

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING  
FY-2020 CDBG PROGRAM  
Oct. 5, 2020

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor  
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor  
James Johnson (via speakerphone)  
Samuel Lyons  
Christian Marshall  
Ryan Rudegear

Members Excused: Fred Mays

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager & Recording Secretary  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
Jim Wetzel, Fire Chief  
Deb Eckelberger, Development Director  
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator  
Sarah Titley, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the hearing to order at 7 p.m.

Ms. Boughner explained this was the second and final public hearing on the City's FY-2020 CDBG Program, convened for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed uses of the City's FY-2020 CDBG allocation of \$304,077. The preliminary public hearing was held June 8, 2020, and the proposed uses were tentatively approved by Franklin City Council at its Sept. 14, 2020, meeting.

The proposed uses include:

**STREET & CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS**

**MILLING & PAVING**

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| • 1200 Block of Buffalo           | \$55,270.50 |
| • 14th – Buffalo to Liberty       | \$23,878.50 |
| • Elk Street -- 13th to W. Park   | \$35,745    |
| • Ninth Street – Elk to Liberty   | \$24,431    |
| • Otter Street – S. Park to 12th  | \$45,922.50 |
| • 13th Street – Eagle to Chestnut | \$33,565    |
| • 15th Street – Elk to End        | \$17,580.50 |

**SUBTOTAL**

**\$236,393**

Associated Curb Ramps (If Funding Permits)

\$12,000

Delivery Costs

\$951

**TOTAL PROJECT COSTS**

**\$249,344**

**ADMINISTRATION (18%)**

**\$54,733**

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**TOTAL**

**\$304,077**

Ms. Boughner explained that the City is proposing that all the FY-2020 project funds be devoted to street improvements (and associated curb ramps), as the City was unable to complete any of the planned Liquid Fuels paving this year due to budget constraints relating to the pandemic.

She noted that six of the seven selected streets – all but the 15<sup>th</sup> Street segment -- are main thoroughfares used by residents to get around the City. With a majority of City residents (53.26%) of low to moderate income, these improvements benefiting all City residents will meet the CDBG national objective of benefitting low to moderate income persons. The segment of 15<sup>th</sup> Street, from Elk to End, is a one-way street connecting to upper Otter Street. It serves the immediate neighborhood, which was found to be predominantly LMI by local survey. As a result, this project, too, will meet the national objective of benefitting low to moderate income persons.

She explained that four of the selected streets – the 1200 Block of Buffalo, 14<sup>th</sup> Street (Buffalo to Liberty), Elk Street (13<sup>th</sup> to W. Park) and Ninth Street (Elk to Liberty) -- are located along the planned shared lane bicycle loop recommended by the City's Pedestrian & Bicycle Connection Master Plan. After these four streets are rehabilitated, only four segments of the loop will remain unaddressed. One of these segments -- the 1200 Block of Buffalo -- which was to be paved in 2020 with Liquid Fuels funds, is also the location of a bus shelter and pedestrian walkway improvement project completed earlier this summer with a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.

She observed that the two blocks of 13<sup>th</sup> Street – from Eagle to Chestnut – link to Eagle Street, which will be paved with FY-2019 CDBG funds. The Otter Street segment is the only portion of Otter that has not been addressed in recent years. The segment of 15<sup>th</sup> Street connects to upper Otter Street, three blocks of which were recently paved with FY-2018 CDBG funds.

There being no comments from the public or the council, the hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Jamieson,  
Recording Secretary