



Date November 6, 2017

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF THE
PROPOSED 2018 ACTION PLAN FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

WHEREAS, provisions under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 24, Section 91.220 regarding Annual Action Plans for the Consolidated Plan for HUD grant programs require the City to submit an annual action plan for the 2018 Program Year to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than 45 days prior to start of the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year, as amended by the HUD CPD Notice 16-18 dated December 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must conduct a public hearing to review the 2018 HUD Consolidated Plan Program Year activities and receive citizen comments regarding the Action Plan for the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year, and provide notice of the hearing to be published at least thirty days before it is held; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-1647, the City Council set a public hearing for November 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to obtain citizen comments regarding the Annual Action for the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year in compliance with the HUD regulations; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the public hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on September 30, 2017, and copies of the proposed Annual Action Plan for the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year were made available for public review at the City Clerk's Office and at all Des Moines Public Library branches in order to provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on this date has been opened and those seeking to comment on the Annual Action Plan for the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year have been afforded the opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. All public comments regarding the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year have been received and the hearing is hereby closed.
2. The Annual Action Plan for the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year, on file with the City Clerk and by this reference made a part hereof, is hereby approved.
3. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Annual Action Plan for the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date November 6, 2017

(Council Communication No. 17-772)

MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
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HENSLEY				
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WESTERGAARD				
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MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

All the City's proposed projects and activities for federal funds are determined in support of neighborhood revitalization. The neighborhood revitalization strategy is a comprehensive approach to community development, especially through complementary projects that focus investment into specific neighborhoods or corridors.

Similar to past years, the City will continue to focus federal funds and staff time in the target areas of Drake, East Bank (Capitol East, Capitol Park, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Park neighborhoods), River Bend, SW 9th Street Corridor, and the Birdland area within Union Park neighborhood (Appendix 1). As determined in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the 2018 Action Plan reinforces the Consolidated Plan's goals to address affordable housing, economic development, public service, and homelessness.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The following table illustrates the objectives and outcomes identified throughout the 2018 Action Plan.

Objective	Outcomes
Maintain or improve current units and develop additional units in order to provide decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Rental units constructed • 27 Homeowner housing added • 27 Homebuyers assisted • 160 Homeowner housing rehabilitated • 25 Buildings demolished • 4,000 Properties inspected for land use issues
Administer loan and grant programs that create economic opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 façade treatment/building rehabilitated • 1 job created • 1 business assisted
Provide public services to benefit neighborhoods, families, or individuals by addressing issues in their living environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 LMC assisted with support services
Address issue of homelessness by providing decent, affordable housing to homeless individuals or those at risk of becoming homeless.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,000 homeless individuals assisted • 102 households assisted with rental assistance

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City is maintaining the same goals and projects selected at the beginning of the Consolidated Plan—affordable housing, economic development, public services, and homelessness strategy. In the 2015-2019 consolidated planning cycle, two areas are lagging—affordable rental units and economic development activities.

Both areas have had outside factors that have made it difficult to achieve their objectives. For example, changes to the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC), which is often used in conjunction with HOME funds to produce rental units, project scoring have made the process more competitive. Consequently, developers that would have needed HOME funds to produce LIHTC rental units were not awarded tax credits and did not create as many rental units as previously forecasted.

Economic development activities funded by CDBG have been hindered by competing programs. Businesses requesting assistance have often found other loan products or assistance with fewer restrictions and chose those products because they were more flexible for the business owner.

Due to some of the unforeseen circumstances mentioned above, funds from these programs have been reallocated to other initiatives. Programs receiving reallocated funds include demolition and neighborhood planning projects that have been successful, but still show need for more resources.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Citizen participation was requested during a presentation at the Neighborhood Revitalization Board meeting, a public hearing, and the published Action Plan 30 days before the public hearing. The public participation process for the 2018 Action Plan started in September 2017 and ended in November 2017.

5. Summary of public comments

There have been no public comments received.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

There have been no comments excluded; the City makes an effort to consider all public comments in the participation process.

7. Summary

In summary, the 2018 Action Plan will follow similar goals of the past three years. Within the designated programs and activities, there will be a boost in single-family new construction and a boost in demolition to remove slum and blight.