

*City of Fort Worth, Texas*  
**Mayor and Council Communication**

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**COUNCIL ACTION: Approved on 10/4/2011**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, October 04, 2011

**REFERENCE NO.:** G-17409

**LOG NAME:** 17HCH\_HOMETOCDBGTRANSFER

**SUBJECT:**

Authorize Change in Use and Expenditure of \$563,684.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Historic Carver Heights Street Lights Project and Authorize Substantial Amendment to the City's 2009-2010 Action Plan (COUNCIL DISTRICT 5)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2009-2010 Action Plan; and
2. Authorize the Change in Use and Expenditure of \$563,684.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the Historic Carver Heights Street Light Project.

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**DISCUSSION:**

In 2006, the Historic Carver Heights (HCH) Neighborhood was awarded \$1.2 million in Model Block funds (\$600,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$600,000.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds). In 2011, the remaining HCH Model Block funding balance was \$1,087,503.65. During a neighborhood meeting earlier this year, the HCH Neighborhood Association requested that all remaining Model Block funds be used to purchase and install period street lights to improve visibility and increase safety in the neighborhood.

On June 14, 2011, Council approved a change in use and expenditure of \$418,219.65 in CDBG funds for the Historic Carver Heights Street Light Project (M&C G-17305). Because HOME funds are ineligible for the project, additional CDBG funds are needed to complete it. The HCH Neighborhood Association requested that the City exchange the \$563,684.00 of HOME funds in the Model Block budget for the same amount of CDBG funds to complete the project.

The HCH Neighborhood is bounded by Plaza Circle on the north, Cravens Road on the east, Vel Drive to Lucas Drive to Ramey Avenue on the South, and Cass Street to Flemming Drive to Truman Drive to Ransom Terrace on the west. Staff recommends that the City Council approves moving \$563,684.00 in additional CDBG funds to the project for a total project budget of \$1,087,503.65. The \$563,684.00 balance of HOME funds originally budgeted for the Model Block has been moved to the Lancaster Townhomes project.

Staff recommends that the Council approve the change in use and expenditure of \$563,684.00 in CDBG funds for the project. The Action Plan funding year may vary and may be substituted based on the principle of First In, First Out (FIFO) in order to expend the oldest program income and grant funds first. A public comment period concerning the change in use of these funds was held from September 2, 2011 through October 3, 2011. Any comments are maintained by the Housing and Economic Development Department in accordance with federal regulations.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Financial Management Services Director certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, funds will be available in the current Operating Budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Fund.

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**FUND CENTERS:**

<b><u>TO Fund/Account/Centers</u></b>		<b><u>FROM Fund/Account/Centers</u></b>	
<u>GR76 539120 017206350820</u>	<u>\$563,684.00</u>	<u>GR76 539120 017206350190</u>	<u>\$11,495.03</u>
		<u>GR76 539120 017206350200</u>	<u>\$212,105.24</u>
		<u>GR76 539120 017206350220</u>	<u>\$34,995.14</u>
		<u>GR76 522030 017206350240</u>	<u>\$22,404.42</u>
		<u>GR76 539120 017206350300</u>	<u>\$76.89</u>
		<u>GR76 539120 017206350990</u>	<u>\$282,607.28</u>

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**CERTIFICATIONS:**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [hch available funds.pdf](#) (CFW Internal)