

Work Session

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	October 5, 2015
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Discussion Item	Discussion of Community Development Block Grant Projects
Background	<p>The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program offers flexible funding for a variety of capital and public service projects which provide direct benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) residents, serve an area that is predominantly inhabited by LMI residents, or address conditions of slum and blight. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development with grants administered by Montgomery County.</p> <p>A public hearing on the general parameters of the CDBG program and the needs of Takoma Park's LMI residents was held September 8, 2015. The individuals addressing the Council during the hearing highlighted the specific needs of the community's disabled population.</p> <p>The availability of funding for both capital and public service projects was announced in late July with grant applications due September 2, 2015. Requests for funding for a variety of public service programs were received by the deadline and forwarded to the Grants Review Committee for consideration. The Committee's funding recommendations are to be presented to the Council at the beginning of the October 5, 2015 meeting and will be posted on the City's website when they become finalized.</p> <p>The City did not receive any requests for available capital funds. As such, staff is preparing options for the use of these funds for Council consideration. Additional information on eligible capital projects will be made available prior to the October 5 Council meeting.</p> <p>The Council is asked to consider the funding recommendations presented by the Grants Review Committee and staff. A resolution of endorsement for the funding of selected projects is scheduled for consideration on October 29, 2015.</p>
Policy	To maximize funding resources available for programming which benefits the community's low and moderate income populations and neighborhoods.
Fiscal Impact	The City will receive an estimated \$77,500 in funds for FY17 (Program Year 42). Of this amount, not more than \$11,625 or 15% of the anticipated award can be allocated to community or public service projects with the balance directed toward qualifying capital improvement projects. Funding is anticipated to become available in late September 2015.
Attachments	None
Recommendation	Provide direction to staff on CDBG funding priorities.