

Introduced By: Mayor John Eberhart  
Finance Committee Review: November 3, 2015  
Introduced: November 9, 2015

**RESOLUTION NO. 4694**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FFY2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held by the City of Fairbanks on October 29, 2015, and a record of that meeting is attached; and

**WHEREAS**, community members expressed support to apply for funds to complete phase one of the Bjerremark Subdivision revitalization project to construct traffic-calming, beautification, pedestrian and defensible space measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks is eligible to apply for a grant in the amount of \$850,000 from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development under the CDBG program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks is providing a match in the amount of \$300,000 for planning and designing costs funded through the Designated Legislative Grant Program funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to request funds from the CDBG Program and to negotiate and execute any and all documents required for granting and managing funds on behalf of the City of Fairbanks.

The Mayor or his designee is also authorized to execute subsequent amendments to said grant agreement to provide for adjustments to the project within the scope of services or tasks, based upon the needs of the project.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 9th Day of November 2015.**

**John Eberhart, Mayor**

AYES: Walley, Matherly, Pruhs, Cleworth, Huntington  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Gatewood  
APPROVED: November 9, 2015

ATTEST:

**D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney**

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS**  
**CDBG PUBLIC HEARING**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2015**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5:05 p.m.**

Margarita Bell, Grants Administrator for the City of Fairbanks, opened the meeting to seek recommendations for projects and to select a project to apply for funding under the Alaska Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Margarita Bell informed attendees that the CDBG is a federal program funded by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and that the State of Alaska plans to award \$2.3 million in CDBG funds for FFY15. She explained that the State of Alaska is accepting applications from municipal government and cities for a single project with a maximum request of \$850,000 and recommended match of 25%. She also explained that the grants are awarded on a competitive basis and must benefit low and moderate income persons.

A list of eligible activities were presented and described from the FFY15 CDBG Application Handbook. Margarita Bell explained that the City of Fairbanks would not seek projects involving special economic development due to the length of time it would take to accomplish the project or non-city owned construction of facilities due to the 20 year public use requirement.

Margarita Bell informed the attendees that funds were used in previous years to construct ADA compliant sidewalks on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and to build a homeless shelter for youth. She informed the attendees that two projects were recommended as follows: revitalize Bjerremark Subdivision and purchase a fire apparatus.

Jackson Fox shared information about the Bjerremark Subdivision project and explained the public process involved in the project and the benefits to residents in the area. Ernie Misewicz shared information about the need for a platform fire engine but indicated that he would support the Bjerremark Subdivision project. Samantha Castle-Kirstein (via telephone) expressed support for the Bjerremark Subdivision project because of the impact for many citizens in Fairbanks.

Margarita Bell requested additional recommendations. There were no additional recommendations. The attendees unanimously recommended the Bjerremark Subdivision project to City Council for approval to apply for FFY15 CDBG funds.

The hearing was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS  
FISCAL NOTE**

**I. REQUEST:**

Ordinance or Resolution No: 4694

Abbreviated Title: FFY2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Department(s): ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No x

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No x

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No x

If yes, how many positions? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, type of positions? \_\_\_\_\_ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

**II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:**

PROJECTS:	Equipment	Contracts	Personnel	Total
Bjerremark Subdivision Construction		\$850,000		\$850,000
Bjerremark Subdivision Planning & Design		\$300,000		\$300,000
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>

FUNDING SOURCE:	Equipment	Contracts	Personnel	Total
Community Development Block Grant (Federal Funds)		\$850,000		\$850,000
Designated Legislative Grant (State Funds)		\$300,000		\$300,000
				\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>

The City of Fairbanks plans to construct traffic-calming, beautification, pedestrian and defensible space measures to revitalize the Bjerremark Subdivision area. The Bjerremark Subdivision is a mixed residential and commercial area in south Fairbanks. The operations and maintenance of these improvements will be performed by Public Works and incorporated in the annual general fund budget.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial mb

Date 10/30/2015