



## 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

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### 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

The first step in the grant funding process is the submittal of the pre-application due on October 31, 2019. Staff is seeking consensus from Council to submit the pre-application material for this project.

A public hearing at a future Council Meeting is required to provide a formal opportunity for public input on the proposal. To be eligible for funding, staff recommends that this hearing occur at the Council Meeting scheduled for November 18, 2019. Public Works Staff will be available to respond to any questions. The final grant application is due on December 6, 2019.

Photos of the proposed project area have been included in this memo, and are indicative of the general conditions of the entire project area.



*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*