

AGENDA REPORT

DATE April 1, 2008

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

INITIATED BY Community Development Staff

ACTION REQUESTED Approve Motion to Accept Recommendations for 2008/2009 CDBG & HOME Programs and Set Public Hearing Date

PREPARED & PRESENTED BY Chris Imhoff, 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 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant projects; (2) accept funding recommendations for the HOME program projects; and, (3) set April 15, 2008, as the public hearing date for the Proposed Annual Action Plan.

MOTION:

I move to accept the proposed use of funds for the 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Program for inclusion in the Annual Action Plan and set the public hearing for April 15, 2008, on the Proposed Annual Action Plan.

SYNOPSIS:

Federal regulations require that the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds and HOME Program funds are included in the Annual Action Plan. The 2008/2009 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review and comment during a 30 day period beginning April 4, 2008, through May 3, 2008. A public hearing on the Proposed Annual Action Plan will be held during this comment period.

BACKGROUND:

On April 19, 2005, the City Commission approved the 5 Year Consolidated Plan. Each year an Annual Action 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 2008/2009 Fiscal Year. Community Development Block Grant project proposals were received in mid-February 2008. The Community Development Council met on March 17 and 18 to hear oral presentations from the public service agency applicants, on March 18 to hear oral presentations by housing and economic development applicants, and on March 20 to hear oral presentations by applicants applying under the public facility priority. On March 25, 2008, the Community Development Council formulated its recommendations and will present its funding recommendations to the City Commission during the April 1, 2008, City Commission meeting.

The HOME Program project proposals were also received in mid-February 2008. HOME Program funding recommendations will be presented to the City Commission during the City Commission meeting on April 1, 2008. The City Commission will make final funding decisions on the HOME and the CDBG proposals at the May 6, 2008, City Commission meeting.

The Proposed Annual Action Plan will be made available to the citizens of Great Falls for review and comment for a 30 day period beginning April 4, 2008, and ending May 3, 2008. The public hearing on April 15 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 Action Plan and submit it to HUD before May 15, 2008.

Attachment: CDBG and HOME Program Proposed use of funds