



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to accept a grant award and enter into a contract with the Arizona Department of Housing, Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$240,436 for the Maricopa Southside Water System Improvements/Fire Hydrants Project. Discussion and Action.

In February 2011, the Mayor and City Council passed a resolution supporting the Southside Water System Improvements. This project will add two (2) additional fire hydrants in the existing 6" stubs across the highway and connect them with a 12" main running parallel with the highway and adding fire hydrants at a roughly 500 foot spacing. This will mitigate periodic low pressure issues the City has been having. The hydrants will be located on State Route 347 on the south side of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are utilized to address housing and community development needs. The CDBG program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Proposed CDBG projects must be consistent with broad national priorities for CDBG: activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people, the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or other community development activities to address an urgent threat to health or safety. CDBG funds may be used for community development activities (such as real estate acquisition, relocation, demolition, rehabilitation of housing and commercial buildings), construction of public facilities and improvements (such as water, sewer, and other utilities, street paving, and sidewalks), construction and maintenance of neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings, public services, and economic development and job creation/retention activities. CDBG funds can also be used for preservation and restoration of historic properties in low-income neighborhoods.

On February 28, 2012 the City of Maricopa received the contract for this project from the Arizona Department of Housing.

Staff recommends entering into a contract with the Arizona Department of Housing, Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$240,436 for the Maricopa Southside Water System Improvements/Fire Hydrants Project.