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Summary of Category Applications

Five applications were received that fit into the Public Facilities category. The projects include the purchase of medical equipment, improvements at a neighborhood recreation facility, improvements to a downtown drop-in center that provides services to homeless and at risk youth, removal of blighted properties from low income neighborhoods, and increasing accessibility through the installation of bicycle racks throughout Duluth. In FY 2018, meeting the CD Committee funded \$353,952.

Approach to Application Review

Applications were reviewed for funding eligibility, consistency with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan strategies/goals, and need.

Applications Received

Code	Proposal Name	Organization	Eligible Activity	Amount
2019-1A	Replacement of Medical Exam Tables	Lake Superior Community Health Center	Yes	\$30,000
2019-1B	Chester Bowl Chalet Renovation	Chester Bowl Improve. Club	Yes	\$60,000
2019-1C	Life House Annex	Life House	Yes	\$181,320
2019-1D	Acquisition Demolition Preparation Program	City of Duluth	Yes	\$223,800
2019-1E	Bike Duluth- Transportation Options for All	City of Duluth	Yes	\$20,000

Total: \$ 515,120

Consolidated Plan Goals related to Public Facility Improvements

Consolidated Plan Goal #4: Community Public Facilities

- Assist neighborhood facilities that provide vital services with accessibility improvements and/or repairs due to flood damage. These facilities include homeless facilities, neighborhood facilities, and parking facilities.

Consolidated Plan Goal #5: Community Development Infrastructure

- Assist LMI homeowners with street assessments.
- Improve sidewalk accessibility.

Consolidated Plan Goal #8: Neighborhood Revitalization

- Address Vacant, substandard properties that may or may not be suitable for rehabilitation
- Acquire blighted properties and lots for demolition and redevelopment activities

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APPLICATION #2019-1A: Lake Superior Community Health Center- Replacement of Medical Exam Tables

Brief Description of Application (including activities and target clientele):

LSCHC will purchase four medical exam tables for the clinic located at 4325 Grand Avenue in Duluth. LSCHC provides medical and dental services to low income people in Duluth. The new exam tables will replace outdated models and will allow for patients with accessibility barriers to more easily meet with the medical professionals. Application states that 100% of clients are LMI. The purchase of equipment to provide medical services to low income people is eligible.

Eligible Activity (Identify eligible activity, national objective, and explain):

National objective: low/moderate income benefit (limited clientele). The proposal will allow LSCHC to continue to provide essential medical services to low income people in Duluth. Eligible activity: public facilities and improvements.

Application goals/outcomes and relation to Consolidated Plan:

Goal 4, Community Public Facilities: the proposed activity will improve the public neighborhood facility's accessibility in Duluth by better serving those who are unable to easily use the existing outdated exam tables.

Budget and Project Readiness:

- Budget request: \$30,000
- Total budget: \$30,000; secured: \$0 (Ratio is <1:1)
- Note: the project budget shows secured funding of \$8.6 million, referring to the overall agencies annual budget.

APPLICATION #2019-1B: Chester Bowl Improvement Club- Chester Bowl Chalet Renovation

Brief Description of Application (including activities and target clientele):

The Chester Bowl Chalet is a city owned property, with a long-term management agreement with the Chester Bowl Improvement Club that is located in Chester Park in the East Hillside. CBIC intends to demolish and rebuild the chalet to improve accessibility, operations, energy efficiency, and use of the facility which operates as a neighborhood facility.

Eligible Activity (Identify eligible activity, national objective, and explain):

The project meets the national objective of LMI-Area Benefit as it is a neighborhood facility that can be utilized by all people within the neighborhood. The construction activities described are eligible activities in the Public Facilities and Improvements category.

Application goals/outcomes and relation to Consolidated Plan:

Goal 4, Community Public Facilities: the proposed activity will improve the public neighborhood facility's accessibility in Duluth with improvements like accessible bathrooms, bridge, elevator, for park users.

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Budget and Project Readiness:

- Budget Request: \$60,000. Secured: \$262,485 (Ratio: 4.4:1). CDBG funds will contribute to the building construction costs.
- Application states project starting in 2019 is unlikely due to need for more fundraising. Also affecting start time is the necessity to acquire planning variances.
- Project will need to acquire building permits, follow proper procurement processes, pay prevailing wages, and complete the Environmental Review which includes a look at the need to preserve historic character.

