

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000 FOR THE MAT-SU SENIOR SERVICES HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT.

AGENDA OF: November 16, 2021

Assembly Action:

Approved under the consent agenda. 11.16.21 KBJ

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:

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Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - P. Graham	<i>PG</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>hw</i>	For CM
	Borough Attorney	<i>KS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>BBA for YKM</i>	

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X
Resolution Serial No. 21-127 (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program requires that the application be submitted by a local government agency, and that the governing body pass a resolution authorizing the submittal of the application. The program is targeted toward community development and planning activities which address health and safety needs of low and moderate income residents or which support future community/economic development and community self-sufficiency.

In an effort to secure project nominations for this grant application the Grants Coordinator advertised three public hearings, the first meeting was ran by the Grants Coordinator and had no one in attendance.

The second public hearing included the Grants Coordinator, Assembly member Nowers and was attended by one citizen, Mr. Fred Taber, Acting Executive Director of Mat-Su Senior Services. Mr. Taber nominated the Mat-Su Senior Services Housing Rehabilitation Project. This project will improve the individual units of a senior housing complex, including a new roof and hot water tanks.

The third and final public hearing included the Grants Coordinator, Assembly member Boeve, Mayor Thompson from the City of Houston, Lance Wilson, City of Houston Public Works Staff; and one citizen of the City of Houston. Mayor Thompson nominated, and the other two attendees spoke in favor of, the City of Houston Community Development Utility Distribution Project. This project would extend gas and/or electric down a number of streets and subdivisions.

The Grants Coordinator contacted the State Grant Administrator with a description of each potential project to ensure eligibility. The Grant Administrator raised questions on how the utilities would actually benefit the Low to Moderate Income population if they were not connected directly to the private home, which this funding does not allow. There were also questions on the right-of-way which would make site control difficult.

With the tight timeline for this grant proposal, five hard copies are due in Fairbanks by December 3, 2021, staff considered the following when making a project decision:

- the number of potential questions on the City of Houston's project;
- that the City of Houston is an eligible applicant on their own, and Mat-Su Senior Services is not and needs the borough to be the applicant;
- a 75% completed application narrative and budget with match funding identified and secured from Mat-Su Senior Services; and
- a staff grant writer at Mat-Su Senior Services to assist in completion of the narrative and forms.

Staff determined that the Senior Housing project was the best project for this grant process given the timeline. This project will serve the seniors of our community, one of our fastest growing demographics.

The Grants Coordinator will continue to support the City of Houston with a grant application if desired.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Approval of the resolution.