

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: December 3, 2007

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| Agenda Item: 3 (B) | Prepared By: Steve Olmsted, Comm. Dev. Director Date: November 20, 2007 |
| Agenda Section: Business: Resolution | |
| Subject: Resolution Authorizing Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Sidewalks – Marco Highlands | Department: Community Development |

BACKGROUND: City Council is asked to consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete and submit an application to Collier County for FY 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$75,000 for the construction of sidewalks in the Marco Highlands Subdivision, within Census Tract 109.02, Block Group 1, adjacent to both sides of 5th Avenue and Quail Drive, perpendicular to Marco Lake Drive.

Collier County, Housing and Human Services Department, has informed the City of Marco Island that the City may potentially be eligible to receive approximately \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. If approved, matching funds in the amount of \$21,100 would be proposed to be provided and would be subsequently requested in conjunction with next year's capital Improvements Budget process.

The City of Marco Island agreed to participate with Collier County in a joint Urban County Agreement relative to application and management of CDBG program funds. Applications for Community Development Block Grant funds for FY 2008-2009 are due to Collier County offices on December 3, 2007.

Federal Community Development Block Grant funds can be used for eligible public projects that meet one or more of the required National Criteria: 1) Benefit to low-moderate income individuals or families, 2) Elimination of slum and blight, or 3) Mitigation of an urgent community need.

In 2006, the Community Development Department consulted with the Administration and other City Departments in an effort to identify potential projects that would be eligible for CDBG funding. Following careful consideration of all potential projects, required program guidelines and criteria, and available funds; and after extensive discussion with Collier County Housing and Grants staff, the Community Development Department recommends that City Council approve the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the construction and installation of concrete sidewalks within Marco Highlands Subdivision.

The City's application for FY 2007-2008 CDBG funds has been approved for construction of a sidewalk adjacent to Marco Lake Drive. Funds will be available for the approved project following review and approval of a required income survey as previously submitted to Miami Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and satisfactory demonstration of income eligibility.

For FY 2008-2009, continuation of sidewalks within the Marco Highlands Subdivision is proposed with the

construction of sidewalks adjacent to the north and south sides of 5th Avenue and Quail Drive perpendicular to Marco Lake Drive. The proposed project would benefit 27 homes adjacent to those streets.

In order to be eligible for consideration for Community Development Block Grant funding for FY 2008-2009, approval and authorization of City Council is required. A resolution that approves a Community Development Block Grant application, and authorizes the City Manager to sign and execute the required application is included for your review and consideration.

A description of the sidewalk project, including an aerial photograph and cost estimates as provided by the City's Public Works Director are attached for your consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete and submit an application to Collier County for FY 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant funding for the continuation of sidewalk construction in the Marco Highlands Subdivision within Census Tract 109.02, Block Group 1, to include sidewalks adjacent to both sides of 5th Avenue and Quail Drive perpendicular to Marco Lake Drive.

Reviewed by Department Director

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Reviewed by City Manager

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Council Action:

Motion by:

Second by: