



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MAY 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval to participate in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant Program for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Finance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Oakland County to renew their Cooperation Agreements with participating communities every three years. Due to federal requirements, a resolution must be submitted to Oakland County no later than Monday June 12, 2023, stating our intent to continue our participation in the Oakland County Urban programs.

Since 2001, the City has received over \$2.6 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide needed programs such as minor home repair, child and youth services, assistance to battered and abused spouses and other public services to address the needs of disabled and low to moderate income residents. The CDBG program continues to provide needed assistance to our residents through these programs. Our partnership with the County has been very successful and we are recommending our continued participation in the Oakland County Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for program years 2024-2026. The only requirement to continue participating is to forward a certified resolution to both the County and HUD by June 12, 2023. A copy of the required resolution language from the County is attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to participate in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant Program for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026.



NEIGHBORHOOD
& HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Shane Bies, Manager
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May 5, 2023

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor
City of Novi
45175 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375

RE: 2024-2026 Cooperation Agreement

Dear Mayor Gatt:

We invite the City of Novi to continue to participate in the Oakland County urban county Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for program years 2024-2026. The City has participated during the past three years. During this period, approximately \$391,004.00 has funded programs to address the needs of low-income residents.

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the County to renew its Cooperation Agreement with participating communities every three years. Your participation is essential to the County and the other cities, townships and villages that combine demographics each year to achieve the highest level of federal funding for local projects. Participation in the urban county requires a three-year commitment and your community must remain in the program for the three-year duration. If your community chooses to remain with the urban county, it is ineligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while a part of the urban county. Besides the annual CDBG allocation, participating communities also benefit from the County's federally funded HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. HOME funds are combined with CDBG funds each year to improve local housing stock through our Home Improvement Program. HOME funds are also used to develop affordable rental and owner housing. ESG funds are used to meet the needs of the homeless through emergency shelters, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention activities.

As a current participant, there is a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Novi and Oakland County on file. This three-year Cooperation Agreement is automatically renewed for each three-year cycle unless an amendment is required by HUD. Your CDBG primary contact was provided a copy of the most current Cooperation Agreement and should have it on file. If you require a copy, please contact us.

In order to continue to participate in the Oakland County urban county program the City must submit the following document to the County by **Monday, June 12, 2023**:

A resolution (see attached) specifically designed to meet HUD requirements. Please ensure that the original resolution is signed, dated and certified by the City Clerk. Alternatively, the original resolution can be signed and dated by the City Clerk and embossed with a seal. Please send us the original resolution and keep a copy for your records.

If you decide to opt out of the urban county program, a letter signed by the chief executive officer is required. The letter should state that the community intends to opt out of the Oakland County urban county program. Due to federal requirements, you must submit this letter to the County **and** to HUD. Please mail HUD's copy of the letter to Keith E. Hernandez, AICP, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building 477 Michigan Ave., Ste. 1600, Detroit MI 48226 by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. The County's copy of the letter should be mailed to Samantha Ferguson, Grant Compliance Coordinator, by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. If you have questions, please contact Samantha at (248) 858-5312.

Sincerely,



Shane Bies, Manager

cc: Sabrina Lilla, Deputy Finance Director

CITY OF NOVI
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE OAKLAND COUNTY'S URBAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS FOR 2024, 2025, 2026.**

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on May 22, 2023, at 7 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

ABSENT: Councilmembers _____

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember _____ and supported by Councilmember _____.

WHEREAS the City of Novi resolves to participate in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs for the years 2024, 2025, 2026 and

FURTHERMORE, we resolve to remain in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development programs, which shall be automatically renewed in successive three-year qualification periods of time, or until such time that it is in the best interest of the local Community to terminate the Cooperative Agreement and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Novi hereby resolves to remain in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development programs for 2024, 2025, and 2026, participation shall be automatically renewed in successive three-year qualification periods of time, or until such time that it is in the best interest of the local Community to terminate the Cooperative Agreement.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held this 22nd day of May, 2023, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and made available to the public as required by said Act.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
City of Novi