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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *February 25, 2025*

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development: Sidehill Pedestrian Safety Project, in the amount of [\$495,250, no match required] retroactive from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 to remove and replace the existing asphalt curb with a concrete curb and gutter and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk; removal and replacement of two existing drainage inlets with Type 4-R catch basins to ensure the current drainage of the site is not negatively impacted by the installation of the new sidewalk; and raising of existing sanitary sewer manholes with installation of concrete collars through coordination with the utility provider; and if approved, authorize County Manager to retroactively execute grant documents in the amount of \$495,250, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County has been awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Sidehill Pedestrian Safety Project. This project will provide benefits to the residents of Washoe County and rural Nevada. The project will remove and replace the existing asphalt curb with a concrete curb and gutter and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk; removal and replace existing drainage inlets with catch basins; and raise existing sanitary sewer manholes. The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards. The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must approve a grant of public funds by a resolution, per NRS 244.1505.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 23, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners approved the submission of the following grants to the State of Nevada Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for funding consideration: Sidehill Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project, in the amount of \$594,300; and Gerlach Infrastructure Updates Project, in the amount of \$740,000; priority ranking for the applications recommended as follows: Sidehill Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project priority one, and Gerlach Infrastructure Updates Project priority two.

Washoe County has submitted grants for the State of Nevada CDBG program since 1982.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County is eligible to receive CDBG funds through the State of Nevada. The goal of the national CDBG Program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for persons of low to moderate income. The State of Nevada CDBG Program utilizes an annual competitive process for the allocation of limited CDBG funds. The Sidehill Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project has been determined eligible for the State of Nevada CDBG competition and was awarded funding.

In the area where the proposed improvements would be constructed there currently exists an asphalt curb, a gravel shoulder behind the curb, an open ditch that runs parallel to the road shoulder and an SVGID sewer line. This project will improve pedestrian safety for children walking to and from school by connecting to existing sidewalk infrastructure. Other project components include upgraded accessibility with ADA improvements including construction of new pedestrian ramps, signage and striping associated with crosswalks; improved drainage conveyance through concrete curb and gutter improvements, and improved pavement surface through construction of a slurry seal/wearing surface on the adjacent street.

Other schools in the vicinity currently include sufficient pedestrian facilities and this project will continue our efforts to expand connectivity to the community and support Washoe County's Safe Routes to School initiative. The anticipated community impacts include the following: Improved pedestrian connectivity, improved pedestrian safety, improved health by enabling students to use non-vehicular methods to travel to and from school, and improved traffic conditions in the region.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Sidehill Pedestrian Safety (Sidehill Dr. Pedestrian ADA Improvements project)

Scope of the Project: The purpose of the project is to remove and replace the existing asphalt curb with a concrete curb and gutter and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk; removal and replacement of two existing drainage inlets with Type 4-R catch basins to ensure the current drainage of the site is not negatively impacted by the installation of the new sidewalk; and raising of existing sanitary sewer manholes with installation of concrete collars through coordination with the utility provider

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This project supports the Washoe County School District’s Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, which aims to increase the number of students walking, bicycling and using alternative modes of transportation while reducing the number of vehicles traveling to and from schools. This project directly addresses two of SRTS’ six core principles: Engineering (creating physical improvements to streets and neighborhoods that make walking and bicycling safer, more comfortable and more convenient) and Equity (ensuring that SRTS initiatives benefit all demographic groups, with particular attention to ensuring safe, healthy and fair outcomes for low-income students, students of color, students of all genders, students with disabilities and others).

On-Going Program Support:

Community Reinvestment Administration – CSD Implementation and continued maintenance (by County per awarded CDBG Application)

Award Amount: \$495,250.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Governor’s Office of Economic Development

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 14.228

Grant ID Number: CDBG 24/PF/06

Match Amount and Type: No county match required

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the FY25 Capital Projects Fund (402) will be increased by \$495,250.00 in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO12472 OCM- Sidehill Pedestrian Safety	431100-Federal Grants	\$495,250
IO12472 OCM- Sidehill Pedestrian Safety	818000 – Transfer to Intrafund	\$495,250
PW925006 Sun Valley Pedestrian Safety-IN12472	818000 – Transfer to Intrafund	(\$495,250)
PW925006 Sun Valley Pedestrian Safety-IN12472	781080 – Construction Contracts	\$495,250

- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.
- This funding is federal Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant funding passed through the State of Nevada,

Governor's Office on Economic Development. Funds will be received on a reimbursement basis. Financial reporting and requests for reimbursement are required on a quarterly basis. Payments to Washoe County will normally be received within 60 days following the date completed Draw Requests and supporting documents are delivered to the State CDBG staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development: Sidehill Pedestrian Safety Project, in the amount of [\$495,250, no match required] retroactive from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 to remove and replace the existing asphalt curb with a concrete curb and gutter and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk; removal and replacement of two existing drainage inlets with Type 4-R catch basins to ensure the current drainage of the site is not negatively impacted by the installation of the new sidewalk; and raising of existing sanitary sewer manholes with installation of concrete collars through coordination with the utility provider; and if approved, authorize County Manager to retroactively execute grant documents in the amount of \$495,250, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. Manager's Office.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board accept staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to accept Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development: Sidehill Pedestrian Safety Project, in the amount of [\$495,250, no match required] retroactive from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 to remove and replace the existing asphalt curb with a concrete curb and gutter and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk; removal and replacement of two existing drainage inlets with Type 4-R catch basins to ensure the current drainage of the site is not negatively impacted by the installation of the new sidewalk; and raising of existing sanitary sewer manholes with installation of concrete collars through coordination with the utility provider; and if approved, authorize County Manager to retroactively execute grant documents in the amount of \$495,250, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. Manager's Office.”*