

RESOLUTION NO. 5034

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FFY2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City of Fairbanks on October 25, 2022, and a record of that meeting is attached; and

WHEREAS, community members expressed support to apply for funds to renovate and expand the Senior Center Dining Area, which is in the 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 value of the Senior Center Facility will provide a 25% in-kind match.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is 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 14th Day of November 2022.



David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: November 14, 2022

ATTEST:


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5034

Abbreviated Title: Participation in FFY22 CDBG Program

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	Building	Personnel	Total
Senior Center Renovation and Expansion Phase II		\$850,000		\$850,000
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$850,000	\$0	\$850,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	Equipment	Building	Personnel	Total
CDBG (Federal Funds)		\$850,000		\$850,000
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$850,000	\$0	\$850,000

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 value of the building will act as the necessary 25% in-kind match for the grant. The North Star Council on Aging will be responsible for maintenance and operations.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial SF

Date 11/7/2022



CITY OF FAIRBANKS

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

October 25, 2022

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

3:00 p.m.

Sarah Fuerst, Grants and Contracts Administration Manager for the City of Fairbanks, opened the meeting to inform the public of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding opportunity, provide an update on the Senior Center Kitchen Expansion and Renovation Funded by the FFY20 CDBG program, and seek recommendations for projects to apply for funding under the FFY22 Alaska Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Sarah Fuerst informed attendees that the CDBG is a federal program funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and that the State of Alaska plans to award approximately \$2.5 million in CDBG funds for FFY22. She explained that the State of Alaska is accepting applications from municipal governments and cities for a single project with a maximum request of \$850,000 and recommended match of 25%.

Sarah Fuerst explained that the grants are awarded on a competitive basis and must benefit low- and moderate-income persons and informed attendees of the three categories for project funding: community development, planning, and special economic development. A list of eligible activities for each category was presented and described from the FFY22 CDBG Application Handbook.

Sarah Fuerst informed attendees of the following projects that have been funded by the CDBG program: ADA compliant sidewalks on 23rd, renovated home to create a homeless youth shelter, Bjerremark subdivision revitalization, and purchase of a new platform truck for Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD).

Sarah Fuerst gave an overview of the current project being funded by the CDBG: The Senior Center Kitchen Expansion and Renovation. She explained the bathroom remodel was completed as part of the matching funds for the project. Attendees were informed that the kitchen expansion contract was awarded to Johnson River Enterprises, LLC in May of 2022 and explained that the expansion would add approximately 2400 square feet to the facility to allow for more storage and the ability to service our senior population with the Meals on Wheels program in a more efficient and sanitary manner.

Sarah Fuerst called on the City's project manager, Jeff Whipple, to give an update to attendees on what had been accomplished so far in the construction process. Jeff Whipple presented an overview of the construction progress thus far and spoke highly of the awarded contractor, Johnson River Enterprises.

Sarah Fuerst called for comments regarding the Project. Senior Center Executive Director, Darlene Supplee, provided comment on how the project was helping to administer more Meals on Wheels and gave more insight on how they have been able to function during the construction process.

There were no further comments on the project.

Sarah Fuerst announced that the meeting would shift to presenting a list of projects proposed for the FFY22 CDBG application. The list included the following proposed projects: Senior Center Improvements – Dining Area Expansion, Smoke and CO Detector Program for LMI Houses, and an ambulance purchase for the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD).

Sarah Fuerst asked attendees for comments or questions on the proposed project list. The City's Crisis Now Coordinator, Brenda McFarlane, asked if the Fairbanks Fire Department had adequate staffing and time to provide the Smoke and CO Detector Program. Sarah Fuerst commented that the Fire Department has provided a similar service in the past with FEMA funding and that the Fire Chief did not mention that the project would require additional staffing.

Sarah Fuerst asked attendees for further comments or questions on the proposed project list. Darlene Suplee presented information on the Senior Center Dining Room Expansion project. She noted that the current facility is inadequate for the number of seniors who use the dining room for a variety of different uses such as meal service, educational programs and exercise class.

Sarah Fuerst asked attendees for other comments and project suggestions: there were no other comments or project suggestions.

Sarah Fuerst asked for the attendees to show support for the projects of their choice by raising their hand when the project was listed. The Fairbanks Senior Center Dining Room Expansion Project received majority of the support from attendees.

Chief Raygor of Fairbanks Fire Department entered the meeting and Sarah Fuerst asked if he would comment on the two projects proposed by FFD. Chief Raygor explained the smoke and CO detector program and possible ways of distributing the detectors to community members and the importance the project would have for the community. Chief Raygor explained the need for an additional ambulance as over time the wear and tear on the vehicles can hinder performance especially in the interior's climate.

After receiving information on two additional projects Sarah Fuerst asked if attendees would again show support for the projects of their choice by raising their hands, as they had now received additional information that could pull support to another project. The Fairbanks Senior Center Dining Room Expansion Project received majority of the support from attendees.

Sarah Fuerst thanked attendees for coming and showing an interest in the program.

The hearing was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.