



Department Source: Community Development - CDBG/Home

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2022

Re: Consideration of the 2021 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 2021. 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 2021, the second 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 \$598,014.20 in CDBG funds and \$681,467.58 in HOME funds and \$293,278.65 in CDBG-CV funds during the reporting period, the 2021 calendar year.

The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) scheduled a meeting on Wednesday March 16, 2022 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. The public comment period on the CAPER runs through March 18, 2022.

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:

- \$304,691 in COVID-19 Relief and HOME funds for tenant based rental assistance
- \$180,000 in COVID-19 relief to small businesses (County CARES funds)
- Assistance to 26 new homeowners.
- 20 home repair and accessibility improvement projects through Services for



Independent Living (SIL).

- Job training to 15 low-income minority youth through Job Point.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive Community, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

## Legislative History

Date	Action
October 7, 2019	Council approved the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.
April 19, 2021	Council approved an amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the FY 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for submission to HUD.