CITY OF PINELLAS PARK



Staff Report

Community Development Department Planning & Development Services Division

I. APPLICATION DATA

- A. Case Number: This item does not have a case number.
- B. <u>Location</u>: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2020-2021 Action Plan includes activities targeting the Youth Park neighborhood.
- C. <u>Reguest</u>: This is a public hearing item requesting City Council to adopt Resolution 20-XX, thereby approving the 2020-2021 CDBG Action Plan.
- D. Applicant: City of Pinellas Park, Community Development Department.
- E. Agent: This is inapplicable.
- **G.** <u>Legal Ad Text</u>: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearings:

1. City Council Hearing Date: 11/24/2020

2. Deadline to Send Public Hearing Notices: 10/30/2020

3. Advertising Deadline: (submitted) 10/30/2020 (published) 11/05/2020

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On October 1, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced an allocation to the City of Pinellas Park in the amount of \$400,242 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The funds were allocated as follows: \$320,194 (80%) for the Youth Park Improvements project—the installation of sidewalks and ADA ramps; curbs, drainage, lighting, parking lot improvements, a walkover pedestrian bridge and improvements to sports fields; and \$80,048 (15%) for Planning & Administration expenses. Youth Park improvements are included as a multi-year project in the City of Pinellas Park's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and extends through 2022. City staff identified the Youth Park (Census Tract 249.02, Block Group 3) community to be in high need for improvements, specifically public facilities.

Exhibit A, the 2020-2021 Action Plan, details the goals and activities that will be implemented utilizing CDBG funds.

SUMMARY

- A. <u>Findings</u>: Per HUD guidelines, a 30-day public comment period, for review of the proposed 2020-2021 Action Plan was published in the Tampa Bay Times on September 16, 2020. The 30-day public comment period was in effect September 16 October 16, 2020. All comments, if any, will be included as an appendix to the submitted Action Plan.
- B. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution 20-XX.

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Nick A. Colonna, AICP

Planning & Development Services Director Benjamin J. Ziskal, AICP, CEcD

Community Development Administrator

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Date

11/12/2020

Date

III. **ACTION**

CITY COUNCIL - MOVE TO:

A. APPROVE

B. APPROVE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

C. DENY

IV. **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A: 2020-2021 Action Plan Exhibit B: Youth Park Concept Plan

Exhibit C: Attorney Letter

RESOLUTION NO. 20-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2020 - 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park (City) is an entitlement community for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to regulation of the United States
Department of Housing and Urban Development(HUD), the City is
required to submit an Annual Action Plan; and

whereas, the City's Community Development Department has prepared the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan outlining the community development activities, objectives and budget for use of HUD funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park published the Notice of the Annual Action Plan on September 16, 2020 to start the local thirty (30) day comment period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor, as the official representative of the City, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and Submit the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD for review and approval.

SECTION THREE: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PUBLISHED THIS	DAY	OF	·		2020.
FIRST READING THIS	DAY	OF			2020.
PUBLIC HEARING THIS	DAY	OF			2020.
ADOPTED THIS	DAY	OF			2020.
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			MAYOR		

ATTEST:

Diane M. Corna, MMC CITY CLERK

2020 – 2021 Annual Action Plan



City of Pinellas Park

Community Development Department

6051 78th Avenue North

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INTRODUCTION

The 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for the City of Pinellas Park, Florida satisfies federal requirements to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income individuals and households.

Each activity to be undertaken with CDBG funds must meet one of three national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons,
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or
- Meet a community need having a particular urgency.

In order to receive CDBG funding, the City must prepare a multiyear Consolidated Plan. The City Council of Pinellas Park, Pinellas County, Florida, approved Substantial Amendments to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan on August 13, 2020. This Plan is a strategy that identifies priority housing and community needs. It also specifies activities the City will implement over a determined five-year period to address priority needs. The Action Plan, a component of the Consolidated Plan, is the City's annual expenditure plan for the use of CDBG funds to address the priority needs addressed in the Consolidated Plan.

SUMMARY

During CDBG Program Year 2020, the City of Pinellas Park will receive \$400,242 in funding from HUD. This Action Plan details the priority areas for which these funds will be utilized.

Point of Clarification: As a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dated March 27, 2020, HUD announced two relief allocations being directed to the City. Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Round One funds in the amount of \$235,484 and Round Three in the amount of \$330,715, a total of \$566,199, are reflected in the amended 2019 Action Plan. Two key program areas were identified for allocating CDBG-CV funds: Public Services in the amount of \$452,960 and Planning and Administration totaling \$113,239. Activities specifically related to CDBG-CV funds are detailed in the amended 2019 Action Plan and are not itemized in this Plan.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Based on citizen participation and through research, the City identified public facilities and infrastructure improvements and planning and administration as priority areas of need. To achieve these objectives, the City will invest in improvements at Youth Park, with a focus on creating suitable living conditions that will primarily benefit low and moderate income persons.

Goal 1: Pinellas Park Public Infrastructure - The Youth Park neighborhood (Census Tract 249.02, Block Group 3) is identified as being in dire need of infrastructure and public facility improvements. Improvements to the Youth Park Complex are expected to continue throughout the remainder of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. Safety & Mobility activities will be implemented to include: parking lot, curb, and sidewalk construction and improvements; construction of a pedestrian walkover, sports field improvements, and lighting upgrades for the sports fields.

- Objective Creating Suitable Living Environments
- Outcome Availability/Accessibility
- Specific Outcome Indicator 960 Households assisted for Low/Moderate Income Persons through the Youth Park Safety & Mobility Project

Goal 2: Pinellas Park Planning & Administration - No more than twenty (20) percent of CDBG funds will be used for planning and administration activities.

