



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELMONT TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR PAINTING AND REPLACING THE FURNITURE AND CARPET IN THE TWIN PINES SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff is requesting authority to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to paint the exterior and interior of the Twin Pines Senior/Community Center and replace the furniture and carpet. Staff is recommending that Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City to apply for the grant.

Background

The County of San Mateo Department of Housing is inviting grant applications for Community Development Block Grants. The City's grant application for the painting and replacing the carpet and furniture falls under the Housing Development, Public Facility Improvements/Development funding category. A total of \$300,000 to \$500,000 is estimated to be available for the entire county in this category. The application deadline is January 20, 2012.

Discussion

The paint scheme at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center has not changed since the facility opened in 1987, a total of 24 years. Portions of the building have been touched up but the paint is fading and needs a fresh coat. In addition, the colors inside and outside of the facility are dated and reflect a more institutional palette. Staff hopes to create a more welcoming feeling through the use of color.

In addition, the furniture and carpets are dated, stained, and do not match, especially the lobby furniture which creates a first impression. It is envisioned that this area would welcome seniors and community members to talk, read, or use the free wi-fi in the facility. A recent report entitled Aging Well, San Mateo identifies a "Starbucks for Seniors" model that includes creating the feeling of a calm and welcoming center that is conducive to socializing.

The paint, carpet, and furniture need to match to create the desired effect of a welcoming senior and community center. Staff would pursue getting a professional to volunteer time to develop a color scheme that would be presented to the Senior Advisory Committee for feedback. The

Parks and Recreation Department would have the final decision on the colors, carpet, and paint.

General Plan/Vision Statement

The project in the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center complies with the goals of the Public Facilities and Services section of the General Plan:

- To provide public services at a level adequate to ensure public safety, health and welfare at the lowest possible cost.

Fiscal Impact

The grant application would request the total amount of \$69,000 that includes:

Painting the interior and exterior of the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center = \$44,000

Replacing the furniture and carpet = \$25,000

Public Contact

The City Council meeting agenda was posted.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Director to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for painting and replacing the furniture and carpet in the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer to Staff for more information.
3. Deny approval.

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center was opened for operation in January 1987; and

WHEREAS, the paint, furniture, and carpeting in the facility are in need of repair and improvement, and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo Department of Housing is soliciting grants for the Community Development Block Grant program for such a project; and,

WHEREAS, staff is requesting approval from the City Council to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$69,000 for the painting of the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and the replacement of the carpet and furniture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont does hereby authorize Jonathan Gervais, Parks and Recreation Director, to submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of painting the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and replacing the carpet and furniture.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on January 10, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont