



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 20-87
COUNCIL MTG OF: September 15, 2020
FROM: Administration
OFFERED BY: Administration
PREPARED BY: Administration
SUBJECT: Applying for a CDBG-CV Grant

INTRODUCTION

The Town Council is being requested to authorize staff to apply for a Community Development Block Grant – Community Organizations (CDBG-CV).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

See comments within this staff report.

BACKGROUND

As part of the federal CARES Act, communities may apply for a CDBG-CV which is designed to assist with additional costs incurred by community service organizations such as Town Human Services costs and social service agencies costs. We have hired a grant writer (Donna Lane, compensated by the grant proceeds) to draft a grant application. The maximum limit per organization is \$500,000.00.

DISCUSSION

One of the limiting requirements of the grant establishes a 70% threshold, whereby 70% of the persons served by the organization must reside within the community applying for the grant. Most of our social service organizations are regional and do not meet Derry's residency threshold. Therefore, our grant writer requested and received permission from the Rockingham County Commissioners to apply for a second grant under the County's name, which makes the 70% threshold attainable.

We expect the Town's application to include increased temporary housing costs as we are anticipating the need as the recession lingers and the moratorium on evictions expires.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no costs incurred by the Town with this grant program, and the grant proceeds will be used to support the needs of area agencies and our residents in need.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

To adopt Resolution #2020-047 (please read Resolution #2020-047)

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