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TO: Alexander Banks, VI, Interim City Manager
FROM: Kristin McCombe, CDBG Coordinator
DATE: 3/31/2022
RE: Public Hearing to Consider 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and 2022 Annual Action Plan

Summary: Mullin and Lonergan will make a remote presentation of the next five year Consolidated Plan and one year Annual Action Plan for council's consideration and public input. The five-year Consolidated Plan identifies the affordable housing and community development needs in the City of Harrisonburg over the next five years. The City receives annual CDBG funds. To continue receiving these funds, the City of Harrisonburg is required to identify and prioritize its needs, then explain how it will address these needs through local projects as part of the Annual Action Plan for FY 2022. Projects selected to receive funding will be included in the Annual Action Plan. If the actual CDBG allocation is less or greater than the estimated allocation from HUD, funding will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts. This will be detailed at the meeting.

Proposed funding categories include:

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| · Housing Rehabilitation | \$164,000 |
| · Public Service Activities | \$ 81,062 |
| · Public Facilities | \$ 213,237.51 |
| · Program Administration and Planning | <u>\$ 108,083</u> |
| TOTAL | \$566,382.51 |

The city received \$729,637 in requests. The selection committee has reviewed these requests and funding recommendations are attached. A complete Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan document is available upon request.

Staff requests that council hold a public hearing on this Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan. This public hearing will open the 30-day HUD-required public comment period for these documents. After the end of this comment period at the May 24, 2022 regular council meeting, staff will bring these documents to council for approval if final allocation amounts have been announced by HUD prior to the meeting. Once council approval is obtained, the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD for final approval.

Staff requests the City Council hold a public hearing and open a thirty-day public comment period.

Background: This is a requirement for public input and comments.

Key Issues: This item outlines the CDBG plan for the next five years and makes recommendations to council for funding for the 2022 CDBG year.

Environmental Impact: This will be determined based on the projects that are selected.

Fiscal Impact: This grant is federally funded.

Prior Actions: This is the first action for the grant year cycle.

Alternatives: (a) Hold Public Hearing and thirty-day public comment period; or
(b) Do not hold Public Hearing and thirty-day public comment period

Community Engagement: This Public Hearing has the intent of soliciting community engagement. An ad was printed in the DNR and an email was sent to the email addresses of over 125 interested parties in the city. Multiple public engagement sessions have been held throughout the fall of 2021.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that council hold this public hearing and public comment period.

Attachments: RFP, Tentative Timeline, Application Package, Powerpoint

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.