

STAFF REPORT

11/08/2021

Topic: Request to schedule three (3) public hearings on November 22, 2021 during the regular City Council Meeting regarding:

1. The Housing and Community Development Plan.
2. The progress of the CDBG-Covid project that provides funding to service providing subapplicants for costs in preparing for, responding to, or recovering from Covid-19. Participating organizations include: The City of Laconia, Lakes Region Community Developers, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Belknap House, Community Action Program and possibly Isaiah 61 Café.
3. Progress of the Laconia Housing Authority's balcony door replacement project at Sunrise Towers, 25 Union Ave. The project also includes renovations between Sunrise Towers and Sunrise House, 423 South Main Street, to improve accessibilities between the buildings and energy improvements. Energy improvements have been completed. The replacement balcony doors are under construction as well as the exterior work.

Discussion: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for Economic Development Projects, up \$500,000 for Housing Projects, up to \$500,000 for Public Facility Projects, up to \$500,000 in Emergency Funds, up to \$25,000 per Planning Study grant, and up to \$1,000,000 available for each housing project under the CDBG-CV allocation due to COVID-19. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low- and moderate-income persons.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff Recommendation:

This report submitted by: Scott Myers

Proposed motions:

"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on November 22, 2021 during the regular City Council meeting regarding the Housing and Community Development Plan."

"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on November 22, 2021 during the regular City Council meeting regarding the progress of the CDBG-Covid project that provides funding to service providing subapplicants for costs in preparing for, responding to, or recovering from Covid-19. Participating organizations include: The City of Laconia, Lakes Region Community Developers, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Belknap House, Community Action Program and possibly Isaiah 61 Café."

"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on November 22, 2021 during the regular City Council meeting regarding the progress of the Laconia Housing Authority's balcony door replacement project at Sunrise Towers, 25 Union Ave. The project also includes renovations between Sunrise Towers and Sunrise House, 423 South Main Street, to improve accessibilities between the buildings and energy improvements. Energy improvements have been completed. The replacement balcony doors are under construction as well as the exterior work."