



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Housing & Neighborhood Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 16, 2024

Re: Resolution authorizing a FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Agreement with Services for Independent Living (SIL) for home modification repairs that will result in accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Executive Summary

Attached for Council consideration is a resolution authorizing: (1) an amendment to the FY 2023 CDBG grant agreement with Services for Independent Living (SIL); and (2) a FY 2024 CDBG grant agreement with SIL in the amount of \$50,000 for home modification repairs that will result in accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Discussion

On June 17, 2024, the City Council approved the FY 2024 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan. The plan allocated \$1,014,084 in CDBG funds, including \$112,000 to SIL for accessibility-related home modification repairs. The FY 2024 CDBG Grant Agreement attached for Council approval is for SIL to receive \$50,000 in FY 2024 CDBG funds.

While SIL had been allocated \$112,000 in FY 2024 CDBG funding, SIL has been having difficulty spending down the funds allocated to them in previous years for the same services. On November 2, 2024, SIL sent a letter to the City's Housing Programs Division discussing the challenges they are having with spending these funds, including finding contractors willing to take projects under \$5,000. The letter is included in the Council meeting documents.

SIL returned \$86,215.63 of the \$95,000 in FY 2022 CDBG funds they were awarded due to contractor, construction supplies and COVID issues. In FY 2023, SIL was awarded \$95,000 in CDBG funds for accessibility-related home modifications and are required under their agreement to have all funds expended by December 31, 2024. SIL estimates having approximately \$33,076 of FY 2024 funds remaining come December 31, 2024.

Rather than granting SIL the full \$112,000 in FY 2024 CDBG funds, staff is recommending that the 2023 CDBG Grant Agreement be amended to allow SIL until March 31, 2025 to expend their remaining funding under that agreement and that SIL's FY 2024 CDBG allocation be reduced to \$50,000. The remaining \$62,000 will be reallocated in the first quarter of 2025 as part of a larger reallocation that is needed due to the City's receipt of program income.

City staff are working closely with SIL to ensure their success with the FY 2024 funds.



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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$50,000 in budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds.

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community,

Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
June 17, 2024	Public Hearing and R 117-24 Resolution adopted approving the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds
June 3, 2024	Council approved a resolution setting a hearing for the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan.
February 5, 2024	Council approved a resolution R 27-24 approving the grant agreement for SIL to receive \$95,000 in FY 2023 CDBG funds.
April 17, 2023	Public Hearing and R 65-23 Resolution adopted approving the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds
April 3, 2023	Council approved a resolution setting a hearing for the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the resolution.