



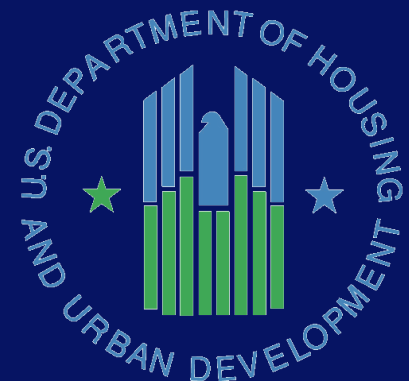
2023

City of Dunkirk

*CDBG Public WIFI Hotspots & Solar Cellular Device
Charging Stations Installation Project*

Public Hearing

March 21, 2023



Agenda

- CDBG/OCR Overview
- CDBG Program Requirements
- PY2020 Public WIFI Overview
- *Tell us what you think!*



What is CDBG?

The **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.



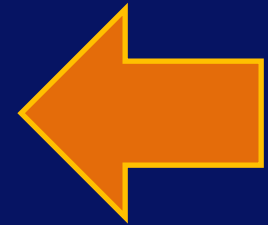
What is OCR's CDBG?

- The Office of Homes and Community Renewal (OCR) received an allocation from PY2020 CDBG CARES Act Funds from the Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- The City submitted an application to OCR, and was awarded funds, for PY2020 CDBG CARES Act Funds to install broadband WIFI hotspots and solar cellular device charging stations at Point Gratiot, Dunkirk Pier, and Wright Parks



OCR/CDBG Program Requirements

- Public Hearing 1 (before project work)
- Final Report Submittal
- Public Hearing 2 (after completion)
- Timeliness in Spending!



Project Accomplishments

- Completed installation of broadband repeaters and equipment for WIFI hotspots at Point Gratiot Park and Wright Park.
- 12,156 City residents will now be assisted and have access to free broadband internet in these public parks and waterfront areas
- 6 new Solar Charging Stations installed at Point Gratiot Park, Dunkirk Pier/Boardwalk and Wright Park.
 - (2) Point Gratiot
 - (1) Dunkirk Pier
 - (1) Dunkirk Boardwalk
 - (2) Wright Park
- City residents are now able to charge their cellular devices, tablets and laptops utilizing these charging station located in accessible public locations.



PY 2020 Accomplishments

- 2020 OCR Total Project Awards= \$103,500.00
 - Project covered
 - Purchase & Installation of WIFI Repeaters & Equipment
 - Purchase & Installation of Solar Charging Station
 - Purchase of Service Maintenance for 5 years
- Actual Total cost of the project= \$104,147.11
- City residents now have free public access to the internet for the purpose of accessing remote school, work, and benefit applications. By installing the additional access at Point Gratiot and Wright Park, residents can socially distance and still connect while also having the ability to charge their devices while using the WIFI.





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Opportunity to Comment

- *Comment Now: 3 Minutes Per Speaker*
- *Fill Out A Comment Card*

(All comments made on the PY2020 Public WIFI Project must be received by March 24, 2023 at midnight.)

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