



Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2026
TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: AMY SELLS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM NO. 7
**RECEIVE A PUBLIC PRESENTATION FROM EACH PUBLIC SERVICE
GRANT APPLICANT AND FINALIZE FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT APPLICANTS
FOR THE 2026-27 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC):

- 1) Receive a staff report regarding the Public Service Grant application process;
- 2) Receive a presentation from each Public Service Grant applicant; and
- 3) Finalize funding recommendations for the Public Service Grant Applicants for the 2026-27 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program year.

BACKGROUND

On June 7, 2018, the City Council adopted the City's first Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), Annual Action Plan, and Citizen's Participation Plan for the CDBG funding program. The passage of these planning documents as required by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to become an "entitlement city" and administer CDBG funds independently. Previously, the City's CDBG efforts were administered by the County of Riverside.

A portion of the total CDBG allocation that the City receives from HUD may be used to fund public services. Typically, this process is served through a public service grant (PSG) application system. Non-profit entities that serve a population with certain demographic characteristics (low income, homeless, etc.) are encouraged to apply for public service grant funding from the City. The City's anticipated CDBG allocation is \$1,000,000, which includes up to \$150,000 for PSG funding.

On February 21, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2019-04, which established the CDAC to administer the PSG applicant selection process.

Over the past three fiscal years, the CDAC has made the following recommendations:

For the FY 2022–23 and FY 2023–24 CDBG program years, the CDAC recommended PSG funding allocations of \$166,944 and \$163,759, respectively, for various qualified non-profit organizations. After careful consideration, the City Council prioritized homeless services and awarded \$150,000 in FY 2022–23 and \$143,759 in FY 2023–24 to Path of Life to continue its homeless outreach, emergency shelter, and homelessness prevention programs. The remaining PSG funds were awarded to Family Services Association (FSA), with \$16,944 allocated in FY 2023–24 and \$20,000 in FY 2024–25 to support the senior meal program at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center.

For the FY 2024–25 CDBG program year, CDAC recommended PSG funding totaling \$160,000 for several non-profit organizations. The City Council approved the following allocations: \$127,000 to Path of Life for homeless outreach, emergency shelter, and prevention services; \$20,000 to FSA for the senior meal program at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center; \$5,000 to Jurupa Football and Cheer to support youth development through football and cheer; and \$5,000 to Girls on the Run to combine physical activity with life skills development while training participants for a 5K race.

For FY 2025–26, the City Council continued its emphasis on senior nutrition and homelessness by awarding \$130,000 to Path of Life and \$20,000 to Family Services Association.

ANALYSIS

This year, City staff received two applications in the current funding cycle for the PSGs: one from Path of Life and one from FSA. Notably, these are the same two organizations that the City Council has consistently funded through the CDBG Public Service Grants since 2017, reflecting both organizational stability and sustained alignment with City Council priorities related to homelessness services and senior nutrition.

In prior program years, the City has received multiple applications from non-profit organizations seeking CDBG PSG funding. Each year the City Council has continued emphasis on addressing homelessness and supporting senior nutrition programs, recognizing both as critical community needs for the CDBG funding.

Because only two qualified applications were received, the role of the CDAC will differ from prior years. Rather than evaluating multiple competing proposals and making recommendations on which organizations to fund, the Committee's focus will be to determine the appropriate allocation of available funding between the two applicants. Both applications were found to be eligible and



responsive, allowing the CDAC to concentrate on funding levels and program impacts rather than organizational selection.

The following are brief descriptions of the applicants:

Applicant: Family Services Association

Funding Request: \$30,000

Current Level of CDBG Funding (not including CDBG-CV): \$20,000

Service: Senior Nutrition Program

Summary: The FSA currently provides a senior meal program at the Eddie D. Smith Senior Center on Mission Boulevard. FSA recently reinstated the in-person service at the senior center and their team prepares and cooks meals and provides nutrition-related resources and education. FSA's application describes how receiving CDBG funds will allow them to provide meals to the seniors of the community.

Applicant: Path of Life Ministries, Inc.

Funding Request: \$130,380

Current Level of CDBG Funding (not including CDBG-CV): \$127,000

Program: Emergency Shelter, Outreach, and Prevention

Summary: Path of Life has been providing homelessness outreach and shelter to homeless Jurupa Valley residents since July 1, 2017. The proposed program will continue to address the urgent need of homelessness and lack of shelter beds in Jurupa Valley. Path of Life's program provides street outreach with supportive services, 4 reserved shelter beds for Jurupa Valley residents, and homelessness prevention.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Public service grant allocations are derived from the City's 2026-27 CDBG allocation. There is no impact to the City's General Fund.



ALTERNATIVES

Provide alternate direction to City staff.



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