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Village of Orland Park, Illinois, Interim Report for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, part of the American Rescue Plan Act

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Executive Summary

The Village of Orland Park, Illinois, serves a major economic hub of the southwest suburbs of Chicago. In 2020, the international pandemic had a negative impact on sales taxes, recreation revenues, commuter parking revenues and other revenues.

The Village operates and manages seventy (70) parks (including four major parks), 651 acres of park land, three (3) recreation facilities throughout the community. Over the past twenty (20) years, several of the Village's parks were falling into disrepair. The Village had been renovating one (1) neighborhood park every two (2) years. In recent years, the Village ramped up neighborhood park renovations, and was able to complete most renovations of the John Humphrey Complex, one (1) of the four (4) community parks.

One of the Village's strategic priority areas is Quality of Life. Maintaining updated parks, with modern amenities is critical to the quality of life that Orland Park residents expect. With this in mind, the Village recently embarked on master planning process for the four (4) community parks: Centennial Park, Centennial Park West, Schussler Park and phase III of the John Humphrey Complex. This master planning process has involved several key stakeholders and community members to ensure future features are purposeful and in line with the needs and desires of all community members. Key infrastructure that will be considered include: all abilities play grounds and ball fields, renovated ball fields with artificial turf to allow use in all weather conditions throughout the year, adding football fields that can be used by other field sports, pollinator gardens and other environmentally sustainable features, venue for concerts and school graduations, sledding hills, marinas, fishing piers, and many others.

Uses of Funds

Due to the decline in revenues that occurred in 2020, the Village will be utilizing Revenue Replacement, and will fund the design and renovation of the Village's community parks, a key infrastructure component for an active and engaged community.

The Village of Orland Park has been allocated \$5,004,738 and received the first tranche of \$2,502,369 on September 7, 2021.

Revenue Reduction Calculation

The annual growth rate for audited financial data for the years ended December 31, 2016 through 2018 was -0.8%. Therefore, the growth rate used for this calculation was 4.1%, pursuant to program guidance.

Base year revenue (Fiscal year ended 12/31/2019)	\$95,832,163
Estimated revenue without the pandemic (at 4.1% growth rate)	\$99,761,282
Actual revenue (Fiscal year ended 12/31/2020)	\$91,044,734
Revenue Reduction	\$8,716,548
Allocated revenue	\$5,004,738

The Village's revenue declined by \$8,716,548, which is much greater than the amount allocated under this program.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The master planning efforts promote equitable outcomes by incorporating feedback from community groups, residents and stakeholders. The Village has reached out directly to residents near the parks, has held multiple community meetings, met with community groups, and has invited all stakeholders to provide input. The projects that will be implemented from the master plan and ultimately the community park renovations will increase recreational activities for all interests and abilities.

Community Engagement

The Community has been invited to participate in the planning process in a number of ways.

On July 12, 2021, Wight & Co. (the firm hired to coordinate the master plan) hosted a kick-off meeting with the master plan team to review existing parks conditions, gain an understanding of staff's goals for each park, develop an overall schedule (attached), identify target audiences for engagement, and to set dates for potential engagement sessions.

On August 12, 2021, representatives from the Boys Orland Youth Association, Girls Orland Youth Association, the Orland Park Soccer Club, Girls Sparks and the Chicago Fire met with Wight & Co. to share their needs and vision for each of the parks.

On August 24, 2021, Wight & Co. hosted a meeting with the Recreation Advisory Board to gain an understanding of the Board's desired improvements for each park.

Community engagement sessions were hosted in-person on August 30, 2021, and by Zoom on September 1, 2021. Postcard notices were mailed to 877 residents residing near the

planned parks inviting resident participation. Additionally, a robust social media campaign, as well as over 7,000 e-mail contacts, was sent to notify residents of these engagement opportunities. Approximately sixty (60) residents participated providing input centered around nine (9) categories. Participants then provided input and voted on the most desirable improvements for each park.

In addition, a survey instrument was developed and distributed to 300 randomly selected Orland Park residents throughout the community to ensure statistical validity. The survey has also been made available to all community members so all voices have the opportunity to be heard.

Projects

Once the master plan for community parks has been completed, SLFRF will be used for the design and construction of park infrastructure improvements. Because the master plan remains in progress, the specific spending plan and allocation among the parks has not yet been determined. To date, no SLFRF dollars have been obligated or expended. Without the SLFRF allocations, the specific funding source for community park renovations has not been finalized.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$0.00	\$0.00