

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - CDBG/Home

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 5, 2017

Re: Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment to the FY 2016 CDBG and HOME Annual

Action Plan

Executive Summary

The City Council approved setting a public hearing for June 5, 2017 to consider an amendment to the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Annual Action Plan at its May 19, 2017 meeting. The amendment to the 2016 Annual Action Plan must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

A public hearing is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The 2016 Action Plan covers the 2nd year of the 5- Year Consolidated Plan for 2015-2019. A draft of the amended 2016 Action Plan has been available for public view on the City's website and at the Housing and CDBG Programs office location.

Discussion

Approval of the amended FY 2016 Action Plan is required in order to amend CDBG or HOME program funding amounts for organizations. This amendment includes an increase of funding allocations of HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funding to Job Point-COMO CHDO, Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity and Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), in order to include solar panel installation. Funding is being moved from the City's HOME Rehabilitation Program due to additional program income and less interest in the HOME funded program vs. the City's CDBG funded Minor Home Repair Program.

The original CHDO funding approved by City Council on December 19, 2016 included the development of 3 affordable homes at 115 Lynn, 105 Lynn and 103 Lynn. The four neighboring properties at Lynn Cottages are planned to include solar panels. City staff met with staff from Job Point, Habitat and CMCA and determined that increasing the CHDO allocations for solar installation will allow for each of the homes on Lynn Street to have similar amenities and increased affordability for future homeowners. The additional funds are intended to cover costs associated with the installation of a 4kw solar panel system on each of the homes to be constructed on 103, 105 and 115 Lynn. The development of these homes will be in conjunction with the Columbia Community Land Trust. Total amended funding amounts are as seen below:



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Amended HOME Uses	Original	Amended
Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity -115 Lynn	\$23,500	\$38,500
Job Point-COMO CHDO-105 Lynn	\$23,500	\$38,500
Central Missouri Community Action-103 Lynn	\$20,000	\$35,000
Job Point-700 Oak		\$38,500

The amendment also includes the construction of one additional affordable home by Job Point on 700 Oak, which is the last remaining property planned for redevelopment on the block. Job Point expressed interest in developing a home on the property to help align with their vocational training class schedule through 2018. CMCA and Habitat both expressed that their attention is focused on other properties and deferred to Job Point's desire to proceed with development of 700 Oak. The development of 700 Oak will be in conjunction with the Columbia Community Land Trust, and will feature a 3 bedroom 2 bathroom house similar to previous construction on Lynn Street.

The amendment also includes the reallocation of \$25,000 from NRT Code Enforcement to the City's Rehab and Repair Programs. Expenditures for the NRT Code Enforcement position are low this year due to changes in staff and the City's Minor Home Repair Program is currently placing applicants on a wait list due to funds being fully expended. Reallocating these funds will assist in completed 2-3 projects prior to receiving the City's FY 2017 CDBG funding in September 2017.

No public comment has been received to date. The 30 day public comment period will be ending on June 12, 2017. Any comments received will be included within the documents submitted to HUD. Should Council approve the amendment, City staff will submit the amendment on June 13, 2017.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None. Long-Term Impact: None.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Health, Social Services & Affordable Housing, Secondary Impact: Community Facilities & Services

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities



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Legislative History

Date	Action
10/7/2014	City Council adopted the 2015-2019 CDBG and HOME Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan.
4/4/2016	City Council adopted the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan.
12/19/2016	City Council adopted the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan Amendment 1.

Suggested Council Action

Open and close the hearing to consider an amendment to the FY 2016 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan.