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Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

Via: Anthony Lyons, City Manager

Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager

From: Jennifer Powell, CACCD Chairperson

Date: 6/29/2018

Re: Recommended CDBG & HOME Allocations for FY 2018-2019

On behalf of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD), I am pleased to present our FY 2018-2019 CDBG & HOME funding recommendations. The Committee has based its recommendations on a thorough review of applications, site visits made by its members, applicant's presentations and comments from the public. Each project was considered on its own merits, and the Committee did its utmost to maintain the integrity of its process.

As a reminder, HUD has recommended for local governments to implement a minimum \$10,000 threshold for grant awards in order to maximize efficiency of limited resources and grant effectiveness. For the past three fiscal years (FY 2015-2016, FY 2016-2017, and FY 2017-2018) the \$10,000 minimum has been in effect for the public services programs.

Our recommendations reflect the Committee's concern with making the best use of limited funds. As in previous years, the demands for CDBG and HOME funding far exceeded our ability to recommend funding for many worthy projects that are seeking financial assistance.

In addition to considering the impact of each project proposal, the Committee ensured that all recommended projects supported one or more of the following funding priorities established by the City Commission:

- Housing
- Homeless Assistance
- Nutritional Support
- Job training/employment opportunities
- Senior Programs
- Youth Programs (at-risk)

Please note that the CACCD's recommendations are limited to the "competitive" funding under CDBG and HOME, which allowed the CACCD and applicants to focus on amounts that were realistically available for allocation to community nonprofit organizations.

You should have a report that shows all requests for CDBG and/or HOME funds, along with our recommendations under each activity category by agency. The CACCD's recommendations are based on the following funding levels for FY 2018-2019

CDBG Competitive Amount Available = \$175,000

HOME Competitive Amount Available = \$151,961

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