



Item: CDBG and HOME Program Proposed Use of Funds and Public Hearing
Date for HUD Required 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan

From: Craig Raymond, Director, Planning and Community Development

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

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

Action Requested: Accept proposed use of CDBG funds and Set Public Hearing for the
2016/2017 Annual Action Plan for April 19, 2016.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move to (accept/deny) the proposed use of funds for the 2016/2017 Community
Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for inclusion in the 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan
and (set/not set) a public hearing for April 19, 2016.

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

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Commission: (1) accept recommendations for funding the
2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant projects; and (2) set April 19, 2016, as
the public hearing date for the 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan.

Background:

Significant Impacts

CDBG and HOME programs are federal programs administered by the U.S. Department
of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help fund local community development
programs including affordable housing, public service, economic development and public
infrastructure projects. The primary goal of these programs is to assist low and moderate
income (LMI) persons in their respective communities. State and local governments
receive funding from HUD based on a formula derived from population and housing
statistics.

In order to receive HUD funding, a jurisdiction must submit a five-year Consolidated
Plan that is updated annually with an Annual Action Plan containing the proposed use of

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program (HOME) funds. On June 2, 2015, the City Commission approved the 2015-2019 HUD Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan is developed taking into consideration community needs and City Commission funding priority percentages. Information regarding community needs is garnered from a HUD required annual Community Needs Hearing which was most recently held by the Commission on December 15, 2015.

Citizen Participation

The Proposed Annual Action Plan will be made available to the citizens of Great Falls for review and comment for a 30-day period beginning March 23, 2016, continuing through April 22, 2016. The public hearing on April 19, 2016 is a forum to allow the citizens of Great Falls the opportunity to express their views on the proposed Annual Action Plan, the proposed use of federal CDBG dollars, as well as each program's policies and performance.

Workload Impacts

In accordance with the federal regulations, administrative responsibilities will result from the acceptance and use of the CDBG and HOME funds.

Purpose

HUD requires that a public hearing be held regarding the proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds presented in the 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan for upcoming funding year.

Evaluation and Selection Process

The 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan, as part of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, will contain the proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds for the coming Fiscal Year. Community Development Block Grant project proposals were received on January 13, 2016. The Community Development Council (CDC), a 10-member citizen advisory board appointed by the City Commission to review applications for CDBG funds and develop and present funding recommendations to the City Commission, met on February 9, 2016, to hear one economic development application, four oral presentations by affordable housing applicants, and two presentations for public facilities applications. On February 10, 2016, the CDC met to hear nine additional oral presentations by public facilities applications. On February 17, 2016, the CDC heard oral presentations by nine public service agency applicants. On February 23, 2016, the Community Development Council formulated their recommendations for the annual allocation of CDBG funds, and presented their funding recommendations to the City Commission during the March 1, 2016, City Commission work session.

Conclusion

The public hearing provides the citizens of Great Falls an important opportunity to comment on the proposed HUD 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan, including projects recommended for funding during the 2016/2017 program year.

Fiscal Impact: 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant funds awarded will be \$710,552, and Home Investment Partnership funds awarded will be \$184,587.

Alternatives: The hearing is required for the City to be awarded 2016/2017 CDBG and HOME funding. The City may choose not to hold the public hearing and thereby not receive the funds.

Attachments/Exhibits: CDBG Program Funding Proposal

**2016/2017 USE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Affordable Housing

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
<p>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.</p>	\$26,405	\$26,405
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT– REVOLVING LOAN FUND SERVICING Provide servicing for rehab counseling, loan processing, inspections and construction monitoring for all CDBG-funded City revolving loan housing programs for low income people.</p>	\$50,000	\$50,000
<p>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Infrastructure improvements for two including concrete work, sidewalks, site excavation, and water/sewer connections Habitat for Humanity homes located within the city limits and remainder to towards the purchase of lots to build future homes.</p>	\$124,400	\$70,564
<p>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.</p>	\$150,000	\$75,000

