

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2020
9:32 A.M. – 10:13 A.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT (CHAIR), COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN

COUNCIL EXCUSED: MAYOR RYDER

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, TROY WOO, STEVE KIRKMAN, PERI EDMONDS

ACTION: APPROVE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA.

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN
AND DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TIMELINE

STAFF: STEVE KIRKMAN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is funded under the Thurston County CDBG Urban County Partnership and rotates every three years among Lacey, Tumwater, and Thurston County (including South County communities). Thurston County is designated by HUD as the Urban County, and is the lead jurisdiction for the partnership.

The 2020 CDBG funding marks the City's third funding round under the partnership. Approximately \$1 million will be available for Lacey-area projects. Applications for CDBG funding for eligible activities include affordable housing, capital improvements, community facilities, and opportunities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents within the City.

2020 CDBG Funding Schedule:

February 21: Request for Proposals Published

March 2: Application Workshop at Lacey City Hall

April 3: Applications Due

April 23: Presentation of proposals to Lacey City Council

April 28: General Government & Public Safety Committee will review proposals

May 21: City Council Worksession to select proposals

Approval of proposals by HUD will occur in early September, and contracts signed in early October.

The Committee directed staff to research the City's options to receive CDBG funds directly from HUD, and report back to the Committee.

CABLE FRANCHISE UPDATE

STAFF: STEVE KIRKMAN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

In December 2019, Council approved an extension of the cable television franchise with Comcast until May 2020. Negotiations are continuing with Comcast and should be finished in May.

Staff discussed the new FCC ruling restricting local government cable franchise fees, and the appeal filed with other jurisdictions. Staff will report back to the Committee when the ruling has been made.