



Item: Public Hearing - 2012/2013 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan
From: Mike Haynes, AICP, Planning and Community Development Director
Initiated By: Wendy Thomas, AICP, Planning and Community Deputy Director
Presented By: Mike Haynes, AICP Planning and Community Development Director
Action Requested: Conduct public hearing

Public Hearing:

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for opponents and proponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move to close the public hearing and schedule action on the Final Annual Action Plan for May 1, 2012.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls the vote.
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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed Annual Action Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), including the proposed use of 2012/2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership program funds. The Commission will then consider the public input when they take final action on May 1, 2012.

Background:

The Consolidated Plan is a five year planning and reporting document which was approved by City Commission in May, 2010. This Plan includes a community needs assessment, housing market analysis, strategic plan and an annual action plan submitted each year. The Annual Action Plan portion of the Consolidated Plan includes the proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds for the approaching fiscal year.

Community Development Block Grant and HOME Grant project applications were received in January, 2012. The Community Development Council reviewed the applications and made recommendations for the proposed use of funds to the City Commission on March 20, 2012. The

City Commission accepted the proposed use of funds and set the public hearing for April 17, 2012.

Significant Impacts

HUD regulations require one public hearing be held on the proposed Annual Action Plan which includes the use of the 2012/2013 CDBG and HOME funds, in order for the City to secure federal grant dollars.

Citizen Participation

The Proposed Annual Action Plan is being made available to the citizens of Great Falls for review and comment for a 30 day period which began March 29, 2012, and continues through April 27, 2012. A copy of the Proposed Annual Action Plan is available for review at the City CDBG/HOME and Neighborhood Council Office in the Civic Center Room 4, the Great Falls Public Library, and the City of Great Falls web page.

Purpose

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide a forum to allow the citizens of Great Falls the opportunity to express their views on the proposed use of CDBG and HOME Program dollars and each program's policies and performance.

Evaluation and Selection Process

The Commission will be asked to give consideration to citizen comments received during the public hearing before approving the Annual Action Plan. At the May 1, 2012 Commission meeting, following the required 30-day public comment period, the City Commission must accept or amend the proposed Annual Action Plan and authorize submittal of the Plan which HUD must receive on or before May 15, 2012.

Conclusion

The public hearing provides citizens an important opportunity for input regarding the proposed HUD Annual Action Plan for 2012/2013.

Concurrences: The Community Development Council reviewed the applications and made funding recommendations included in the proposed Annual Action Plan to the City Commission on March 20, 2012.

Fiscal Impact: Conducting the public hearing is a pre-condition for the City to receive its annual allocation of HUD CDBG and HOME grant funds.

Alternatives: The hearing is required for the City to be awarded 2012-2013 CDBG and HOME funding.

Attachments/Exhibits: CDBG and HOME Program Proposed Use of Funds

**2012/2013 PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Affordable Housing

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT– CODE ENFORCEMENT Provide services to preserve and enhance public health and safety by enforcing international and city codes related to maintenance of property and buildings</p>	\$35,766	\$35,766
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT– REHABILITATION SPECIALIST Provide rehab counseling, loan processing, inspections and construction monitoring for all CDBG-funded City revolving loan housing programs for low income people</p>	\$64,872	\$64,872
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT– RENTAL IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM Provide funds for no interest loan program for property owners who provide rental units which remain affordable to low income households to bring rental units up to current code requirements, funding will be limited to use within the area defined by the Downtown Master Plan</p>	\$150,000	\$67,473
<p>MONTANA HOMEOWNERSHIP NETWORK Provide down payment assistance to low income families who are first time home buyers through housing that NHS has developed, agency located at 509 1st Avenue North</p>	\$25,000	\$25,000
<p>NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC. Revolving loan fund to provide down payment assistance, new construction, purchase and rehabilitation of houses and other activities addressing neighborhood revitalization activities in their CBDO-designated neighborhoods</p>	\$125,000	\$60,289

Economic Development

<p>GREAT FALLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Provide technical assistance for owners and potential owners of microenterprises with a goal of creating jobs for low income people, agency located at 300 Central Avenue</p>	\$25,000	\$0
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Public Facility Improvements

