

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Grants and Community Development Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Resolution to be submitted to HUD for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Funded Activities

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- I. Action to be Considered By the Board:** Adoption of a Resolution for the adoption of the Annual Action Plan for Year XLV in the amount of \$1,065,471, and the filing of Fund Year XLV CDBG application including all Assurances and Certifications contained therein.
- II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:**
Federal regulations require the Township to hold two public hearings and to approve a resolution adopting the Annual Action Plan before submitting the application to HUD to obtain the Township's funding allocation.
- III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):** N/A
- IV. Other Relevant Background Information:**
The Board of Commissioners held the public hearings required by HUD in February and April and is required to adopt the Annual Action Plan in May. Similar to the previous three years, HUD was not authorized to establish CDBG allocations awarded to local governments prior to our April public hearing. Staff estimated a 2% reduction and a budget of \$967,408. Staff has recently been notified by HUD that the Township's allocation is higher than anticipated by at \$990,801.

Staff has adjusted the budget to reflect the higher grant amount. Public Service agencies will see increased funding, subject to the 15% cap limit, and the balance of the increased funding will go to the Township's Residential Rehab program.
- V. Impact On Township Finances:** The Federal CDBG funds assist the Township to meet the public service needs of the community and reduces the need to impose higher local taxes to provide local services.
- VI. Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the amended Annual Action Plan.