



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Miro Weinberger and Board of Finance

FROM: Peter Owens, CEDO Director
Marcy Krumbine, Assistant Director for Community Development

DATE: June 19, 2013

RE: 2013 Five Year Consolidated Plan
Community Development Block Grant Proposed Allocations
2013 Action Plan for Housing & Community Development
Resolution

Enclosed are the final versions of the new Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development and the 2013 Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan provides detailed information about city demographics, the local housing market and the local economy. It outlines housing, community and economic development needs and priorities for the City. This Consolidated Plan covers the five-year period beginning in July 2013. The Action Plan combines the recommendations of the CDBG Advisory Board with the priorities, goals and objectives of the proposed 2013 Consolidated Plan, and shows how the recommended expenditures of 2013 CDBG and other HUD resources (HOME and Lead Paint Hazard Reduction dollars) correspond with identified needs and action strategies. The City is required to have these Plans as a condition of its receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). A Resolution seeking approval for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the 2013 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development is attached. The Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, comprised of Councilors Bryan Aubin, Jane Knodell and Kevin Worden are jointly sponsoring this resolution. This resolution passed the Board of Finance unanimously.

The Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, along with the proposed allocations, were the subject of a Public Hearing on the April 29 Council meeting. The public hearing and the Plans were duly advertised and available for 30 days of public comment as required by HUD.

Please be advised of several changes since you reviewed the draft of both Plans and the CDBG Advisory Board's recommendations.

On May 30, HUD informed the City of our 2013 allocation for the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership grant programs beginning on July 1, 2013.

- CDBG - \$689,742
- HOME - \$389,428

This is a 10% increase for CDBG and a 14.3% increase for HOME. The increase is most likely due to the incorporation of the new American Community Survey data into the formula funding.

Previously, per HUD direction, a 5% decrease was budgeted. The additional funds must be reallocated so the Plans may be submitted with the new allocations. Projects that had not been previously advertised as funded could not be considered due to advertising and time constraints. Since time was of the essence, the Mayor has recommended allocating a small amount of additional funding (\$9697) to the Public Services activities that the CDBG Advisory Board had originally recommended to fund with more assistance. Those recommendations are attached.

In addition to this project funding change in the Action Plan, there were additional items included in the Consolidated Plan under NA – 05 Overview, General Demographics; NA – 40, Homeless Needs Assessment; MA – 10, Housing Inventory and Student Housing; and comments from citizen participation.

With the proposed allocation of CDBG, HOME and Lead Hazard Reduction, Housing Trust Fund, and other public and private funding, the City and its subgrantees plan to:

- o Work to preserve 140 housing units with expiring subsidies at Rose Street Artists Co-op, Pearl Union SRO, ONE Housing, Burlington Rental Housing Improvement Project and Housing for Homeless Plus.
- o Begin predevelopment work on several adjoining properties on Bright Street with the ultimate goal of 30-40 new housing units.
- o Help 860 residents to remain housed and living independently through homesharing, home-based and center-based services for seniors, access modifications and other housing retention services.
- o Provide 565 homeless residents with emergency shelter, case management and housing placement services.
- o Support the creation/retention/expansion of 8 new businesses, with 10 associated permanent jobs, through technical assistance, business loans and entrepreneurial training.
- o Provide families with high-quality, affordable childcare and education for 83 children.
- o Provide free tax preparation, clothing and employment services, community integration services to help 1,144 low-income residents (including many with limited English proficiency) increase their self-sufficiency.
- o Provide food to 5,601 residents; summer English skills learning programming to 45 youth; and dental care services to 350 homeless residents.
- o Renovate the kitchens of two public facilities including an emergency shelter and senior center.
- o Support the assessment, remediation and redevelopment of 4 brownfields sites to result in the development of affordable housing units and new commercial/public facility space.