



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The Community Development Division's 2017 Operating Budget includes \$145,880 from the 2016 and 2017 CDBG awards to support capital improvement projects in the Emerson East, Eken Park, and Yahara River neighborhoods. This Resolution allocates the funds for 3 projects to be implemented by the City's Parks and the Economic Development Division. Projects in the proposed resolution include (1) \$48,900 for improvements at Eken Park, (2) \$48,900 for improvements to Pennsylvania Park, and (3) \$48,000 for technical assistance for businesses who anticipate operating at the Public Market. Expenses incurred for the projects will be charged against existing CDBG purchased service appropriation.

Title

Authorizing the use of up to \$145,880 of CDBG funds to implement three neighborhood improvement projects which address objectives identified in the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara River Neighborhood Plan and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into agreements with agencies to implement the projects.

Body

BACKGROUND

The Community Development Division and CDBG Committee, in cooperation with the Planning Unit, sponsored a neighborhood planning effort in the Emerson East, Eken Park and Yahara River neighborhoods, from which a resident-based Steering Committee developed a neighborhood plan that included implementation priorities for meeting specific objectives. The Common Council adopted the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara River ("EEEPY") Neighborhood Plan in January, 2016.

The City's 2017 budget authorized the use of up to \$145,880 of CDBG funds from the 2016 and 2017 awards for the implementation of eligible projects in the EEPY Plan's three neighborhoods. Among the priority projects identified for implementation within the Plan were the following three, which are eligible for CDBG funding:

1. Improvements to Eken Park, and,
2. Improvements to Pennsylvania Park; which, together, are to be implemented by the City's Parks Division for up to \$97,880 in federal CDBG funds; and,
3. Provision of technical assistance to micro-enterprise businesses seeking to operate within the Public Market, which is to be implemented by the City's Economic Development Division's Market Ready Program for up to \$48,000 in federal CDBG funds.

ACTION

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, permits the City of Madison to assist community agencies in the development of innovative projects which provide benefits to strategically identified low- and moderate-income areas; and,

WHEREAS, up to \$145,880 in federal CDBG funds were authorized in the City's adopted 2017 Operating Budget for the implementation of eligible projects in the Emerson East, Eken Park and Yahara River neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the CDBG Committee has reviewed the specific funding recommendations from the Emerson

East-Eken Park-Yahara River Neighborhood Plan and recommends their adoption, in order to promote further progress with the adopted Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council approves the provision of CDBG funds for the three projects described herein; authorizes the execution of inter-agency agreements as appropriate; and authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into agreements with additional agencies as necessary to implement the projects, for amounts not to exceed those referenced in this Resolution.