CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 8, 2014
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City of Birmingham's City Commission will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will permit in the Commission Room at the City's Municipal Building, 151 Martin Street, Birmingham, MI. 48009 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2015 application in the approximate amount of $32,943 to fund eligible projects. **All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 151 Martin Street, Birmingham, MI 48009 until 5:00 p.m., December 8, 2014.**

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Individuals with questions or people with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880 (voice) or (248) 644-5155 (TDD).

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office

Publish: At least 10 Days before the Public Hearing Date of December 8, 2014.

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MEMORANDUM

Finance Department

DATE: **November 26, 2014**

TO: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

FROM: **Mark Gerber, Assistant Finance Director**
B. Sharon Ostin, Director of Finance/Treasurer

SUBJECT: **2015 Community Development Block Grant Application Public Hearing**

The purpose of the December 8, 2014 public hearing is to: receive citizen input regarding the 2015 Program Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; make a determination of eligible project(s) to be pursued; and determine the amount of funds to be allocated to each project.

The City of Birmingham has been given a planning allocation of $32,943, which is the same as last year's approved allocation. Funding requests from the City's building maintenance supervisor and the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) have been received. The following schedule lists the projects with the amount of funding received last year; this year's eligible funding requests and a staff recommendation:

	Approved 2014	Requested 2015	Staff Recommended 2015
Public Service Activity:			
Yard Services	$ 6,554	$ 6,554	$ 6,554
Senior Services	3,328	3,328	3,328
Barrier-Free Improvements:			
Replace handicap lift-Municipal Building	23,061	0	0
Municipal building – Retrofit police door Pierce Street entrance to comply with ADA standards	0	23,061	23,061
TOTAL	$32,943	$32,943	$32,943

Under CDBG guidelines communities may only spend a maximum of 30% of their 2015 funding allocation on public service activities. For Birmingham the 30% allocation totals $9,882, which is the amount requested by BASCC under the public services category. BASCC's request includes $6,554 for yard services and $3,328 for senior services to help defray the expenses involved in the overall operations of BASCC's outreach program. This is the same amount of funding approved for these services last year. It is recommended that funding for these services be approved again this year.

December 8, 2014
2015 CDBG Application Public Hearing

The City in the past has utilized CDBG funds to remove architectural barriers at public facilities to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This year it is proposed to continue utilizing a portion of CDBG funds for barrier-free improvements. As such, funding totaling $23,061 has been recommended to be approved for barrier-free improvements at the City's Municipal Building to provide automated door openers to the police entrance doors on the Pierce Street side of the building.

Federal regulations governing the public hearing require: the public hearing to first be opened to the public for comment; after public comment, the public hearing should then be closed; **after the public hearing has been closed, the City Commission may then discuss the application and take action by roll call vote.** If a City Commissioner is a board member of BASCC, they should abstain from discussion or voting on this item.

At the close of the public hearing, the eligible projects are required to be identified, along with the approved funding allocations. The mayor should also be authorized to sign the completed application, subrecipient agreement and conflict of interest certification on behalf of the City. Federal regulations require Oakland County as an urban county grantee to execute a sub-recipient agreement with each participating community, which must be signed by the highest elected official and returned with the application in order to receive funds. The completed application, agreement and certification are required to be submitted to Oakland County no later than Friday, January 16, 2015.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: To authorize the Finance Director to complete the 2015 Program Year Community Development Block Grant application, subrecipient agreement and documents and to authorize the mayor to sign the application, subrecipient agreement and documents resulting from this application on behalf of the City and submit them to Oakland County. The project(s) to be included in the application and the respective allocations of Community Development Block Grant Funds are as follows:

	APPROVED 2015**
1. Public Services – Yard Services	$ 6,554
2. Public Services – Senior Services	3,328
3. Remove Architectural Barriers – Retrofit police doors to comply with ADA standards	23,061
TOTAL	**$ 32,943**

**** (TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION AT THE DECEMBER 8, 2014 MEETING)**