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TO: Community Development Commission
Executive Committee

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DATE: May 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Funding (CDBG-CV) Recommendation & Amendment #8 – Substantial to the 2019 Action Plan

Action Requested: CDC staff recommend approval of CDBG-CV public facility improvement funding in the amount of \$335,136 for a project with the Hanover Park Park District, for improvements to the Hollywood Park Playground, located in the DuPage County portion of Hanover Park, and approval of Amendment #8 – Substantial to the 2019 Action Plan to reprogram CDBG-CV funding to the public facility improvement project.

Details: As authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated a total of \$6,688,051 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to DuPage County. These funds were allocated as a result of a Presidential declaration of a nationwide emergency, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)). This declaration was in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. CDBG-CV funds may only be used for projects that clearly prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to coronavirus. The performance period for these funds began 06/04/2021 and ends 06/04/2027.

Previously awarded public service and capital improvement projects are complete and there is a balance CDBG-CV funding available to complete one final project. CDC staff propose to award CDBG-CV funding to the Hanover Park Park District (HPPD), which applied for park/recreational improvements in October 2024 in response to a call for neighborhood investment applications. The project proposed improvements to Hollywood Park which 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 HUD guidance 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.

HPPD has submitted an application addendum demonstrating the proposed project is CDBG-CV eligible. The addendum includes a prevention, preparation, and/or response to COVID-19 tieback (PPR tieback) as well as duplication of benefits information, as required under the CDBG-CV program.

CDC staff have drafted Amendment #8 – Substantial to the 2019 Action Plan to reprogram CDBG-CV funds as follows:

1. Reduce CDBG-CV Administration funds by \$55,845 to a total of \$190,388; and
2. Reduce CDBG-CV Public Service funds by \$259,541 to a total of \$1,282,277; and
3. Reduce CDBG-CV Special Needs Facilities funds by \$19,750.00 for a total of \$1,880,250.00; and
4. Add CDBG-CV Municipal Infrastructure funds in the amount of \$335,136.00.

The draft 2019 Action Plan Amendment #8 – Substantial public comment period begins 06/05/2025 and runs through 07/07/2025. A public hearing is scheduled for 06/18/2025. The draft 2019 Action Plan Amendment #8 – Substantial can be found on our website at [Planning and Reporting | DuPage Co, IL](#) under the Action Plan drop down option. The approval schedule is outlined below:

06/05/2025 – Start of public comment period
06/17/2025 – Draft plan to Human Services Committee
06/18/2025 – Public Hearing
07/07/2025 – End of public comment period
07/08/2025 – Approval by County Board