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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 38 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>14-1730</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>14-528</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Public Hearing for the Proposed 2015-2019 Five (5) Year Des Moines Strategic Plan and 2015 Action Plan and Request for Waiver for Pre-Agreement Costs for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Des Moines Consolidated Plan.

**SYNOPSIS:**

This action closes the public hearing of the proposed 2015-2019 Five (5) Year Des Moines Strategic Plan and 2015 Action Plan for the HUD Des Moines Consolidated Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$4,181,723 estimated allocation for 2015

Funding Source: The announcement of the 2015 Program Year HUD entitlement funds will be delayed due to a congressional Continuing Resolution on federal fiscal appropriations for 2015. Estimated funding is based on 2014 allocated amounts, less a 7.3% projected reduction in 2015 funds for a scheduled sequestration. The estimated amount is not a guarantee of anticipated funding. Budget requests to HUD offices will not be submitted until authorized by HUD.

- Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG): \$3,202,036
- Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME): \$714,853
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG): \$264,834

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The proposed 2015-2019 Strategic Plan and 2015 Action Plan for HUD as recommended by the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB), was made available to the public for a 30 day review period. This hearing is to receive any public comments before finalizing the plan for submission to HUD as authorized.

The Five (5) year Strategic Plan identifies critical needs for affordable housing, economic development and a suitable living environment for families or areas that are at or below 80% of the HUD area median income guidelines.

The City of Des Moines provides targeted programming of federal entitlement funding (CDBG, HOME, and ESG) through the City’s Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The NRP is

entering its 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation with the 2015 program year. Since its inception, 22 neighborhoods have completed the action planning process. Of those 22 neighborhoods, 16 have successfully completed the process by accomplishing most of the activities in the Action Plans.

The neighborhood planning process relies on active resident groups to identify critical neighborhood issues in their area. Neighborhood Development Division staff provide technical assistance and planning coordination to develop appropriate goals and a feasible action plan. Action plans provide a list of activities and identify parties responsible for implementation efforts. Success of the neighborhood action plan depends on a continued coordination of efforts between the neighborhood organization, the City, the County, and private and /or nonprofit organizations.

The priorities of Affordable Housing, Economic and Community Development for the benefit of low to moderate-income households and areas have not changed significantly from the current 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan priorities. The NRP staff work with several local nonprofit, for-profit, and foundation entities to further the implementation phase of completed Neighborhood Plans. Ongoing projects, with an accompanying timeline, for the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, plus a general public presentation of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program were held at the main library downtown on July 22, 2014. Comments were accepted for inclusion and response in the Action Plan at the public meeting.

The budget presented for the 2015 program years for CDBG, HOME and ESG is based on a percentage of the City's final allocation for 2014. Final budgeted amounts between the various 2015 projects may be guided by the allocation percentage of individual projects within the total budget for 2015. The final project dollar amounts will be brought to the Des Moines City Council once the City receives authorization from HUD.

The City received CPD Notice 14-015 from the HUD Omaha Field Office on October 23, 2014. The notice asks all entitlement cities to defer submission of their 5-Year Strategic Plans and/or 2015 Action Plans until after the 2015 federal budget is confirmed and HUD is able to determine actual allocations for the 2015 program year. The Des Moines program year begins on January 1 of a given year and the City will incur pre-agreement CDBG costs until the grant agreement with HUD is finalized in 2015. The City is submitting a letter of request for a waiver, as directed in the Notice, to HUD in order to maintain continuity of approved Consolidated Plan programs.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 22, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1467](#)

Action: [On](#) proposed 2015-19 Five Year Des Moines Strategic Plan and 2015 Action Plan for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan, (11-3-14). ([Council Communication No. 14-467](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: September 28, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1748](#)

Action: [On](#) proposed First (2010) Year Action Plan of the 2010-2014 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan, (11-9-09). ([Council Communication No. 09-671](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 22, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1084](#)

Action: [Goals](#) for the 2010-2014 US Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan for Federal Entitlement Funds and notices of funding availability for the 2010-2011 program years. ([Council Communication No. 09-436](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: July 2, 2014

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Johansen gave a presentation on the Neighborhood Development Strategic Plan. Motion to recommend Strategic Plan to City Council: Minahan; seconded by Owens. Motion carried (9-0).

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approval of the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan and 2015 Action Plan for the HUD Des Moines Consolidated Plan.

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