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for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Various sources of data have been utilized in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan including the surveying of non-profit service providers, 2014 census data, HUD CHAS 2007-2011 and the City's 2014-2021 Housing Element.

The following is a brief outline of the programs identified and included in the Consolidated Plan, and Staff has identified the following seven Housing and Community Development objectives and priorities:

- Provide decent and affordable housing through new construction activities, acquisition and rehabilitation activities, rehabilitation assistance programs, substandard housing code abatement services, lead-based paint hazard reduction efforts, and home ownership assistance.
- Promote equal access to housing for all residents.
- Address the needs of homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness.
- Provide for a variety of community and support services.
- Improve lower-income neighborhoods through public facilities and infrastructure improvements.
- Promote economic development and employment opportunities.
- Provide for planning and administration activities to address housing and community development needs in the City.

The City will implement a variety of programs to reach the above-mentioned objectives including the provision of rehabilitation grants to senior home owners, financial assistance to non-profit and for-profit developers for the construction/rehabilitation of affordable for-sale and rental housing, test for lead based paint in conjunction with the Senior Grant Program, and improvements to public infrastructure in low-income areas.

Prior to finalizing the Consolidated Plan, the City is required to provide a 30-day public review and comment period. A public notice announcing the commencement of the review and comment period was published February 11, 2015, in the Orange County News, February 12, 2015, in the Viet Bao, and March 2, 2015, in the Unidad. The review and comment period for the Consolidated Plan ends April 14, 2015.

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On March 2, 2015, the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (NICC) held a public hearing to accept comments on the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. The minutes from that meeting are attached. The Commission voted to transmit the plan to the City Council for consideration.

In addition to providing for public review and comment through a 30-day review period, HUD regulations require that local jurisdictions conduct a public hearing prior to the submission of the Consolidated Plan to further provide an opportunity for public review and comment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed 2015/2016 Action Plan will allow the City to access \$2.5 million in new entitlement grants from HUD, and \$2.5 million in unexpended previous years' funds. The allocation of HUD funds effectively leverages competitive grants, homeowners' rehabilitation contributions, and the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015-2016 Annual Plan; and
- Direct staff to transmit the Plan to HUD.


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Attachment 1: Draft 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2015-2016
Action Plan

Attachment 2: Minutes from March 2, 2015 NICC meeting

Approved for Agenda listing


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