

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town CounciL Date: December 13, 2016

From: Christopher Moore Item No: 17
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Subject: PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2017-21 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2017-18
ACTION PLAN

T.M. Approval: ______ Budgeted Item: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1. Open public hearing;
- 2. Take public comments;
- 3. Close public hearing.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain community input regarding development of the Town's 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan and the 2017-2018 First Year Action Plan, which will include the proposed funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program activities. There is no action required of the Town Council as a result of this first public hearing other than to receive input from interested parties.

As required by HUD, this will be the first of two (2) public hearings to be held during the citizen input process. At this public hearing, the Town is soliciting public comments from interested citizens, public agencies, private non-profit entities and other organizations regarding housing and community development needs, which may be addressed in the First Year Action Plan. These comments will be tabulated together with input received at recent consultation workshops and online surveys. The Council will set the 2017-2018 First Year Action Plan priorities at the next council meeting on January 10, 2017. These priorities will guide the Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC) in their recommendations to the Council at the Second Public Hearing on April 25, 2017.

A Consolidated Plan Community Needs Survey has been publicized and available since October 13, 2015, and will be active until November 28, 2016. At that time, results will be tabulated and summarized along with public comments received through Public Hearing #1 and Consultation Workshops (community and stakeholders) to be conducted in late November through early December. Results will be presented to Council on January 10, 2017, along with recommendations for prioritizing the community goals and needs for the development of the 2017-2021 Five-Year Consolidated Plan/2017-2018 /First Year Action Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan is a five-year planning document which addresses the use of federal grant entitlement funds for the purpose of meeting the goals of the Assessment of Fair Housing, as well as providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The 2017-21 Consolidated Plan and 2017-18 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD in May 2016 for approval effective July 1, 2017, and also includes a five-year Community Needs Assessment and Strategy.

The Consolidated Plan is composed of three (3) parts: 1) The first section of the Consolidated Plan evaluates the Housing and Community Development Needs of the Town of Apple Valley. This includes an assessment of housing needs for low-to-moderate-income families, including the needs of protected classes, homeless individuals and families; 2) Based on this information, a five-year strategic plan will be developed, which includes priorities, objectives and accomplishments that are expected to be achieved during the five-year timeframe of the Plan; and 3) The 2017-2018 First Year Action Plan provides a one-year investment plan which outlines intended uses of resources, descriptions of activities to be undertaken and the specific objectives and priority needs to be addressed. The First Year Action Plan is now being drafted, and is in the process of development for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are to be used for projects that promote the development of viable, urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanded economic activities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate-income. For the 2017-18 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2017, the Town expects to receive approximately \$540,000.00; final allocations will be announced in Spring 2017. All CDBG-funded projects must meet (1) of the following national objectives:

- 1. Principally benefit low-to-moderate-income persons:
- 2. Eliminate slums and blight; or
- 3. Meet an urgent need.

The types of projects and programs which may be considered for funding, subject to National Objectives compliance, include acquisition, disposition, public facilities and improvements, residential rehabilitation, clearance activities, public services, interim assistance, removal of architectural barriers and special economic development activities.

HOME funds may be used to develop and support affordable rental housing and home ownership affordability through acquisition (including assistance to home buyers), new construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities, including real property acquisition, site improvements, conversion, demolition, and other expenses, including financing costs, relocation expenses of any displaced persons, families, businesses, or organizations; to provide tenant-based rental assistance, including security deposits; to provide payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs; and, to provide for the payment of operating expenses of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). For Fiscal Year 2017-18, the Apple Valley/Victorville Consortium anticipates receiving a total of approximately \$500,000.00. Of that amount, Apple Valley and Victorville will receive an estimated \$200,000.00 and \$300,000.00, respectively. Public comment regarding housing needs that may be supported by HOME funded activities are welcomed. Funding for HOME program activities is available through separate application to eligible CHDOs. This funding is available primarily for the development/rehabilitation of single and multi-family affordable housing units.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Consolidated Planning Schedule

| Consolidated Planning Schedule Report 2015-2016 Implement 2016-2017 Prepare 2017-2021/2017-2018 | |
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| Date | Event |
| 10/13/16 | Post priority needs survey, available to residents for public hear #1-set priority needs |
| 11/17 – 12/8/16 | Conduct public meetings, community needs survey and stakeholder interviews: 11/17, 11/28, 11/29, 11/30, 12/5 (2), 12/6 (2), 12/7, 12/8 (2), 12/13 |
| 11/15/16 | Council, set Public Hearing #1 for Dec. 13, 2016 |
| 11/17/16 | CDBG Applications available |
| 11/17/16 | CDBG Application Technical Assistance Workshop |
| 11/18/16 | Publish Public Notice for Public Hearing #1 |
| 11/28-30/16 | Consultation Workshop- Cities, housing providers and potential sub recipients |
| 11/28/16 | Priority Needs surveys due, tabulate results for 12/13/16 council meeting |
| 12/13/16 | Public Hearing #1- Public input re: priorities |
| 12/19/16 | CDBG Applications due at 4:30 pm |
| 1/10/17 | Council, set priority needs for 1st Year Action Plan, 2017-18 |
| 2/1/17 | CDCAC meeting to review draft proposed plan and make funding recommendations |
| 3/24/17 | Publish Public Notice, Public Hearing #2 |
| 4/25/17 | Council Approval, public hearing #2- con plan/1st year action plan. |
| 6/5/17 | Sub-recipient Agreements CDBG; approval letters to departments for capital improvement and economic development projects to proceed on 7/1 - prepare after council approval |
| 6/24/17 | CDBG sub recipient agreements due, execute |
| 6/30/17 | FY 2016-17 end |
| 7/1/17 | FY 2017-18 begins |
| 7/11/17 | CDBG Technical Agreements and Monitoring Workshop |