

City Council Report

Date: November 12, 2015
To: City Council
Through: Natalie N. Lewis, Deputy City Manager
From: Liz Morales, Housing and Community Development Director and Ruth Giese, Department of Community Services Director
Subject: 2015-16 Annual Action Plan Second Substantial Amendment Oakwood Creative Care, Inc., Adult Day Center **(District 4)**



Strategic
Initiatives

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information and recommend approval of the Second Substantial Amendment to FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan by adding the following new Community Development Block Grant activity:

Oakwood Creative Care, Inc., Adult Day Center Project - \$45,000.00

Background

As a condition of the receipt of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds, the City of Mesa is required to undertake activities that will promote safe, decent and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. Included in the FY2015-19 Consolidated Plan and FY2015-16 Annual Action Plan are several initiatives such as housing rehabilitation, credit counseling, health care, homeless prevention and neighborhood improvements, all of which are designed to provide assistance to persons principally of low and moderate income.

Oakwood Creative Care, Inc., is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that focuses on providing programming specifically for seniors affected with Alzheimer's and Dementia as well as adults with Traumatic Brain Injury and Parkinson's, which helps to reduce hospitalization and institutionalization. Oakwood is achieving this through the operation of two licensed adult day health facilities located at 247 N. Macdonald (Town Center Day Club) and 7550 E. Adobe Road (Red Mountain Day Club) in Mesa. Adult Day Health Services have been available at the Town Center location since March 1988 and at Red Mountain since March 1999.

During the last few months, the Board of Directors at Oakwood has been working to rebuild their operations by building a program of substance that addresses the challenges associated with rising health care costs without sacrificing the primary mission of the organization.

Discussion

Oakwood is requesting CDBG funds to fund eligible activities related to operating costs, with the focus to expand services to those who are low to moderate income. If this request is approved by the Council, CDBG funding would be limited to reimbursement for activities such as transportation, food costs, counseling and other support services available to low and moderate income seniors and other adults. Further, reimbursement would also be limited to meeting benchmarks prescribed by Housing and Community Development, as attached.

In addition, Oakwood will continue to identify organizations for possible partnerships such as Banner Health Care Systems and St. Luke's Foundation to support the sustainability, growth and development of Oakwood.

Housing and Community Development is recommending approval of the resolution for the Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan which will provide Oakwood Creative Care with \$45,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. CDBG funding would be limited to reimbursement of costs for transportation, meals, therapy services, and other eligible program costs as determined by the Department.

Alternatives

1. Council can approve the resolution to fund Oakwood Creative Care with \$45,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds
2. Council can reject the resolution as presented which would result in Oakwood Creative Care not expanding services to those who are low to moderate income.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this request will be provided by federal Community Development Block Grants funds.

Coordinated With

Housing and Community Development Department, Community Services Department and the City Manager's Office have reviewed this proposal and support this authorization by the City Manager to amend the FY2015/16 Annual Action Plan.