

Public Hearing Submission of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Action Plan to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Approval of Funding Recommendations

City Council Meeting May 2, 2017

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Summary

- Purpose: Authorize Plan submission
 - Required by HUD to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnership Act (HOME) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grants
- Usually Due May 15, BUT
 - HUD's Fiscal Year 2017 budget is uncertain so grantees instructed to submit Plan earlier of 60 days after funding allocations announced by Congress or August 16

Summary

- Council action requested tonight
 - Authorize submittal of plan as soon as instructed by HUD
 - Approve funding recommendations no interruptions in services
- Contracts include language to address funding uncertainty

- HUD requires Annual Plan to:
 - Define how federal funds will be spent
 - Identify housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, strategies
- Template provided by HUD
 - 2016 2020 Consolidated Plan, submitted every 5 years, used as guide for Action Plan

- Action Plan Goals 1st Priority
 - Increase supply of affordable rental housing for low-income households;
 - Provide housing assistance/support for low-income households with HIV/AIDS;
 - Preserve existing affordable housing stock;
 - Provide housing and services to special needs populations

- Action Plan Goals 2nd priority if there is additional funding
 - Increase access to homeownership;
 - Provide funding for public facilities/improvements; and
 - Promote economic development

- If funding allocations same as Fiscal Year 2016/2017:
 - CDBG estimate: \$1,316,501 + Program Income
 - HOME estimate: \$520,715 + Program Income
 - HOPWA estimate: \$396,830
 - Note: Program Income = gross income directly generated from use of above funds

Outreach

- Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting January 25
- Community Meeting February 9
- Social & traditional media announcements:
 - Solicitation of comments on Plan
 - Public Hearing Notice for tonight
- Plan available for review/comment March
 21 April 21 online & physical locations

Public Comments

- Public Comments received to date included in draft Plan
- Public Comments received at Public Hearing will be included prior to submittal to HUD

Annual Funding – CDBG

- Up to 15% of CDBG for public services
- Council direction: Provide focused, comprehensive homeless services through coordinated entry operation of facilities
- Recommendation: Proposals that most closely meet Council direction
- Catholic Charities
 - \$96,460 for Family Support Center
 - \$102,520 for Homeless Services Center

Annual Funding – Fair Housing

- Federally-mandated program
 - Criteria: Responsiveness to 2012
 Sonoma County Analysis of
 Impediments to Fair Housing
- Recommendation
 - Fair Housing of Northern California
 - \$36,000 from Real Property Transfer Tax (General Fund)

Annual Funding – HOPWA

- Federal Grant \$396,830
 - Face to Face \$384,928
 - Contract via noncompetitive proposals allowed by HUD because Face to Face is only agency with expertise in Sonoma County
 - Balance used by City for administration

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize submission of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); approve the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 funding recommendations for public services, fair housing, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funds in the amount of \$619,908; and authorize the City Manager to execute the annual federal funding agreements with HUD and any additional forms or documents required by HUD to implement the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Action Plan for its term.

Questions?