



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: January 19, 2015

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

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Subject: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2015 Application and Public Hearing

Background

Oakland County has advised the City of Troy to use \$152,857.00 as our planning estimate for the program year 2015.

The following projects are being recommended for the 2015 CDBG program:

Public Services – Yard Services (Home Chore)	45,857.00
Parks-Recreational Facilities	<u>107,000.00</u>
Total:	\$152,857.00

Federal regulations require Oakland County as an “urban county” grantee to execute an annual Subrecipient Agreement with each participating community. We submit the signed Agreement with our application.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2015 application. The PY2015 Application project will be at Redwood Park. This area has seen a change in demographics from school-aged children to more of a passive recreation park. Because of this change in demographics we are proposing to take the existing old, cement basketball court area and create two new Pickelball Courts. The Pickelball Courts will be located in the same footprint as the existing basketball court, but we will update the existing fencing and lighting. The funds will also be used to install a 1200 ft. long x 10 ft. wide asphalt walking path around the park to provide an opportunity for passive recreation. Thirty percent (maximum allowed) of the PY2015 funds will also fund the City’s Home Chore Program offering mowing of lawns in the spring/summer and plowing driveways and sidewalks in the winter. This program serves low and moderate income seniors and persons with disabilities.

Fund Availability

Oakland County will allow participating communities to spend a maximum of 30% of their annual allocation on public services. We are currently at 30%.