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TO: Eric D. Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Kristin McCombe, CDBG Coordinator
DATE: 11/01/2021
RE: Public Hearing to Gather Input on the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2022 Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Summary: The City of Harrisonburg is seeking participation as it initiates the preparation of its **2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2022 Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice** for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The five-year **Consolidated Plan** will identify 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. The **Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice** (AI for short) involves a review of the housing and housing-related programs and policies to ensure they are implemented free from discrimination.

Staff, along with consultant Mullin and Lonergan, will make a short presentation, to be followed by a Public Hearing.

Background: This is one of several meetings to gather stakeholder and public input during this process.

Key Issues: City staff is committed to gathering information from a broad representation of stakeholders and residents in order to develop a relevant plan for the next five years of the CDBG program.

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

Fiscal Impact: This grant is federally funded.

Prior Actions: This is one of several meetings that have been and will be held this fall to gather input.

Alternatives: (a) Hold Public Hearing; or

(b) Do not hold Public Hearing

Community Engagement: This Public Hearing has the intent of soliciting community engagement. An RFP was printed in the DNR.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that council hold this public hearing and open the required thirty-day public comment period. No action is needed at this time.

Attachments: RFP, 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.