



DATE: April 12, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Dave Perrault, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution 2021-017 Supporting the City’s Application for CDBG Funding

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Resolution 2021-017 in support of the City’s application for Community Development Block Grand funds to make site improvements to Arden Manor Park.

All items need a simple majority for action unless otherwise noted.

Discussion

Per the City Administrator, the City’s planning consultant completed an application for this year’s CDBG funding cycle. The below information was provided to the City Council last year and is identical to what was previously approved with the exception of a few minor updates:

Staff has submitted an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to make improvements at Arden Manor Park. CDBG funds can be used to make investments in areas that meet Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements for affordable housing. Most activities funded by the CDBG program are designed to benefit low and moderate-income (LMI) persons. That benefit may take the form of housing, jobs, and services. Additionally, activities may qualify for CDBG assistance if the activity will benefit all the residents of a primarily residential area where at least 51 percent of the residents are low- and moderate-income persons, i.e. area-benefit. The census block where Arden Manor is located meets the area-benefit threshold as the park services the surrounding LMI residents. According to HUD, 61.8 percent of the residents in this area are considered low- and moderate-income persons.

Staff has requested \$189,700 in grant funding, in addition to \$60,000 from the PIR Fund (\$110,000 was originally budgeted for this project), to make the following site improvements and replace existing playground equipment:

1. Park site would be regraded to improve drainage and minimize localized nuisance flooding.

2. Sidewalks, pathways, and playground spaces would be reconfigured and reconstructed with curbing and ADA access.
3. Assist in funding for additional playground equipment to provide separate play areas for children ages 3-5 and ages 5-12.
4. The existing picnic shelter would be replaced based on modern design specifications and ADA access standards.
5. Playground areas would be completed with wood fiber mulch to meet safety standards.
6. Drainage improvements would be installed within the open field area to minimize standing water.

Staff has been informed that the County Staff administering these funds supports the project and will be recommending to the board to fully fund the project. Following the official board approval, respective staffs will meet later in May to talk about the project and next steps.

Budget Impact

The estimated costs and funding is provided below.

COSTS	
Playground equipment	52,000
Site improvements	140,000
Engineering	35,000
Contingency (10%)	22,700
	249,700
 FUNDING	
City PIR Fund	60,000
CDBG Grant	189,700
	249,700

The 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan has \$110,000 programmed for the replacement of the existing playground equipment at the park.

Attachment

Attachment A: Resolution 2021-017 in Support of Arden Manor Park Improvements CDBG Application