



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

Item No. _____

FROM: CITY ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 44th YEAR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Conduct public hearing
2. Adopt the resolution authorizing the substantial amendment to the 44th year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Commerce is a participant City in the County of Los Angeles Small Cities Block Grant Program that distributes Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Each year, the City receives an allocation of funding administered by the Community Development Commission of Los Angeles County (CDC) for programs and projects that benefit low to moderate-income persons.

In accordance with CDC's Citizen Participation Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs, substantial changes to the One-Year Action Plan such as a cancellation of a project or when a project is changed from one eligible activity to another must be submitted for Public Review for 30 days prior to City Council consideration. The proposed amendment was posted at City Hall, Veterans Memorial Park, Bandini Park, Bristow Park and on the City's website on September 6, 2018.

The City Council will use a resolution authorizing the revised use of the 2018/2019 CDBG Funds to demonstrate City approval and adoption, which will be forwarded to CDC.

ANALYSIS:

The Substantial Amendment includes the cancellation of the City's CDBG ADA Accessibility Improvements – Curb Ramps in Bristow/Northwest Area (601990-18) and the reallocation of this project's funding of \$111,832 and allocation of \$3,809 of rollover funds, as a result of unexpended 2017-2018 for a total of \$115,641, to the City's existing Home Preservation Grant Program (601074-18). The Home Preservation Grant Program's total funding amount will be increased to \$210,641 for FY 2018-2019.

Originally, the City identified the use of CDBG funds to complete the ADA Accessibility Improvements – Curb Ramps in Bristow/Northwest Area project. However, upon identifying a more readily available funding source, the ADA Accessibility Improvements - Curb Ramps in the Bristow /Northwest Area were completed sooner than expected. Therefore, this one-time CDBG funding is available for reallocation to the City's Home Preservation Grant Program. The increased funding is expected to provide for additional much-needed home improvements and may also provide for the cost of administering the program.

The table below includes the reallocation of funds between projects and the allocation of prior unexpended funds for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. As shown, the bulk of the funds are earmarked to be used to improve residences via the Home Preservation Grant Program.

2018/2019 Substantial Amendment

Programs/Projects	From	To
Home Preservation Grant Program	\$95,000	\$210,641
Code Enforcement Program	\$10,000	\$10,000
Community Based Policing Program	\$14,311	\$14,311
ADA Accessibility Project	\$111,832	\$0
Total CDBG Funding	\$231,143	\$234,952

FISCAL IMPACT:

CDBG funds are Federal funds allocated to the City through the Community Development Commission of Los Angeles County. They provide an additional source of revenue to fund needed programs and reduce the impact to the General Fund.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

The issue before the Council is consistent with the Community Quality of Life Guiding Principle 5 of the City's Strategic Action Plan: "Foster environmentally conscious initiatives and continue to identify and develop city codes that support a clean, well-maintained, sustainable community". An Action Item titled "Pursue quality of life initiatives through the operating budget and CIP plan" was also developed to provide a pathway for the vision of the Guiding Principal to be realized.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff's recommendation

2. Provide staff with alternative direction

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

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