

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE December 7, 2004

ITEM Request to apply unused CDBG allocation for Community Rec Center asbestos

INITIATED BY Community Development Staff

ACTION REQUESTED Approve Funding Amendment

PREPARED & PRESENTED BY Katrina Stark, CDBG/HOME Administrator

REVIEWED & APPROVED BY Mike Rattray, Community Development Director

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RECOMMENDATION :

The Community Development Staff recommends approval of the application of \$65,500 unused 2004-2005 CDBG funds for asbestos abatement in the gymnasium ceiling and walls at the Community Recreation Center.

MOTION :

I move to approve the application of \$65,500 from unused 2004-2005 CDBG funds for the asbestos abatement of the ceiling and walls at the Community Recreation Center gymnasium.

SYNOPSIS:

This project will be completed in three separate phases. The abatement will occur during January and February, 2004. The second and third phases will take place in late spring, 2004. The overall budget for the project is \$65,500 and is broken down in the following components: \$25,000 for asbestos abatement, \$22,500 for ceiling replacement and \$18,000 for wall treatment and painting.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Great Falls receives federal Community Development Block Grant monies through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development that may be allocated for Area Benefit. Under HUD CDBG regulations, "an area benefit activity is an activity which is available to benefit all the residents of an area which is primarily residential (USDHUD, 1998, p. 3-7)," and is an acceptable application of funds. The Community Recreation Center serves low to moderate income resident through after-school programs and athletic opportunities as a public facility. The need to remove ceiling and wall tiles which have been found to contain asbestos is a health issue.

The requested funds will be utilized from unused CDBG projects from the 2004-2005 allotment.

References

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (1998) *CDBG Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities*. USGPO.