



Department Source: Community Development - CDBG/Home

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 2, 2019

Re: Establishing a Revised Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funding Policy

Executive Summary

City Council has historically maintained a Council Policy Resolution to assist in guiding affordable housing and community development activities funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding. The Housing and Community Development Commission reviews this policy resolution on an annual basis to provide any recommended updates and conducts a more thorough review every five years as a part of the Consolidated Planning process. The attached CDBG and HOME Council Policy Resolution includes recommended updates to Council policies for funding affordable housing and community development activities.

Discussion

The attached CDBG and HOME Council Policy Resolution was formulated with City staff and the Housing and Community Development Commission input for the purpose of guiding funding allocations for affordable housing and community development for FY 2020-2024.

The attached resolution under consideration would replace the existing Policy Resolution PR 137-14 adopted on August 20, 2014, should Council proceed with consideration of the resolution. Significant changes included within the resolution include the following items:

1. Incorporation of Fair Housing Task Force policy recommendations including the definition of affordable housing, housing quality items and homelessness.
2. Narrows the percentage ranges for annual allocations to more closely track with goals.
3. Renames categories to align with industry standard names.
4. Incorporates categories with percentages into HOME allocations.
5. Adds tenant based rental assistance as a fundable activity.
6. Adds review process for non-CDBG and HOME funds in the event funding is available and adds consideration of cost of administration.
7. Formalizes rating criteria for annual application review in alignment with previous practices.

City staff provided an overview of the draft amendments to the CDBG and HOME Funding Policy at the November 18, 2019 City Council meeting. No additional considerations were offered by City Council, therefore no additional changes were incorporated.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities,

Legislative History

Date	Action
August 20, 2014	City Council approved a new Council Policy Funding Resolution for 2015-2019 CDBG and HOME funding allocation processes.

Suggested Council Action

Approve the attached Council Policy Resolution for the 2020-2024 CDBG and HOME funding allocation processes.