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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**TO:** Community Development Commission

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**DATE:** March 13, 2025

**SUBJECT: CDBG-CV Status – Public Facility Improvement Recommendation**

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**Action Requested:** Community Development Commission (CDC) staff recommend approval to engage with the Hanover Park Park District regarding the possibility of using available Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds for improvements to the Hollywood Park Playground in Hanover Park, contingent upon receipt of CDBG-CV related documentation necessary to confirm eligibility.

**Details:** DuPage County was allocated \$6,688,051 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) with a performance period beginning 06/04/2021 and ending 06/04/2027. CDBG-CV funds were awarded as follows:

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Administration & Planning	\$246,233	\$118,002.25	\$128,230.75
Capital	\$4,900,000	\$4,880,250	\$19,750
Public Service	\$1,541,818	\$1,282,276.69	\$259,541.31
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,688,051</b>	<b>\$6,280,528.94</b>	<b>\$407,522.06</b>

With all previously approved CDBG-CV projects having been completed, staff proposes reducing the total CDBG-CV administration and planning allocation to \$134,131.31 which would result in \$391,393 available for a public facility improvement project. CDBG-CV public facility projects must be eligible under the CDBG program, prepare for, prevent, and/or respond to coronavirus, and meet a CDBG national objective.

In October of 2024, the CDC accepted neighborhood investment applications for program years 2025 and 2026, which included a category of parks and recreational facility improvements. Two applications were submitted proposing park or recreational improvements, one from the Roselle Park District and one from the Hanover Park Park District. The Roselle Park District application sought PY2025 funding, but was deemed ineligible as it did not meet the minimum point requirement. The Hanover Park Park District application sought PY2026 funding, but was not recommended as three other applicants scored higher. Of those higher scoring PY2026 applications, one is earmarked for PY2026 funding and the other two were included on a B-List, should an awarded

project fail to move forward or higher levels of CDBG funding be allocated to the County. Additionally, none of the three projects have a clear connection to the coronavirus response.

The Hollywood Park Improvement Project proposes to replace the existing 30-year-old playground, which is past its useful life. Proposed improvements would add a new state-of-the-art play structure and safety surface, and include ADA accessible ramps, swings and fall surfaces as well as stimulating sensory objects, targeting those ages 2-12. The project location and service area are within a residential neighborhood that is 86.60% low-moderate income. Per the Park District, the neighborhood has seen an influx in recent years of young families and they are eager for high quality playgrounds that directly serve their community and we are ready to provide.

Guidance provided under the CDBG-CV program confirm outdoor parks and recreational facilities assist in both prevention and preparation for coronavirus by providing suitable outdoor fitness and social space to support social distancing guidance.

CDC staff will discuss the potential funding source with the Hanover Park Park District, including the requirement that the project meet CDBG-CV requirements of preventing, preparing for, and/or responding to coronavirus. Additionally, Hanover Park Park District must provide documentation demonstrating a duplication of benefits does not exist. Upon review of requested documentation and confirmation the project is eligible under CDBG-CV rules and requirements, a recommendation for a CDBG-CV Agreement will be presented to this committee.