



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 18, 2017

To: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

From: Judith Mercer, Chair, Human Services Commission

Subject: 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Recommendations

The Human Services Commission has completed its work reviewing and recommending grant awards for applications that were submitted for 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. We look forward to presenting our recommendations to you at your Study Session on November 6, 2017.

The CDBG budget for 2018 is an estimate based on the City's 2017 HUD allocation amount, reprogrammed prior year funds, and program income expected to be received from Major Home Repair loan repayments. We will not know our exact 2018 entitlement amount until the Congress has passed the 2018 federal budget. The funding breaks down as follows (itemized per project in Attachment B):

Estimated 2018 CDBG entitlement amount:	\$685,152
Estimated reprogrammed funds and program income:	<u>\$210,000</u>
	\$895,152

Six applications were received for projects that benefit low- and moderate-income residents of Bellevue, including applications for planning and administration of CDBG funds. One application was withdrawn from consideration by the applicant because they needed to receive funding before the end of 2017, which is not an allowable use for 2018 funds. The Commission reviewed the applications at their July 6 and July 18 meetings, and held a public hearing on the preliminary funding recommendations on September 7.

Because the actual amount of the 2018 CDBG entitlement award and other CDBG funds are still unknown, the Commission is recommending a contingency plan (Attachment C) to accommodate any increase or decrease in the City's actual CDBG funding.

We wish to thank the City Council for recognizing the need to build the housing and human service infrastructure in Bellevue and preserve the community safety net. As you are aware, an investment in the social safety net is very cost-effective for the City and improves the quality of life for all residents. Thank you for your support of human services in the past, and we appreciate your continued support.

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