

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Public hearing on the draft Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and funding recommendations for Program Year 2018.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The City of New Braunfels is preparing to submit the annual Housing and Community Development Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The annual action plan outlines the projects and programs the City will support with CDBG funds during the 2018 HUD Program Year to further the goals of the Consolidated Plan. To receive HUD entitlement funds, the City annually submits a one-year, annual action plan, including proposed projects and federal certifications. The action plan is developed in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. After submission, projects are implemented in accordance with the approved one-year budget and certifications. The City's allocation for Plan Year (PY) 2018 is \$378,454, which will begin October 1, 2018.

By HUD CDBG requirements, of the total \$378,454 in CDBG funding, up to 15 percent can be allocated for public service activities, 20 percent for program administration and the remaining sixty-five percent can be used for housing and public facilities projects. A balance of public facilities funds from the previous years allocation is recommended to be added to the Westside Community Center project.

Public hearings are required to receive citizen's comments on a proposed annual action plan. The first public hearing was held on June 6, 2018 at Torrey Haus, 776 E. Torrey Street, New Braunfels. The City of New Braunfels draft 2018 annual action plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will be available for a 30-day public review period beginning June 11, 2018 and ending on July 12, 2018.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is a City Council appointed board that provides community input on the CDBG program including review of requests for funding and recommendations for funding allocations for City Council consideration and approval. The following allocations are being recommended by the Community Development Advisory Committee:

CASA	Salaries for Case Managers	18,000
SA Food Bank for NB Food Bank	Emergency food distribution program	8,000
Salvation Army	Community Kitchen Operations	10,117

Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation	Meals on Wheels	20,651
	Public Services Activities	\$56,861
City of New Braunfels	CDBG Program Administration	
	Administration	\$75,691
Comal County Habitat for Humanity	Home building program	8,500
Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation	Minor home repair program	100,000
Westside Community Center	2 nd Floor Fire Exits and AC Unit Replacement	*152,500
	Housing and Public Facilities Projects	\$261,000

**a portion of uncommitted funds (\$15,098) from previous PY funds is eligible and available for this project*

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

X	YES	City Plan/Council Priority	Strategic Priorities: Growth and development Comprehensive Plan: Affordable housing, historic preservation, education and youth.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

These funds constitute a grant to the City from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and there is no matching requirement.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) has approved these recommendations for City Council consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required. This is a public hearing to allow citizens to make comments on the recommendations as required by HUD.