

11-07-2018 Town Council Meeting Responses

ITEM #6: Initial Public Forum: Housing and Community Development Needs and Use of 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Funds

Council Question: P. 74 of the packet includes the Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) Preservation Strategy as part of the 2018-2020 work plan. What is the status of this strategy?

Staff Response: *Staff is researching best practices in preserving Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing. We are in the process of developing a project scope and timeline. We plan to work with the Housing Advisory Board as we develop the Strategy and anticipate sharing the draft with the Council in the fourth quarter of 2019. In the meantime, our staff is available to work with communities that may be threatened with immediate displacement.*

Council Question: Are there any projections of decreased allocations of CDBG funds, since the federal funding for the CDBG program has decreased for this year's cycle?

Staff Response: *We do not have projections about the Town's allocation at this time. We typically receive notification about our grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the spring. We will proceed with planning activities for the 2019-2020 program year based on the Town's 2018-2019 grant allocation of \$418,344.*