



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: David Loya, Director of Community Development
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PREPARER: Jennifer Dart, Deputy Director of Community Development

DATE: March 05, 2024

TITLE: **Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Accomplishments and Closeout.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1) Open the public hearing, consider the accomplishments to be reported to CDBG for the close out of the COVID Safe Outdoor Events Program (20-CDBG-CV2-3-00212) and the Arcata House Partnership Homeless Services Program (20-CDBG-CV2-3-00213); and
- 2) Direct staff to submit final reports and closeout package to the state.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public input on the grant accomplishments. The City of Arcata was awarded two Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (CDBG CV2/3) grants. The funding was received for the COVID Safe Outdoor Event Program and Arcata House Partnership Homeless Services Program.

DISCUSSION:

In 2020, the City received two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards. The first award was \$114,380 for the COVID Safe Outdoor Events Program run by Playhouse Arts, which was amended to \$170,880. The Outdoor Events program purchased a circus tent, stage, generator, and speakers to assist approximately 60 outdoor events during COVID. The second award was \$629,410 for the Arcata House Partnership's Homeless Services program which was then amended to \$572,910. Arcata House Partnership used grant funds to purchase commercial kitchen equipment to allow them to better serve the community. Arcata House Partnership was able to assist an average of 700 people per month from the annex facility with a variety of services during the course of the loan from November 2021 through September 2023. The City is required to hold a public hearing to discuss the grant accomplishments and submit a closeout certification to the State. The City of Arcata Community Development Department expended \$743,790 (100%) of the total grant and program income award related to the two activities.

Use of Funds	Total Dollar Amount
Covid Safe Outdoor Event Program	\$572,910.00
Arcata House Partnership Homeless Services	\$170,880.00
Total:	\$743,790.00

All grant and Program Income public information binders relevant to the reporting year are available for review prior to the hearing at the Community Development Department office at City Hall. These materials will also be available at the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

This action is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines based on the finding that the grant closeout will not have the potential for causing a significant impact to the environment.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

None