



City of Olathe

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 7/2/2024

FOCUS AREA: Quality of Life

STAFF CONTACT: Mike Sirna/Emily Diehl

SUBJECT: Report on 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Report on 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations.

SUMMARY:

The City of Olathe has a long standing cooperative agreement with Johnson County for receiving CDBG funds. As a result of the agreement, the City of Olathe receives 41% of the County's CDBG funds. The projected 2025 allocation is estimated to be \$481,750.00.

The City of Olathe and Johnson County utilize the same CDBG application, guidelines, and procedures. Olathe is responsible for advertising CDBG grant funding availability, conducting a public hearing, overseeing the Olathe application and review process, and making funding recommendations. Olathe received 11 grant applications for 2025, requesting a total of \$2,454,800.00. After an initial desk review for eligibility, eligible applicants were given the opportunity to present the proposals to a rating team on June 20th, 2024.

Recommendations from the rating team:

Public Service (*total of Public Service funding may not exceed 15% of the federal allocation*):

- El Centro, Rent and Utility Assistance: \$26,631.25
- Catholic Charities, Rent and Utility Assistance: \$26,631.25
- Olathe Parks and Recreation, Childcare Scholarships: \$15,000.00
- Johnson County Parks and Recreation District, Childcare Assistance: \$6,000

Housing:

- Olathe Housing Authority, Scattered Sites Mechanical Systems Upgrades: \$108,930.00
- Olathe Community Enhancement, Full-time Community Enhancement Officer: \$100,000
- Olathe Housing Rehab, Project Funding: \$100,000.00
- Olathe Housing Rehab, Administration: \$80,557.50
- Friends of JCDS, Accessibility Modifications to Olathe Home on Edgemere: \$20,000.00

Contingencies:

If additional funds are allocated by the federal government, the rating team recommends:

- Public Service: equal increase between El Centro and Catholic Charities up to 15% Public Service cap.
- Housing: Remaining funding split 50%/50% between Olathe Housing Authority and the Olathe Housing Rehab Project Funding.

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If funds are reduced by the federal government, the rating team recommends:

- Public Service: equal decrease between El Centro and Catholic Charities down to the 15% Public Service cap.
- Housing: remaining decrease equally applied for all housing projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approximately \$481,750.00 in federal funds are being made available to Olathe to address public improvements, housing services, community development, and public services that benefit low- to moderate-income persons living in Olathe.

ACTION NEEDED:

Accept report.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None.