

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer, 915-212-1659

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 7

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 8 – Nurture and promote a healthy, sustainable community

SUBGOAL: Goal 8.2 – Stabilize neighborhoods through community, housing and ADA improvements

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a resolution to approve an amendment to the City's 2020-2021 (46th Year) Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement (CDBG-EN) to:

- a. Delete the CDBG Playa Drain Trail Improvement from Whittier Dr. to Prado Rd. (\$295,800); and
- b. Add \$295,800 in CDBG for a JP Shawver Park 3-Wall Handball Court project.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The Playa Drain Trail Improvement project cannot be completed in the timeframe required for the expenditure of CDBG funds. This section of trail intersects with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) right-of-way and as such, requires TxDOT approval of design, which is a considerably lengthy process. The project was intended to supplement the existing trail project between Whittier Dr. and Prado Rd. with illuminated bollards, mile markers and wayfinding signage. The remainder of the trail project between Whittier Dr. and Prado Rd., which is not CDBG-funded, is not affected by the deletion of this CDBG portion of the project.

Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, Capital Improvement Department, and Community + Human Development consulted with the District 7 Office to identify a replacement project for the expenditure of the \$295,800 in CDBG funds that are targeted for District 7 small-scale improvement projects. Staff and the District 7 Office recommend utilizing these funds to construct a 3-wall handball court at JP Shawver Park.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

On July 7, 2020, the City Council adopted the 2020-2021, 46th Year Annual Action Plan that included funding for the Playa Drain Trail CDBG project between Whittier Dr. and Prado Rd.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

\$295,800 in 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Department of Community + Human Development (DCHD)
SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department, Parks and Recreation

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the City Council for the City of El Paso adopted the Final Action Plan for 2020-2021 and on that date Authorized the City Manager to sign and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to include all certifications contained therein; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to delete the CDBG Parks and Recreation Senior and Disabled Exercise Program (\$30,000) and add \$30,000 in CDBG for a Veterans Permanent Supportive Housing - Support Services and Subrecipient Administration project ("First Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council, based on the recommendation of the Director of the Community and Human Development Department, now desires to amend the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to delete existing projects and add new projects; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2021 the City of El Paso posted on its website public notice and allowed a 5 day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan and 46th Year CDBG Program Budget and City Council has duly considered public comment if any.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan and 46th Year CDBG Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:
 - a. Delete the CDBG Playa Drain Trail Improvement from Whittier Dr. to Prado Dr. (\$295,800); and
 - b. Add \$295,800 in CDBG for a JP Shawver Park 3-Wall Handball Court project.
2. That the Department of Community and Human Development, through the Director, be authorized to make the above changes to the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's program system.
3. That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution upon approval by the City Attorney's Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department.
4. Except as herein amended in the First Amendment and this Second Amendment, the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, 46th Year CDBG Program Budget and 46th Year ESG Program Budget remain in full force and effect.

(Signatures on the following page)

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 20_____.

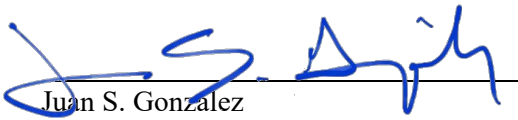
CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nicole Ferrini
Director, Community and Human Development