



Item: 2016-2020 HUD Consolidated Plan Including Use of 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan

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

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

Action Requested: Adoption of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan including the use of 2015/2016 CDBG & HOME funds and authorization of its submittal to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (adopt/not adopt) the 2016-2020 HUD Consolidated Plan including the 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan as recommended.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: The Community Development Council (CDC) and staff recommend the City Commission adopt the 2016-2020 HUD Consolidated Plan including the 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan, and authorize submittal to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Background: The Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive planning strategy required by HUD. 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 CDC reviewed the applications and made funding recommendations to the City Commission on March 17, 2015. A 30-day comment period beginning May 1, 2015, through May 31, 2015, was established to receive citizen input on the proposed 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, the proposed use of 2015/2016 CDBG and HOME funds, and program performance and policies. A copy of the proposed Consolidated Plan has been available for review in the City’s Planning and Community Development Department Office, the Great Falls Public Library, the City Clerks office, and on the City of Great Falls web page.

At the end of the 30-day comment period, the City Commission must adopt as recommended, or amend and adopt, the final Consolidated Plan for submittal to HUD in order for the City to continue to receive CDBG and HOME program funds. HUD must receive the Consolidated Plan electronically on June 15, 2015. The final Consolidated Plan will be on file in the City Clerk's office.

Concurrences: The CDC reviewed grant applications and made funding recommendations to the City Commission on March 17, 2015.

Fiscal Impact: The City of Great Falls is expecting to receive \$715,840 of CDBG funds and \$191,970 of HOME funds from HUD in the coming year.

Alternatives: The City Commission may choose to approve the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan as presented or amend the plan.

Attachments/Exhibits:

CDBG and Home Program Funding Proposal

Public Hearing Comments

Citizen comments on Consolidated Plan

(Note: no comments have been received to date of posting.)

2015/2016 USE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

CDBG amount awarded for 2015/2016 is \$715,840

Affordable Housing

| | <u>Requested</u> | <u>Recommended</u> |
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| GREAT FALLS CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT– CODE ENFORCEMENT Provide services to preserve and enhance public health and safety and reduce slums and blight by enforcing international and city codes related to maintenance of property and buildings | \$31,031 | \$31,031 |
| 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 | \$68,000 | \$68,000 |
| GREAT FALLS RENTAL IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM Provide funds to rehabilitate units in the area, specifically the downtown area to tie into the city's Downtown Master Plan | \$150,000 | \$68,341 |
| HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Infrastructure improvements including concrete work, sidewalks, site excavation, and water/sewer connections for two Habitat for Humanity homes located within the city limits | \$24,600 | \$24,600 |
| NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC. Revolving loan fund to provide down payment assistance, new construction/purchase and rehabilitation of houses or rentals, and other activities addressing neighborhood revitalization activities in their CBDO-designated neighborhoods | \$225,000 | \$22,780 |

Economic Development

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| GREAT FALLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Expand revolving loan fund to provide gap financing to existing and start-up businesses to create new jobs for persons from LMI households, agency located at 300 Central Avenue | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
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| <i>Public Facility Improvements</i> | | |
| GREAT FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY – HOLLAND COURT REHAB PHASE I Redesign, removal of all concrete and asphalt, backfill, and repaving of parking lots, sidewalks, and handicap access ramps in Holland Court facility located at 600-625 Holland Court | \$150,000 | \$97,737 |
| GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER - ADA LIFT Purchase and replacement of ADA door system for the community recreation center located at 801 2 nd Avenue North | \$46,500 | \$0 |
| GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – NATATORIUM Replacement of exiting doors, door frames and transom frames at the Morony Natatorium located at 111 12 th Street North | \$33,183 | \$33,183 |
| GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – CHOWEN SPRINGS PARK Purchase and install handicap accessible play structure and play area border at Chowen Springs Park located at 801 17 th Street South | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| GREAT FALLS CITY PUBLIC WORKS – PEARSON ADDITION SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SID) Design and construct street curb and gutter, paving, storm drains, inlets, valley gutters and other improvements along Ellen, Marillyn, and a portion of Marlie Drives | \$130,000 | \$0 |
| GREAT FALLS CITY PUBLIC WORKS – SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT Grant program to provide assistance to low income homeowners to remove and replace hazardous sidewalks within the city limits | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| PARIS GIBSON SQUARE MUSUEM – EAST GROUNDS REHAB Develop an outdoor classroom to expand the existing class offer as part of the Paris Gibson Adaptive Art classes located at 1400 1 st Ave North | \$18,361 | \$0 |
| <i>Public Service Activities</i> | | |
| AREA VIII AGENCY ON AGING Purchase food for Meals on Wheels, a citywide home delivery meal program for low/moderate income elderly who are handicapped or unable to prepare meals | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |

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| <p>BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CASCADE COUNTY Provide scholarships for summer day camps for children from low income families, programs located at Great Falls Housing Authority (1722 Chowen Springs Loop) and Boys & Girls Club (600 1st Avenue Southwest)</p> | \$30,000 | \$25,000 |
| <p>FAMILY CONNECTIONS MT (aka Child Care Solutions Montana) Program to provide preventative health care services to LMI families through service sponsored at selected child care facilities within the city</p> | \$18,600 | \$0 |
| <p>FAMILY PROMISE OF GREAT FALLS – FAMILIES MOVING UP Purchase of a covered cargo trailer and other supplies to support the Families Moving up Program which provide shelter homeless families located in religious facilities within the city limits</p> | \$16,541 | \$10,000 |
| <p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION— MORONY NATATORIUM & COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER Provide scholarships for disabled adults to participate in special needs water activities at community indoor pool facility located at 111 12th Street North; provide scholarships for children from low income families for after school programs and summer camp programs at community center located at 801 2nd Avenue North</p> | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| <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 | \$7,000 |
| <p>QUALITY LIFE CONCEPTS, INC. Purchase of assistance lift and hospital beds for use in disables client day program and purchase of camera monitoring system in two high risk group homes for developmentally disabled adults located at Riverview and Gibson residential homes</p> | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| <p>RURAL DYNAMICS, INC. Provide scholarships for credit building services through the Credit Building for LMI Individuals Program, agency located at 2022 Central Avenue</p> | \$11,337 | \$10,000 |
| <p>SUNBURST UNLIMITED, INC. Purchase equipment and materials to expand the Fresh Food Farms Program which raises food for the community Head Start program and teaches low income people how to grow and prepare their own food, programs located at 410 16th Street Southwest</p> | \$11,321 | \$0 |

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| YOUNG PARENTS EDUCATION CENTER | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Provide day care 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 | | |

Administration

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| CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION | \$143,168 | \$143,168 |
| 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 | | |

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| TOTAL 2015/2016 CDBG FUNDING REQUESTED | \$1,292,642 | |
| TOTAL 2015/2016 CDBG FUNDING RECOMMENDATION | | \$715,840 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE CDBG GRANT FUNDS | | \$715,840 |

**2015/2016 USE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

HOME amount awarded for 2015/2016 is \$191,670

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| NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC. NeighborWorks Affordable Housing Program for development of new or renovated houses or apartments for sale or rental. This funding will be used for construction of a new 12-plex apartment building located at 1201 1 st Ave South | \$250,000 | \$172,773 |
| HOME PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION General oversight, management, promotion, financial accountability, monitoring and coordination of the HOME program | \$19,197 | \$19,197 |
| TOTAL 2015/2016 HOME FUNDING REQUESTED | \$269,197 | |
| TOTAL HOME FUNDING RECOMMENDATION | | \$191,970 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE HOME FUNDS | | \$191,970 |