



AGENCY:City CouncilMEETING DATE:July 24, 2023DEPARTMENT:Community DevelopmentPRESENTED BY:L. PetersonEMAIL ADDRESS:Ipeterson@fortbragg.com

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

#### TITLE: RECEIVE REPORT AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCLOSURE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CLOSEOUT OF ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 17-CDBG-12020

# ISSUE:

The expenditure period for the City's 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 17-CDBG-12020 ended on May 31, 2023. Per CDBG requirements, a public hearing must be conducted before the governing body to notify the public of accomplishments funded by the grant. The 2017 grant was awarded to fund the Parents and Friends Residential Care Facility for the Elderly and General Administration. The following is a description of accomplishments resulting from the funded activities.

# ANALYSIS:

In 2017, the City applied for funding from the CDBG program for the design and construction of the Parents and Friends Residential Care Facility for the Elderly and General Administration. The construction of handicapped centers is an eligible CDBG activity and meets CDBG's low-moderate income clientele National Objective. In 2018, the City was awarded \$3,038,896. In 2020, the City requested Supplemental Assistance in the amount of \$606,740 to account for the increased cost of construction. The request was granted, increasing the total award amount to \$3,645,636.

Design was completed for three units to serve four residents each (total of twelve residents). As the project went through the Bid process, it became clear that the cost of construction had increased more than expected, and the project was scaled down to one unit to serve four residents. Alterations to the landscaping plans were made in order to fill the space that will eventually be occupied by the two additional units while minimizing future disruption to established greenery. Native Pygmy Cypress trees have been purchased, and will be planted when mature enough to survive. Construction of the unit has been completed, and Parents and Friends is in the process of completing licensing requirements; waitlisted clients eagerly await move-in. Parents and Friends staff are seeking funding opportunities to construct the additional two units in the near future.

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

No specific action is required of Council. The purpose of this item is to provide a report and conduct a required Public Hearing to disclose accomplishments and closeout of activities funded by CDBG #17-CDBG-12020.

# ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

None.

# FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2017 grant project was implemented with CDBG grant funds. The 2017 grant provided General Administration funding that was adequate to cover administrative costs. Any on-going administrative tasks after grant close out may be covered by the City's 2020 CDBG grant administration funds. CDBG funding is intended to assist the low-and moderate-income population. Elderly and disabled

persons are presumed to be comprised principally of low-moderate income persons by CDBG. The 2017 funding provided funding for the construction of a residential care facility for the elderly.

# **CONSISTENCY:**

The State CDBG mission is to improve the lives of low- and moderate-income residents through the creation and expansion of community and economic development opportunities, which supports livable communities for all residents. This project is consistent with the Housing Element of the City's General Plan:

# Goal H-2 Expand affordable housing opportunities for persons with special housing needs such as the elderly, the disabled, households with very low to moderate incomes, and first time homebuyers.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:**

The expenditure deadline for the 2017 grant was May 31, 2023. Final funds requests for the grant have been submitted to HCD. Grant closeout reports will be submitted to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) after the closeout public hearing is held. The City's Agreement with CDBG expires on July 31, 2023. It is unclear when CDBG will authorize close-out the City's contract with the State because final closeout is subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monitoring and review of State CDBG funding allocations.

# ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Hearing Notice

#### **NOTIFICATION:**

1. CDBG "Notify Me" Subscribers