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From: Community Development Department

Council Meeting Date: November 5, 2018

Re: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the FY 2020-2024 CDBG and HOME Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Plan

Executive Summary

The City of Columbia is classified by HUD as an Entitlement Community and Participating Jurisdiction receiving both Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds. Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) receiving U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant funds must develop a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) in accordance with Title 24 CFR 91.105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The Consolidated Plan is the City of Columbia's guiding document for directing affordable housing and community development strategies and activities. Staff estimates the Consolidated Plan will guide approximately \$7.5 million in federal funds for affordable housing and community development from 2020-2024. The CPP describes efforts undertaken to encourage citizen participation in the development of the City of Columbia's: 5-year Consolidated Plan, the annual Action Plans, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The resolution under consideration would set a hearing to approve the Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Columbia's FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan public engagement process.

Discussion

The CPP is designed to encourage the participation of City residents in the development of the Consolidated Plan, particularly low to moderate income residents. The CPP also encourages local and regional institutions and other organizations (including businesses, developers, neighborhood groups and community and faith-based organizations) to participate in developing and implementing the 5-year Consolidated Plan and related reports. The City is also required to foster the participation of low to moderate income persons, persons of minority backgrounds, persons with limited-English proficiency, and individuals with disabilities. The City plans to also seek out participation from residents of public and assisted housing facilities in the development and implementation of the consolidated plan.

The City of Columbia is required to include meaningful public engagement as a part of developing the City's Consolidated Plan. HUD guidelines require citizen participation plans provide at least one public hearing during the development of the consolidated plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91,105(b)(3). The attached draft 2020-2024 CPP outlines a robust public engagement process that includes the following:



- 9 Fair Housing Task Force meetings
- 1 Public Event: "Fostering Equitable and Inclusive Neighborhoods"
- 1 Large Neighborhood Congress gathering
- 4 Focus Group meetings
- 2 Surveys (Fair Housing & Community Development Needs)
- 4 Community Development Commission Public Hearings
- 2 City Council Public Hearings

The Columbia Community Development Commission has reviewed and approved the attached 2020-2024 CPP. The attached resolution sets a hearing for Council Consideration of the 2020-2024 CPP

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.
 Long-Term Impact: CPP will inform expenditure of \$7.5 million.

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
February 19, 2018	Council approved a resolution authorizing the Fair Housing Task Force to inform 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning efforts.

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution setting a hearing for consideration of the FY 2020-2024 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) for the development of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.