



Memo

File #: 327-24

Agenda Date: 7/2/2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Beth Beatty, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Resolution Approving Catholic Charities - Diocese of Joliet (CC-DOJ) - Safety Project for inclusion in drafted Action Plan as Program Year 2024 CDBG Activity.

BACKGROUND:

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Joliet (CC-DOJ) has applied for \$186,155.00 in CDBG funds to support their Safety Project. This Public Facilities activity would be used for facility improvement costs, to increase safety measures and upgrade electrical needs at their Daybreak emergency shelter.

Responding to homelessness through shelter, heating and cooling center, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, emergency food and case management, Catholic Charities hopes to continue providing assistance towards self sufficiency to over 475 low/moderate income individuals with shelter and additional services completely free of charge. The added security measures of metal detectors, security door and energy efficient electrical work are in an effort to ensure safety of their clients, volunteers and staff and viability of their facility.

This application fits into the eligible activities of CDBG, as well as demonstrates consistency to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan priority needs assessment for Homelessness services 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 Catholic Charities Safety Project will provide added safety features and energy efficiency upgrades to continue sheltering and providing services to over 475 individuals of the homeless population within City of Joliet.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends - with the Diversity and Community Relations Committee support - the approval of the application and subsequent Resolution for Catholic Charities - Diocese of Joliet (CC-DOJ) not to exceed \$186,155.00 as drafted into the PY24 Annual Action Plan.