

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Public hearing to discuss the accomplishments of the Town's CDBG CARES Act Grants (20-CDBG-CV1-00028 & 20-CV-2-3-00093).

Council Meeting Date: 1/15/2025

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Recommended Motion: Conduct public hearing, provide any desired direction to staff, and authorize the Town Manager to sign all documents related to the closeout of the CDBG CARES Act grants.

Summary: The purpose of the public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the Town's performance related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV Programs. Notification of the public hearing was posted in four (4) unique public places as a printed legal notice within the local government on Friday, January 3, 2025 in accordance with the CDBG Public Participation requirements.

The Town was successful in being awarded funding in both rounds of the CDBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding cycles for projects that assisted in the prevention of, preparation for, and response to COVID-19. The Town was awarded \$68,375 in CV-1 funds in May 2021 under Standard Agreement #20-CDBG-CV1-00028 and \$248,809 in CV2/3 funds in September 2021 under Standard Agreement #20-CDBG-CV-2-3-00093.

The approved scope of work included the following activities:

- Subsistence Payment Program – Rent, Mortgage, & Utility Payment Assistance
- Park Improvements and Facilities – Parcel Public Park Improvements [Amended scope of work approved in November 2022]
- General Administration

Highlights of the approved activities include:

Subsistence Payment Program (Rent, Mortgage, & Utility Payment Assistance)

- 15 households assisted w/ an average rental subsidy amount of \$1,445/household
- \$27,178 was utilized for rental assistance (\$21,678 in rent payments and \$5,500 in activity delivery costs paid to Mammoth Lakes Housing to administer the program)
- Interest was initially high for rental assistance, but then waned due to duplicative rental assistance programs being administered by the State in response to the COVID-19 health crisis (i.e., "Housing Is Key")
- There was little to no interest in Mortgage or Utility payment assistance
- Subsistence Payment Program discontinued in March 2022 and the remaining funds were committed to the Park Improvement project

Park Improvements and Facilities (Parcel Public Park)

- \$289,919 in CDBG CARES Grant funds were committed to the Parcel Public Park in November 2022

- Grant funds were used for the acquisition of the playground structure, surfacing, and other park amenities (public bathroom, picnic tables, drinking fountain, bike racks, and shade pavilion), while the installation costs were funded by the Town and through other grants.
- Park equipment was installed in spring and summer 2024 and the park was opened to the public on August 8, 2024 in conjunction with the ribbon cutting for the adjacent Sawyer affordable housing project.
- The Parcel Public Park provides a public park within ½ mile walking distance of the Sierra Valley Sites

