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To: Seguin City Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Kathy I. Wood, Grants Administrator

Subject: Approval and Support of FY2025 Community Project Funding

The U.S. House of Representatives' House Appropriation Committee is accepting requests for the Community Project Funding (CPF), formerly known as "earmarks", for the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations process. Through the CPF program, Members of Congress may direct funds to specific entities and projects to serve the public good.

Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz has supplied the City of Seguin with information and assistance and will sponsor our CPF request. The City is asking for \$2.3M to rehabilitate the Seguin Activity Center located at 624 Zorn Street. This money will be used for building repairs and to bring the building up to code, including ADA compliance. The CPF may or may not have a matching component, which as of the time of this writing, is pending response from Congresswoman De La Cruz's office. The match would be dependent on each agency's CPF guidance, and our project may fall under more than one agency.

Opened in 1965 and closed in 2014, the Seguin Activity Center (SAC) played a vital role in our community as the only recreational center within our city limits. The SAC provided many educational and recreational programs for the children and adults of the community. There were over a dozen recreational sports leagues, quarterly job fairs, summer camps, weekly skate jam nights, monthly computer classes, and so much more. The SAC assisted many of the underserved youth and adults at little to no cost.

On February 21, 2013, the City Council approved a Resolution, attached, with the Boys & Girls Clubs of South-Central Texas with the purpose of conveying the building and operating the Seguin Activity Center. As mentioned, the activity center ceased serving the youth and public, as required in the approved resolution. The City Manager is currently working on this issue with the Boys & Girls Club and the City will use this funding to restore the building and re-open the activity center with or without the assistance of the Boys and Girls Club.

Staff requests approval of the resolution to submit with the grant application.