



# TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

## TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council      **Date:** December 12, 2017

**From:** Orlando Acevedo, Assistant Director  
Economic Development and Housing  
Economic Development Department      **Item No:** 13

**Subject:** PUBLIC HEARING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITY NEEDS FOR  
ANNUAL HUD ACTION PLAN

**Town Manager Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Budgeted Item:**  Yes  No  N/A

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- A. Open public hearing;
- B. Receive public comments;
- C. Consider comments for inclusion as priority needs;
- D. Close public hearing.
- E. Approve the following list of federal funding priorities to be used as a guide by the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) in their recommendations to the Town Council for the 2018-19 Second Year Action Plan.

### SUMMARY:

The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain community input regarding development of the Town's Annual Action Plan (2018-2019, Second Year) under the adopted 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan, which will include the proposed funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program activities.

As required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this is the first of two public hearings to be held during the citizen input process. At this public hearing, the Town is seeking 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 Second Year Action Plan. These comments will be considered together with input received at recent workshops and online surveys.

A Consolidated Plan Community Needs Survey has been publicized and available from October 15, 2017 through December 4, 2017. The outreach for the survey included electronic correspondence to local nonprofits, networking organizations and faith-based organizations requesting distribution to their clients and constituents and social media. Hard copies were made available at Civic Center locations. The results have summarized below to be considered along with public comments received during this public hearing and previous public workshops. These priorities and goals will guide the Council-appointed Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC) in their recommendations of funding allocations to the Town Council for the 2017-18 Second Year Action Plan at a second public hearing set for April 24, 2018.

In summary, the goals and priorities that were discussed most often and ranked highest during this community participation process are highlighted below and are presented in a manner consistent with the goals and priorities identified in the Town's adopted 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan and the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH).

### **2018-19 Highest Ranked Priority Needs**

(in order of ranking based on public comment during community participation process)

#### **Housing Programs**

- Affordable housing for low income veterans
- Increase code enforcement activity in deteriorated areas
- Transitional housing for homeless, victims of domestic violence, etc.
- Rehabilitation of low income owner occupied single family residences
- Reduce overcrowding in occupied properties
- Down payment assistance for low income homebuyers
- Establish rent control for affordability
- Affordable multi-family rental units
- Inclusive housing development- mixed income

#### **Homeless and At-Risk-of-Homelessness Services**

- Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) program
- 'One stop' resource centers to assist homeless/ at risk homeless
- Encourage collaboration between stakeholders to unify services
- Food and nutrition services
- Resource directories for available services
- Support efforts to increase volunteerism in human services programs
- Utility assistance for at risk homeless

#### **Economic Development and Employment Opportunities**

- Increase job opportunity through education and job training programs
- Collaborate with agencies providing trade skills training
- Proactive business development policies
- Education/training that meets the needs of local business
- Encourage business development through business management education

## **Human Services**

- Support programs that develop responsible, motivated and educated youth
- Support programs that support a healthy lifestyle
- Public facility amenities that facilitate community involvement and recreation
- Support development of arts, music and culture
- Unite youth, seniors, veterans and disabled persons in mentoring and caregiving
- Disseminate fair housing information

## **Accessibility and Mobility**

- Support transit systems that improve access to employment, education, recreation
- Support collaborative efforts to improve community and regional transit
- Support efforts to improve mobility in the community
- Identify and remove barriers that impede accessibility

## **BACKGROUND:**

The 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan is a five -year planning document which addresses the use of federal HUD grant entitlement funds to meet the goals of the 2016 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.

An Annual 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 2017-18 First Year Action Plan is currently being implemented.

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 2018-19 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2018, the Town expects to receive approximately \$542,000; final allocations will be announced in Spring 2018. All CDBG-funded projects must meet one of the following national objectives: 1) Principally benefit low-to-moderate-income persons; 2) Eliminate slums and blight; or 3) Meet an urgent need.

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. For FY2018-19, the Apple Valley/Victorville Consortium anticipates receiving a total of approximately \$535,000. Of that amount, Apple Valley and Victorville will receive an estimated \$200,000 and \$300,000, respectively. These funding estimates are based on

2016-2017 allocations and will be updated in the spring of 2018 when final HUD allocations are announced.

The 2018-19 Second Year Action Plan will be submitted to HUD in May 2018 for approval effective July 1, 2018.