Goals Summary and Description Information Tables

2018-2022 Consolidated Plan						
Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator	
Community Development Facilities and Improvements	2018	2022	Non Homeless Special Needs Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$1,551,442	Public Facility or Infrastructure Improvement Activities other than Low-to-Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5,000 Persons Assisted	
Planning Administration and Capacity Building	2018	2022		CDBG \$348,067	Other	

2020 Action Plan Goals Summary

	2020 Action Plan							
Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Community Develop- ment Facilities and Improve- ments	2020	2021	Non- Housing Commun- ity Develop- ment	Census Tract 249.02, Block Group 3	Non Housing Community Develop- ment	\$320,194	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 296 Households Assisted
2	Planning Administra- tion and Capacity Building	2020	2021	Planning & Admini- stration	Pinellas Park - Citywide	Non Housing Community Develop- ment	\$80,048	Other: 1 Other

Goal descriptions provide insight into projects the City is proposing to conduct utilizing 2020 CDBG funds.

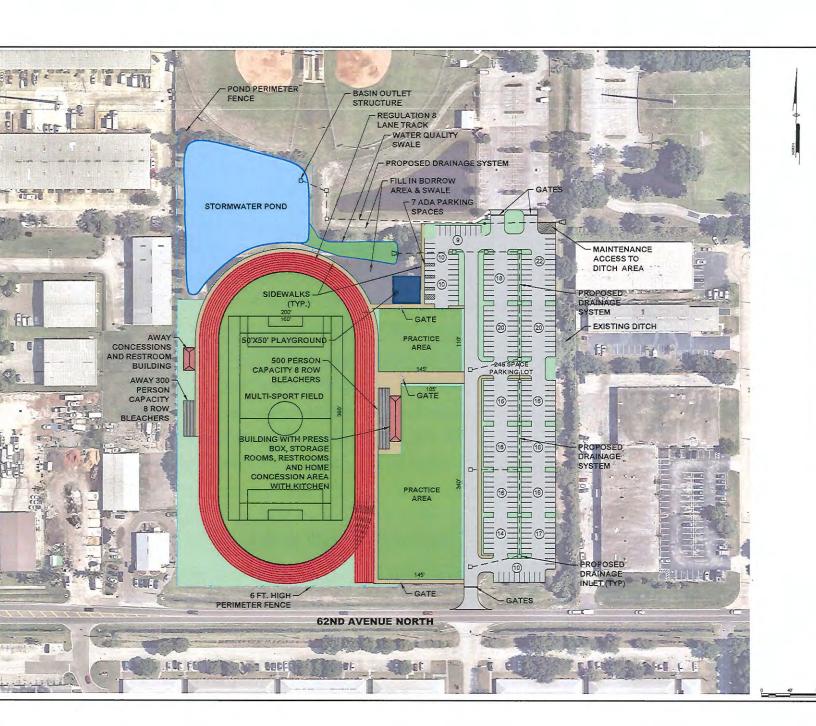
	Goal Descriptions							
1	Goal Name Goal Description	Community Development Facilities and Improvements The City proposes to invest in improvements to facilities and infrastructure that will primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Youth Park is a City-owned recreational facility in need a major improvements. The neighborhood surrounding the park is identified as low- to moderate-income with approximately 960 households. Improvements are scheduled to continue through the remainder of the City's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. Safety & Mobility activities will be implemented to include: parking lot, curb, and sidewalk construction and improvements; construction of a pedestrian walkover, sports field improvements, and lighting upgrades for the sports fields.						
2	Goal Name Goal Description	Planning Administration and Capacity Building Federal funds will be used by the City to comply with the planning, administrative, and reporting requirements associated with HUD grants. This goal will also support the City's actions to affirmatively further fair housing.						

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A public notice was published in the Tampa Bay Times on September 16, 2020 advertising a 30-day public comment period regarding the 2020-2021 Action Plan as part of the citizen participation requirements. The 30-day public comment period began on September 16, 2020 and closed on October 16, 2020. A public notice was advertised to notify citizens of a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 24, 2020. This public hearing is scheduled to take place at the Performing Arts Center, located at 4951 78th Avenue N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781. In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, a clause was included in the public notice alerting residents that due to the coronavirus pandemic, the hearing may be held virtually on the same date and time. Information for public participation at this meeting is located at the City's website, www.pinellas-park.com.

The City of Pinellas Park will consider any comments or views of residents, agencies, or other interested parties received in writing or orally prior to submitting this Action Plan to HUD. A summary of comments will be labeled Exhibit B and included with the 2020-2021 Action Plan.

Comments may be provided to Molly Gould, Community Services Technician, by email at mgould@pinellas-park.com, or addressed to: The City of Pinellas Park, Community Development Department, Attn: Molly Gould, 6051 78th Avenue N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781.



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October 28, 2020

Ms. Tammy Hillier
Community Services Manager
City of Pinellas Park
P. O. Box 1100
Pinellas Park, Florida 33780-1100

RE: City Document #20-319

Resolution Approving Submittal of the 2020 CDBG Action Plan

Dear Ms. Hillier:

I have received and reviewed the above-mentioned Resolution Approving the Submittal of the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Please note that the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan must be labeled as Exhibit A and attached to the proposed Resolution for City Council's consideration (the Resolution that came to our office did not have the attached Exhibit A). Once Exhibit A is incorporated, I would approve of the Resolution as to form and correctness.

Very truly yours,

James W. Denhardt City Attorney

cc: Doug Lewis, City Manager

Diane M. Corna, MMC, City Clerk Patrick Murphy, Deputy City Manager

Benjamin Ziskal, Community Development Administrator Nick Colonna, Planning & Development Services Director

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