

Agenda Action Form
City of Manassas Park Governing Body

ITEM 8b

Meeting Date: May 15, 2012

Short Title: Agreement to participate in federal CDBG program through Prince William County

Ordinance Resolution Motion Workshop Briefing

Staff Work By: Vanessa Watson
Presentation By: Vanessa Watson

Background Information:

The federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funding primarily for housing programs. The City is eligible to compete for CDBG funds, but since the administration of federally funded housing programs requires experienced professional staff and the City does not have dedicated personnel to manage the program we have traditionally allowed our CDBG funding to go to the Prince William County Office of Housing and Community Development and the County department has included Manassas Park in its service area.

If we want to continue our past practice, we have to renew a three-year agreement to allow our eligibility for the CDBG funding to flow through the County.

Goal: Economic Development Financial Improvement Infrastructure & Transportation
 Safe City Citizen Service & Communications

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize the Mayor to execute the attached declaration that the City elects to continue participation with Prince William County for CDBG, Home Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions grant funding for fiscal year 2013 through 2015; and authorized the Mayor to execute a cooperative agreement with Prince William County continuing our cooperative arrangement with the County Office of Housing & Business Development.

Department Head

City Manager



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May 1, 2012

Elijah T. Johnson
Director

City of Manassas Park
Mr. Frank Jones, Mayor
One Park Center Court
Manassas Park, Virginia 20111

RE: Urban Entitlement Designation for Federal Housing and Community Development
Allocations (Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2015)

Dear Mr. Jones:

Since the inception as an Urban Entitlement in 1992, Prince William County has received more than \$40 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$17 million in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) and \$667,280 in Emergency Shelter Grant/Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds for local housing and community development projects. Over the past 20 years your participation has made the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs a success throughout the Prince William Area.

Once again, it is time to provide the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with information to maintain our designation as an Urban County. Written notification of your decision to continue to participate in Prince William County's CDBG, HOME and ESG funding is needed **no later than June 1, 2012**. You should be aware that in your participation with Prince William County you would remain ineligible to compete for funds under the HUD administered-Small Cities or State CDBG program. This does not preclude you from applying for State HOME or ESG funds allocated by the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development.

If you elect not to participate for the next three year period you must notify our office and HUD in writing **no later than June 1, 2012** that you do not wish to participate at the end of the current period.

Please complete the enclosed response form and return **before June 1, 2012**. If you elect to continue to participate we will prepare a Cooperative Agreement which will require your signature as the mayor. This Agreement will automatically be renewed at the next Urban Entitlement Designation unless we receive a notice of your intention to terminate the Agreement at the end of the qualification period.



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Declaration

- The _____
Name of Governing Body
elects to continue participation with Prince William County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2015 and will enter into a Cooperative Agreement.
- The _____
Name of Governing Body
elects to terminate participation with Prince William County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding effective with Federal Fiscal Year 2013.

Signature of Mayor

Print Name of Mayor

Date