

Introduced By: Mayor John Eberhart
Introduced: November 24, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 4649

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE FY2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City of Fairbanks on November 13, 2014, 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; and


WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks is eligible to apply for a grant in the amount of \$825,000 from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development under the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks is required to provide a match in the amount of \$275,000, and the City will use Designated Legislative Grant Program funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor 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 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.

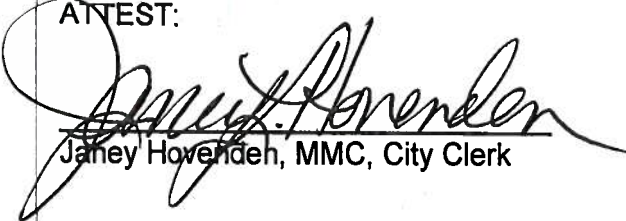
PASSED and APPROVED this 24th Day of November 2014.



John Eberhart, Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda
NAYS:
ABSENT None
APPROVED: November 24, 2014

ATTEST:



Janey Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
CDBG PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 13, 2014
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 \$3.0 million in CDBG funds for FY14. 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 a 25% match. 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 was presented from the CDBG Application Handbook and it was 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 23rd Avenue and to build a homeless shelter for youth. She informed the attendees that three projects were recommended as follows: purchase a fire apparatus, revitalize Bjerremark Subdivision, and conduct a feasibility study for the Bread Line. She stated that a Senior Housing Complex was recommended but later withdrawn for consideration next year. Margarita Bell requested additional recommendations. Kelvin Lee recommended acquiring and renovating a housing complex for men and women reintegrating into the Fairbanks community.

Warren Cummings updated the attendees about the need to purchase a fire aerial platform. Jackson Fox and Gary Jenkins shared information about the Bjerremark Subdivision revitalization project. Jennifer Jolis shared information about the feasibility study for the Bread Line. Kelvin Lee provided additional information about the housing complex.

Margarita Bell explained that the City could not acquire or renovate the housing complex due to the 20 year public use requirement that would be imposed on the City. Jennifer Jolis expressed support for the Bjerremark Subdivision project in lieu of the feasibility study because the study would cost significantly less than the revitalization. Warren Cummings stated that since the Bjerremark Subdivision project can be accomplished in 2015, the fire apparatus can be considered next year. Margarita Bell explained that she would inquire about the possibility of incorporating the feasibility study within the Bjerremark Subdivision project and that she would inquire about other avenues of funding for the housing complex.

The attendees unanimously decided to recommend the Bjerremark Subdivision project to City Council for approval to apply for FY14 CDBG funds.

The hearing was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE**

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 4649

Abbreviated Title: FY2014 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 Improvements		\$990,000	\$110,000	\$1,100,000
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$990,000	\$110,000	\$1,100,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	Equipment	Contracts	Personnel	Total
Community Development Block Grant (Federal Funds)		\$742,500	\$82,500	\$825,000
Designated Legislative Grant (State Funds)		\$247,500	\$27,500	\$275,000
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$990,000	\$110,000	\$1,100,000

The City of Fairbanks plans to revitalize the Bjerremark Subdivision by implementing traffic calming areas, roadway reconstruction, pavement improvements or replacement, sidewalk construction, and landscaping. 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 11/14/2014