



CITY OF CAMAS
Memorandum
(Updated)

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: James Hodges, Project Manager
DATE: 11/12/2018
SUBJECT: 2019 CDBG Application

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 the Clark County Urban County Policy Board (UCPB) which is a group consisting of a representative from each local municipal jurisdiction, usually the Mayor or City Administrator. Funds are available through a 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 35 separate CDBG Grants totaling approximately \$6 million.

Current Application

Staff is prepared to submit a CDBG application for the 2019 funding round. The proposed project will make improvements to a section of NE 15th Avenue between Division Street and NE Cedar Street, on the south side of Crown Park. NE 15th 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 main is proposed along with new 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 21st Avenues.



Figure 1
NE 15th Ave, Looking East



Figure 2
NE 15th Ave, Detail of Roadway Condition



*Figure 3
NE 15th Ave, Looking West*

Revised Budget and Cost Summary

The total project cost is estimated at \$290,000. Staff proposes to request a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$156,000 to pay for most of the street improvements. These and other project costs are shown below.

• CDBG Grant - Street Improvements	\$ 156,000	CDBG Grant
• ADA Improvement Annual Budget	\$ 12,500	City
• Street Preservation Annual Budget	\$ 9,000	City
• 3 rd -Party Services (Arch., Survey, etc.)	\$ 11,500	City (General Fund)
• Water System Improvements	\$ 85,000	Water utility
• <u>Staff Engineering Services</u>	<u>\$ 16,000</u>	<u>City (In-Kind)</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 290,000	

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 \$156,000 for rehabilitation of NE 15th Avenue.

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