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**ORDER ACCEPTING THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PRIORITY TASK FORCE REPOR AND 2021 ADDENDUM, AS AMENDED**

ORDERED, that the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Priority Task Force Report and 2021 Addendum, with recommended changes as shown on the attached, is hereby accepted in substantially the form attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that implementation of the items listed below shall begin with the CDBG FY2022-2023 Allocation Process.

Structural Recommendation

- (1) Establish a set-aside for new programs that have not previously received CDBG funding. The recommendation would set-aside up to 20% of the previous year's allocation within the respective funding categories; construction/development and social service. The set-aside would be awarded to new programs that score 75 points or higher. If there are not enough eligible new programs to use the full 20%, the remainder would go back in to the general allocation fund. In FY22 the 20% set aside would have been \$129,763.

- (2) Funding for the Community Policing program set-aside be used in the community policing program or another alternative response program managed by the Police Department.

Scoring Recommendations

- (1) Change priority activities from two to three categories: HIGH, PRIORITY, and ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY. The categories are given priority points as follows: High 5 points, Priority 2 points and Eligible Activity 0 points.
- (2) Revise the scoring structure as well as the sub-categories to streamline the scoring, make it more predictable for applicants and the allocation committee, and decrease arbitrary point value assignments to the subcategories.
 - a. Each subcategory will be ranked on a universal scale of 1-5 (poor to excellent), with multipliers applied to especially important categories, resulting in a total 100 possible points per application.
 - b. Expand the scoring and page limits for collaboration from two pages to eight pages.
 - c. “Consistent with City Plans” will now be captured under “City Goals” in both scoring and the narrative of the application
 - d. Collaboration will be a single overall score rather than tiered scoring for Outreach, Letters of Support, and Memorandum of Understanding

SCORING CATEGORY	POSSIBLE POINTS
Goal, Priority Impact Level & Community Need	30 Total
• Goal	15
• Priority impact (5pts high Priority, 2pts priority, 0pts eligible activity)	5, 2, or 0
• Community need	10
Guiding Principles:	30 Total
• Measurable community impact	10
• Diversity and inclusiveness	5 Construction/ 10 Social Service
• Priority to lower incomes	5 Construction/ 10 Social Service
• Location (construction only)	5
• Sustainability (construction only)	5
Capacity to deliver:	25 Total
• Financial need	5
• Leveraged funding	5
• Experience providing service	5
• Readiness to proceed	5
• Financial stability	5
Partnership/Collaboration	15 Total

PENALTY	POINTS DEDUCTED
Missing section/s	1 point deducted per item
Failing to follow Submission Guidelines , section I.C.3 (including but not limited to: application not typed, page limits, max/min request amounts, etc)	0.25 point deducted per instance
Errors (e.g. in budget calculation)	0.25 points deducted per instance

Guiding Principles and Priority Recommendations

The largest part of the Task Force work focused around the City's "Needs-Goals-Priorities" table, with a specific focus on high priority and priority activities.

(1) Neighborhood Investment and Infrastructure

Move "Parks and Recreation Activities" to the high priority category.

Remove "Historic Preservation" from the priority activity list. Historic Preservation will remain an eligible activity, but will not receive priority points.

(2) Housing Availability

"Rental Assistance" renamed "Housing Start-up Assistance" to encompass a broader range of housing activities, i.e. security deposit, rental payments, application fees.

(3) Economic Opportunity

- a. Remove "Façade Improvements" and "Financial Stability Services" from the priority list. These activities are still eligible, but will not receive priority points.

(4) Addressing the Needs of the Growing Homeless Population

- a. Combine "Mental Health Services" and "Substance Abuse Services" in to one category labeled "Behavioral Health Services", which would remain a high priority activity.
- b. "Rental Assistance" renamed "Housing Start-up Services" in order to encompass a broader range of housing activities for homeless individuals, i.e. security deposits, rental payments, housing case management, application fees. This activity remains a high priority activity.