



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: May 4, 2021

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Approval of Substantial Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019-20 Action Plan to Include Coronavirus (CV3) Funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program; Approval of CV3 Fund use for an Access Lompoc Program in Response to COVID-19; and Adoption of Resolution No. 6404(21)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Hold a public hearing;
- 2) Approve the selection of Access Lompoc Program (Program) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Action Plan;
- 3) Adopt Resolution No. 6404(21) (Attachment 1) adopting Substantial Amendment No. 2, approving Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) for inclusion in the City of Lompoc FY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) and authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign any agreements or certifications that authorize the City to receive the funds (Attachment 2);
- 4) Authorize submission of the approved Substantial Amendment to FY 2019-20 Action Plan to Include CDBG-CV3 Funding [Exhibit A to Resolution 6404(21)] to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period (May 5, 2020); or
- 5) Provide alternate direction.

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Background:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), signed in March 2020 authorized CDBG-CV3 funds from HUD to be allocated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The City was notified of its second CARES Act allocation on September 11, 2020, in the amount of \$394,259. That second allocation is commonly known to the CDBG Program as “CV3” funding.

The primary objective of the CDBG Program is the development of viable communities. That is achieved by providing the following, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income:

- Decent housing,
- A suitable living environment, and
- Expanded economic opportunities.

Additional funding criteria include:

- CDBG funds may not replace any City or State-funded functions;
- All funds must be used for activities that benefit low-income persons;
- Expenditures that do not comply with HUD regulations must be paid back from the City’s General Fund; and
- CDBG-CV funds are restricted to activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to, COVID-19.

Community Involvement

Community involvement is an important factor in identifying projects for funding under the CDBG Program. To meet that objective, a press release was published on the City’s website for a 30-day public comment period from April 5, 2021, to May 5, 2021, inviting the public to comment on the CDBG-CV3 funding. The press release also included notification of the public hearing to be conducted on May 4, 2021, at the regular meeting of the City Council.

Discussion:

Staff recommends the City Council allocate the CDBG-CV3 funds of \$394,259 toward an Access Lompoc Program. The program will assist with the safe opening of Lompoc facilities and programs. The program will allow for public accessed capital and program improvements to facilities such as City Hall, Anderson Recreation Center, the Dick DeWees Community Senior Center, and programs for human services. Improvements are identified as, but not limited to, the removal of structures to allow for distancing, installation of “no touch” fixtures and devices for information, sneeze and cough guards, sanitization stations and purchase of computer software for safe business practices to deter the contraction of the Coronavirus.

Per the City's partnership in the County of Santa Barbara HOME Consortium, the CV3 funding must be included in the City's FY 2019-20 Action Plan.

Staff recommends the City Council approve the CDBG-CV3 funds for an Access Lompoc Program to be included in the 2019-20 Action Plan as a substantial amendment.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund as CDBG-CV3 funds will be used to implement the program.

Conclusion:

The FY 2019-20 Action Plan Substantial Amendment was posted for public review on the City's website on April 5, 2021, for a 30-day public comment period. City staff will continue to receive comments from the public through May 5, 2021. If approved, copies of the signed City Council Resolution, signed HUD certifications, minutes of the City Council meeting, and any public comments or written correspondence received during the 30-day public notice period, will be forwarded to HUD with the FY 2019-20 Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Christie Alarcon, Community Development Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

- Attachments: 1) Resolution No. 6404(21)
2) FY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan