



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2015**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 4

SUBJECT: Appropriate an additional \$2,952 of eligible Community Block Grant funds to the Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project

BACKGROUND

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the County of Santa Clara, to small cities within the County. The program funds capital projects that benefit low and very-low income households or otherwise disadvantaged persons. CDBG funds may not be used for ADA compliance projects in general. Applicable capital projects include new low-income housing construction or rehabilitation and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements that remove an existing barrier for the disabled.

On May 27, 2014, Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Santa Clara that allows the City to continue receiving allocations from the CDBG program through September 2017.

EXISTING POLICY

The City receives Community Development Block Grant Capital Improvement Project funds as a result of the 2014/17 Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Santa Clara.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

April 14, 2015

DISCUSSION

At its April 14, 2015 meeting, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Community Block Grant Contract for FY 2015/16 and appropriated up to \$75,000 of eligible Community Block Grant funds to the Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project. Subsequent to the Council's action, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors met on May 5, 2015 and awarded \$77,952 in CDBG funds to the City of Los Altos for use on capital improvement projects. This amount is greater than the past three year allocations and greater than what County staff had previously communicated to City staff. The action requested of Council will allow the City to receive an additional \$2,952 for use on the Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

The proposed modified FY 2015/16 CDBG CIP contract amount will allow the City to proceed with design and construction of the proposed Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 (c) Improvement of Existing Facilities

RECOMMENDATION

Appropriate an additional \$2,952 of eligible Community Block Grant funds to the Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project

ALTERNATIVES

Do not appropriate the additional \$2,952 CDBG funds and maintain the Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project budget at the previously approved \$75,000 amount.

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ATTACHMENT: None

Appropriate an additional \$2,952 of eligible Community Block Grant funds to the Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project