



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** February 14, 2012

From: Frank Robinson, Town Manager **Item No:** 16
Town Manager's Office

Subject: ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council approve the following list of Community Development Block Grant and HOME priorities, as established in the Strategic Plan, to be used as a guideline by the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee in making funding recommendations to the Town Council for the 2012-2013 Action Plan.

1. Preserve the Existing Housing Stock (Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation)
2. Increase Affordable Homeownership Opportunities (Down Payment Assistance)
3. Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing (HTV & AMCAL)
4. Address Public Service Needs
5. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to Ensure Equal Access to Housing Lower Income, Ethnic Minorities and Special Needs Groups (Fair Housing Program)
6. Provision of Public Facilities and Park Improvements
7. Create safer, more attractive and more accessible neighborhoods and stimulate economic growth through the improvement of infrastructure
8. Expand the economic base and promote greater employment opportunities for residents

SUMMARY:

Since the initial adoption of the first Town of Apple Valley five-year Consolidated Plan in 1997, the Town Council has established the practice of setting annual priorities to be used as a guideline for funding recommendations outlined in each year's Action Plan. Due to the formation of the HOME Consortium, the priorities established now will provide direction for both CDBG as well HOME funded activities.

Pursuant to CDBG regulations, all projects must meet one of three national objectives set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): (1) Benefit low and moderate income, (2) Aid in the elimination/prevention of slum and blight, and (3) Meet an urgent need. Pursuant to HOME regulations, HOME funds are specifically focused on

affordable housing activities and may be used to develop and support affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities. Recommended projects for funding should be consistent with addressing the needs identified, and priority strategy developed, in each five-year Consolidated Plan.

It is now appropriate for the Council to establish a new list of priorities to be used as a guideline for funding CDBG and HOME projects during the 2012-2013 program year. Each year's Action Plan priorities should be consistent with the priorities established in the Five-Year Strategic Plan. Based upon the foregoing, staff recommends adoption of the form motion.

The draft priorities identified in the 2012 – 2016 Five-Year Consolidated Plan are summarized below:

1. Preserve the Existing Housing Stock
2. Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing
3. Assist in Reducing Housing Costs of Extremely Low- and Low- Income Households
4. Increase Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
5. Eliminate Blighted Conditions and Substandard Housing Through Enhanced Code Enforcement Activities and Demolition
6. Provide Shelter and Related Services to Meet the Needs of the Homeless Population and Support the Development of a Continuum of Care System on a Region-Wide Basis
7. Assist Special Needs Persons with Reducing Housing Costs and with Meeting Their Rehabilitation Needs
8. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to Ensure Equal Access to Housing for Lower Income, Ethnic Minorities and Special Needs Groups
9. Coordinate Public and Private Efforts to Reduce Lead-Based Paint hazards and Protect Young Children
10. Create Safer, More Attractive and More Accessible Neighborhoods and Stimulate Economic Growth Through the Improvement of Infrastructure
11. Provision of Public Facilities and Park Improvements
12. Address Public Service Needs
13. Expand The Economic Base and Promote Greater Employment Opportunities for Residents

The anticipated CDBG allocation for 2012 – 2013 is \$581,334. The estimated HOME Consortium allocation for 2012 – 2013 is \$512,822. Of that amount, Apple Valley and Victorville will receive an estimated \$227,105 and \$285,717 respectively.

BACKGROUND:

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable.