



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 13, 2022 Agenda Item 4

Work Session

Approval of Amending FY2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects and Endorsing FY2022 and FY2023 Community Development Block Grant Projects

Recommended Council Action

Vote on Resolution Endorsing Amended FY2021, FY2022 and FY23 Community Development Block Grant project

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 HUD, allocated \$91,000 in CDBG funds to the City in FY21, FY22 and FY23.

Council passed Resolution 2019-49, endorsing the funds be set aside for various ADA streetscape improvements in the CDBG eligible areas. This project has not moved forward, as the bidding and contractual requirements that CDBG regulations mandate for construction projects result in higher project costs and add significant staff time due to enhanced federal regulation oversight needs. Past experience has found that the requirements render a project significantly more expensive to complete than the City would encounter utilizing our own bidding and contractual procedures.

Staff requests to repurpose the CDBG funds for Neighborhood Improvements in CDBG eligible areas and to allocate FY22 and FY23 CDBG funds for the same purpose. The City has identified various neighborhood improvements that could be undertaken in Ward 5, including improvements of Toatley-Fraser Park, last renovated in 2005. Specific project sites identified by Planning and Public Works staff will be approved by Montgomery County to ensure compliance with federal requirements. The project meets the federal low-and moderate-income beneficiary requirements as they are located within a CDBG eligible area. This proposed amended project will be combined with the previously endorsed CDBG project, approved by Council in Resolution 2018-51, for Neighborhood Improvements in this same area of the City.

The accompanying draft resolution endorses the proposed use of CDBG funds to provide for the advancement of this project.

Council Priority

Livable Community for All

Environmental Impact of Action

The Neighborhood Improvements project, with improvements at Toatley-Fraser Park and amenities such as benches, will not have an adverse environmental impact.

Fiscal Impact of Action

A total of \$273,000 is available for qualifying capital projects: \$91,000 in FY21 CDBG funds amended from ADA sidewalks to additional funds for Neighborhood Improvements in Ward 5; and the previously unspecified total of \$182,000 in FY22 and FY23 CDBG funds for Neighborhood Improvements in Ward 5.

Racial Equity Impact of Action

According to the American Community Survey, in Block Group 1, Census Tract 7017.02, 75.20 percent of the residents identify as people of color. By focusing the expenditure of CDBG funds specifically on this Census block group, the project will improve community amenities for this population.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Resolution Repurposing FY21 Community Development Block Grant Funds and Endorsing FY22 and FY23 Community Development Block Grant funds
- CDBG Eligibility Map
- American Community Survey data for CDBG proposed area
- [Takoma Park Resolution 2019-49](#)
- [Takoma Park Resolution 2018-51](#)

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2022-

**ENDORSING AMENDED FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS**

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

WHEREAS, the City has \$273,000 available from Montgomery County'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 approved Resolution 2019-49 to endorse the use of CDBG funds for streetscape and ADA improvements, however, the CDBG procurement policies make the funds difficult to use for this amount of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Council has endorsed the use of CDBG funds for a targeted neighborhood initiative in Ward 5 including but not limited to public improvements such as improvements to Toatley-Fraser Park and the installation of benches and other amenities in the neighborhood.

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

Neighborhood Improvement Initiative	\$273,000
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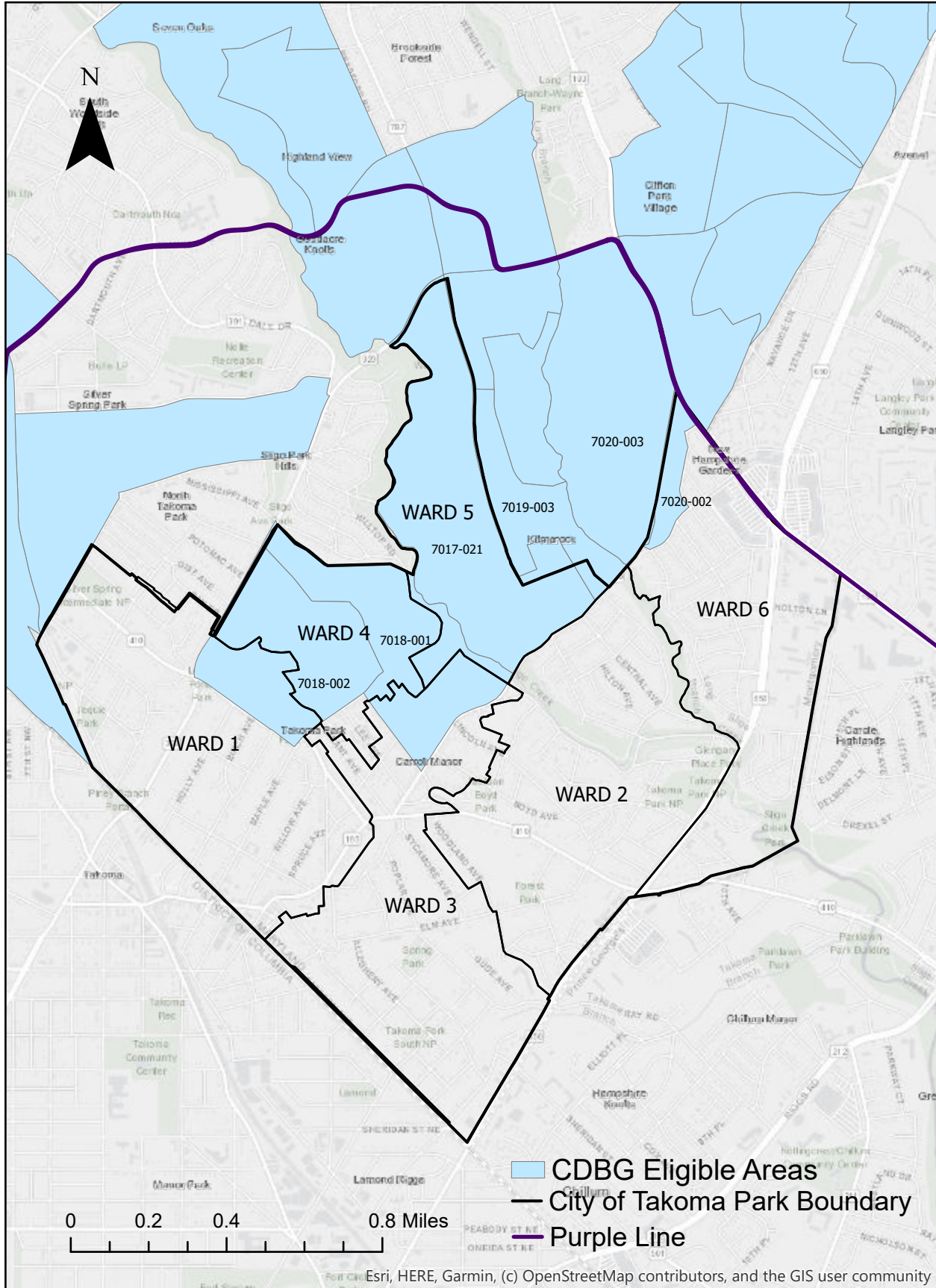
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to forward the project to Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs for further review, to execute any documents, and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Adopted this __ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

City of Takoma Park CDBG Eligible Areas





Block Group 1, Census Tract 7017.02, Montgomery County, Maryland

Total residents without high school or GED: 243

Total households with limited English proficiency: 76

Total households below \$25k: 176

Total households below \$30k: 233

Total households below \$50k: 498

Total residents with income-poverty ratio below 1.25: 412

Total households receiving public assistance: 116

Percent residents without high school or GED: 15.3%

Percent households with limited English proficiency: 7.7%

Percent households below \$25k: 17.8%

Percent households below \$30k: 23.5%

Percent households below \$50k: 50.3

Percent residents with income-poverty ratio below 1.25: 17.8%

Percent households receiving public assistance: 11.7%