

Agenda Report

September 22, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Housing & Career Services Department

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (2013-2014 PROGRAM YEAR) FOR PROJECTS FUNDED FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council, following the public hearing, approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for the 2013-2014 Program Year for projects funded under the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and the HOME Investment Partnership Act programs.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pasadena receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement funds from HUD on an annual basis. As a recipient of these funds the City is required to prepare a five-year Consolidated Plan that identifies and prioritizes housing and community needs, and sets forth a plan and resources to address those needs. The Consolidated Plan for the period of 2010-2015 was approved by the City Council on May 10, 2010.

In addition to the Consolidated Plan, the City is required to prepare and submit to HUD a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) detailing the City's accomplishments toward achieving the Consolidated Plan goals. The CAPER for the 2013-2014 Program Year contains performance assessments for 16 projects and programs supported with CDBG, ESG and HOME funds. Those accomplishments are outlined in Attachment A. The total amount of funds covered by the CAPER is \$3,173,849.48, which represents the City's 2013-2014 Entitlement award of \$2,455,555, \$174,176.48 in program income and reallocated funding of \$544,118.

Jurisdictions receiving CDBG, ESG and HOME funds are required to make a draft CAPER available for a minimum fifteen days public review/comment period prior to its submission to HUD. The public review/comment period for the 2013-2014 CAPER was August 28, 2014 to September 12, 2014. As part of the public review/comment requirement a public notice was published in the Pasadena Journal. Copies of the draft CAPER were made available at the Housing & Career Services Department, and various locations throughout the City. Staff will report on any comments received at the time of Public Hearing.

The Housing & Career Services Department performs the oversight and program administration for the funding received under the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs. An annual monitoring assessment (fiscal and programmatic) is conducted on each CDBG funded project. The monitoring review is performed in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations which requires the City, as a grantee, to make annual determinations that all sub-recipients are in compliance with the federal statutes and have the continuing capacity to administer and/or implement the project for which federal assistance has been provided. As part of the ongoing program administration, each sub-recipient is also required to provide monthly progress/activity reports and invoices including back-up documentation, for reimbursement of approved costs for the funded projects.

The results of these annual assessments are contained in the CAPER and indicate that the CDBG public service projects/programs funded by the City have largely achieved their specified goals and objectives, and we are pacing well on the majority of our goals. However, we do not expect to meet our housing production, rehabilitation, or economic development goals by the end of year five of the Consolidated Plan period due to federal cuts to our HOME and CDBG allocations of 40% and 36% respectively; loss of redevelopment funding; and the loss of longstanding housing rehabilitation and economic development nonprofit partners due to the Great Recession. City staff intends to submit an amendment to our Annual Action Plan which will update the 2010-15 Consolidated Plan with new, more modest goals that are achievable and reasonable given the current funding allocations and constraints.

During the 2013-2014 Program Year, 23 projects were assisted with CDBG, and ESG funds, serving over 5,400 unduplicated persons. These projects provided programming that addresses community violence and safety, education, food and nutrition, healthcare, homelessness, "at risk" youth and young adults, and general social services. With CDBG non-public service funds, ten projects received support for public facility improvements and economic development.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This proposed action supports the City Council Strategic Planning Three-Year Goals specifically in the areas of improving, maintaining and enhancing public facilities and infrastructure, supporting the quality of life and maintaining fiscal responsibility and stability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

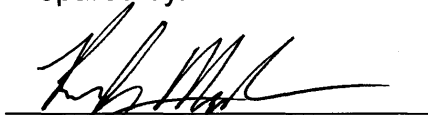
Compliance with the federal requirement that the CAPER be submitted is necessary in order to continue to receive these CDBG, ESG, and HOME federal entitlement funds, which totaled \$2.4 million in the 2013-14 program year.

Respectfully submitted,



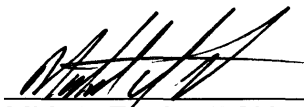
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ATTACHMENT