

Village of Beach Park

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February 1, 2013

Community Development Commission Lake County Community Development Division 500 W. Winchester Road, Unit 101 Libertyville, IL 60048



Re:

Lake County Draft 2013 Annual Action Plan

CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvements Recommendations

Public Comment on behalf of the Village of Beach Park

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to present our statement at the Public Hearing held on January 23, 2013 and to provide additional information to further support our request via this written document. We respectfully request the Commission's reconsideration of the Village of Beach Park's application for CDBG funding for the Village's proposed roadway improvement project.

We sincerely appreciate the thought and effort that you and the County staff devote to evaluating the applications received and allocating the available CDBG funds.

Based on staff's evaluation, the Village of Beach Park's application was ranked 16th of the twenty-two public infrastructure applications received. The Draft Plan includes a funding allocation for the top ranked fifteen applicants. The Village of Beach Park's application received a rating of 61.5, only 2.5 points below the three preceding applications which were tied with a score of 64 points. We are providing herein supplemental information not readily apparent in our application or the summary ranking that specifically addresses rating criteria identified by the Commission.

1. Applicant's capacity and experience in administering an activity in an efficient and timely manner or in overseeing the administration of the activity

As noted at the Public Hearing, the Village of Beach Park's application received 7.5 out of 10 possible points in the past performance category. The 2.5 point deduction was applied since the Village still has an open CDBG project from last year. Although this deduction was applied to other communities also, it should be noted that there were unique, extenuating circumstances associated with Beach Park's 2012 CDBG project. This project

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circumstances associated with Beach Park's 2012 CDBG project. This project can only be done during the summer months while school is out, between May and August

The Village's 2012 CDBG project consists of major intersection improvements at Wadsworth Road and North Avenue, directly adjacent to a grade school as well as impacting many bus routes for two other school districts. If the CDBG funding commitment had been available in May of last year, the project could have been completed by the fall of 2012. Since the federal HUD funds were not available until July, 2012, the project had to be delayed to coordinate with school schedules. The project is ready to bid and will be executed when school is out of session this summer. Per the grant requirements, the project will be completed well in advance of the December 31, 2013 deadline. Simply put, if the funds had been available earlier in the year the project would be completed and the Village would have received an additional 2.5 point in this category.

2. Degree to which funds are leveraged with other sources

Since the time of the original filing of the application, additional field work has been completed to assess the necessary drainage improvements in the project corridor. With the drainage improvements and other soft costs added to the project total, the updated project cost estimate is approximately \$170,000. (The project cost estimate is provided in the attached Exhibit.) The requested \$100,000 in CDBG funds is less than 59% of the project total. Based on this additional information, the application should have indicated that the Village was committing to leverage 41% of the funds for this project from other sources. This would result in an additional 2 points in this category, totaling 4.5 additional points in the overall scoring system.

3. Health, Safety and Welfare Concerns

The Village of Beach Park recently completed a pavement evaluation study, rating the condition of the streets within the Village in accordance with the Asphalt Institute Rating System. The streets within the proposed project area are in very poor condition, receiving street ratings in the range of 50 – 60. The poor conditions were primarily attributed to significant cracking, raveling, potholes and drainage issues. The individual rating sheets for the four impacted street sections are attached. Although not specifically detailed in the application, drainage improvements are planned and required in conjunction with the roadway improvements project. The creation of ditches where there currently are none, replacement of culverts, and re-grading of existing ditches (as indicated on the attached sketches) will provide positive

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drainage away from the private properties within the project corridor. The proposed project addresses not only roadway restructuring but also drainage deficiencies, thus it has an even greater impact on the livelihood of the residents in the area.

The scoring system that was applied to all of the applications attempted to differentiate between the projects based on urgency and need. Only three point totals were assigned in this scoring category – 0, 15 or 25 points. The vast majority of the applications (including the Village of Beach Park) received 15 out of the possible 25 points in this category. Only four applicants (those ranked 1st, 3rd, 12th and 15th) received the 25 point rating in this category. If the urgency and need of the planned drainage improvements described above had been factored into the scoring system, additional points could have been assigned to the Village's application.

4. Degree to which activity addresses community needs impacting lowand moderate-income people

In response to preference given for low to moderate income projects, 7 of the 15 entities receiving an allocation in the Draft Plan have a higher median household income than the Village of Beach Park. The score allocated in this category is allocated in blocks, as opposed to a sliding scale. Therefore, while the scoring system partially accounts for economic status of the community, this scoring system does not directly reflect of the community's true need. Below is an excerpt from the scoring summary for illustration purposes:

Community	Community Economic Status Score	Application Total Score	Community Median Income as % of County Median Income
Round Lake	10	83	96.64
LCPWD	10	75	100
Lakemoor	10	74	95.47
Mundelein	5	66	104.83
Highwood	15	64	88.51
Island Lake	15	64	89.93
Lake Villa Tshr	5	64	122.16
Beach Park	15	61.5	86.89

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The Village of Beach Park, like many communities in Lake County, continues to have to delay necessary infrastructure projects due to a lack of funding sources. The local share of the state administered Motor Fuel Tax program has become insufficient to adequately maintain the Village streets. Based on the current share of MFT allocation received by the Village, it would take nearly 80 years to complete one round of street resurfacing within the Village. Leveraging additional funds has become increasingly challenging, particularly in this current economy. Receiving CDBG funds is crucial for the Village, as the Village funds alone cannot pay for the entire project, despite the described necessity.

