



# City of La Quinta

**CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE:** November 18, 2014

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

**ITEM TITLE:** ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**STUDY SESSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** 1

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt a resolution approving use of \$145,000 of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Community Development Block Grant funds and allocating \$20,300 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley Fee Waiver/Reduction Program and \$124,700 to the City of La Quinta for certain American with Disabilities Act improvements at multiple City public parks; and authorize the City Manager to submit applications to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides funds to state and local governments for a variety of community development activities designed to revitalize neighborhoods, promote economic development, and improve community facilities and services.
- Approximately \$145,000 in CDBG funds are expected to be available to the City for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/2016; of this amount, 14 percent can only be used for public service projects and 86 percent for public works projects.
- Eligible projects must benefit either low or moderate- income individuals; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or meet a need having a particular urgency.
- City-approved grant applications must be sent to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) no later than November 21, 2014. The exact amount of CDBG funding will be confirmed in the second quarter of 2015.

- Three applications were received for FY 2015/2016. A summary of the requests are attached (Attachment 1).

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None. Upon approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Riverside County, the City will receive approximately \$145,000 in CDBG fund, of this amount 14 percent will be used to fund public service projects and 86 percent for public works projects. The final FY 2015/16 funding allocation will be based upon actual funds received.

### **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The City has participated in the CDBG program since 1983. The CDBG program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is an important source of program funding for the City. The EDA administers the program, which includes distribution of annual funding to participating cities for eligible activities meeting national objectives. The CDBG program requires that each activity/project funded must meet one of three national objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income individuals; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or meet a need having a particular urgency.

Three applications were submitted requesting CDBG funding for FY 2015/2016. Requests for public service funds (public service funding is limited to a maximum of \$20,300) were from the Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM). A request for capital improvements was submitted by the City's Public Works Department.

### **Public Services**

CDBG funding can be used for certain public services, such as child care, recreation programs, and education programs. The maximum available for public service funds is based upon a program formula. A maximum of \$20,300 is estimated for public services in FY 2015/2016. The EDA has a minimum funding requirement of \$10,000.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley is requesting \$30,000 to continue their membership fee waiver/reduction program, which assists low- and moderate-income La Quinta families in utilizing day care and after school care services provided by the Boys and Girls Club in La Quinta. The fee waiver/reduction will allow approximately 118 students to utilize these services.

CVRM is requesting \$50,000 of CDBG funding to provide emergency food and shelter services to individuals and families throughout the Coachella Valley. CVRM provides emergency shelter services to homeless individuals and families. Services include food, shelter, and clothing. In 2013, the CVRM served 1,509 individuals, of those 1,509 individuals many reported to be residents of the City of La Quinta.

CDBG funds will be used toward staff salaries for evening support services to 75 men, women, and children staying at the shelter.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Boys and Girls Club - La Quinta Unit	\$30,000	Fee Waiver/Reduction Program
CVRM	\$50,000	Emergency Food and Shelter Program

Historically, City Council has awarded public service funds to the Boys and Girls Club La Quinta unit. City staff has monitored and audited use of these funds and has consistently observed proper use and benefit that often exceeds the number of students originally identified in the application. Thus, staff supports the awarding of CDBG public service funds to the Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley – La Quinta unit.

### **Capital Improvements**

CDBG funding can be used for capital improvements, which include construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, handicapped accessibility improvements, and installation. Capital improvement funds can be used for facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a non-profit agency that is open to the public. These funds can be used anywhere in a city where the improvement will benefit low-and moderate-income individuals or neighborhoods. An estimated allocation of \$124,700 is available for Capital Improvements in FY 2015/2016.

The City’s Public Works Department is requesting \$124,700 for miscellaneous American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at various City-owned public parks. The project will improve pedestrian safety and meets the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s national objectives for the utilization of these funds. Staff recommends awarding the requested amount of funds, as the ADA parks improvements have the potential to benefit individuals with disabilities and those who are in the low- and moderate-income brackets.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
City of La Quinta	\$124,700	Public Facility Improvement; i.e. construction of ADA improvements at various City-owned public parks throughout the City.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council may approve and allocate funds to an alternate single applicant in each category, or an alternate combination of applicants and funding amounts in each category.

**AGENCY AND PUBLIC REVIEW:**

Public Notice

A request for applications and notice of funding availability was posted to the City's website on September 16, 2014. A public notice was published in *The Desert Sun* newspaper on November 07, 2014, announcing the availability of funds and the public hearing date.

Report prepared by: Carla Triplett, Housing Coordinator

Report approved for submission by: Les Johnson,  
Community Development Director

Attachment:           1.     2015/2016 CDBG Summary of Applications

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014 -**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING PROPOSALS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 is estimated to be approximately \$145,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Quinta must submit to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency project applications; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public notice was published on November 7, 2014 announcing the availability of funds, requesting proposals, and public hearing dates; and,

**WHEREAS**, the merits of all proposals were openly discussed and considered; and,

**WHEREAS**, by a majority vote of the City Council of the City of La Quinta, California, the following proposal(s), or reprogramming(s), were selected:

<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. Miscellaneous Parks ADA Improvements	City of La Quinta	\$124,700
2. Fee Waiver/Reduction Program	Coachella Valley Boys and Girls Club La Quinta Unit	\$ 20,300

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of La Quinta as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the City of La Quinta does hereby select the above-named project(s) or reprogramming(s), for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to prepare and submit the designated applications to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency in a timely fashion proposing the named activities and use of funds.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council, held on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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DON ADOLPH, Mayor,  
City of La Quinta, California

**ATTEST:**

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SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk  
City of La Quinta, California

(CITY SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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WILLIAM H. IHRKE, City Attorney  
City of La Quinta, California

CITY OF LA QUINTA  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
2015/2016 SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

## Public Service Applications

### **THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY - LA QUINTA UNIT:**

- The Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley was founded in 1966.
- After school program has been provided in the City of La Quinta since 1994.
- The fee waiver/reduction program has been funded by the City of La Quinta with CDBG funds for the past 15 years.

#### ***Funds Requested/Service Provided:***

- Requesting \$30,000 for fee waiver/reduction program to provide scholarships benefiting extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income children.
- Program served 1,188 members in 2013, of which 115 were provided scholarships with CDBG funds.
- \$30,000 will enable 118 qualifying children to take advantage of the Club's services and programs.

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### **COACHELLA VALLEY RESCUE MISSION:**

- Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) was founded in 1971.
- CVRM provides emergency shelter services to homeless individuals and families; services include food, shelter, and clothing.
- 1<sup>st</sup> year applicant with the City of La Quinta.

#### ***Funds Requested/Service Provided:***

- Requesting \$50,000 in CDBG funding to be used towards staff salaries for evening support services to 75 men, women, and children stay at the shelter.
- CVRM will provide 75 men, women, and children with a shower, clothing, 2 meals, and overnight shelter.

## Capital Improvement Applications

### **CITY OF LA QUINTA:**

#### **Project Summary:**

- The City of La Quinta Public Works Department submitted an application requesting \$124,700 of CDBG funding for ADA improvements at various City owned public parks.
- Project will correct ADA deficiencies various City owned public parks throughout the City of La Quinta.
- The ADA improvements at various City owned parks throughout the City will promote easier accessibility to the parks for individuals with disabilities.
- The improvements are based upon an ADA Transition Plan Report previously completed by the City.
- Funding will allow for design, construction, inspection, and testing costs associated with ADA improvements.

