Community for All

Environmental Considerations

ADA streetscape improvements allow residents to more easily walk, bicycle and take public transportation.

Fiscal Considerations

An estimated \$91,000 will be available for qualifying capital projects in FY2021.

Racial Equity Considerations

CDBG projects are designed to benefit low and moderate income populations. Racial statistics for the areas in Takoma Park that meet the income requirements are not exact, but all are in Census Tracts that are at least 50% people of color. All of Ward 5 is in Census Tracts that have Black/African-American as the largest demographic but that group represents less than 50% of the population. The eligible Tract in Ward 4 that includes the Piney Branch Road/Mississippi/Geneva area has Black/African-American as the largest demographic, representing 50-70% of the population and the Tract in Wards 1 and 4 that includes the Piney Branch Road/Maple/Philadelphia/Ritchie area

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has Black/African-American as the largest demographic, representing 70-90% of the population. The Tract in Ward 6 that includes the Carroll/Anne/Lockney area has Hispanic as the largest demographic, representing 70-90% of the population.

Attachments and Links

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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