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TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Kimberly Branam, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Report Number 19-20

Authorizing Short-Term Interfund Operating Loans Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 from Specified Funds to the Community Development Block Grant – Economic Opportunity Initiative Fund and Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative Urban Renewal Area Funds from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION ITEM

Adopt Resolution No. 7313

This action by the Prosper Portland Board of Commissioners (Board) will authorize through June 30, 2020, short-term interfund operating loans (Interfund Loans) pursuant to the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 294.468, which states that:

“It shall be lawful to loan money from any fund to any other fund of the municipal corporation whenever the loan is authorized by official resolution or ordinance of the governing body.”

The Interfund Loans are necessary to bridge the time between expenditure of funds to provide services under intergovernmental agreements and subrecipient agreements with the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) and the City of Portland (City) and the date Prosper Portland is reimbursed for those services by PHB and the City for the Economic Opportunity Initiative (EOI) Fund; and in the case of the Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative (NPI) Urban Renewal Areas (URAs), the time between the beginning of the fiscal year and the receipt of tax increment financing (TIF) du jour proceeds.

This action will authorize Interfund Loans, not to exceed \$1,000,000 in aggregate, from the Grant Offset Fund, Fund 108; the Small Business Loan Fund, Fund 410; and the Business Development Loan Fund, Fund 463, to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – EOI Fund, Fund 213; the 42nd Avenue NPI URA Fund, Fund 310; the Cully Boulevard NPI URA Fund, Fund 311; the Parkrose NPI URA Fund, Fund 312; the Rosewood NPI URA Fund, Fund 313; the Division-Midway NPI URA Fund, Fund 314; and the 82nd Avenue & Division NPI URA Fund, Fund 315.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT AND OUTCOMES

The action will meet Prosper Portland’s Strategic Plan objective of safeguarding public resources and assets through strong internal controls, reliable and transparent financial information, and compliance with necessary policies and procedures.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Negative balances in any fund represent de facto interfund borrowing that must be authorized by the Prosper Portland Board. Prosper Portland’s independent financial auditor, Moss Adams, stated in its December 20, 2007, letter to management that “...for both state legal and governmental accounting purposes, overdrawn cash balances represent interfund borrowings.....and cash balances should be monitored on a monthly basis to identify individual funds that are at risk for overdrawing their share of the pooled cash and investments. The revised monitoring procedures should include informing the Board of Commissioners of the need for an inter-fund borrowing timely enough to approve the loan via resolution in advance.”

This authorization allows Prosper Portland staff to shift cash as needed, up to \$1,000,000 in aggregate, from the lending funds to the recipient funds. Absent the Interfund Loans, there would be a negative cash balance in the recipient funds at month-end representing that month’s expenditures plus any unreimbursed prior month expenditures.

Under the terms of anticipated agreements between Prosper Portland, PHB, and the City, Prosper Portland will continue operating the EOI on behalf of the City and PHB during fiscal year (FY) 2019-20. It is anticipated that the delay in reimbursement under those agreements would result in negative cash balances in Fund 213 absent interfund borrowing. Borrowing requirement based on outstanding receivables in this fund is \$149,000 to \$818,000 per month.

Funding in the NPI URA funds will not be available until TIF du jour proceeds are anticipated to be received no earlier than March 2020. The absence of these funds could result in a delay in current project activities within those funds or result in negative cash balances in those funds.

Accordingly, in order to ensure that adequate cash balances are maintained on a monthly basis for audit purposes and to comply with State of Oregon law and governmental accounting requirements, Prosper Portland staff requests the Prosper Portland Board’s authorization of Interfund Loans.

EQUITY IMPACT

This action will ensure that Prosper Portland has sufficient resources to make timely investments in the EOI and NPI programs, which deliver critical services to neighborhood-based and culturally-specific organizations.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK

While there was no direct community participation on this action, it will enable Prosper Portland to operate programs authorized in the FY 2019-20 budget.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There are no budgetary impacts from this action.

RISK ASSESSMENT

There is little to no risk in approving this action. Should it not be approved, the programs must either cease operations until funds have been received or operate in a deficit position without Prosper Portland Board approval, which is in conflict with state legal and governmental accounting rules.

ATTACHMENTS

None.