Economic Development

<p>GREAT FALLS DEVLEOPMENT 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</p>	\$70,000	\$40,000
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Public Facility Improvements

<p>CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH-GATEWAY For repair and painting of exterior of the group home for mentally disabled adults located at 1118 1st Ave N.</p>	\$28,030	\$10,250
<p>CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH-LEWIS Replacement of roof for the group home for mentally disabled adults located at 2115 Central Ave West.</p>	\$35,468	\$14,430

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<p>CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH-PASSAGES For exterior repairs and paint and replacement of existing windows with energy efficient windows for group home for mentally disabled adults located at 704 5th Ave N.</p>	\$37,692	\$0
<p>GREAT FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY – HOLLAND COURT REHAB PHASE II 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.</p>	\$150,000	\$0
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER - ADA LIFT/BASEMENT BATHROOM Install ADA lift system and update the basement locker room to be ADA accessible for the community recreation center located at 801 2nd Avenue North.</p>	\$70,000	\$0
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – ELECTRIC CITY WATER PARK ADA updates to the pool facility locker rooms located at 100 River Drive.</p>	\$69,920	\$40,176
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PARK & RECREATION – RHODES PARK Purchase and install handicap accessible play structure and play area border at Rhodes Park located at 812 Central Ave West.</p>	\$40,000	\$40,000
<p>GREAT FALLS CITY PUBLIC WORKS – ADA HANDICAP RAMPS Replacement of existing intersections with ADA accessible ramps at intersection along 6th Ave S. from the east side of 18th Street through 23rd Street (funding permitting)</p>	\$185,000	\$70,000
<p>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</p>	\$30,000	\$30,000
<p>MONTANA INSTITUTION OF FAMILY LIVING/PARK MANOR Removal/replacement of carpeting in dining room, and removal/replacement on vinyl floor in recreation area in an LMI housing complex located at 100 Central Ave.</p>	\$17,529	\$17,529
<p>QUALITY LIFE CONCEPTS Replacement of existing door locks with keyed locks and keypads on group homes within the city limits</p>	\$22,349	\$0

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL-GRACE HOME Replacement of roof on transitional housing facility for homeless vets located at 2211 5 th Ave N.	\$15,075	\$15,075
<u>Public Service Activities</u>		
AREA VIII AGENCY ON AGING-MEALS ON WHEELS 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
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 1 st Avenue Southwest)	\$30,000	\$25,000
CASCADE COUNTY LAW CLINIC Computer equipment, training materials, and scholarships for LMI families to participate in court mandated parenting classes.	\$45,000	\$0
FAMILY CONNECTIONS MT (aka Child Care Solutions Montana) Program to provide early childhood educational services to childcare providers for LMI families and children under protective services.	\$13,330	\$0
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 12 th Street North; provide scholarships for children from low income families for after school programs and summer camp programs at community center located at 801 2 nd Avenue North	\$10,000	\$10,000
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	\$10,000	\$0
KAIROS YOUTH SERVICES, INC. Funding towards purchase of passenger van for youth group home located at 1201 7 th Ave NW.	\$25,000	\$18,819
RURAL DYNAMICS, INC. Provide scholarships for credit building services through the Credit Building for LMI Individuals Program, agency located at 2022 Central Avenue	\$13,261	\$0
YOUNG PARENTS EDUCATION CENTER Provide day care scholarships for very low to low income teen or	\$20,000	\$10,000

young adult parents completing high school or GED programs, programs, emergency housing scholarships, and equipment replacement located at alternative high school at 2400 Central Avenue

Administration

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$142,110	\$142,110
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		
TOTAL 2016/2017 CDBG FUNDING REQUESTED	\$1,313,459	
2016/2017 CDBG ALLOCATION		\$710,552
UNPROGRAM FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS		\$19,806
TOTAL 2016/2017 CDBG FUNDING RECOMMENDATION		\$730,358
TOTAL AVAILABLE CDBG GRANT FUNDS		\$730,358