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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 5, 2019

Re: Housing and Community Development Commission Recommendations on FY 2012 Surplus Funds

Executive Summary

City Council approved a mutual rescission and release from an agreement with Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) at its February 18, 2019 meeting. Staff recommended utilizing its annual funding process to align funding with potential interest in directing funds towards economic development activities on the business loop. The City received one application from Columbia Gadget Works that aligned with this approach, for \$2,850. The Housing and Community Development Commission voted to recommend Council approve funding for this project and to reserve the remaining \$34,650 for the Cullimore Cottages project.

Discussion

City Council appropriated \$50,000 of FY 2012 General Fund savings on June 17, 2013 to contribute to CMCA's Microloan Program. CMCA expended \$12,500 of funds under its initial agreement authorized on August 19, 2013, leaving a balance of \$37,500 appropriated for the program. The initial agreement expired on September 30, 2015 and a new agreement was executed on September 29, 2016 to continue the program. CMCA agreed to execute a mutual rescission and release from agreement with the City of Columbia, which was approved by City Council on February 18, 2019.

The Housing and Community Development Commission conducted its annual Request for Proposal (RFP) process and obtained one proposal for use of these funds. The proposal was received from Columbia Gadget Works and included a cardboard robotics event for youth to learn how to build robots using electronic components and cardboard. The funding request consisted of \$2,850 for supplies necessary to conduct the event. Columbia Gadget Works anticipates serving 30 students with this educational event and focusing on low-income youth that may not otherwise be able to engage in STEM educational programs. The Housing and Community Development Commission recommended Council approve funding for this event.

Should Council proceed with approving \$2,850 funding for Columbia Gadget works, there is a balance of \$34,650 remaining. The Housing and Community Development Commission voted to recommend Council reserve this funding for the Cullimore Cottages project located on N. 8th Street. The Housing Community Development Commission plans to recommend additional CDBG and HOME funding allocations for the Cullimore Cottages project this fall. Reserving the \$34,650 in remaining FY 2012 surplus funds will provide



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additional project capacity to Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity, Job Point, Central Missouri Community Action and the Columbia Community Land Trust.

City Council could also move the funds to another Council priority, or conduct an additional targeted RFP at a later date pertaining to efforts on the business loop. Staff recommends City Council provide any additional comments to staff in response to this report.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities,

Legislative History

Date	Action
August 19, 2013	City Council approved an agreement for CMCA's Microloan Program.
September 19, 2016	City Council approved a new agreement for CMCA's Microloan Program.
February 18, 2019	Council approved a Mutual Rescission and Release of Agreement with CMCA.

Suggested Council Action

Review the report and provide comments to staff regarding the potential allocation to Columbia Gadget Works and the remaining balance of funding to the Cullimore Cottages.