



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 28, 2015

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WARDS: 1 AND 3

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE 2013-2014 AND 2015-2016 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) ANNUAL ACTION PLANS TO REPROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR THE NICHOLS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT – FUND TRANSFER \$125,000

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is approval of an amendment to the City's 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 HUD Annual Action Plans to reprogram CDBG funds in the amount of \$125,000 from the Ward 1 Fairmount Park ADA Accessible Boat Launch Project to the Ward 3 Nichols Park Community Center Renovation Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an amendment to the 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 HUD Annual Action Plans to reprogram \$125,000 in CDBG funds from the Ward 1 Fairmount Park ADA Accessible Boat Launch Project to the Nichols Park Community Center Renovation Project;
2. Authorize a funds transfer in the amount of \$125,000 from Account No. 2835100-453001 (Unprogrammed Funds) to Account No. 9256500-440120 (Nichols Park Community Center Renovation Project);
3. Authorize the City Attorney's Office to prepare the CDBG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for the reprogrammed amount and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the MOU, including making minor non-substantive changes and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to implement this action; and
4. Authorize the Finance Director/Treasurer to appropriate the funds to General Fund (101) project accounts to be assigned by the Finance Director and to be offset by an equal appropriation from the CDBG Fund (220).

BACKGROUND:

The proposed amendment to the HUD Annual Action Plans will reprogram \$125,000 of CDBG funds from the Ward 1 Fairmount Park ADA Accessible Boat Launch Project to the Ward 3 Nichols Park Community Center Renovation Project. The proposed Nichols Park Project will include design and construction to improve both interior and exterior renovations of the Joyce Jackson Community Center and surrounding park site by providing a refurbished community center with newly improved recreational amenities, site access improvements and replacement of deteriorating infrastructure. The funds originally intended for the Fairmount Park ADA Accessible Boat Launch Project cannot be used since the resulting improvements would be located within a 100-year flood zone; this would be inconsistent with HUD regulations and applicable environmental compliance.

A public notice was issued announcing the proposed amendment to the HUD Annual Action Plans and a 30-day public comment period was provided in compliance with HUD regulations. The notice was published in the Press Enterprise on Friday, June 26, 2015 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% of the residents are low- and moderate income persons.

The Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department concurs with the recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. Sufficient funds totaling \$125,000 are available in Account No. 2835100-453001 (CDBG Unprogrammed Fund).

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