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<p>BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CASCADE COUNTY Purchase and install two energy efficient doors and windows in front entryway and one energy efficient back door in building located at 600 1st Avenue Southwest which has programs to serve at-risk youth Fund entryway doors and windows</p>	\$16,000	\$12,000
<p>CASCADE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Renovations to provide two handicap accessible restrooms on the first floor of history museum located at 422 2nd Street South</p>	\$47,999	\$0
<p>CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH Upgrade electrical system at Center West, a transitional living facility for adults with severe mental illnesses</p>	\$27,196	\$25,000
<p>CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MONTANA Energy efficiency upgrade to HVAC system in children's museum located at 22 Railroad Square Fund upstairs heating units and upstairs air conditioning</p>	\$40,295	\$30,170
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER Energy efficiency upgrade to HVAC system and entry way door in community recreation center located at 801 2nd Avenue North</p>	\$56,680	\$0
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – MORONY NATATORIUM Purchase and install energy efficient boiler and heat exchangers at public pool facility located at 111 12th Street North Fund boiler</p>	\$107,148	\$91,464
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – PINSKI PARK Purchase and install handicap accessible play structure and play area border at Pinski Park located at 6th Avenue South and 46th Street South</p>	\$37,500	\$34,499
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – VERDE PARK Purchase and install handicap accessible play structure and play area border at Verde Park located at Verde Drive and 19th Avenue South</p>	\$37,500	\$0

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PUBLIC WORKS – 9TH STREET NORTH Replace curb and gutter on 9th Street North from 3rd Avenue North to 8th Avenue North</p>	\$150,930	\$75,500
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PUBLIC WORKS – SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT Grant program to provide assistance to low income homeowners to remove and replace hazardous sidewalks in Census Tract 16 (boundaries of Northwest Bypass to 5th Avenue Southwest and 3rd Street Northwest to 10th Street Southwest) and other areas at request of low income homeowners</p>	\$50,000	\$30,000
<p>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Install sewer and water lines, excavate for foundations and install concrete porches, steps, sidewalks and parking pads at 526 4th Avenue South, 707 7th Avenue South and 808 7th Avenue South</p>	\$19,900	\$19,900
<p>MONTANA INSTITUTE OF FAMILY LIVING Upgrade south parking lot, replace fifth floor hallway carpeting and replace floor tile in kitchen at Park Manor, a subsidized apartment complex for low income elderly and disabled people Fund carpeting</p>	\$49,180	\$7,900
<p>PARIS GIBSON SQUARE Purchase and install energy efficient boiler and thermostats, purchase and install infrared door sensor for elevator and handicap accessible/energy efficiency upgrade to west entrance doors at art museum located at 1400 1st Avenue North Fund boiler</p>	\$68,308	\$20,342
<p>TRIGG-C.M. RUSSELL FOUNDATION, INC. Exterior renovations including roof replacement, painting and deck repairs to Charles M. Russell Residence located at 400 13th Street North</p>	\$28,590	\$0
<p>URSULINE CENTRE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION Renovations including drainage changes, brick re-pointing, floor repairs and column stabilization to the east wing of historical building located at 2300 Central Avenue</p>	\$29,753	\$22,450
<p>YWCA OF GREAT FALLS Upgrade parking lot, replace handicap accessible ramp and purchase and install two handicap accessible chair lifts for facility that houses a thrift shop, domestic violence emergency shelter and other community services, location confidential Fund two chair lifts</p>	\$74,290	\$10,000

Public Service Activities

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<p>AREA VIII AGENCY ON AGING Purchase food for Meals on Wheels, a citywide home delivery meal program for seniors who are handicapped or unable to prepare meals</p>	\$25,000	\$25,000
<p>BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS Purchase computer work station and provide technical installation assistance for agency located at 18 6th Street North Suite 26 that provides mentoring support for youth</p>	\$5,005	\$5,005
<p>BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CASCADE COUNTY Provide scholarships for summer day camps and transportation services to day camps for children from low income families, programs located at Great Falls Housing Authority (1722 Chownen Springs Loop) and Boys & Girls Club (600 1st Avenue Southwest) Fund scholarships</p>	\$46,200	\$30,000
<p>CASA-CAN CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE NETWORK Purchase printer and volunteer training materials and provide continuing education and training conference expenses to expand volunteer program located at 415 2nd Avenue North which provides advocates for abused and neglected children in the legal system Fund training manuals, binders and \$1,600 for conference expenses</p>	\$5,600	\$2,300
<p>CASCADE COUNTY LAW CLINIC Purchase copier/fax and computer work station for agency which provides assistance in civil matters of family law to low income people, agency located at 401 3rd Avenue North Fund computer work station</p>	\$5,465	\$2,100
<p>CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MONTANA Provide scholarships for children from low income families to participate in play-to-learn exhibits at museum located at 22 Railroad Square</p>	\$6,000	\$6,000
<p>FAMILY CONNECTIONS (aka Child Care Solutions Montana) Provide child care scholarships for children from low income families, agency located at 202 2nd Avenue South</p>	\$15,000	\$7,500

