



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2021

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WARD: 7
DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE 2016-2017 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE LA SIERRA PARK ADA PATHWAY PHASE I PROJECT – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve an amendment to the 2016-2017 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan to allocate an additional \$50,677 in unprogrammed Community Development Block Grant funds to the current La Sierra Park ADA Pathway Phase I Project, bringing the total funding amount to \$254,754.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an amendment to the 2016-2017 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan to allocate an additional \$50,677 to the La Sierra Park ADA Pathway Phase I Project, increasing its budget to \$254,754;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$50,677 to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund La Sierra Park ADA Pathway Phase I project account; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for the 2016-2017 La Sierra Park ADA Pathway Phase I Project, including making minor non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to implement this action.

BACKGROUND:

On April 26, 2016 the City Council adopted the 2016-2017 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan and authorized the appropriation of

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$204,077 for the design and construction of ADA improvements to walking paths at La Sierra Park. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department has a \$50,677 budget shortfall. In order to complete the planned improvements and fulfill the approved project objective, additional funds are needed. The allocation of the additional CDBG funding will allow for the completion of an outstanding capital improvement project and assist in meeting CDBG drawdown requirements regulated by HUD.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed amendment to the HUD 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan will allocate an additional \$50,677 to the project, bringing the total project budget to \$254,754 (\$204,077 from the original allocation and \$50,677 from unprogrammed funds). The project serves qualifying presumed benefit disabled populations residing in and around Ward 7.

A public notice was issued regarding the proposed amendment to the HUD Annual Action Plan and a 30-day public comment period was provided in compliance with HUD regulations. The notice was published in the Press Enterprise on Sunday, November 7, 2021 and included the date this action would be considered by the City Council.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director concurs with the recommendations in this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The City of Riverside 2016-2017 HUD Annual Action Plan for the CDBG Program aligns with Strategic Priority 1 – Arts, Culture and Recreation and contributes to the achievement of Goal 1.4. – Prioritize safety at parks, trails, arts, cultural and recreational facilities.

This item aligns with each of the Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The City of Riverside has identified eight priority development areas to meet the greatest needs of residents in the City. Priorities are based on responses to annual Community Surveys conducted by the City through Community Ward Meetings, Post Card Surveys, and online. The information was gathered in specific focus groups and interviews with various organizations and service providers in the housing and community development field.
2. **Equity** – Pursuant to the Housing Community Act of 1974, the U.S. Department of HUD provides critical priority for the funding to ensure all eligible persons receive equitable access to services and are served with dignity, respect, and compassion regardless of the circumstances, ability, or identity.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – There is no fiscal impact to the City General Fund associated with this item. This item allows the City to utilize unused CDBG funds toward the construction of ADA pathways at a public park, allowing increased accessibility of public facilities by presumed low- to moderate-income residents.
4. **Innovation** – This item will allow the City to capitalize on changing funding sources in partnership with federal programs to meet ongoing and changing needs of low-to moderate

income members of the community.

5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The HUD Annual Action Plan describes the specific actions that will be undertaken using HUD entitlement funds to promote sustainable community and economic development and projects to encourage community engagement and resiliency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is \$50,677. CDBG funds totaling \$204,077 were previously appropriated to this project and are available in account number 9263600-440120. An additional \$50,677 from the CDBG Unprogrammed Funds Account number 2835100-453001 are available for this project.

CDBG Funding for La Sierra Park ADA Pathway Project:

Source	Account	Amount
2016-2017 CDBG Appropriation	9263600-440120	\$204,077
CDBG Unprogrammed Funds	2835100-453001	\$50,677
TOTAL		\$254,754

Upon Council approval, available funds in the amount of \$50,677 will be transferred from the CDBG Fund’s Unprogrammed account 2835100-453001 to the CDBG Fund’s La Sierra Park ADA Phase I Pathway project account 9263600-440120; and a corresponding supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$50,677 will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, La Sierra Park ADA Pathway Phase I project accounts 9260910-440120 and 9260910-895220.

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 Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
 Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachment: Presentation