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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
FROM: Kristin McCombe
DATE: 04/27/2017
RE: Consider Approval of the CDBG 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan and 2017 Action Plan

Summary:

The City of Harrisonburg has prepared its Five Year Consolidated Plan for the period of FY 2017-2021, and Annual Action Plan for HUD FY 2017. The City will apply for FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The required thirty day public comment period has closed. The final allocation amount from HUD has not yet been announced, so staff is asking that council consider the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for approval as they currently stand. Once the final allocation amount has been announced, the plans will be adjusted based on the contingency plan included in the current Action Plan. This contingency plan will also be outlined at the 5/9/17 council meeting.

Background:

This process is required every five years for CDBG compliance.

Key Issues:

A public hearing was held from 03/28/2016 through 05/01/2017 to once again solicit citizen participation in the process. Citizen participation and comments on the Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan will assist the City in the finalization of these required documents. The Consolidated Plan serves as the planning document for addressing overall community development and housing needs that will utilize the estimated \$450,000 annual entitlement of CDBG funding available to the City to meet those needs. Projects selected to receive funding will be included in the annual Action Plan. As an entitlement community, the City of Harrisonburg, VA receives funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

The CDBG selection Committee met on March 6, 2017. The attached document summarizes the funding recommendations for the 2017 Action Plan. These numbers are based on an estimated funding allocation of \$450,000. Additionally, staff has decided to roll \$110,000 in previously unspent CDBG funding (primarily from the Administration fund) into the "pot" this year. This brings the estimated amount of CDBG funding to be allocated to a total of \$560,000. We have not yet heard word from HUD regarding the City's allocation amount for the 2017-2018 year. Therefore, contingency plans are in place. The Selection Committee is recommending that The Suitcase Clinic, The Arc, Pleasant View, and the Westover Pool projects will all receive more or less funding once we receive final word of the allocation amounts from HUD.

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Environmental Impact:

None anticipated at this time

Fiscal Impact:

This is a requirement to receive CDBG grant funding from HUD.

Prior Actions:

Alternatives:

- (a) Approve Action Plan and Consolidated Plan with contingencies; or
- (b) Do not approve Action Plan and Consolidated Plan with contingencies

Community Engagement:

The first Public hearing on this issue was held on November 15, 2017.

CDBG staff held two listening sessions on 11/16/16 to hear input from the public as these plans were developed.

The City received comments from two individuals at the 3/28/17 public hearing. Beth Bland spoke on behalf of VPAS, and Bucky Berry spoke in support of VPAS. The City plans to submit its Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD on or before May 15, 2017.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that council approve these two plans.

Attachments:

- Notice of Public Hearing
- Recommended Funding

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.

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