

**MONTEREY URBAN COUNTY
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEETING:	April 8, 2020	Agenda Item:	2
SUBJECT:	a. Review Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 20/21 Projects and Services and review an overall plan for the CDBG Consolidated Planning Period from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25 and plan COVID-19 CDBG CARES Act Appropriation; b. Approve CDBG funding recommendations for FY 20-21 Projects and Services to be included in the Draft 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for Consideration by the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2020 and approve an overall plan for the CDBG Consolidated Planning period from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25; and c. Approve the Draft Citizen Participation Plan		
DEPARTMENT:	CAO-IGLA, Housing & Economic Development		

RECOMMENDTION

1. It is recommended that the Standing Committee:
 - a. Review Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 20/21 Projects and Services and review an overall plan for the CDBG Consolidated Planning Period from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25;
 - b. Approve CDBG funding recommendations for FY 20-21 Projects and Services to be included in the Draft 2020-21 Annual Action Plan for Consideration by the Board of Supervisors and approve an overall plan for the CDBG Consolidated Planning period from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25; and
 - c. Approve the Draft Citizen Participation Plan

SUMMARY & DISCUSSION

On March 5, 2020, the Urban County Committee met to review and develop funding recommendations to be included in the CDBG FY 20/21 Urban County Annual Action Plan. These funding recommendations describe how the Urban County plans to use the FY 2020-2021 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annual CDBG allocation of \$1,388,044.

Additionally, the County is proposing a funding methodology for the five-year Consolidated Planning Process. This methodology would allow the County and its partners to plan for larger projects by utilizing their overall allocations within a 2 to 3-year time period. This change should reduce overall administration and allow more time to develop larger, more impactful projects. Over the Consolidated Planning period, County staff is also recommending a minimum of \$25,000 Public Service projects and implementing a two-year funding cycle. This will allow for an automatic renewal of public service funding for two years. If a project is funded in FY 2021-2022, the project will be automatically renewed in FY 2022-23 and a project funded in FY 2023-24 will be automatically renewed in FY 2024-25. FY 2020-21 will be a one-year cycle during the five-year planning cycle.

CDBG regulations limit the maximum amount of annual grant funding that can be used to fund

general administration (20%) and public services (15%). For the FY 2020-21 program year this will limit general administration to \$277,608 and public services to \$208,207. The Urban County received 11 requests totaling \$275,000 for public service activities. Proposals for CDBG funding were proposed with \$902,229 available. The eligible projects include North County Recreation and Park District gym improvements; sidewalk, road and sewer improvements in the unincorporated County and the Veterans Transition Center renovation of duplexes to provide transitional housing units for chronically homeless Veterans at 230 Hayes Circle.

The Urban County did not receive project proposals from any of its partners, the cities of Del Rey Oaks, Gonzales, Greenfield and Sand City, anticipating a consolidation of funding for activities.

Attachment 1 to this report provides an overview of FY 2020-21 Public Service funding. At the March 5, 2020 meeting, this Committee approved public service allocations for nine agencies totaling \$225,000. Recognizing that these allocations exceeded available funding, the Committee directed staff to reduce all allocations equally so that the total allocations did not exceed \$208,207.

Attachment 2 provides an overview of the anticipated funding that will be available to the Urban County during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period and the 2020-21 Available Funding and Amounts Requested.

HUD release the CDBG CARES Act COVID-19 funding allocation on Thursday, April 2, 2020. The County of Monterey received an allocation of \$816,541. The County will utilize this funding in congruence with eligible uses for the emergency funding and will use the funding in coordination with other emergency efforts to house, feed, pay rental subsidies, food, etc.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Public Service Funding

Attachment 2: Urban County Consolidated Plan and Action Plan funding

Attachment 3: Draft Citizen Participation Plan

Attachment 4: Consolidated Plan and Action Plan Power Point