



## **CITY OF CAMAS**

### **Staff Report**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** James Hodges, Project Manager

**DATE:** 10/08/2018

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application  
October 15, 2018 Council Workshop

#### **CDBG Background**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a funding opportunity originating from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG Funds are available through Clark County Community Services and the CDBG governing body, the Urban County Policy Board (UCPB). The UCPB consists of a representative from each Clark County municipal jurisdiction, excluding Vancouver. UCPB representatives are generally the Mayor, City Administrator, Council Member, or a designated staff member from each municipality. The Board is currently chaired by County Councilor Julie Olson. Funds are available through an annual competitive grant application process for a limited pool of available funds. Grants may be no less than \$50,000, and up to a maximum of \$300,000 per application.

Eligibility is based on economic need as determined by information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau. Using data from the most recent U.S. Census, HUD compares income data on larger Census Tracts which are made up of several Block Groups. HUD updates eligibility information periodically when new economic information is made available through the U.S. Census Bureau. Since 1985, Camas has secured over 40 separate CDBG Grants totaling almost \$6.5 million.

#### **Purpose**

Staff is proposing to submit a CDBG application for the 2019 funding round. The project proposed by city staff would make improvements to a section of NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Division Street and NE Cedar Street, on the south side of Crown Park. NE 15<sup>th</sup> has significant traffic flows from Division, Dallas, and Everett Streets. The minimal pavement depth and failing base material make this roadway unsuitable for a simple overlay or chip seal application. The road should be reconstructed starting with a cement-treatment of the underlying base material, followed by 3" minimum depth of new asphalt pavement.

Additionally, the existing 2" water main is very old and significantly under-sized to serve the surrounding neighborhood and adjacent park facilities. A new 8" diameter water main is proposed along with new 1" copper water service lines, and at least one new fire hydrant.

This proposed project is similar to a number of past "Street Improvement Projects" in lower income areas of Camas. Some recent examples in the same general area surrounding Crown Park include NE Franklin Street, NE Dallas Street, and NE Adams Street between NE 19 and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenues.



*Figure 1*  
NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave looking east from the west end of the project.



*Figure 2*  
NE 15th Ave looking east from the west end of the project.

### **Budget and Cost Summary**

The total project cost is estimated at \$290,000. Staff proposes to request a CDBG Grant in the range of \$180,000 to pay for the street improvements. These and other project costs are estimated below.

• Street Improvements	\$ 180,000	CDBG Grant
• Water System Improvements	\$ 85,000	Water utility
• Staff Engineering Services	\$ 16,000	GF
• <u>3<sup>rd</sup>-Party (Arch., Survey, printing)</u>	<u>\$ 9,000</u>	<u>GF</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 290,000	

Staff's goal is to provide information about the proposed application, and to confirm Council's desire to move forward with the CDBG Grant Application amount of about \$180,000.

A second public meeting is required for an eligible application. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for November 21, 2018. Public Works Staff will present this item and seek feedback from Council at the October 15, 2018 Council Workshop.