

RESOLUTION NO. 4937

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE FFY2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City of Fairbanks on September 17, 2020, and a record of that meeting is attached; and

WHEREAS, community members expressed support to apply for funds to renovate the Senior Center, a building owned by the City of Fairbanks; and

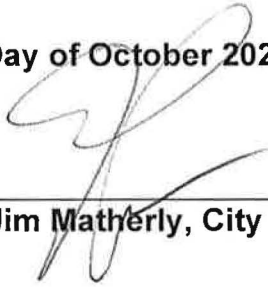
WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks is eligible to apply for a grant in the amount of \$850,000 from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development under the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the North Star Council on Aging is providing a match in the amount of \$285,000.

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 12th Day of October 2020.

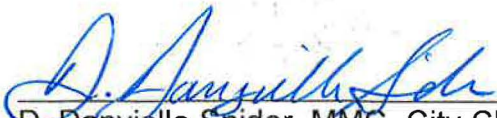


Jim Matherly, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: October 12, 2020

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

12:00 p.m.

Carrie Peterson, Grants Administrator for the City of Fairbanks, opened the meeting to wrap up the Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus Project, seek recommendations for projects and to select a project to apply for funding under the Alaska Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Carrie Peterson informed attendees that the FFY17 CDBG Block Grant Project for the Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus was wrapping up and that construction had been completed. The truck is being prepared to ship to Fairbanks and we were closing the project. She then turned the meeting over to Chief Tod Chambers.

Chief Tod Chambers presented an overview of the Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus Project purchased with CDBG funding. Carrie Peterson called for comments regarding the Project: there were no comments. As there were no comments Carrie announced that the meeting would shift from the closeout of the Fire Apparatus Project, to ideas for projects to apply for in the FFY20 grant period.

Carrie Peterson 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 million in CDBG funds for FFY20. 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 was presented and described from the FFY20 CDBG Application Handbook. Carrie Peterson 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.

Carrie Peterson informed attendees that funds were used in previous years to construct ADA compliant sidewalks on 23rd Avenue, to build a homeless shelter for youth, to construct improvements to revitalize the Bjerremark Subdivision and to purchase an Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus. She informed attendees that two projects were recommended by the North Star Council on Aging and No Limits.

Gwen Jackson of North Star Council on Aging presented the proposed Fairbanks Senior Center project. She emphasized the need for expanded kitchen facilities to meet the meals on wheels needs of the area. The Senior Center Project includes expansion and updates to the current building. She also pointed out that the current facility is inadequate for the number of seniors currently requiring services and that the senior population is the fastest growing group. She also pointed out the diversity of services offered.

Kelvin Lee of No Limits presented the proposal for the Warming Shelter. He pointed out the need for somewhere warm and safe during the day when many shelters are closed. He also mentioned the other services available to the homeless population through No Limits. The Warming Center project proposal included updates to the current facility along with a lease for a new and larger facility.

Carrie Peterson requested additional recommendations.

There was strong support for both projects from attendees. The majority of the support at the meeting and through emails was for the Senior Center Renovation Project.

The hearing was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 4937

Abbreviated Title: FFY20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Department(s): _____

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	Building	Personnel	Total
Senior Center Renovation Project		\$1,135,000		\$1,135,000
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$1,135,000	\$0	\$1,135,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	Equipment	Building	Personnel	Total
CDBG		\$850,000		\$850,000
North Star Council on Aging		\$285,000		\$285,000
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$1,135,000	\$0	\$1,135,000

The North Star Council on Aging leases the City of Fairbanks building located on 1424 Moore Street. The lease is effective until December 31, 2030. The North Star Council on Aging will provide the match for this grant and will be responsible for maintenance and operations.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial cp Date 10/5/2020