

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	To Conduct a Public Hearing to Amend Two 2005 Community Development Block Grant Projects and Authorize the Interim City Manager to Approve the Contracts
DEPARTMENT:	Office of Human Services, City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Julie Modrzejewski, Assistant City Manager Rob Beem, Human Services Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT: Each fall, the City Council conducts a public hearing on the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the following year. After the hearing is held the Council deliberates and approves a slate of CDBG projects. When significant changes need to be made to a CDBG project, King County CDBG Consortium policy dictates that cities must complete a formal amendment process that includes conducting a public hearing and followed then by formal Council action.

Staff is bringing forward two amendment requests:

- *Change of scope for Parkview Services Acquisition Project.* Parkview Services was awarded \$20,000 in 2005 CDBG funds to purchase two houses that would support six tenants with developmental disabilities. Due to rising home prices, limited housing stock in Shoreline, and the specific house characteristics needed (flat lot, sidewalks, and no stairs), Parkview was not able to proceed with their original project. Instead, the intent is to purchase and to make necessary modifications to one house that is home to a low-income family with a developmentally delayed child.
- *Carry over 2005 CDBG curb ramp funds to 2006 CDBG curb ramp funds.* This amendment would allocate remaining funds from the 2005 Curb Ramp Project to the 2006 Curb Ramp Project. The 2005 Curb Ramp project was allocated \$150,000 of CDBG funds. At the completion of the 2005 project there was \$19,582 in CDBG funds remaining, which we recommend applying to the 2006 CDBG program. The new total for the 2006 CDBG Curb Ramp Project will be \$134,081.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED: After holding a public hearing on proposed CDBG amendments, Council has two alternatives to consider:

- Move approval of the CDBG project amendments as recommended and authorize the City Manager to take the actions necessary to implement these spending objectives.
- Consider additional of other changes to the recommended amendments in response to public testimony or to reflect a change in Council policy objectives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This action does not allocate any additional CDBG funds. It modifies the scope of one project and adds unused funds from the 2005 Curb Ramp Project to the 2006 Curb Ramp project.

RECOMMENDATION

Subsequent to the public hearing, staff recommends that Council adopt the two project amendments and authorize the City Manager to enter into agreements for implementing the funded projects.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____

INTRODUCTION

The City manages Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the King County CDBG Consortium. When significant changes need to be made to a CDBG project, King County CDBG Consortium policy dictates that cities must complete a formal amendment process that includes holding a public hearing and formal Council action. Two amendments to CDBG projects are needed at this time.

BACKGROUND

On September 13, 2004, the Council approved the 2005 list of CDBG projects. The list of approved projects included \$20,000 for Parkview Services and \$150,000 for the Curb Ramp Project.

Parkview's original proposal was to purchase two houses that would support six tenants with a developmental disability. As the project moved forward the agency found that one of the households dropped out of the process and the other household could not be accommodated within the budget due to the escalating real estate prices and limited housing stock in Shoreline. Additionally, these tenants required extensive wheelchair accessibility and other specific housing characteristics. Because of this, Parkview has requested an amendment that would change the scope of the project to allow Parkview to purchase a home to rent to an extremely low-income Shoreline family who has a child with a developmental disability and uses a wheelchair. This amendment allows the City to continue to support Parkview's low-income and disabled housing program.

The Curb Ramp Project was implemented as part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Construction began in November 2005 and completed in January 2006. The project completed 5,168 square feet of sidewalk panel replacement and installed 18 new curb ramps. The construction came in under the budget of \$150,000, leaving \$19,582 of the CDBG funds remaining.

The Council approved the 2006 list of CDBG projects on October 3, 2005. Due to reductions at the federal level, there was less funding for allocation. There was \$114,499 of funding allocated to the 2006 Curb Ramp Project. In order to accomplish more sidewalk repair and curb ramps in 2006, we are recommending that the Council approve the amendment to move the remaining 2005 CDBG Curb Ramp funding, bringing the total to \$134,081.

In summary, staff requests that Council move approval of the following amendments to the 2005 CDBG projects:

- *Change of scope for Parkview Services Acquisition Project.* Parkview Services was awarded \$20,000 in 2005 CDBG funds to purchase two houses that would support six tenants with a developmental disability. Instead, the intent now would be to purchase and make necessary modifications and rehabilitation to one house that is home to a low-income family with a child in a wheelchair.
- *Carryover 2005 CDBG Curb Ramp funds to 2006 CDBG Curb Ramp funds.* This amendment would allocate remaining funds from the 2005 Curb Ramp Project to the 2006 Curb Ramp Project. At the completion of the 2005 CDBG Curb Ramp Project

there was \$19,582 in CDBG funds remaining, which would be applied to the 2006 CDBG program. The new total for the 2006 CDBG Curb Ramp Project will be \$134,081. This amount is an estimate that may fluctuate when final figures are released by King County.

RECOMMENDATION

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