



Boulder County CDBG-DR Collaborative Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2021

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Location: Virtual meeting

Agenda and Discussion Items:

- Final community unmet needs and project list
- Funding allocation decision

Handouts:

- Lyons & Longmont Funding Splits & Unmet Need Calculations

Meeting Minutes:

2:30 pm – Welcome remarks

Final community unmet needs and project list

Background

Molly O'Donnell recapped the decisions made at the October 9, 2020 BCC meeting. Lyons was awarded up to \$905,285.95 for the 2nd Avenue and 4th Avenue Bridge projects. Longmont was awarded \$1,005,285.95 for the RSVP project. Lyons was to report back on the feasibility, finalized budget request, and timeline for the two bridge projects. In early December, Lyons provided the needed information on the bridge projects and they were confirmed feasible under the program. However, the budget requests for the two projects had reduced below the \$905,285.95, therefore Lyons proposed to apply the excess funding to the Red Hill Gulch project. Because this project was not part of the October 9, 2020 funding decision, it would have to be formerly proposed to BCC communities for approval to fund it. Relying on prioritization guidance from DOLA for below-the-line list projects and BCC's guiding principles and prioritization criteria, this project did not perform well when comparing to Longmont's remaining recovery needs and beneficial outcomes. Because the project was primarily intended to address 2-5 year

storm event projects, therefore getting further down on the project wish list than BCC communities originally anticipated this funding would reach, it might require opening back up to other BCC communities to propose projects of similar scope, scale, and benefit. When BCC staff told Lyons this was the likelihood, generator projects were proposed instead.

Changed conditions

Molly reported that several conditions have changed since the December 2020 discussions with Lyons. Longmont received bids that were under the engineer's estimate for the RSVP Izaak Walton Utilities Reach 2 – Boston Avenue Bridge Utilities Relocation project, the last construction contract anticipated to be able to use CDBG-DR funding. This, combined with a minimal amount of the budgeted contingency actually being need on RSVP Reach 2B, resulted in a reduced need for RSVP. Additionally, the RSVP Izaak Walton Reach 2 project has a delay related to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approvals to purchase right-of-way. Because this project was to be the last CDBG-DR funded project that would collect remaining funds from elsewhere in the BCC and the State, timelines for the program should be pushed back to avoid having to turn down released funding from the State. Additionally, it was determined to be unnecessary to go back to BCC communities for stormwater projects because there was no interest and/or the BCC delegation agreements were already closed and it would take too long and be too much effort to reopen them. With the combination of these factors, BCC staff determined that the Red Hill Gulch project was feasible based on the extended timeline and the need to apply more funding to projects to ensure as much funding as possible stays in Boulder County projects.

Victoria Simonsen asked why the Red Hill Gulch project was eligible now, to which Molly responded that it was always eligible, just didn't score well on DOLA's or BCC's prioritization criteria.

Unmet needs calculations

Molly presented the handout showing Lyons and Longmont additional funding allocations to date and progress towards matching the FEMA PA damage assessment percentages. Compared to FEMA PA damages, Lyons has been funded at 107 percent, or \$346,929.13 overfunded. Longmont has been funded at 94%, or \$346,929.13 underfunded.

The handout also showed the latest unmet needs for each community. After funding the 2nd Avenue and 4th Avenue Bridge projects at \$695,188.29, Lyons' unmet need is \$445,000 to fund the Red Hill Gulch project at \$395,000 and one of the three originally proposed generator projects at \$50,000. After Lyons applies \$180,000 of its own cost savings on existing projects, the unmet need is \$265,000. The generator project would be placed at the Town's public works building and lift station. The other two generator projects were deemed ineligible due to floodway and CDBG limitations on funding projects for buildings for the purpose of general government.

Longmont's remaining unmet need ranges between \$2,322,700.14 and \$2,842,700.14. The range is due to two outstanding issues to be resolved that will determine the final CDBG-DR-eligible amount on the RSVP project. Those issues are \$250,000 of U.S. Army Corps match that is eligible if Army Corps meets the new grant timelines on right-of-way approval and tree fund payments that need DOLA approval prior to reimbursement.

Funding Allocation Decision

Molly reported that funding available for allocation now totals \$764,182.58. This includes \$210,097.66 of the funds dedicated for Lyons but not able to be spent on the bridge projects, \$427,009.22 released from DHSEM, and \$127,075.70 that will be released from Jamestown.

In order to fully utilize all remaining CDBG-DR funding in the existing program and from future releases from the State, and to have final resolution on the funding plan going forward to be nimble in future reallocations and awards, BCC staff recommended that Lyons is allocated \$265,000 of the available reallocation funds to complete the Red Hill Gulch and Public Works Building Generator projects, thereby fulfilling Lyons' entire remaining unmet need. Longmont would receive \$499,182.58 of the reallocated funding now, and then receive all future releases from DOLA and BCC communities as they complete programs.

VOTE: To provide Lyons \$265,000 to complete the Red Hill Gulch and Public Works Building Generator projects, and to provide Longmont \$499,182.58 towards the RSVP project, and to designate all future released funding from DOLA or BCC communities towards Longmont's RSVP project.

Motion to approve made by Sandi Seader, seconded by Victoria Simonsen.

All in favor: 2, Opposed: 0

Victoria Simonsen added that the generator need might be higher, to which Philip Strom stated more existing project underruns are anticipated that will cover the difference. Victoria also asked BCC to continue to fund Philip at half time through June 2021, which is under consideration by the BCC.

3:40 pm – Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2021 – Virtual