

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Clerk

To: City Council

From: Community Development Department

Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2020

Re: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

and FY 2020 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared a resolution setting a public hearing for May 4, 2020 to consider an amendment to the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Annual Action Plan. The amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan must be completed to align with final allocations, as well as anticipated programmatic changes due to the impact of COVID-19 and staff's efforts to align resources with immediate and anticipated longer term needs. A public hearing is required by HUD in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, since anticipated changes will be greater than 10% of the annual budget and a new activity will be introduced. The 2020 Action Plan is the 1st year of implementing the 5- Year Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024. A draft of the amended 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Action Plan will be available for public review April 7, 2020.

Discussion

HUD requires that an amendment to the City's Consolidated Plan and Action Plan be completed when an amendment results in a change of more than 10% of funding, or the implementation of a new activity. Approval of the amended Consolidated Plan and Action Plan is required in order to amend CDBG or HOME program funding amounts for final allocations, as well as to approve funding and programmatic changes necessary to address the impact of COVID-19.

Housing Programs Division staff is currently suspending operations of its Home Rehabilitation Program in order to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Staff has also received a significant level of requests from its private sector partners, the Chamber, REDI and local banks on the need for additional resources to support local businesses experiencing economic injury from efforts to combat COVID-19. Housing Programs Division staff plans to provide Council an amended 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to change short-term (6 months to 1 year) staff operational focus from the Home Rehabilitation Program and reprogramming efforts to support local businesses through HUD's Special Economic Development Assistance and Microloan Programs.

A 30 day comment period is required that will begin on April 7, 2020 and end on May 6, 2020. A public hearing must be held to approve an amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. A hearing is recommended for May 4, 2020. Any comments received prior to the public hearing, and responses, will be provided to the City Council. A full report of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment will be provided to Council prior to the May 4, 2020 hearing.



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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

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Legislative History

Date	Action
October 7, 2019	Council Approved 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution setting a Public Hearing for May 4, 2020 to consider an amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.