

Agenda Report

October 2, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Housing
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2023-2024
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP
ACT PROGRAM FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 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 "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- 2) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2023-2024) as described in the report for the reallocation of \$500,000 in non-committed HOME Partnership Act (HOME) funds; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the grant applications, certifications, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to obtain the allocation of the aforementioned federal entitlement funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Annual Action Plan sets forth the projected uses of federal entitlement funds, including Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnership Act ("HOME"), and Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") program funds for the program year. The Plan addresses the efforts made toward accomplishing the goals and objectives included in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024). On May 22, 2023, the City Council convened a public hearing approving the submission of the Annual Action Plan (2023-2024) as an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The modifications described below require that the

Annual Action Plan be amended in accordance with HUD regulations by a "Substantial Amendment" (as that term is used in the Citizen Participation Plan).

The Substantial Amendment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan will enable the City to allocate \$500,000 in non-committed HOME funds. The proposed allocations of HOME funds consist of the following:

- **Marengo Home:** Allocation of \$500,000 in HOME funds to nonprofit developer Door of Hope for the conversion and expansion of a single-family residential property at 724 N. Marengo Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101 for operation as a transitional housing facility which will serve twenty (20) extremely low-income families experiencing homelessness.

The table below summarizes the Substantial Amendment allocation.

Description	Implementing Agency	Location	Action
<u>Marengo Home</u> Conversion and expansion of a single-family residence into a transitional housing facility for 20 families.	Door of Hope	724 N. Marengo Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101	\$500,000 (HOME, new allocation)

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.

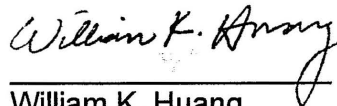
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense" 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 approval of the subject Substantial 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). Furthermore, the action proposed herein will not have a significant effect on the environment and, hence is not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

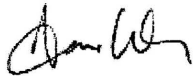
The recommended actions will have no direct fiscal impact. Approval of the Plan by the City Council and subsequent approval by HUD will result in a total allocation of \$500,000 in HOME funds to support housing activities.

Respectfully submitted,



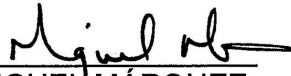
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