APPLICATION #2019-1C: Life House Annex

Brief Description of Application (including activities and target clientele):

Life House will complete Phase II of the Annex building renovations to include improvements to the annex building and recreation area, both spaces are adjacent to Life House's main building where their drop-in center, Loft shelter, and administrative offices are located where they connect homeless youth to housing, jobs, education, and other services.

Eligible Activity (Identify eligible activity, national objective, and explain):

The project meets the national objective of LMI-Area Benefit as it is a neighborhood facility that provides services to low income people in Duluth. The rehabilitation activities are eligible activities in the Public Facilities and Improvements category.

Application goals/outcomes and relation to Consolidated Plan:

The improvements will help Life House to continue to assist over 650 homeless youth and more efficiently provide education and job training services. Life House regularly assists over 650 homeless (or at-risk) youth. The improvements included in the project include a wide range of updates to the property including: exterior (façade, roof, drainage, windows) and interior work (production space, technology, classroom, and other improvements). The project does not entirely and directly address a Consolidated Plan Goal, but it is anticipated that some of the improvements will improve accessibility to the building (Consolidated Plan Goal #4).

Budget and Project Readiness:

- The project seems ready to proceed upon receipt of grant and Life House anticipates completion by June 30, 2020.
- Project will need to acquire building permits, follow proper procurement processes, pay prevailing wages, and complete the Environmental Review which includes a look at the need to preserve historic character.
- Budget Request: \$182,320. Secured: \$53,750 (Ratio: <1:1). CDBG funds anticipated to contribute towards façade improvements, roof and drainage, windows, production space, level outdoor commons area, and fencing.
- Life House has received CDBG funds for previous phases of the Life House Annex building including: Building Acquisition- \$150,000 (2017) and Annex & Commons Phase I- \$145,000 (2018).

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APPLICATION #2019-1D: Acquisition Demolition Preparation Program- City of Duluth

Brief Description of Application (including activities and target clientele):

The City of Duluth will work to expedite the elimination of blight in low income neighborhoods through acquisition, structure demolition, and site preparation for future housing; working to ensure that structures are not simply demolished but return to residential use. The city expects to eliminate 8 blighted properties in 2019.

Eligible Activity (Identify eligible activity, national objective, and explain):

The project meets the national objective of Elimination of Slums or Blight as it will result in improving conditions in up to 8 areas in Duluth. The work will be done on a “spot basis” in areas that are determined to be essential areas to focus on blight removal.

Application goals/outcomes and relation to Consolidated Plan:

The program meets the Consolidated Plan Goal #8: Neighborhood Revitalization by eliminated blighted structures within CDBG Target Areas (LMI neighborhoods). In addition to blight removal, care will be taken to strategically identify areas (and partners) that can also support housing infill projects, therefore, after the blighted structures are removed the lot will be prepared for future housing infill that meets neighborhood demand.

Budget and Project Readiness:

- The project seems ready to proceed upon receipt of grant and the city anticipates completion by June 30, 2020.
- Project will need to acquire building permits, follow proper procurement processes, pay prevailing wages, and complete the Environmental Review.
- Budget Request: \$223,800 Secured: \$45,000 (Ratio: <1:1). CDBG funds anticipated to contribute towards acquisition, hazardous materials abatement, demolition, and project coordination.

APPLICATION #2019-1E: Transportation Options for All- City of Duluth

Brief Description of Application (including activities and target clientele):

The City of Duluth will acquire and install 40 bike racks in LMI neighborhoods to expand affordable transportation opportunities for people in Duluth.

Eligible Activity (Identify eligible activity, national objective, and explain):

The project meets the national objective of benefitting a low/moderate income area, as it will result in improving neighborhood infrastructure. Installing of bike racks is an eligible activity within the public facilities category.

Application goals/outcomes and relation to Consolidated Plan:

The project meets the Consolidated Plan Goal #5: Community Development Infrastructure by improving infrastructure that is beneficial to people in LMI neighborhoods.

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Budget and Project Readiness:

- The project seems ready to proceed upon receipt of grant and the city anticipates completion by June 30, 2020.
- Budget Request: \$20,000 Secured: \$0 (Ratio: <1:1). CDBG funds anticipated to be used for the purchase of bike racks and hardware needed for proper installation. Cost of installation (staff time) will be provided by City of Duluth crews.