To: Mayor Farrer and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Elizabeth Shavelson, Assistant to the City Manager

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager

Date prepared: January 6, 2020

Meeting date: January 27, 2020

Subject: Approval of Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Conduct the public hearing; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 20-04 authorizing and approving the use of $20,000 in CDBG funds for the Malibu Community Labor Exchange and $44,000 in CDBG funds for preparedness equipment for potential Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) to be distributed to seniors along with preparedness training.

FISCAL IMPACT: The City expects to receive a total allocation of CDBG funding in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of $64,969 which will be reflected in the City’s CDBG revenue. Of that amount, $20,000 will be included in the City’s budget for the Malibu Community Labor Exchange (215-7070-7800-00) and $44,000 will be included to the City’s Public Safety Department’s budget for Emergency Management Operating Supplies (100-7021-6160-00).

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. This project will be proposed for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan.

DISCUSSION: The City receives an allocation of CDBG funds every year. The funds are administered by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (CDA). In the past, the City has received approximately $46,000 annually. The City was recently informed that the CDA has updated the allocation formula based on the most recent data from the American Community Survey (ACS) and the City is projected to receive $64,969 in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, an increase of approximately $19,000.

The CDA guidelines stipulate that only a certain percentage of the annual CDBG allocation can be allocated to public service programs and the remaining funds must be spent on eligible capital projects. The City continues to work with CDA to develop potential CDBG
eligible capital projects and has had difficulty identifying suitable projects to meet the City’s annual drawdown requirements. At this time, the only eligible capital project the City has identified is the purchase and installation of a permanent office trailer and associated site improvements for the Malibu Community Labor Exchange (MCLE). This project is currently on hold pending coordination with the Santa Monica College Malibu Campus Project which is currently in construction.

Historically, the City has awarded the maximum public service program funds to the MCLE to operate a day labor program to assist homeless and low-income individuals. CDA is allowing cities to request exceeding the appropriated 15% threshold for projects involving public services. Given the City’s difficulties with identifying eligible capital projects, staff requested to allocate the City’s entire annual allocation to public services. CDA staff indicated that this request is reasonable but that final approval is pending review of all requests received.

After discussions with CDA, City staff recommends allocating $20,000 for MCLE operational costs and temporary office trailer rental and $44,000 for the purchase of preparedness equipment for potential PSPS to be distributed to seniors, identified as individuals 55 and older. The preparedness equipment will be distributed to qualifying seniors during a series of workshops on PSPS and emergency preparedness.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 20-04
2. Notice of Public Hearing
RESOLUTION NO. 20-04
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF MALIBU

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. The Los Angeles County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has allocated $64,969 to the City of Malibu for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

SECTION 2. After conducting a public hearing, the City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of $20,000 in public service grant funds to the Malibu Community Day Labor Exchange for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and $44,000 in public service grant funds to the purchase of preparedness equipment for potential Public Safety Power Shutoff to be distributed to seniors along with preparedness training. The City Council authorizes adjustments to the programmed amounts as needed and available, as well as in the event that the City receives a different total funding amount. The City Manager or her/his designee is also authorized to make changes to the project as needed.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2020.

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KAREN FARRER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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HEATHER GLASER, City Clerk
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MALIBU
CITY COUNCIL

The Malibu City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Malibu City Hall, located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA, for:

Approval of City of Malibu’s proposed allocation of Fiscal Year 2020-21 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds.

The Council will consider the following proposed allocations:

The use of $20,000 in CDBG funds for Public Services under the Day Labor Exchange Program.

The use of $44,000 in CDBG funds for preparedness equipment for potential Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) to be distributed to seniors along with preparedness training.

The estimated FY2020-21 CDBG annual allocation for the City of Malibu is $64,969 and may fluctuate by +/- 2%.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager at (310) 456-2489, ext. 224. Copies of all related documents can be reviewed by any interested person at City Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Oral and written comments may be presented to the City Council on, or before, the date of the meeting.

LISA SOGHOR, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

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