



Legislation Text

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Consider approving Resolution No. 2017-074 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for Community Development Block Grant 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 the installation of sidewalks at various locations, street reconstruction, and water and sewer main replacements.

DISCUSSION:

This item was tabled from the June 6, 2017 City Council agenda in order to address certain questions from the City Council regarding potential participation in the HOME program, and certain provisions of the agreement related to HUD requirements. Rick Loessberg, the Director of Planning and Development for Dallas County, will be present to discuss these items with the City Council.

The current agreement between the City and Dallas County will expire on September 30, 2017. The new agreement is for 2018 through 2020. Currently CDBG funds are being used for the water and sewer line replacement along a portion of Shoredale Lane. 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 the guiding principles to maintain stewardship of taxpayers' investments in the community, and to maintain and improve the current infrastructure, facilities, and equipment assets of the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Administration recommends approving Resolution No. 2017-074 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for the CDBG Program with Dallas County for a period of three years.

POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION:

- 1) I move to approve Resolution No. 2017-074 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for the CDBG Program with Dallas County for a period of three years.
- 2) I move to approve Resolution No. 2017-074 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Cooperation for the CDBG Program with Dallas County for a period of three years, with modifications.
- 3) I move to table the issue for further study or take no action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2017-074

2. Agreement of Cooperation for the CDBG Program