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Memorandum

To: Mayor Joanne Yepsen
Commissioners Franck, Madigan, Mathiesen and Scirocco

From: Bradley S. Birge

Date: February 27, 2015

Re: Citizen Advisory Committee recommendations for 2015 CDBG funding

Following 2 public hearings, 2 Committee meetings and much discussion, the 12-member Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee will present its recommendations for 2015 CDBG Entitlement Grant funding to the City Council on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. 2015 funding is \$342,430 in 2015 federal funds and \$265 in reprogrammed funds from previous years.

Following the Committee's presentation to the City Council, a 30-day public comment period will occur through April 3. The Committee would like to request that the City Council schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 17 and it is hoped that the City Council will vote on these recommendations at the April 21 Council meeting. The final 2015 Entitlement Action Plan will then be submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development for approval.

The 2015 funding recommendations for your consideration and action on April 21, 2015 are as follows:

Shelters of Saratoga – Saratoga Springs Code Blue Program - \$20,000

To maintain on a year-round basis the full-time Code Blue Coordinator salary. This will further develop services to meet the needs of the street homeless individuals in the area.

Wellspring (formally DVRC) - Emergency Shelter Counselor - \$7,500

A continuation of funding for a full-time shelter counselor to provide women and children, who are homeless due to domestic violence and residing in the emergency shelter, with assistance in accessing rental assistance, securing housing, financial literacy and referrals to community support services.

Catholic Charities – Saratoga Mentoring Program - \$7,500

The continuation of a community-based prevention/diversion program to develop mentoring relationships between at-risk Saratoga Springs youth and successful area business/professional persons.

Legal Aid Society Homelessness Prevention Project - \$7,500

The continuation of a homelessness prevention program to provide free legal advice, referrals and representation to prevent unwarranted or illegal evictions of persons of low and moderate income within Saratoga Springs.

Saratoga Springs Recreation Dept. – Camp Saradac Scholarship - \$2,500
Funding to provide scholarships for low-moderate income children to attend 7 weeks at Camp Saradac.

Saratoga Affordable Housing Group – Rehabilitation Allen Drive Apartments - \$74,209
Funding to continue the rehabilitation of 24 apartments of affordable housing on Allen Drive.

Habitat for Humanity – Affordable Housing Construction - \$50,000
Funding towards new construction of a home for a low-moderate income family at 195 Division Street.

Mother Susan Anderson Emergency Shelter - Rehabilitation Project - \$35,000
Public facility improvements to this emergency shelter serving women and children.

Dept. of Public Works – Senior Center Drainage Project - \$30,000
To fund re-grading in the rear of the Senior Center, installation of new drainage structures, new gutters and a new roof over the rear steps.

Saratoga Hospital – Community Health Center Handicap Accessibility - \$15,000
Funding for renovation project to improve handicap accessibility to the Community Health Center, including additional handicap parking spaces, curb access and handicap door buttons for exterior doors.

Dept. of Public Works – Infrastructure Improvements - \$15,000
Funding for the repair of accessible curbs, sidewalks and curbing within eligible areas of the City.

Rebuilding Together Saratoga County – Housing Rehabilitation - \$10,000
To assist in funding this volunteer-assisted housing rehabilitation program.

Community Development Program Administration - \$68,486
These funds finance the Community Development operating budget to cover the cost of payroll, fringe and program/office expenses.

The applications can be viewed on the City's website under 2015 Community Development.

I thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact me at extension 2515, or the Citizen Advisory Committee Chair, Richard Ferguson, at 583-3114.