



# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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MEETING DATE: September 15, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: 2010-2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE/HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file.

## **BACKGROUND:**

As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME) funds, the City of Costa Mesa is required to prepare a five-year strategic plan known as the Consolidated Plan. In recent years, these two programs have infused approximately \$2 million into the City's budget per year. Federal law restricts how these two grants can be utilized; however, in broad terms funds can be used to address housing and community development needs – the latter includes activities such as street/sidewalk improvements, park improvements and social services.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the City engage in a participatory process as it develops the Consolidated Plan. Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff has initiated the Consolidated Plan planning process, which will include community input meetings, posting Consolidated Plan information in the City's website, public document review periods, and public hearings. The process will culminate in the City Council authorizing the submission of the plan to HUD.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Since 1995 communities that receive certain federal funds from HUD are required to prepare a Consolidated Plan. The current Consolidated Plan covered fiscal years 2005-2006 through 2009-2010. As stated above, the federal grants received by the City that requires the preparation of the Consolidated Plan are the CDBG and the HOME programs. Program regulations limit how these two grants can be utilized; however, in broad terms funds are to be used to address housing and community development needs. Examples of programs presently funded by these grants include housing rehabilitation loans and grants, street/sidewalk improvements, park/public facility

improvements and public services. The primary beneficiaries of these HUD-funded programs must be Low- and Moderate-Income Costa Mesa residents.

The primary purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify housing and community needs within a jurisdiction, prioritize these needs, and then develop or implement programs that will address these needs with CDBG and HOME funds. Consolidated Plan regulations require that the City utilize a participatory process to develop the plan. To this end, HCD staff has devised a planning process for the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan that includes public input meetings, public review and comment periods, and public meetings/hearings.

Staff anticipates that the primary public input process will conclude before the end of calendar year. The document will be prepared and presented to the Redevelopment and Residential Rehabilitation (3R) Committee in early Spring 2010, and presented to the City Council in late Spring 2010, at which time staff will ask for authorization to submit the document to HUD. The City is required to submit the Consolidated Plan to HUD no later than May 15, 2010.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

In order to receive CDBG and HOME funds, the City is required to prepare and adopt the Consolidated Plan. No alternatives are listed at this time as staff is only requesting that the City Council receive and file this report.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

No fiscal review is required at this time.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

No legal action is required at this time.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.

  
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