

**A G E N D A   R E P O R T**

**DATE** March 15, 2005

**ITEM** CDBG and HOME Program Proposed Use of Funds and Set the Public Hearing Date for HUD Required Consolidated Plan

**INITIATED BY** Community Development Staff

**ACTION REQUESTED** Approve Motion to Accept Recommendations for 2005/2006 CDBG & HOME Programs and Set Public Hearing Date

**PREPARED & PRESENTED BY** Katrina Stark, CDBG/HOME Administrator

**REVIEWED & APPROVED BY** Mike Rattray, Community Development Director

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Commission (1) accept recommendations for funding 2005/2006 Community Development Block Grant projects; (2) accept funding recommendations for the HOME program projects; and (3) set April 5, 2005 as the public hearing date for the Proposed Annual Consolidated Plan.

**MOTION:**

I move to accept the proposed use of funds for the 2005/2006 Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Program for inclusion in the Annual Consolidated Plan, and set the public hearing for April 5, 2005 on the Proposed Annual Consolidated Plan.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Federal regulations require that the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds and HOME Program funds are included in the Consolidated Annual Plan. The 2005/2006 Annual Plan will be available for public review and comment during a 30 day period beginning March 20, 2005 through April 19, 2005. A public hearing on the Proposed Consolidated Plan will be held during this comment period.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 2, 2000, the City Commission approved the 5 year Consolidated Plan. Each year an Annual Plan is required to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This document contains the proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds for the coming fiscal year, 2005/2006. Community Development Block Grant project proposals were received in February, 2005. The Community Development Council met one time in February and twice in March to hear oral presentations from the public service agency applicants and applicants applying under the public facility priority. On March 9, 2005 the Community Development Council formulated its recommendations, and met with the City Commission during the March 15, 2005 work session to present their recommendations. Staff recommendations for the remainder of the CDBG project proposals submitted were also presented to the City Commission during the March 15, 2005 work session.

The HOME Program project proposals were also received in February, 2005. HOME Program funding recommendations were presented to the City Commission during the work session on March 15, 2005. The City Commission will make funding decisions on the HOME proposals at the April 5, 2005 City Commission meeting.

The Proposed Annual Consolidated Plan will be made available to the citizens of Great Falls for review and comment for a 30 day period beginning March 22, 2005 and ending April 20, 2005. The public hearing on April 5 is a forum set to allow the citizens of Great Falls the opportunity to express their views on the proposed use of federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program dollars and each program's policies and performance.

The City Commission must officially adopt the Annual Plan and submit it to HUD before May 15, 2005.

Attachment: CDBG and HOME Program Proposed use of funds