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Staff Report

ITEM NO. SS-1

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Judy Holwell, Interim Planning Director
Date: July 29, 2015 Meeting Date: August 4, 2015
Subject: Senior Center – Community Development Block Grant Update

Discussion

On October 7, 2014, the City of Lemoore received notification that it was awarded a \$1,419,391 Public Facilities Rehabilitation grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for improvements to the Lemoore Senior Center. The grant funds will be used to bring the buildings up to code, repair damage due to age, improve energy efficiency and install solar energy for long-term cost savings. On December 1, 2014, the City received a copy of the State's CDBG Standard Agreement, which contains the required terms and conditions of the grant.

In 2013, prior to applying for the grant, Council authorized former City Manager, Jeff Laws, to enter into an agreement with Kings Community Development Corporation (KCDC) to write the grant on the City's behalf and administer it, if the grant was awarded. After receiving notification that the grant was awarded, the City learned that in order to have another entity work on the City's behalf, a sub-recipient agreement would be needed.

To initiate the project and learn about the CDBG process a meeting was held with CDBG Section Chief, Thomas Brandeberry, Lemoore Senior Citizen Executive Board Members, and City staff. It was determined that under the CDBG terms and conditions, the City is not able to allow KCDC to serve as the City's sub-recipient.

City staff determined that the project can be managed by the City, with outside assistance for compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act study and compliance with Davis Bacon wages.

Staff will work with the Senior Center to determine the improvement priorities to maximize the funds available, while reducing operational costs, in the categories of health, safety, and code compliance; as well as operational efficiencies and water conservation.

CDBG staff will provide the City Council with an update.

Budget Impact

CDBG funds are reimbursed to the City after eligible expenditures have been paid and properly documented. The project must be complete by October 31, 2017.

Recommendation

No direction requested. Council action will be agendaized for the August 18, 2015 City Council regular meeting.