Based on the supplemental information provided, we respectfully request a reconsideration of the proposed funding allocation in the 2013 Annual Action Plan to include an allocation for the Village of Beach Park. We appreciate your time and consideration of this request.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Village Hall at 847-746-1770. Alternately, please feel free to contact our Village Engineer, Marcia McCutchan of RHMG Engineers, Inc., at 847-362-5959.

Sincerely yours,

VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK

John Hucker Mayor

Street or Route Pickford Ave Length_		
Limits @Manthu & Marnett - West End Width		
Pavement Type DateD	ioliz	
(Note: A rating of "0" indicates defect does not of	occur)	
Defects		Rating
Traverse Cracks	0 - 5	3
Longitudinal Cracks	0 - 5	3
Alligator Cracks	0 - 10	9
Shrinkage Cracks	0 - 5	0
Rutting	0 - 10	5
Corrugations	0 - 5	
Raveling	0 - 5	5
Shoving or Pushing	0 - 10	6
Pot Holes	0 - 10	10
Excess Asphalt	0 - 10	0
Polished Aggregate	0 - 5	
Deficient Drainage	0 - 10	5
Overall Riding Quality (0 is excellent; 10 is very poor)	0 - 10	10
Sum of	Defects	5 0
Condition Rating = 100 - Sum of Defects		
= 100		
Condition Rating = 50		

Street or Route Pickford	Length		
Limits Holdridge - East End	Width		
Pavement Type	Date	4/10/12	
(Note: A rating of "0" indicates defe	ct does not	occur)	
Defects			Rating
Traverse Cracks		0 - 5	#3
Longitudinal Cracks		0 - 5	2
Alligator Cracks		0 - 10	5
Shrinkage Cracks		0 - 5	<u> </u>
Rutting		0 - 10	5
Corrugations	************	0 - 5	0
Raveling	***********	0 - 5	4
Shoving or Pushing		0 - 10	o
Pot Holes		0 - 10	4
Excess Asphalt	************	0 - 10	0
Polished Aggregate		0 - 5	<u> </u>
Deficient Drainage		0 - 10	<u>ے</u>
Overall Riding Quality (0 is excellent; 10 is very poor)	************	0 - 10	5
	Sum o	f Defects	44
Condition Rating = 100 - Sum of Defects = 100 - <u>44</u>			
Condition Rating = 56			

Street or Route Length	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Limits Eastwood - North End Width		
Pavement Type Date	9/12	
(Note: A rating of "0" indicates defect does not	occur)	
Defects		Rating
Traverse Cracks	0 - 5	2
Longitudinal Cracks	0 - 5	2
Alligator Cracks	0 - 10	9
Shrinkage Cracks	0 - 5	
Rutting	0 - 10	5
Corrugations	0 - 5	
Raveling	0 - 5	4
Shoving or Pushing	0 - 10	
Pot Holes	0 - 10	5
Excess Asphalt	0 - 10	
Polished Aggregate	0 - 5	
Deficient Drainage	0 - 10	6
Overall Riding Quality (0 is excellent; 10 is very poor)	0 - 10	
Sum of	Defects	41
Condition Rating = 100 - Sum of Defects = 100 - 41		
Condition Rating = 59		

Street or Route Wasser Garnett	Length_		
Limits Talmadge-Pickford	Width_		
Pavement Type	Date	4110112	
(Note: A rating of "0" indicates defec	ct does r	not occur)	
Defects			Rating
Traverse Cracks		0 - 5	2
Longitudinal Cracks		0 - 5	3
Alligator Cracks		0 - 10	7
Shrinkage Cracks		0 - 5	0
Rutting		0 - 10	7
Corrugations		0 - 5	6
Raveling		0 - 5	- 5
Shoving or Pushing		0 - 10	o
Pot Holes		0 - 10	
Excess Asphalt		0 - 10	0
Polished Aggregate		0 - 5	O
Deficient Drainage		0 - 10	5
Overall Riding Quality (0 is excellent; 10 is very poor)		0 - 10	5
	Sur	n of Defects	40
Condition Rating = 100 - Sum of Defects = 100 - <u>40</u>			
Condition Rating = 60			





