

Legislation Text

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Consider approving Resolution No. 2014-055 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for Community Development Block Grant HOME Program with Dallas County for a period of three years, and take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Dallas County and all interested cities with populations under 50,000 enter into a cooperative agreement for three years. The City of Farmers Branch has been participating in the Dallas County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program since 1994. CDBG funds can be used for a variety of activities as long as they primarily benefit low-to-moderate income residents. Farmers Branch has used these funds for installation of sidewalks at various locations, street reconstruction, new playground equipment and a pedestrian bridge.

DISCUSSION:

The current agreement between the City and Dallas County will expire on September 30, 2014. The new agreement is for 2015 through 2017. Recently CDBG funds are being used for the reconstruction of a portion of Wasina Drive.

Because Farmers Branch will be receiving funds under this agreement, it may not apply for similar grants under the Small Cities or State of Texas CDBG program, or from a HOME program consortium with other cities during the term of this agreement.

This item is consistent with Core Value No. 7, providing efficient and fiscally sound government through conservation budgeting, spending and resource management and Core Value No. 5, providing functional, sustainable, and well maintained infrastructure, facilities and equipment.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

City Administration recommends approving Resolution No. 2014-055 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for CDBG Home Program with Dallas County for a period of three years.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-055 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for CDBG Home Program with Dallas County for a period of three years.
- 2) Motion to deny Resolution No. 2014-055 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for CDBG Home Program with Dallas County for a period of three years.
- 3) Motion to modify to meet the needs of the Council.
- 4) Motion to table the issue for further study or take no action.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution No. 2014-055
- 2. Agreement of Cooperation CDBG Program