

AGENDA REPORT

DATE April 15, 2008

ITEM 2008/2009 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing

INITIATED BY Community Development Staff

ACTION REQUESTED Hold Public Hearing and Approve Motion

PREPARED & PRESENTED BY Chris Imhoff, CDBG/HOME Administrator

REVIEWED & APPROVED BY Mike Rattray, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION:

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Staff recommends the City Commission conduct the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed Annual Action Plan required by HUD including the proposed use of 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership program funds and take comments heard under consideration for final action on May 6, 2008.

MOTION:

I move to close the public hearing and schedule action on the Final Annual Action Plan for May 6, 2008.

SYNOPSIS:

HUD regulations require one public hearing on the proposed Annual Action Plan which includes the use of 2008/2009 CDBG and HOME funds. The public is also encouraged to comment on the City's overall Community Development Block Grant & HOME program performance and policies.

BACKGROUND:

The Consolidated Plan is a five year planning and reporting document required by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development which was completed and Commission approved in April, 2005. This Plan includes a community needs assessment, housing market analysis, strategic plan and an annual action plan. The Annual Action Plan portion of the Consolidated Plan includes the proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds for the approaching fiscal year. Community Development Block Grant and HOME Grant project applications were received in February, 2008. The Community Development Council reviewed the applications and made funding recommendations to the City Commission on April 1, 2007. A 30-day comment period beginning April 4, 2008 and ending May 3, 2008 has been established to receive citizen views on the Proposed Annual Action Plan, the proposed use of 2008/2009 CDBG and HOME funds, and program performance and policies. No written comments have been received to date.

At the end of the 30-day comment period, the City Commission must accept or amend the proposed Annual Action Plan and authorize submittal of the Plan which HUD must receive on or before May 15, 2008. A copy of the Proposed Annual Action Plan is available for review in the City Community Development Office, the Great Falls Public Library, and the City of Great Falls web page.

Attachment: CDBG and HOME Program Proposed use of funds