

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: January 26, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Subject: **Approve the Substantial Amendment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the 2015-2016 Program Year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Recommendation:

Approve the Substantial Amendment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the 2015-2016 Program Year to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The amendment will delete the previously approved 5th Street East/Avenue K Park Improvement activity and adds three new similar activities to improve Mariposa Park, Pierre Bain Park, and Whit Carter Park.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact for the City. The City proposes to delete the 5th Street East/Avenue K Park improvements that were to receive \$200,000 (comprised of \$100,000 of 2015-2016 entitled CDBG funds and \$100,000 of reprogrammed CDBG funds from previous funding years) and proposes to improve Mariposa Park (utilizing \$100,000 of 2015-2016 entitled CDBG funds), Pierre Bain Park (utilizing \$20,000 of reprogrammed CDBG funds) and Whit Carter Park (utilizing \$80,000 reprogrammed CDBG funds).

Background:

On May 12, 2015, the City Council approved the CDBG Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the 2015-2016 Program Year. Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.505(a), the proposed changes are considered a “Substantial Amendment” to the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan and require specific citizen participation actions before the changes may be approved by the City Council and submitted to HUD. To allow interested residents the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes, the City published a public notice in the Antelope Valley Press on December 28, 2015 informing residents of the availability of the Substantial Amendment document for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from December 28, 2015 to January 26, 2016.

This amendment is necessary to delete the previously-approved 5th Street East/Avenue K Park Improvements to a public facility and to reallocate \$200,000 of CDBG funds to three new public facility activities.

Staff proposes to reallocate these funds to improve Mariposa Park, Pierre Bain Park, and Whit Carter Park. The new activities meet the same Consolidated Plan – Strategic Plan Goals as the activity to be deleted, which is to construct, upgrade, rehabilitate and enhance existing public facilities in service areas comprised of low to moderate income persons.

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Attachment:

Substantial Amendment for the CDBG Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the 2015-2016 Program Year