

Agenda Report

June 20, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Economic Development and Technology Committee (June 16, 2016)

FROM: Housing and Career Services Department

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2015-2016) FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that upon close of the public hearing the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061 (b)(3), the "General Rule" that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- 2) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of an Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2015-2016) for the HOME Investment Partnership Program funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council, at its regular meeting of September 28, 2015 approved the allocation of additional program income funds totaling \$142,605 under the federal HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME"). The approved funds were allocated to existing City contracts with two nonprofit housing organizations, Community Housing Works and Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County, to undertake HOME-eligible affordable housing activities. The contracts are summarized in the following table:

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Housing Organization and City Contract #	Project Description	Approved HOME Funding	Current Project Status
Community Housing Works (Contract #30,252)	Rehabilitate/preserve The Groves - HUD very low income apartments (44 units), 700 E. Mountain St. and 965 N. Raymond Ave.	Original: \$470,000 9/28/15 add-on: \$82,605	Rehabilitation in progress, completion anticipated in August 2016.
Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County (Contract #C-21,122)	Rehabilitate at least nine (9) low-income owner-occupied single-family homes	Original: \$250,000 9/28/15 add-on: \$60,000	1 unit completed, 2 units approved for assistance

The additional HOME program income funds totaling \$142,605 that were approved on September 28, 2015 are expected to be disbursed for the respective projects in Fiscal Year 2017. Federal HOME program regulations require that any proposed use of HOME funds for eligible activities must be set forth in the Annual Action Plan of the applicable federal program year before the funds can be used. Approval of the staff recommendation will satisfy this requirement. As recommended, the Annual Action Plan for the current program year 2015-2016 is to be amended as follows:

Project	Annual Action Plan 2015-16 Amendment
Rehabilitation of The Groves 44-unit HUD housing project by Community Housing Works	Allocate \$82,605 in HOME program income funds for this Project which is currently in the Annual Action Plan (2015-2016)
Rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family homes with loan assistance by NHSLAC.	Allocate \$60,000 in HOME program income funds for this Project which is currently in the Annual Action Plan (2015-2016)

The proposed amendment to the Annual Action Plan was publicly noticed on May 19, 2016 to solicit public comments during the period May 19, 2016 through June 20, 2016. To date no public comments have been received regarding this amendment.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This proposed action supports the City Council Strategic Planning Three-Year Goals in the areas of improving, maintaining, and enhancing public facilities and infrastructure; improving mobility and accessibility throughout the City of Pasadena; and supporting and promoting the quality of life and the local economy.

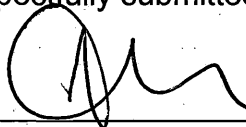
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "General Rule" provision of CEQA which applies to projects which may have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The recommended action, approval of an Amendment to the Annual Action Plan, is a funding mechanism only and is excluded from the definition of "project" pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4). Accordingly, no further CEQA review is required for this action.

FISCAL IMPACT:


There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action and it will not have any indirect or support cost requirements. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be none.

Respectfully submitted,



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