



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration, Housing and Human Services Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: 2016-17 Annual Action Plan Related to Housing and Community Development Programs

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Adopt the 2016-17 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and
- B. Authorize the City Administrator to sign all necessary documents to submit the City's 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD.

DISCUSSION:

The City annually receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from HUD.

In order for the City to receive these funds, HUD requires that a Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) be prepared and submitted every five years. The 2015-2019 ConPlan, adopted by the City Council on May 5, 2015, identified the City's housing and community development needs and detailed the City's five-year strategy and goals to address those needs with HUD-allocated funds.

In addition to the ConPlan, the City must submit an Annual Action Plan (AAP), which identifies the specific activities that will be undertaken to meet the goals stated in the five-year ConPlan. The 2016-17 AAP is the second program year of the ConPlan and includes CDBG activities approved by Council on March 22, 2016.

The Annual Action Plan is due to HUD by May 15, 2016, and it will cover the program year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Current year entitlements combined with reallocations and repayments from prior years bring the total funding for program year 2016-17 to approximately \$1.7 million. A

breakdown of the expected resources can be found starting on page 12 of the Annual Action Plan.

CDBG and HOME funds will be used toward activities that satisfy priority areas identified in the City's ConPlan, including:

1. Assisting the Homeless
2. Decent Affordable Housing
3. Decent Housing Availability
4. Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
5. Economic Opportunity
6. CDBG Planning and Administration
7. HOME Planning and Administration

A list of specific projects for program year 2016-17 can be found in the Annual Action Plan.

Development Process

Elements of the 2016 Annual Action Plan were developed with active citizen input, including the Community Development and Human Services Committee, a citizen advisory committee that made funding recommendations to Council. Efforts to encourage citizen participation included public hearings, noticing in newspapers, and announcements on the City website.

HUD requires that at least two public hearings be held during development of the Annual Action Plan. The first was held September 22, 2015, and the second was held March 22, 2016. Also, in accordance with federal regulations, the draft Annual Action Plan was made available on the City website and in the office of the City Clerk, Main Public Library, and the Community Development Department for the required 45-day public review period, which began on March 23, 2016 and ended on May 6. Notice of the availability of the Draft Annual Action Plan was published in the *Santa Barbara News-Press* and was featured on the City website homepage.

A copy of the Annual Action Plan is available for review by City Council members in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 735 Anacapa Street.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office