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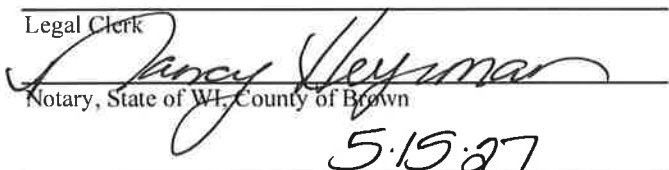
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**PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF
PALM BAY
Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG) Program
Amendments**

Notice of Availability Subject to Approval and Public Hearing on the proposed Substantial Amendments to program years (PY) 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 CDBG Action Plans

In accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 91.105 (c), the City of Palm Bay hereby proposes to reallocate leftover funds from completed projects, cancel two projects, and allocate funds to projects currently needing additional funds as projects are ready to start, and establish an in-house Housing Rehabilitation Specialist.

Notice is hereby given of proposed changes for the City's CDBG Program amending Action Plans for PY 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 as follows:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 - FUNDING
REDUCTION**

Activity Name: PY 2024 Palm Bay Aquatic Center
Original CDBG Funding Amount: \$50,710

Description: Palm Bay Aquatic center located at 420 Community College Pkwy SE, Palm Bay FL 32909. The project's scope included removal and replacement of \$1.8 million BTU commercial pool heater, circulation/treatment pumps, and pool chemistry controller system.

Proposed Changes and Reasons for Changes: This project is not eligible as it does not meet the eligibility guidelines specified by HUD, that at least 51% of the project's beneficiaries must be low- to moderate-income individuals.

Project Status: Cancelled and reduced to \$0.

Reallocation Amount: \$50,710 will be transferred to Liberty Park Improvements project.

**AMENDMENT NO. 2- FUNDING
INCREASE**

Activity Name: PY 2024 Liberty Park Improvements
Original CDBG Funding Amount: \$100,361

Description: The scope of project includes removal and replacement of 700 linear feet of backstop fabric on softball fields; removal of the clay on two fields and replacing with industry-standard clay to a depth of 5 inches; replacing basketball court lights with energy-efficient LED fixtures.

Proposed Changes and Reason for Changes: Last year this project was recommended for funding and more improvements are needed in this park that are ready to go (start). This amendment addresses the improvements and helps meet HUD expenditure goals. Implementation of this project will help the City meet expenditure goals required by HUD annually for the CDBG Program.

Project Status: Budgeted.
Reallocation Amount: Transfer \$50,710 from (Cancelled) Palm Bay Aquatic Center project to Liberty Park Improvements project. The park originally was funded at \$83,480 an additional \$50,710 will be added bringing the new total to \$134,190.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3 - ACTIVITY
NAME CHANGE**

Original CDBG Activity Name: PY 2024 Riviera Park Improvements

Revised CDBG Activity Name: PY 2024 Ken Greene Memorial Park Improvements

The Riviera Park was officially renamed to Ken Greene Memorial Park in June 2024. The new project name will be Ken Greene Memorial Park Improvements.

Description: The scope of this project includes the removal and replacement of the existing tennis/pickleball courts including sub-base, associated equipment, and fence enclosure.

Proposed Changes and Reason for Changes: This project was originally submitted to HUD as Riviera Park Improvements. The park name was recently changed to Ken Greene Memorial Park Improvements. The scope of work, budget and park location did not change. The only change with this park is the name change.

**AMENDMENT NO. 4 - PROJECT
CHANGE**

Original Activity Name: PY 2024 Public Works Construction of Sidewalks (east end of San Filippo Blvd. from Wichita Blvd. to Eldron Blvd.)
Original CDBG Funding Amount: \$270,266

Description: The scope of this project includes construction of 8-foot sidewalk along the east side of San Filippo Blvd. from Wichita Blvd. to Eldron Blvd.

Proposed Changes and Reasons for Changes: This project is being cancelled as engineering & design is not complete. Implementation of this project will help the City meet

expenditure goals required by HUD annually for the CDBG Program.

Project Status: Budgeted
Reallocation Amount: Transfer \$270,266 from (Cancelled) San Filippo Blvd. from Wichita Blvd. to Eldron Blvd. and reallocate the funds to Wichita Blvd. Sidewalk (San Filippo Blvd. to Babcock St.) project.

AMENDMENT NO.5 - NEW ACTIVITY

Activity Name: CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

Funding Amount: \$52,607.65

Funding Source: PY 2022 and 2023 leftover funds from completed projects

Description: Housing Rehabilitation Specialist job duties - inspect properties and prepare cost estimates, prepare plans and specifications for construction, rehabilitation, and work/repairs. Prepare documents for bid invitations and coordinate distribution of bid packages to qualified contractors. Review bids/project cost proposals and advise on the most cost effective/beneficial rehabilitation package. Assist with the coordination of construction schedules with contractors and homeowners. Monitor/inspect construction and rehabilitation projects for compliance with workmanship standards, specifications, adherence to code, property rehabilitation standards, contract conditions, and progress payment disbursement. Approve progress and final payment requests. Provide project updates to homeowners and explain to them the different phases of construction and project timelines. Assist in resolving conflicts between homeowner and contractor. Provide information regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Program and other relevant information to the public. Other duties may be assigned to this job description.

Proposed Changes and Reasons for Changes: A housing rehabilitation specialist is crucial on rehabilitation projects for their expertise to thoroughly assess a property's condition, identify necessary repairs, ensure compliance with the building codes, manage project costs effectively, and navigate funding sources, ultimately maximizing the value of the rehabilitation while minimizing risks for both the homeowner and the project.

Reallocation Amount: Transfer \$50,710 from remaining Administration funds along with \$1,897.65 from PY 2022 and 2023 leftover funds from completed projects.

These are federal funds and will have no impact on the general fund budget. This amendment is in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations and will allow the projects to proceed to completion and meet the City's timeliness obligations. The public comment period shall begin on January 15, 2025, and end on February 20, 2025. The City of Palm Bay will hold a Public Hearing to review these changes and to receive public comments at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Palm Bay City Hall, 120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, Florida 32907. Comments will be received in writing, orally and at the public hearing. The substantial Amendment is available at 120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, FL 32907. During the public comment period you can email your comments to

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All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing and make oral and written comments in accordance with the American Disabilities Act and Section 286.26 Florida Statutes persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate should contact Denise Carter at (321) 952-3400 ext. 3408, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.