



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Community and Economic Development Committee
FROM: Nikki Gerhard, Community Development Specialist
DATE: November 08, 2017
RE: Recommendations for 2018 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Background. The estimated 2018 CDBG award listed in the 2018 City budget was \$535,000. This amount was estimated based on past award amounts. Staff determined the allocations for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program, Neighborhood Services Program, Appleton Housing Authority and administrative costs. The remaining amount was designated for department projects and community partners through a competitive application process.

Application Information. CDBG applications from City Departments were due to the Community and Economic Development Department on August 31, 2017. Two applications were submitted; one was recently approved for the full request. CDBG applications from community partners for the 2018 program year were due to the Community and Economic Development Department on September 29, 2017. Ten applications were submitted. Upon receipt, the applications were thoroughly reviewed by the Community and Economic Development Specialist for eligibility under HUD program regulations and it was determined that all were eligible.

After awards were allocated for City programs, administration, and the City Department project, the amount available to allocate to the community partner applicants was \$193,152.29. Only 15% of a grantee's allocation may be used for public service activities, per HUD regulations. In this instance, only a maximum of \$80,250 could be allocated towards the public service applications. Because the funded City Department project fell under the public service category, the remaining balance allowable to community partner applicants was \$28,402.29. The total amount requested by applicants whose activities fell under the public service category was \$110,000; while the total amount requested by applicants whose activities did not fall under the public service category was \$234,157.

Application Review. The CDBG Advisory Board met on November 1, 2017. (See attachment for information regarding Board membership.) Members were asked to review the applications and decide upon allocation amounts prior to the meeting. The allocation amounts made by each board member were compiled and discussed at the meeting. Allocation recommendations were agreed upon pursuant to this discussion.

Allocation Approval. The funding allocation recommendations for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program, Neighborhood Services Program, Appleton Housing Authority and administrative costs, as determined by staff, and the allocation recommendations from the CDBG Advisory Board for community partners are presented in the attached table for CEDC approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 832-6469 or nikki.gerhard@appleton.org. Thank you!