# 2021 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

City of Watsonville
Community Development
Department

# **CDBG** Background

Program Overview

Goals and National Objectives

Eligible Activities

Requirements and Funding Priorities

# CDBG National Objectives All CDBG activities must meet at least one of three National Objectives:

- Benefit Low- to Moderate-Income Persons or Households
  - at or below 80% of County median income
- Prevent or Eliminate Slum and Blight
- Serve Urgent Community Need
  - Natural Disaster Recovery, urgent public health measures

#### **Examples of Eligible Activities**

- Rehabilitation of housing and other buildings
- Public facilities and infrastructure:
  - Construction and improvements of public utility systems, streets, neighborhood centers
- Public Services (within limits 15% cap)
- Energy conservation and renewable energy measures
- Economic development and job creation/retention activities, and
- Other activities meeting the National Objectives

# **Examples of Ineligible Activities**

- Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
- Equipment, operating and maintenance expenses
- Political activities
- Certain income payments:
- Subsistence or welfare-type grants to an individual or family, and
- Construction of new housing by local governments

## **CDBG Funding Requirements**

- At least 70% of block grant expenditures must "principally benefit" low- and moderateincome persons (overall benefit)
- ALL CDBG expenditures must address at least one of the national objectives:
- Low- and Moderate-Income Benefit
- Elimination of Slum and Blight
- Urgent Community Needs

#### **CDBG Priorities**

- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development

Public Services

Public Facilities

#### **CDBG Funds Available for 2021**

Funds	Amount
2021 Entitlement Grant	\$798,441
Program Income (2021 Estimated Receipts)	\$80,000
2020 Unused Funds (for reappropriation)	\$137,518
Total available	\$1,015,959

#### **2021 CDBG Funding Proposal**

<b>Activity Summary</b>	Amount
Public Services (Statutory limit: 15% of total)	\$122,259
Affordable Housing	\$200,000
Economic Development	\$50,000
Public Facilities	\$350,000
Loan Repayment	\$161,934
Planning and Administration (Statutory limit: 20% of total)	\$131,766
Total	\$1,015,959

#### **Public Services**

Youth Center Recreation Services \$122,259

Operation of the City's youth recreation programs to provide youngsters with positive alternatives to crime, drugs and gangs; and safe educational and healthy after-school activities

# **Affordable Housing**

- Housing Rehabilitation Program \$100,000
  - Deferred and/or low-interest loans for rehabilitation and repair of housing owned and/or occupied by lower income households
- Code Enforcement \$100,000
  - Funding for two full-time code enforcement officers

#### **Economic Development**

- Small Business / Microenterprise \$50,000
  - El Pájaro Community Development Corporation
- Section 108 Loan Payment \$161,934
  - Civic Plaza Parking Structure debt service

#### **Public Facilities**

Ramsay Park ADA Accessibility and Parking Lot Improvements Ph. I

\$200,000

Senior Center ADA Kitchen and Other Improvements Ph. II

\$150,000

## Planning and Administration

- General Program Administration \$131,766
  - Plans and studies, accounting, budgeting, reporting, planning, program guidelines and monitoring of CDBG activities

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that following the public hearing, the City Council adopt a Resolution to approve the submittal of the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan