



Memo

File #: 321-24

Agenda Date: 7/2/2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Beth Beatty, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Resolution Approving Spanish Community Center (SCC) - ADA Accessibility for inclusion in drafted Action Plan as Program Year 2024 CDBG Activity.

BACKGROUND:

Spanish Community Center (SCC) has applied for \$82,260.00 in CDBG funds to support their ADA Accessibility Project. This Public Facilities activity would be used to leverage an additional \$200,000.00 of the organization's supplemental funding, as a source to complete this upgrade (partially funded by State of IL DCEO Grant).

In completing this project to build an ADA accessible bathroom on the first floor of their facility, SCC hopes to continue providing over 5,000 low/moderate income households a year with barrier free and inclusionary services to those facing mobility challenges. This facility improvement will ensure accessibility of all clients of their various ongoing educational classes and resources - ESL, citizenship, nutrition, parenting courses, food pantry and daycare.

This application fits into the eligible activities of CDBG, as well as demonstrates consistency to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan high priority needs assessment for non-housing Community Development with a Citywide target area. The committee for Diversity and Community Relations meeting will be held on June 28th at 4:00pm, prior to the Council meeting July 2nd, 2024.

CONCLUSION:

This activity titled SCC ADA Accessibility Project will help provide a barrier free facility to over 5,000 low/ moderate income households within City of Joliet.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends - with the Diversity and Community Relations Committee support - the approval of the application and subsequent Resolution with Spanish Community Center (SCC) not to exceed \$82,260.00 as drafted into the PY24 Annual Action Plan.