

January 26, 2023
Item No. 7.11.
Sunset Joint Relief Funding Review Committee

Sponsor: David Brower

Reviewed By CBC: City Council

Agenda Caption: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the repeal of Resolution No. 2-23-2006-10.13 that will sunset the Joint Relief Funding Review Committee.

Relationship to Strategic Goals:

Good Governance

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends that City Council repeal the Resolution forming the Joint Relief Funding Review Committee to allow for the sunset of the committee.

Summary: Since 1985, the Cities of College Station and Bryan have partnered to jointly award Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to nonprofit health and human service programs that primarily benefit low to moderate income residents. The Joint Relief Funding Review Committee (JRFRC) was formed to allow each City Council to appoint three volunteers from their jurisdiction to evaluate proposals submitted from non-profit agencies and to recommend funding as part of each City's Council approved Annual Action Plan and Community Development Budget.

Since 1985, the JRFRC has recommended over 9.8 million dollars in funding (5.2 million from College Station and 4.6 million from Bryan) to 50 different agencies. As per federal guidelines, no more than 15% of a city's annual CDBG allocation may be used for this purpose.

The City of Bryan notified City of College Station staff in September 2022 of their intent to sunset the JRFRC. At the November 17, 2022 meeting, the City of Bryan Council voted to repeal the resolution creating the JRFRC while adopting a new, internal allocation method. The City of Bryan staff cited decreased allocation and staffing levels and increases in proposal evaluation timelines in the JRFRC process as reasons for their decision.

At the City Council meeting on January 12, 2023, Council provided staff with direction regarding the process for future allocation of CDBG Public Service funding.

Budget & Financial Summary: N/A

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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Item No. 8.3.

CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee

Sponsor: David Brower

Reviewed By CBC: City Council

Agenda Caption: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a resolution forming a CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee.

Relationship to Strategic Goals:

Good Governance

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends approval of the resolutions

Summary: Since 1985 the Cities of College Station and Bryan have partnered to jointly award Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to nonprofit health and human service programs that primarily benefit low to moderate income residents. The Joint Relief Funding Review Committee (JRFRC) was formed to allow three (3) Council appointed volunteers from College Station and three from Bryan to evaluate proposals and to recommend funding as part of each City's Council approved Annual Action Plan and Budget.

Since 1985 the JRFRC has recommended over 9.8 million dollars in funding (5.2 million from College Station and 4.6 million from Bryan) to 50 different agencies. No more than 15% of a city's annual CDBG allocation may be used for this purpose, as per federal guidelines.

The City of Bryan notified City of College Station staff this past September of their intent to sunset the JRFRC and the Bryan City Council voted to discontinue the JRFRC process and adopt a new, internal method at their meeting on November 17th, 2022. The City of Bryan cited decreased allocation and staffing levels and increases in proposal evaluation timelines in the JRFRC process as reasons for their decision.

At the January 12, 2023 meeting, City Council directed staff to create a citizen volunteer review committee. The proposed resolution creates a committee of no more than (6) members who will serve staggered three (3) year terms. Members will be eligible to serve for two (2) full terms. The committee will work with a staff liaison to review applications eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding and make recommendations to the City Council for approval with the Annual Action Plan and Community Development Budget.

Staff will present a brief summary of the application, review, and allocation process the committee will utilize.

Budget & Financial Summary: The CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee will allocate the allowable 15% of the annual Community Development Block Grant.

Attachments:

1. 1 - Resolution CDBG Public Service Agency FRC

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, APPROVING THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas, desires to support residents through the appropriation of Community Development Block Grant funds to nonprofit social service programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the creation of a CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee is the best means of receiving funding recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas, desires to appropriate funding in an orderly and compassionate manner; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the City Council hereby creates the CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee.

PART 2: That the CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee shall review and consider all funding requests for CDBG Public Service Agency Funding and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council for their consideration.

PART 3: That the CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee shall be composed of no more than Six (6) citizens of College Station.

PART 4: That Committee Members will serve in Places 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Upon initial appointment, places 1 and 2 shall serve an initial one (1) year term, places 3 and 4 shall serve an initial two (2) year term, and places 4 and 5 shall serve an initial three (3) year term. Thereafter, each place shall be appointed to three – year terms.

PART 4: That the City Council of the City of College Station shall have the authority to appoint, remove, and fill vacancies for all members of the CDBG Public Service Agency Funding Review Committee.

PART 4: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary

MAYOR

APPROVED:

City Attorney