



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	March 14, 2022	Staff/Council Member(s): Luke Juday, Director of Community Development Alisande Tombarge, Associate Planner
Agenda Item #	10	
Resolution#		
Department:	City Manager's Office/Planning Department	
Subject:	Federal FY 2020 and 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities Program Annual Action Plan Revisions	

Background: In 2013, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determined that the City of Waynesboro was eligible to receive annual funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities Program. Entitlement Communities receive annual funding allocated according to a HUD formula which uses objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding and age of the housing stock.

In 2019, Tom Carlsson of the Waynesboro Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the City's long-time grant administrator, retired. The City contracted with the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission to administer the grant moving forward. The City also received additional funding for Federal fiscal years 2020 and 2021 through the CARES act, however these funds had added restrictions requiring a tie-back to Coronavirus response.

Due to lack of clarity around what would and would not be eligible for the CDBG Coronavirus response money, the City's proposed Annual Action Plan was not accepted by HUD. The City also has several outstanding budget issues related to the transition from the Waynesboro Housing and Redevelopment Authority that make it important for the City to do projects that can be completed quickly. For this reason, staff recommends acting on a number of Parks and Recreation projects that are shovel ready and meet HUD's criteria. Additionally, the City has a pedestrian project partially designed at 4th Street and Delphine Avenue that it was unable to fund with previous allotments of CDBG money. Staff are thus proposing the following amended budgets:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CDBG FY 2020 Budget
4 th Street Crossing and Sidewalk Project	\$146,611
Market Street Parking Lot Improvements	\$8,505
Grant Administration	\$38,779

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CDBG FY 2021 Budget	CDBG-CV Round 1 & 3 Budget
Parks and Recreation Activities: Rosenwald Basketball Court construction North Park Basketball Court lighting North Park Volleyball Courts construction		\$92,949
WHRA Fairfax Hall Expansion and Renovation	\$870	\$24,130

Downtown Resurgence grant and façade grants	\$11,400	
4 th Street Crossing and Sidewalk Project	\$37,000	
Downtown Parking and Landscaping	\$20,000	
Port Republic Signage and Landscaping	\$20,000	
WARM Contribution		\$68,981
Habitat for Humanity Kirby Avenue Extension	\$65,000	
Grant Administration	\$38,568	\$45,495

City Manager’s Recommendation: The City Council should hold a Public Hearing and after closing the hearing and considering any public comments, consider adoption of the proposed amendments to the 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP) and authorize the City Manager to submit the annual action plan amendments to The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance with citizen participation requirements.

Suggested Motion(s): A motion should be made to adopt the proposed amendments to the 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans (AAP) and authorize the City Manager to submit the annual action plans to HUD in accordance with the attached Resolution