



## 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application (Updated)

*November 18, 2019 Council Meeting*

TITLE		
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### BACKGROUND:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a funding opportunity originating from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds are available through a competitive grant application process for a limited pool of available funds.

Eligibility is based on economic need as determined using information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau. Using data from the most recent U.S. Census, HUD determines the areas of the City in which projects receiving CDBG funding must be located.

Since 1985, Camas has secured 42 separate CDBG Grants totaling approximately \$6.5 million.

### FINDINGS:

Staff evaluated six potential projects within the eligible areas in Camas. The projects were evaluated based on pavement condition, traffic volume, proximity to public spaces, and the amount of City funded work that will be included in the project scope. The City funded work counts as matching funds and increases the odds of the project receiving the grant.

Based on the above-mentioned evaluation criteria, staff finds that the section of NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Division Street and NW Benton Street is the best candidate for 2020 CDBG funding.

Staff recommends pursuit of CDBG Funding in the future for the other projects that were considered.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed project has an estimated total project cost is \$415,000 and will include reconstruction of damaged street and sidewalk, and replacement of an old, undersized water line.

Staff proposes to request CDBG Funding in the range of \$255,000, which will pay for all of the Street and Sidewalk Improvements. Matching funds paid by the City will include \$110,000 for Water Line Improvements and \$50,000 for Construction Management and Engineering. If successful, matching funds would be pulled from the Camas Water Utility Fund for the water main improvements. The majority of the Construction Management and Engineering costs would be for in house staffing with minor general fund expenditures.

The cost of the individual system components (including sales tax) are listed below:

- Street and Sidewalk Improvements \$255,000
  - Water Line Improvements \$110,000
  - Construction Management and Engineering \$ 50,000
- TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$415,000

**RECOMMENDATION (Updated):**

This public hearing is required to provide a formal opportunity for public input on the proposal. The final grant application is due on December 6, 2019.

Staff will have a brief opening presentation. Staff recommends holding a public hearing, deliberating on public testimony, and directing staff to submit an application for a CDBG grant in the amount of \$255,000 for rehabilitation of NE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Public Works Staff will be available to respond to any questions.



*Figure 1  
NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, looking West from NW Ash Street*



*Figure 2*  
*NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, looking East from NW Benton Street*



*Figure 3*  
*NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Division Street, looking South*