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Public Hearing to Consider CDBG Year 2020-2021 Funding Priorities

<u>Summary</u>: This will be the first of two Public Hearings required by HUD to receive citizen comments on Community Development Block Grant funding priorities for the 2020-2021 Program Year. The entitlement amount will most likely be approximately \$576,000.

Staff will make a short presentation outlining City Needs & Objectives as outlined in the CDBG Strategic Plan, to be followed by a Public Hearing.

Background: This is an annual requirement for public input and comments.

<u>Key Issues:</u> All applications received will need to address one of the funding priorities as outlined in this presentation. Additionally, all projects need to adhere to all HUD eligibility rules.

Environmental Impact: This will be determined based on the projects that are selected.

Fiscal Impact: This grant is federally funded.

Prior Actions: This is the first action for the grant year cycle.

<u>Alternatives:</u> (a) Hold Public Hearing; or (b) Do not hold Public Hearing

Community Engagement: This Public Hearing has the intent of soliciting community engagement. An RFP was printed in the DNR and an email was sent to the email addresses of over 125 interested parties in the city.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Staff recommends that council hold this public hearing and open the required thirtyday public comment period. No action is needed at this time.

Attachments: RFP, Tentative Timeline, Application Package, Powerpoint

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.