Public Hearing
Submittal of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Action Plan to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Approval of Funding Recommendations

City Council Meeting
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Summary

- Purpose: Authorize Plan submittal
  - Required by HUD to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnership Act (HOME) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grants
- Due to HUD by May 15th
- Council action requested:
  - Authorize submittal of Plan
  - Approve funding recommendations

Background

- HUD requires Annual Action Plan to:
  - Define how federal funds will be spent
  - Identify housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, strategies
- Template provided by HUD
  - 2020 – 2024 Amended Consolidated Plan, submitted every 4 years, used as guide for Action Plan

Background

- 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

Background

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

Background

- Fiscal Year 2023/2024 allocations:

Funding Resource	Grant Amount	Program Income	Total
CDBG	$1,324,261	$60,000	$1,536,993
HOME	$765,722	$60,000	$825,722
HOPWA	$518,964	$0	$518,964
TOTAL	*$2,608,947*	*$120,000*	*$2,728,947*

Note: Program Income = loan repayment generated from prior use of the funds

Annual Funding – CDBG

- Up to 15% of CDBG for public services
- Council direction: Provide focused, comprehensive homeless services through coordinated entry
- Recommendation: Proposals that met Council direction:
  - $96,000 Catholic Charities – The Family Center
  - $102,000 Catholic Charities - Homeless Services Center
  - $38,870 The Living Room 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
    - $45,000 from Real Property Transfer Tax (General Fund)

Annual Funding – HOPWA

- Federal Grant $518,964
  - Recommendation
    - Face to Face $503,395 (97%)
    - City $15,569 (3% of for administration)

Outreach & Public Comments

- Community Meeting February 1, 2023
- Continuum of Care Listserv
- Social & traditional media announcements:
  - Solicitation of comments on Plan
  - Public Hearing Notice for tonight's Council meeting
- Draft Plan available for review/comment March 24– April 23 online and hardcopies available at City Hall and the main branch of the Sonoma County Library.

Outreach & Public Comments

- Encourage ongoing comment up to and including tonight's Public Hearing through:
  - HCS webpage and City's main page
  - *City Connections* newsletter
- Public Comments received to date at Public Hearing will be included prior to submittal to HUD

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Housing & Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution: (1) authorize submittal of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); (2) approve the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Grant Agreements for public service funds with the Living Room Center, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (The Family Center and Homeless Service Center), fair housing funds with Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds with Face to Face/The Sonoma County AIDS Network in the combined amount of $790,265 and authorize the Director of Housing and Community Services, or their designee to execute the Grant Agreements and any future amendments thereto for public services, fair housing, and HOPWA; and (3) 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 2023/2024 Action Plan.

Questions?