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To: City Council

From: Community Development Department

Council Meeting Date: March 15, 2021

Re: Public Hearing: 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Executive Summary

The City receives Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually due to its population and demographics. The City of Columbia is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) in order to receive additional funds. The CAPER is documentation required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) summarizing CDBG and HOME expenditures, and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan during calendar year 2020. Prior to submission of the CAPER to HUD, the City's Citizen Participation Plan requires a public hearing to accept further comment.

Discussion

The CAPER evaluates performance of HUD funded activities in the City of Columbia. It reviews expenditures and progress in meeting objectives in 2020, the first year of the 2020-2024 five-year plan period. The report includes uses of the City's CDBG and HOME formula resources that address the HUD national objectives to provide "decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunity" for low-income populations. These activities include use of HUD funding, as well as other public and private funding. The City expended \$1,319,631.22 in CDBG funds and \$600,840.05 in HOME funds during the reporting period.

The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) held a meeting on Wednesday March 3, 2021 to review items contained within the report. The HCDC does not make recommendations on the CAPER to council; however it uses the report as a resource with evaluating priority needs for future efforts. Public comments on the CAPER will be accepted through March 15, 2021.

The CAPER is an opportunity to review performance of specific programs and activities against the objectives and performance measures that were established by the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan, approved by the Council in October 2019, is the City's long-range strategy for a five-year investment plan for community development, housing, and homelessness. It establishes annual objectives by activity and the CAPER examines progress on each objective. Areas with significant accomplishments included the following:

- \$1,060,000 in funds invested into MBE/WBE businesses in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, including CDBG, HOME and County CARES Act funds.
- Assistance to 50 new homeowners.
- 19 home repair and accessibility improvement projects through Services for



Independent Living (SIL).

- Completion of renovations to the Food Bank Central Pantry.
- Job training to 11 low-income minority youth through Job Point.
- Completion of McKee Street Sidewalks

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
October 7, 2019	Council approved the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.
May 4, 2020	Council approved FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Suggested Council Action

Conduct the public hearing to receive public input on the FY 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).