



CITY OF NEWARK

Community Development Advisory Committee

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AGENDA

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

5p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

II. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting will be considered at the next meeting.

III. STAFF REPORTS

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Status Report

(MOTION)

B. Recommendations for 2023-24 Jurisdiction Improvements Project Funds

(MOTION)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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DATE: April 5, 2023
TO: Community Development Advisory Committee
FROM: Art Interiano, Deputy Community Development Director
SUBJECT: **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Status Report**

Newark receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as part of the Alameda County Urban County. These are federal funds provided through HUD to jurisdictions with population of 50,000 or more. To qualify for funds, Newark and other smaller cities have banded together with the unincorporated county to form an entity (the urban county) that is large enough to qualify for funds. The Urban County receives certain amount of money each year that is determined by Congress’s allocation to the CDBG program and a federal formula for dividing the overall funding between qualifying communities. The total funds received by the Urban County are then allocated between member jurisdictions using a formula that considers overall population, poverty levels and similar factors.

Newark’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the past 10 fiscal years are shown in the table below, with an estimate shown for next fiscal year. The table also shows their distribution among three categories of uses, which are discussed further below: jurisdiction improvement projects, housing rehabilitation, and general administration. The funds are distributed among the categories based on a formula.

Fiscal Year	Total funds	General Administration	Housing Rehabilitation	Jurisdiction Improvement
2014-15	\$141,038	\$7,800	\$34,181	\$99,057
2015-16	\$151,530	\$7,800	\$36,873	\$106,857
2016-17	\$149,448	\$7,800	\$38,340	\$111,108
2017-18	\$165,509	\$7,800	\$40,459	\$117,250
2018-19	\$188,600	\$7,800	\$46,383	\$134,417
2019-20	\$188,600	\$7,800	\$46,383	\$134,417
2020-2021	\$193,557	\$7,800	\$47,655	\$138,103
2021-2022	\$261,639	\$7,800	\$50,299	\$203,540
2022-2023	\$193,557	\$7,800	\$47,655	\$138,103
2023-2024	\$210,042	\$7,800	\$51,884	\$150,358

General Administration

The City expects to use all of its administration fund allocation.

Housing Rehabilitation

Housing Rehabilitation program funds minor home repairs. The minor home repair program provides funds for smaller projects, such as replacing water heaters. As per the reports received from Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department, in the first two quarters of FY 2022-23, five minor home repairs have been completed; 2 homes are scheduled for minor home repairs, and one application is on the waiting list. During Covid-19, the numbers were low, but they seem to be rebounding to more normal levels compared to the last ten years.

Funds for this program are allocated each year automatically as part of the City's CDBG funds. In addition, in past years when there are long waiting lists, or there are no qualifying capital improvement projects, Newark has provided some additional funding through its jurisdiction improvement program funds and \$7,800 in general administration funds. The table below shows, for each year, the budget for this program and the number of minor home repair projects completed.

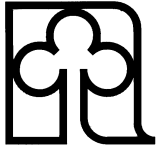
Fiscal Year	Formula Funds	Additional funds	Total Funds	Minor Home repair projects* Completed
2013-14	\$43,032	\$0	\$43,032	14
2014-15	\$36,179	\$0	\$36,179	6
2015-16	\$36,873	\$114,657	\$151,530	2
2016-17	\$38,340	\$0	\$38,340	16
2017-18	\$40,459	\$0	\$40,459	7
2018-2019	\$46,383	\$0	\$46,383	5
2019-2020	\$46,383	\$0	\$46,383	11
2020-2021	\$47,655	\$0	\$46,383	4
2021-2022	\$47,655	\$0	\$46,383	12
2022-2023	\$51,884	0	\$51,884	5*

- Based on first two quarters of FY 2022-2023

Capital Projects Pool Program

The Capital Projects Pool program offers a pool of funds for CDBG capital projects including community facilities, rental rehabilitation, accessory dwelling units, A-1 Bond match and homeowner rehabilitation. Earlier, homeowner rehabilitation used to be funded by Housing rehabilitation funds.

These funds are available to jurisdictions that have a need for additional capital project funds beyond what is allocated through the entitlement process and received through program income. There are currently no funds in the Capital Projects Pool program. It is anticipated that any available funds will be identified by July 1, 2023.



DATE: April 5, 2023

TO: Community Development Advisory Committee

FROM: Art Interiano, Deputy Community Development Director

SUBJECT: **Recommendations for 2023-24 Jurisdiction Improvement Project Funds**

Background/Discussion- The City of Newark’s allotment of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2023-24 fiscal years has been finalized. Every year the CDAC meets to consider the amount of funds allocated to the city and how to spend those funds on jurisdictional improvements. In terms of the jurisdiction Improvement Program (JIP), the city is expected to receive for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 an amount of \$150,884 in Newark’s JIP funds.

Policies and Guidelines for the use of Jurisdiction Improvement Funds - HUD requires that the funds be used for projects that benefit primarily low- and moderate-income households, senior citizens, or disabled citizens. The city must provide proof of this both when applying for, and after completing of a project. In the past, Newark’s preference has been that CDBG funds should be used for capital improvement projects instead of service projects. Capital improvement projects provide infrastructure with long-term benefits to residents and Newark receives a relatively small amount of CDBG funds, therefore spending these funds on capital projects helps to maximize their benefit.

Recommendations for use of 2023-24 Jurisdiction Improvement Funds - Staff recommends the estimated \$150,884 for jurisdiction improvements projects be allocated to the Citywide ADA Compliance Improvements. This project would address ADA compliance needs at city-owned parks, facilities, and parking lots as identified in the City’s Disabled Access Transition Plan. The scope of work could include ADA parking accessibility, pathway and sidewalk repairs, curb ramp installations and upgrades, and other exterior surface improvements. These improvements would provide accessibility benefits for the entire community. Specifically, the city will be looking to spend the FY2023/2024 funds on repairing pathways in Mayhews Landing Park, repairing sidewalks, installing new curb ramps, and upgrading existing curb ramps in Birch Grove Park.

Action – It is recommended that the Community Development Advisory Committee recommend that the City Council allocate the FY2023/2024 Jurisdiction Improvement Funds, in the amount of \$150,884, to Citywide ADA Compliance Improvements.

The Committee’s recommendations will be presented to the City Council at its meeting on April 27, 2023.