



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date November 19, 2007

Agenda Item No. 31
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-677
Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing
Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Comprehensive Strategy Environmental Review Record - Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment - Publishing Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Comprehensive Strategy Environmental Review Record, Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment, Publishing Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds and authorization for the City Manager to execute the "Request for Release of Funds and Certifications."

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$6,195,000

Currently, the Program Year (PY) 2008 US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grant entitlement funds available in the three programs included in the Consolidated Plan are estimated to be:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$4,750,000
- Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program - \$1,175,000. This amount includes \$25,000 of projected American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) funding.
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) - \$195,000
- Reprogramming funding - \$75,000

Funding levels are contingent on final Federal Congressional and Executive action.

Funding Source:

HUD CDBG (CDBG2008009); 2007-08 Operating Budget, Page 106, SP020 CDD049900
HOME (HOME2008009); 2007-08 Operating Budget, Page 107, SP036 CDD049900
ESG (HESG2008009); 2007-08 Operating Budget, Page 107, SP039 CDD049900.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The cumulative environmental effects of activities to be undertaken as part of the City's Citywide Comprehensive Strategy Area Projects during the 2008 Program Year were reviewed and included in the 2008 Environmental Review Record (ERR). After review of the ERR, staff found that the City's Citywide Comprehensive Strategy Projects are not anticipated to have a significant impact on the environment. These projects include the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, Section 108 Loan Guarantee, HOME programs, and American Dream Downpayment Initiative.

Staff recommends that no further environmental review be conducted and that a request for the immediate release of funds for the projects included in the Fourth Year Action Plan (2008) of the 2005-2009 HUD Consolidated Plan be submitted to HUD.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 8, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1943

Action: On Proposed Fourth Year (2008) Action Plan of the 2005-2009 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan, (11-19-07). (Council Communication No. 07-600) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE