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### **PUBLIC HEARING TO COLLECT COMMENTS AND ALLOCATE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING**

#### **COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Preserve and enhance neighborhoods

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW:** N/A

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

This public hearing will be held to review and consider 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project designs submitted to the City, to hear public comment and make funding allocations.

A total of 11 CDBG project designs have been received: three projects for Main Entitlement funding, 5 projects for Public Services and 3 Planning projects were received. Public Review of projects is available on the City's CDBG webpage <http://www.mylongview.com/CDBG>.

Funding for 2017 CDBG is at \$284,373.00, funded through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A summary of submitted projects by category is as follows:

#### **Main Entitlement**

**Amount Available: \$184,842      Amount Requested: \$236,000**

**Archie Anderson Playground Replacement** - Archie Anderson is the oldest playground currently still in service at 21 years old and is first in line for replacement with new equipment. The playground is an integral part of this community park and used by the residents and visitors to the neighborhood. CDBG funds would be used for the installation of an accessible playground.

*City of Longview Parks Department*    **\$90,000**

**Ralph Kellogg Playground Replacement** - Ralph Kellogg is the second oldest playground currently still in service at 21 years old and is next in line for replacement with new equipment after Archie Anderson Park. The playground is an integral part of this high density, low to moderate income multifamily neighborhood. CDBG funds would be used for the installation of an accessible playground.

*City of Longview Parks Department*    **\$66,000**

**Hope for the Highlands**- Focus on three blocks surrounding Archie Anderson Park, provide front porch lights, landscaping, exterior improvements to owner occupied housing, and interior and exterior improvements to Lion's Den & Community Center buildings.

*Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity*    **\$80,000**

#### **Public Service**

**Amount Available: \$42,655      Amount Requested: \$118,113**

**Help Warehouse** - Distribute food and USDA commodities to persons in need and deliver food to Senior/Low

income apartments.

*Lower Columbia Community Action Program*   **\$38,390**

**Cowlitz Youth Outreach Center Operations** - provide services and housing to homeless youth in Cowlitz County.

*Housing Opportunities of SW Washington, and Janus Youth Services*   **\$12,723**

**Improving Family Resiliency, Empowerment and Self-Sufficiency-** provide planning and career development training in the target neighborhoods over a 14 month period to improve low income residents' resilience, physical and emotional health, financial literacy and job preparedness. Also offer parenting skills, healthy lifestyles and developmental screening for children.

*Cowlitz Community Network (CCN)*   **\$23,000**

**Homeless Recovery Tenant Based Rental Assistance Administration-**

*Community House on Broadway*   **\$8,000**

**Longview Super Summers-** Provide free summer childcare to up to 60 low-income Longview residents living in the Highlands neighborhood. Collect data necessary to pursue future funding to ensure the program's sustainability.

*City of Longview Parks and Recreation/Youth & Family Link/YMCA of SW Washington*   **\$36,000**

## **Planning**

**Amount Available: \$30,000 (estimated-combines previous year balance) Amount Requested: \$53,625**

**The Future of Affordable Housing with Support Services for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities in Longview** - A study of the Longview area for affordable housing for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Assess need more housing in the next 5+ years and evaluate ability of community to fulfill the needs of this population.

*Lifeworks*   **\$14,000**

**Highlands Revitalization Plan 10-year Update** - Conduct a formal assessment of current neighborhood conditions compared to the state of the neighborhood prior to the plan's development. The update will establish the best path forward for continuing the great work in revitalizing the Highlands neighborhood, determine what strategies should continue, and identify what adjustments are necessary based on outcomes and more recent findings regarding best practice for neighborhood revitalization.

*Neighborhood Resource Coordination Council (NRCC), Longview Highlands Neighborhood Association and Cowlitz Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH)*   **\$25,000**

**Archie Anderson Park Master Plan Update-** Update the existing park master plan to allow for expanded use as a community park and gathering place, and not as single sport specific park, to better meet the current needs of the park and residents.

*City of Longview Parks*   **\$14,625**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to allocate CDBG main entitlement as follows: \$90,000 to Archie Anderson Park playground replacement, \$14,842 to Ralph Kellogg Playground Replacement and \$80,000 to Hope for the Highlands. For Public Service: Motion to allocate 10,000 to the Help Warehouse, \$8,000 to Community House on Broadway for TBRA administration and \$24,655 for Longview Super Summers affordable child care program. For Planning: \$20,000 for Highlands Revitalization Plan 10-year Update and \$10,000 for Archie Anderson Park Master Plan update.

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