



MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Yolanda Fields, Comm. Resources Dir./Equity Off.
DATE:
SUBJECT: Mayor’s Signature Authority – 2023 CDBG & HOME

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Mayor’s signature authority to execute the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Agreements when issued by HUD.

BACKGROUND:

Fayetteville has been a CDBG Entitlement City since 1975. Funding is based on the HUD formula allocation process that takes into account such factors as population, percent of low/moderate income persons, and number of housing units. This formula allocation process awards CDBG funding to the City of Fayetteville. Each year, the Community Resources Department submits an Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlining the proposed uses of CDBG funding. The Community Development and Assistance Programs (CDAP) Advisory Board voted at the September 21, 2022 meeting and recommended the following nonprofit subrecipients be included in the 2023 Action Plan: CASA of NWA, NWA CoC, Partners for Better Housing, and WelcomeHealth. On April 4, 2023 City Council voted for the City to become a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) and accept HOME funds. If HUD approves the 2023 Action Plan, a CDBG Agreement and HOME Agreement will be issued by HUD. These agreements must be executed, returned to the HUD Field Office in Little Rock, and then sent to HUD in Washington D.C. for the release of funds.

DISCUSSION:

Grant amounts vary each year based upon the funding levels authorized by Congress through the annual federal budget process. The award for 2023 is CDBG \$ \$764,642 and HOME \$512,642. The grant funding detail submitted to HUD in the 2023 Action Plan is as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

ADMINISTRATION	\$ 118,885
HOUSING	\$ 478,483
REDEVELOPMENT	\$ 92,174
PUBLIC SERVICES	\$ 75,000
CASA of NWA	\$ 10,000
NWA CoC	\$ 23,800

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Partners for Better Housing	\$ 15,215	
WelcomeHealth	\$ 10,985	
SAFE Program	\$ 15,000	
CDBG Total		\$ 764,542

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) \$ 512,642

GRAND TOTAL \$ 1,277,184

Approving the Mayor's authority to execute the 2023 CDBG and HOME Agreements when issued by HUD will reduce the waiting time for HUD to release the funds. This will allow for a faster start to both internal and external programs which assist low-and-moderate income residents in Fayetteville.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS: Staff Review Form, CDBG & HOME 2023 Action Plan, RES - CDBG AGREEMENT, 2023 ACTION PLAN