



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

<b>Date</b>	May 8, 2006
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**Agenda Item No.** 24  
**Roll Call No.** 06-  
**Communication No.** 06-273

**Submitted by:** Larry Hulse, Community  
Development Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of the Schedule and Notices of Funding Availability for the 2007 Action Plan of the City's 2005 – 2009 Consolidated Plan.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the City's Consolidated Plan to guide the distribution of entitlement funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. The 2007 Action Plan schedule and publication of the Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) executes the application process for programs and projects for the third program year of the current Consolidated Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Estimates for PY2007 funding for the three entitlement programs included in the Consolidated Plan are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$4.2 million; Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) - \$1 million; and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) - \$186,000. The actual award amounts could vary significantly from the estimates depending on congressional action.

Amount: \$5,386,000.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan is a five-year affordable housing strategy with annual action plans that identify low to moderate-income housing and community development needs. The one-year action plans seek to fund proposals with specific outcomes that will implement and further the long-term goals of the five-year strategy. The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) is making the following recommendations for the 2007 Action Plan.

The 2007 Action Plan Schedule has added a Housing Program and Budget Review presentation to the August 2<sup>nd</sup> NRB Board meeting. In compliance with the new process for administering and reporting on

HOME funded activities, the Administrator of the Neighborhood Conservation Services Division of the Community Development Department will report on the status of on-going projects and present a Work Plan for anticipated projects in the coming program year.

The Consolidated Plan goals addressed by HOME funds are:

- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation;
- Investor-Owned Housing Rehabilitation;
- Residential Development  
(which includes New Construction; the American Dream Down payment Investment funds (ADDI) funds; Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) projects, and Neighborhood Revitalization Program residential projects, and Tax Credit projects), and
- Commercial Development

There are eleven remaining Consolidated Plan goals that will be published as Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and be available for download from the City's Website. The NOFAs cover the additional housing goals (Emergency and Transitional Housing and Shelter, Home Maintenance Services for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners); Community Development goals (Infrastructure, Code Enforcement, Micro Enterprise Assistance), and Public Service goals (Homebuyer Education, Job Training, Housing Supportive Services – Site Offices, Transportation, Neighborhood Clean-Ups).

There are two recommended changes to the Consolidated Plan NOFAs this year:

- 1) The NOFA for Code Enforcement was refined to include language that references the Neighborhood Based Service Delivery (NBSD) program. Since the development and adoption of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan goals in 2004 the NBSD program has expanded. The Neighborhood Inspection Division of the Community Development Department has incorporated the HUD eligible low to moderate-income rental code inspection and public health zoning enforcement into the more comprehensive NBSD program services offered by the City. Because 27% of the 2006 CDBG allocation is used to fund the NBSD Program the NRB is requesting specific information regarding the overall program outcomes.
- 2) A new NOFA for Neighborhood Capacity Building is included this year, to complement the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan goals. This addition is in support of a recommendation made by the Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development in their Evaluation Report for the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The NOFA seeks services that will increase the capacity of neighborhood organizations to develop resident leadership and to increase their ability to carry a larger share of the responsibility for planning, prioritizing and implementing neighborhood goals. The services will target the recognized neighborhood associations participating in the Des Moines Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The final decision to award funds for this NOFA will be based on the submission of a successful proposal by a viable agency.

During the NRB discussions about the Neighborhood Capacity Building NOFA, several Board members raised a concern about the Community Development Department having sufficient planning staff to adequately meet the requirements of adding new neighborhoods to the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The NRB has formed a subcommittee to review their expectations of the Neighborhood planning staff and determine if they agree or disagree with the Wisconsin Housing Partnership recommendations on staffing.

The Wisconsin Housing Partnership Report did not recommend additional planning staff, but did recommend that Neighborhood Associations take on more responsibility and participation in the implementation of the planning objectives. The reports recommend that the planning process itself be revised to be more strategic and customized to individual neighborhoods.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 23, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1282

Action: PY2006 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the second year action plan (2006) of the 2005-2009 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan. (Council Communication No. 05-280) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: May 17, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-1025

Action: Goals for 2005-2009 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan Affordable Housing Strategy. (Council Communication No. 04-243) **Moved by Hensley to adopt, and include Public Transit Assistance in the list of goals. City Manager to report on the issue of housing in the City. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

Date:

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Action:

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**