



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin and City Council Members

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SUBJECT: FY 2022/2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN STAFF REPORT

Description

The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium are in the process of developing the Annual Action Plan for FY 2022-2023. The Plan will be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review so the City of Urbana may continue to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding.

Background

The Consolidated Plan FY 2020-2024 was adopted by City Council on June 8, 2020. The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium are required to submit a five-year Consolidated Plan to HUD. The Consolidated Plan outlines how the City will utilize HUD resources. All projects funded with CDBG or HOME funds must be consistent with the goals, strategies, and objectives included in the Consolidated Plan.

The Annual Action Plan is a required component of the Consolidated Plan. Each year, the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium must complete and submit an annual plan to HUD. The annual plan outlines the activities the City and Consortium will undertake utilizing HUD funds throughout the year. The plan also explains how these activities will meet the goals, strategies, and objectives of the Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

Public Hearings on the FY 2022/2023 Annual Action Plan took place on September 14, 2021, January 25, 2022, and March 17, 2022. The purpose of these hearings was to gain citizen input on community needs. Staff also presented the plan at two neighborhood association meetings in November 2021, and at the Homestead Corporation quarterly meeting on March 20, 2022. The 30-day public comment period is March 15 through April 15, 2022. During the public comment period, the draft plan is available for public review at The Urbana Free Library, the Urbana City Clerk's Office, as well as the Community Development Services Department. All citizen comments will be incorporated into the final plan for City Council approval.

The FY 2022-2023 program year begins on July 1, 2022. HUD requires the City to submit the plan at

least 45 days prior to the beginning of the program year. Staff will present the plan to City Council for approval before the final submission to HUD.

HUD has not yet announced the funding allocation amounts for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. In FY 2021-2022, the City of Urbana's CDBG allocation from HUD was \$516,972 and the Urbana HOME Consortium allocation was \$819,687.