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RE: Public Hearing to Consider CDBG Year 2022-2023 Funding Priorities

<u>Summary:</u> This will be the first of two Public Hearings required by HUD to receive citizen comments. The City of Harrisonburg is currently preparing its Five Year Consolidated Plan for the period of FY 2022-2026, as well as the Action Plan for 2022, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that informs these documents. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to identify (1) housing and community development needs, (2) development of proposed activities, (3) the amount of assistance the city expects to receive, (4) the range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit low- and moderate-income residents, and (5) a review of the past program performance.

No action is needed at this time.

**<u>Background</u>**: This is a requirement for public input and comments.

**Key Issues:** All applications received will need to address one of the funding priorities as outlined in this presentation. Additionally, all projects need to adhere to all HUD eligibility rules.

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

**<u>Fiscal Impact</u>**: This grant is federally funded.

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

<u>Alternatives:</u> (a) Hold Public Hearing; or

(b) Do not hold Public Hearing

<u>Community Engagement:</u> This Public Hearing has the intent of soliciting community engagement. An RFP was printed in the DNR and an email was sent to the email addresses of over 125 interested parties in the city.

**<u>Recommendation:</u>** Staff recommends that council hold this public hearing. No action is needed at this time.

<u>Attachments:</u> 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.