



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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**SUBJECT: DRAFT CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN
COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009
CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Description

The City of Urbana, Grants Management Division, has prepared a DRAFT CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN (Consolidated Plan). The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 15, 2005 in order for the City of Urbana to continue to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funding.

Issues

The issue before the Community Development Commission (CDC) is to review and evaluate the Draft Consolidated Plan for FY 2005-2009 and formulate a recommendation to the Urbana City Council.

Background

As a recipient of CDBG and HOME entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium are required to submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. HUD provides the following summary statement concerning the Consolidated Plan:

The Consolidated Plan is designed to be a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. It offers local jurisdictions the opportunity to shape the various housing and community development programs into effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. It also creates the opportunity for strategic planning and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context, and to reduce duplication of effort at the local level.

A more functional purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to guide the utilization of the City's HOME and CDBG resources. Any project funded with CDBG and/or HOME funds, must be consistent with the goals, strategies and objectives included in the Consolidated Plan.

At the July 27, 2004 Community Development Commission regular meeting, staff provided the Commission with a outline of the Consolidated Plan submittal, HUD requirements and project timeline.

Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Consolidated Plan for review and comment. The Draft Consolidated Plan is very similar to the previous Consolidated Plan that covered the period FY 2000-2004. The demographic information/data, housing/community development information and related background information have been updated. However, many of the housing and community development strategies and objectives are identical to those contained in the previous Consolidated Plan.

While the Consolidated Plan covers a five-year period, it can amended at any time in order to reflect new concerns or opportunities in the community.

A public hearing to accept comments on the Draft Consolidated Plan has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 29, 2005 prior to the Community Development Commission meeting. A 30-day public comment period will run from March 8, 2005 through April 6, 2005. To date, no comments have been submitted.

HUD requires that the Consolidated Plan be submitted 45 days prior to the beginning of the program year, which is July 1, 2005. In order to meet this submittal deadline, the Urbana City Council will have to approve the Consolidated Plan at their April 18 or May 2, 2005 meeting

Fiscal Impact

There are considerable fiscal impacts associated with the preparation of the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan will guide the annual expenditure of an estimated \$550,000 in CDBG funding and \$1,800,000 in HOME funding.

The main impact of the Consolidated Plan is that it can influence funding availability and utilization of CDBG and HOME funding. Should a proposed project not be consistent with the goals and strategies of the Consolidated Plan, the project could not be funded with CDBG or HOME funding, unless the Consolidated Plan was amended to include the project.

Failure to submit the Consolidated Plan to HUD by the May 15, 2005 deadline could result in a significant delay in accessing CDBG and HOME funds, which would create a fiscal burden for the City to advance funds for these programs.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Community Development Commission recommend that the Urbana City Council adopt the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan.

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Attachments:

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URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Click the link below to view the draft
Consolidated Plan in pdf format

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