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City Council,

It is disappointing we can't apply for the broadband project for this NOFA and street improvements are always a benefit to the community but I wonder why these streets are the only projects that we could fund with this CDBG grant opportunity. Aren't there more projects that would count as shovel-ready? For example, what about the W. Cypress Street accessibility issues and adding a pedestrian path I mentioned in another comment? What about the stalled MCOG project for sidewalks on Main Street that I think has already been designed? What about the two other residential units for the 350 E. Cypress Street Parents & Friends project we funded before but the amount was not sufficient to construct all the units? Those are already designed too and obviously shovel-ready. We are leaving a lot of potential grant funding on the table by only submitting for a small portion of the potential funding we could receive.

Regards,

--Jacob