

City Council Agenda Summary Sheet (Non-Purchases)

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PURPOSE:

I recommend that City Council adopt the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and allocation amounts for the 2005 – 2006 program year.

DISCUSSION:

In keeping with Congressional and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines there must be a Public Hearing for the elected officials of each community to hear public comments regarding the proposed uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The City of Rochester Hills has been involved in the CDBG program since the program's inception in 1975. Over that time the City has allocated over \$3.8 million to provide needed services for our residents.

When considering how to allocate funds, CDBG activities must meet one of the following benefit criteria:

- Benefit low and moderate income residents
- Prevent or eliminate slum and blighted conditions
- Meet an urgent community need where a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community exists and no other funding is available to meet the need

In keeping with Congressional and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines, the City of Rochester Hills held a public hearing regarding the 2005/06 CDBG funding allocation on November 3, 2004. A City of Rochester Hills City Council resolution is required to adopt the following CDBG programs and funding amounts:

\$53,284 **Minor Home Repair (3188)** – To assist approximately twenty (20) low-moderate households with a variety of necessary home repairs or improvements. Repairs will conform to Oakland County guidelines and State of MI Lead Based Paint requirements.

\$35,000 **Planning / Management (3304)** – Planning Services including comprehensive Environmental Assessment, Thoroughfare Planning and Park Master Planning located within the City of Rochester Hills.

- \$43,283** **Public Services / General (3384)** – Home Chore Program to service approximately 120 low-income senior citizens and disabled adult households including spring and fall yard clean-up services, bi-weekly lawn mowing services (May-Sept.), and snow plowing services.
- \$20,000** **Public Services / Youth Services (3384)** – Rochester Area Youth Assistance - Provide youth enrichment programs including summer camp and tutoring for approximately 100 youths from low-moderate income families.
- \$7,500** **Public Services / Battered & Abused Spouses (3384)** – HAVEN - Provide shelter and counseling services for approximately 150 abused spouses and their children who are residents of the City of Rochester Hills.
- \$7,500** **Public Services / Battered & Abused Spouses - Legal Services (3384)** – Provide legal and counseling services for approximately 100 abused spouses and their children who are residents of the City of Rochester Hills.
- \$5,000** **Public Services / Emergency Clothing (3384)** – Reimburse the administrative costs of one or more non-profit agencies that provide emergency clothing services to approximately 200 low-moderate income residents of the City of Rochester Hills.
- \$5,000** **Public Services / Youth Services (3384)** – Avondale Youth Assistance - Provide youth enrichment programs including summer camps and tutoring for approximately 50 youths from low-moderate income families.
- \$176,567** **Grand Total 2005 – 2006 CDBG Allocation**

The main difference between the 2005/06 Program Year application and the 2004/05 Program Year application is that an additional \$25,000 is proposed to go towards the Minor Home Repair Program. Last year those funds were directed towards the Removal of Architectural Barriers Project and were used to pave ADA Compliant Pathways at Bloomer & Yates Park.

All Public Service funding levels were maintained at the same level due to the fact that the City of Rochester Hills has been instructed to anticipate on receiving the same dollar amount as the City received for the 2004/05 Program Year. Within each program year, the total Public Services program allocation cannot exceed 50% of the total allocation ($\$176,567 / 2 = \$88,283$). If City Council wishes to change the allocation levels of any Public Service program, there must be a corresponding increase/decrease to another Public Service Program.

‘Construction Type’ programs make up the remainder (Minor Home Repair + Planning = \$88,284). Planning Services cannot exceed 20% of the total allocation ($\$176,567 * 20\% = \$35,313$, rounded down to \$35,000).

FISCAL INFORMATION:

No Impact. All expenses are reimbursable through Oakland County and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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