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<p>FARM IN THE DELL GREAT FALLS Purchase tiller, garden tractor and tractor attachments to develop vocational programming in greenhouse work, gardening, compost production and farming for low to moderate income developmentally disabled adults in Great Falls Fund tiller and garden tractor</p>	\$8,300	\$6,917
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION— COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER Provide scholarships for children from low income families for after school child care and summer camp programs at community center located at 801 2nd Avenue North</p>	\$7,200	\$7,200
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION—EAGLE FALLS Purchase paramobile adaptive golf cart to be used at Eagle Falls community golf course located at 1025 25th Street North</p>	\$17,500	\$0
<p>GREAT FALLS JOB SERVICE Scholarships for people who are receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) to attend job seeking and job readiness skills programming at Montana State job service located at 1018 7th Street South</p>	\$25,000	\$0
<p>GREAT FALLS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER Purchase food and supplies for on-site meal program for the elderly administered in elderly facility located at 1004 Central Avenue</p>	\$10,000	\$3,000
<p>PARIS GIBSON SQUARE Purchase handicap accessible pottery wheels and adaptive art supplies to provide art class programming at museum located at 1400 1st Avenue North Fund art supplies</p>	\$5,800	\$3,000
<p>QUALITY LIFE CONCEPTS, INC. Purchase equipment including computer work station, used pick-up, snow thrower and two push mowers to expand work services program for developmentally disabled adults located at 215 Smelter Avenue Northeast Fund computer work station, snow thrower and two push mowers</p>	\$15,142	\$4,158

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
RURAL DYNAMICS, INC. Provide scholarships for credit and debt management service programming and family memberships for Prosperity Club for low to moderate income people, agency located at 2022 Central Avenue Fund Prosperity Club memberships	\$28,000	\$18,000
ST VINCENT DE PAUL Purchase industrial shelving to expand food storage at thrift store located at 426 Central Avenue West	\$7,584	\$5,154
YOUNG PARENTS EDUCATION CENTER Provide day care scholarships and emergency housing scholarships for very low to low income teen or young adult parents completing high school or GED programs, programs located at alternative high school at 2400 Central Avenue	\$20,000	\$20,000
<i>Administration</i>		
CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION General oversight, promotion, financial accountability, monitoring, reporting, and coordination of the CDBG program including activities to further fair housing and the Continuum of Care for Homelessness	\$194,400	\$194,400
TOTAL CDBG FUNDING REQUESTED	\$1,714,103	
UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS		\$254,156
TOTAL CDBG FUNDING RECOMMENDATION		\$972,359
TOTAL ANTICIPATED CDBG GRANT		\$718,203
TOTAL AVAILABLE CDBG GRANT FUNDS		\$972,359

**2012/2013 PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
GREAT FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sand Hills Phase IV—Construct fourth affordable handicap accessible four-plex apartment complex at 1517 23 rd Street South		
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC.	\$35,000	\$35,000
Owners in Partnership XX—construct and rehabilitate single family houses and provide down payment and closing cost assistance for low income home buyers on citywide basis		
HOME PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$23,040	\$23,040
General oversight, management, promotion, financial accountability, monitoring and coordination of the HOME program		
TOTAL HOME FUNDING REQUESTED	\$558,040	
UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS		\$325,878
TOTAL HOME FUNDING RECOMMENDATION		\$558,040
TOTAL ANTICIPATED HOME GRANT		\$232,162
TOTAL AVAILABLE HOME FUNDS		\$558,040