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City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2017**

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **WARD: 2**

DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE 2017-2018 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE AND FUND THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION EASTSIDE ALLEYWAY TRANSFORMATION PROJECT – FUND TRANSFER \$75,152

ISSUE:

Approve an amendment to the City's 2017-2018 Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan adding the Riverside Community Health Foundation Eastside Alleyway Transformation Project and providing Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$75,152.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an amendment to the 2017-2018 Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan to include the Riverside Community Health Foundation Eastside Alleyway Transformation Project and allocate CDBG funds in the amount of \$75,152 for the project;
2. Authorize a funds transfer in the amount of \$75,152 from Unprogrammed Funds account number 2835100-453001 to RCHF Eastside Alleyways, account number 9266100-440120; and
3. Authorize the City Attorney's Office to prepare a corresponding Subrecipient Agreement with the Riverside Community Health Foundation for the Eastside Alleyway Transformation Project and authorize the City Manager, or his designee to execute the Subrecipient Agreement, including making minor non-substantive changes and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to implement this action.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed amendment to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan will add the Eastside Alleyway Transformation Project. The project is a community-driven project to enhance and beautify the existing residential alleyway located between Ottawa Avenue and Dwight Avenue (Exhibit A- Project Site Map). The Riverside Community Health

Foundation (RCHF) would act as the project lead in the completion of the project. Proposed improvements would transform the alleyway into a creative community space by providing integrated public art improvements. Existing Unprogrammed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$75,712 will be used to complete the improvements.

A public notice was issued announcing the proposed amendment to the HUD Annual Action Plan and a 30-day public comment period was provided in compliance with HUD regulations. The original notice was published in the Press Enterprise on Thursday, November 9, 2017 and included the date this action would be considered by the City Council. The proposed project is eligible under the HUD CDBG National Objective of low- and moderate- income area benefit because it benefits a residential neighborhood where at least 51 percent of the residents are low- and moderate income persons.

The Public Works Director concurs with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. Sufficient funds totaling \$75,712 are available in the CDBG Unprogrammed Fund account number 2835100-453001.

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Certified as to

availability of funds: Adam Raymond, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer

Approved by: Al Zelinka, FAICP, Assistant City Manager

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: Project Site Map