



**Item:** Public Hearing - 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan

**From:** Craig Raymond, CBO, Director, Planning and Community Development

**Initiated By:** Jolene Wetterau, CDBG/HOME Administrator, Planning and Community Development Department

**Presented By:** Craig Raymond, CBO, Director, Planning and Community Development

**Action Requested:** Conduct public hearing

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**Public Hearing:**

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for proponents and opponents.
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 Consolidated Plan which includes the 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan for June 2, 2015.”

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

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan required by U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) including the proposed use of 2015/2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program funds and take comments heard under consideration. The City Commission will take final action during the June 2, 2015 regular meeting.

**Background:**

The Consolidated Plan is a five year planning and reporting document required by HUD. The last Consolidated Plan was completed and approved by the City Commission in April, 2010. The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan includes a Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), a community development needs assessment, housing market analysis, strategic plan and an Annual Action plan.

The Annual Action Plan portion of the Consolidated Plan includes the proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds for the approaching fiscal year. CDBG and HOME grant project applications were received in December 2014. The Community Development Council (CDC) reviewed the applications and made recommendations for the proposed use of funds to the City Commission on March 17, 2015.

A 30-day comment period beginning May 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2015 has been established to receive citizen input on the Proposed Consolidated Plan, the proposed use of 2015/2016 CDBG and HOME funds, and program performance and policies. At the end of the 30-day comment period, the City Commission must accept or amend the proposed Consolidated Plan and authorize submittal of the Plan in time to meet HUD's June 15, 2015 deadline for submission to the Denver regional office.

**Significant Impacts:**

HUD regulations require one public hearing on the Proposed Consolidated Plan which includes the use of 2015/2016 CDBG and HOME funds.

**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 from May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015. The public is also encouraged to comment on the City's overall CDBG & HOME program performance and policies. A copy of the proposed Consolidated Plan is available for review in the Planning and Community Development Office, the Great Falls Public Library, the City Clerk's office and on the web at <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/planning/consolidated-plan-annual-action-plan>.\*

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the public hearing on May 19, 2015, is to provide a forum for citizens of Great Falls to express their views on the proposed 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the proposed use of federal CDBG and HOME Program dollars for 2015/2016 program year.

**Evaluation and Selection Process:**

The City Commission will be asked to give consideration to citizen comments received during this public hearing in taking final action on the Consolidated Plan. At the end of the 30-day comment period, the City Commission can accept or amend the proposed Consolidated Plan but must authorize submittal of the Consolidated Plan which HUD requires to be submitted by June 15, 2015.

**Conclusion:**

The public hearing provides citizens an important opportunity for input regarding the proposed 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and funding for 2015/2016 CDBG and HOME projects.

**Concurrences:**

The CDC reviewed the applications and made funding recommendations included in the proposed Consolidated Plan to the City Commission on March 17, 2015.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Conducting the public hearing is a pre-condition for the City receiving its annual allocation of HUD CDBG and HOME grant funds, and receiving funding for the next five years.

**Alternatives:**

The public hearing is a required for the City to be awarded 2015/2016 CDBG and HOME funding, and for the Consolidated Plan to be accepted by HUD.

**Attachments/Exhibits:**

DRAFT 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan – Hardcopies are available to the public at the Planning & Community Development office, the Public Library, the City Clerk’s office, and online at <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/planning/consolidated-plan-annual-action-plan>.\*

HUD ConPlan 2015-2016 CDBG HOME AAP Schedule

\* Please note: the draft plan will be replaced on this web page when the plan is approved, and the approved plan will, most likely, be removed when the next plan is approved in 2020. The hard-copy will remain available at the City Clerk’s office.

**2015 – 2016 CDBG/HOME Allocation and 2016-2020 ConPlan/  
Annual Action Plan Schedule**

City Commission appoints Community Development Council (CDC) members	N/A
Application available on City web site	Friday November 14, 2014
CDBG/HOME Application Workshop	Friday November 14, 2014
City Commission conducts "Needs" Public Hearing	Tuesday December 16, 2014
Pre-deadline review of applications	Friday December 19, 2014
Commission Work Session to set CDBG funding Priorities & Policy	Tuesday January 6, 2014
Funding application deadline (Please note it is a 5:00 pm deadline)	Wednesday January 7, 2015
City Commission sets CDBG funding priorities	Tuesday January 20, 2015
Community Development Council (CDC) Orientation Meeting	Friday January 30, 2015
CDC reviews applications and develops funding recommendations for CDBG projects.	Monday February 9, 2015 to Friday February 27, 2015
CDC presents funding recommendations for CDBG applications to the City Commission	Tuesday March 17, 2015
Staff presents funding recommendations for CDBG applications to the City Commission	Tuesday March 17, 2015
City Commission accepts project application funding recommendations for inclusion in 2016-2020 ConPlan and Annual Action Plan, sets the	Tuesday March 17, 2015

public hearing date.	
Proposed 2016-2020 ConPlan and Annual Action Plan completed and available for review.	Wednesday May 1, 2015
30 day comment period for proposed 2016-2020 ConPlan and Annual Action Plan	Wednesday May 1, 2015 to Thursday May 31, 2015
Public Hearing on Proposed ConPlan/Action Plan	Tuesday May 19, 2015
Commission approves ConPlan/Annual Action Plan	Tuesday June 2, 2015
ConPlan/Annual Action Plan mailed to HUD	Monday June 15, 2015

NOTE: Schedule is tentative depending on Commission meeting dates and actual meeting dates.