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MEETING DATE: October 8, 2024

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SECOND READING: N/A

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The Longmont Housing Authority For Community Development Block Grant Funding For Door Replacement At The Suites Apartments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 25, 2024, City Council approved the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan, which authorized the award of grant funding to the Longmont Housing Authority (LHA) to replace original hotel doors and hardware on 82 units at the Suites Apartments.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City executed the 2024 CDBG funding agreement on September 10, 2024. Therefore, the City is now authorized to enter into agreements with award recipients. This Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) will allow staff to provide CDBG grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 to LHA for the Suites Apartments Door Replacement Project.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve the Agreement between the City and the Longmont Housing Authority.
2. Do not approve the Agreement and direct staff to use the allocated CDBG funds for other project(s), subject to an Action Plan Amendment.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Approve the Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This \$200,000 grant is funded solely from the City's 2024 CDBG allocation. There is no anticipated impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

The Suites Apartments is an existing Permanently Supportive Housing (PSH) community with 82 units that was redeveloped from a hotel in 2011 to permanently house people exiting

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homelessness. The project is a combination of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) up to 50% AMI and Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) from LHA and the State of Colorado, which provide deep subsidies for residents.

The population served at a PSH community are exiting homeless and may have experienced trauma. During the Suites remodel in 2017, trauma-informed design was not taken into consideration and the original doors and hardware were left intact. The large door gaps allow light, noise, and air to escape in and out of the units. This creates stress for residents who may already feel uncomfortable with their transition to rehousing. Additionally, if a resident leaves their unit for any reason without their keys, they are immediately locked out due to the hardware. There is a long-documented history at the Suites of resident concerns about the keys and access to units. New doors and hardware will allow both LHA management and the residents to be confident that the property is safe and secure, while reducing the number of calls to property management for privacy concerns or lockouts.

ATTACHMENTS:

Att 1 – Resolution

Att 2 - Delegation Agreement