



Date: December 17, 2019

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Jina B. Propst, Interim Director, General Services Department
Subject: Interlocal Agreement with the Durham Housing Authority to Procure Security Cameras and Lighting

Executive Summary

The Durham Housing Authority (DHA) submitted projects during the Participatory Budgeting (PB) idea collection phase for security equipment improvements at their properties. DHA operates over 1,716 units of conventional public housing and provides rental assistance to over 2,700 residents through the Housing Choice Voucher Program. DHA is also responsible for the management of 160 affordable housing units and is invested in 4 mixed finance ventures. Two DHA projects, one in Ward 2 and one in Ward 3, received the highest votes to earn funding from the PB Durham process. DHA is seeking to deter crime and improve security at Ward 2 properties, McDougald Terrace and Hoover Road, and Ward 3 property, Damar Court. The project will include specified camera placement and improved LED lighting infrastructure. General Services requests authority to execute an interlocal agreement with Durham Housing Authority to reimburse costs associated with security cameras and lighting improvements as approved by the PB Steering Committee.

Recommendation

The General Services Department recommends City Council resolve to authorize the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement with the Durham Housing Authority to reimburse up to a total maximum contribution of \$171,083 toward the costs of security cameras and LED lighting.

Background

During the PB idea collection phase, residents submitted over 500 project ideas to enhance communities throughout the City. Volunteers, also known as budget delegates, then vetted and developed these ideas into project proposals. Through the approval of the PB Steering Committee, approximately 40 projects were put forth on a public ballot for voting, with over 10,000 votes received. Winning projects were then announced and approved by the PB Steering Committee in June 2019. Amongst the 18 winning projects, the LED lighting and security camera projects for DHA in Wards 2 and 3 were the top vote-getters. The LED lighting and security cameras are to be installed in Ward 2 DHA properties, McDougald Terrace and Hoover Road, and Ward 3 DHA property, Damar Court.

Issues and Analysis

DHA is seeking to deter crime and improve security through installation of security cameras and LED lighting infrastructure. Security cameras will be installed in places where the security and safety of either property or persons would be enhanced. The intent is to monitor and/or capture video and store it on a secure device where it may aid in the investigation of any crimes against

a person or deter a potential threat. Upgraded lighting infrastructure will replace existing light fixtures with LED fixtures. The intent is to improve visibility, reliability, and energy efficiency.

Alternatives

City Council could choose to not authorize the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement. Consequently, the City would not contribute funding to the project and the project would be foreclosed upon.

Financial Impact

The financial impact of this request is authorization to reimburse up to a total maximum contribution of \$171,083. Funds for this project are currently budgeted and available as follows:

Ward 2 – DHA Property - McDougald Terrace and Hoover Road

Security Cameras & LED Lighting
Ward 2 Maximum City Contribution: \$113,300

Ward 3 – DHA Property - Damar Court

Security Cameras & LED Lighting
Ward 3 Maximum City Contribution: \$57,783

Project Total Maximum City Contribution: \$171,083

Equal Business Opportunity Summary

Due to the nature of this agreement, this item was not reviewed for compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracts.

Attachments

Interlocal Agreement with Exhibits