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RESOLUTION NO. R 3039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING 1984 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT LOCAL FUNDING GUIDELINES AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland jointly participates with King County and the application for funds pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the 1984 Block Grant Consortium Policy Plan will include established local jurisdiction funding guidelines for 1984 block grant projects; and

WHEREAS, the City administration has developed and recommended to the City Council community development block grant local funding guidelines to be utilized by the City of Kirkland for inclusion in the Block Grant Consortium Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered said recommendation in an open regular City council meeting, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves after consideration the City of Kirkland 1984 community development block grant local funding guidelines, a copy of which is attached to the original of this resolution and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Once adopted and included in the King County Block Grant Consortium 1984 Policy Plan, said local funding guidelines shall be utilized in preparing and reviewing block grant program and project requests.

Section 3. The City council hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit a letter to King County Housing and Community Development expressing the City's intent to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds for human service projects.

Section 4. A certified or conformed copy of this resolution with attachments shall be forwarded to the King County Housing and Community Development Division, 1718 Smith Tower Building, 506 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular, open meeting this 15th day of August, 1983.

Signed in authentication thereof this 15th day of August, 1983.

Doris Cooper
MAYOR Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Tom Anderson

Director of Administration & Finance
(ex officio City Clerk)

CITY OF KIRKLAND 1984 FUNDING GUIDELINES

Description

The City of Kirkland, one of the oldest communities in the area, was incorporated in 1905. It is located on the northeastern side of Lake Washington and serves approximately 19,000 in population. The City maintains over 150 acres in 19 parks and is the only city on the lake to retain nearly 20 percent of its waterfront for public use. Pedestrian walkways, parking facilities and traffic controls have all been improved in the central business district with local, federal and private monies. The City has a variety of housing stock ranging from older established neighborhoods surrounding the central business district to new suburban developments and many multi-family housing units. Remaining land use is comprised of smaller sub-regional and neighborhood shopping centers, a few light industrial parks, and a number of schools and churches. High divorce rates and longer life span have resulted in many more single head of households and senior citizens living on fixed incomes in this suburban community.

Community Issues

Great strides have been made toward the revitalization of the central business district to attract small business and consumers. This continues to be an area of concern as the central business district serves many residents living in older neighborhoods in the immediate vicinity. Problems such as lack of safe pedestrian access, poor storm drainage, and the need for housing repair exist in older neighborhoods throughout the City. There is a continuing demand for services for low and moderate income households particularly for an increasing number of senior citizens. Increased use of City parks and recreational facilities indicates a need for rehabilitation and expansion of present facilities.

Areas of Concentration for Block Grant Funds

Funding guidelines for the City of Kirkland will concentrate on projects that solve major health or safety needs for all citizens, but particularly for low and moderate income families. Emphasis will continue to be placed on affordable housing and services for Kirkland's large elderly population. Housing repair for low and moderate income residents will be addressed as needed. Construction projects which improve pedestrian walkways, storm drainage systems, traffic controls, parks and recreational facilities will be encouraged. Special consideration will be given to walkway projects linking residential areas to schools, parks, and the central business district. Priority will be given to projects which relate geographically to previously funded Block Grant projects such as the Senior Center, and CBD Design. Services which can be provided within King County funding guidelines will continue for low and moderate income families. Other projects not included here may be considered for Block Grant funding if there is community support, and/or a reduction in slum and blight, or a positive impact on low and moderate income families.