

CITY OF TAMARAC
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM (20 06 005M)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TO: Michael C. Cernech,
City Manager

FROM: Maxine A. Calloway,
Community Development Director

DATE: June 23, 2020

**RE: Approval of 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 including
FY 2020/2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan; Temp. Reso. No. 13458**

Recommendation: The Director of Community Development recommends that the City Commission approve the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan covering fiscal years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 as well as the proposed activities under the Annual Action Plan for fiscal year 2020/2021 funded through the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Issue: HUD requires the approval and transmittal of a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan outlining funding priorities for entitlement jurisdictions in order to maintain funding.

Background: The City of Tamarac is an entitlement recipient of federal funds from HUD under the CDBG program. The City anticipates receiving \$417,242 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 to address community development, public services or housing needs in Tamarac. In order to receive these funds, the City must develop and adopt an Annual Action Plan that is consistent with a current Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The last Consolidated Plan was completed for FY 2015/2016-2019/2020. As such, a new Five-Year Consolidated Plan is required for FY 2020/2021 to 2024/2025. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are to be approved simultaneously.

The Community Development Department's Housing Division, with the assistance of a consultant, Civitas, LLC., conducted an extensive study to determine the needs of the community identifying projects and activities that may be funded over the next five years with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Community Needs Surveys for residents as well as stakeholders were posted on the City's website. The Public Information Office sent out an email blast to all tamarac.org subscribers. Additionally, participation in the consolidated planning process was encouraged at all housing events, such as the annual purchase assistance workshop held on March 12, 2020. Furthermore, a 5-day review and comment period is required to allow for input along with a public hearing at the City Commission Meeting prior to the submission of the Plan.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan prioritizes need covering issues such as: housing, public services, community development, infrastructure, public facilities improvements, and economic development. The surveys for the 2020/2021-2024/2025 Consolidated Plan identified public services and housing as a top priority. The Consolidated Plan sets the foundation for funding of activities for each Annual Action Plan within the five-year period.

Consistent with Consolidated Plan priorities, the proposed Annual Action Plan projects are selected to ensure compliance with a CDBG national objective and provide a direct benefit to low and moderate-income persons. CDBG Program administration is limited to 20% of the annual allocation. The remaining 80% is allocated to activities as follows:

FY 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan Staff Recommended Activities

Public Service (Senior Feeding Program) \$ 42,586.00

This activity will include funding a local organization to provide home delivered meals to identified seniors in the City of Tamarac. Approximately 11 seniors will be served. These activities will benefit low and moderate-income persons as qualified under 570.208(a)(2), limited clientele.

Public Service (Preventive Services/Intervention Services for Youths) \$ 20,000.00

This activity will include funding for organization that currently provide services to youths living in the City of Tamarac, who are deemed homeless, or currently receiving free and reduced lunches in the Broward County School system, and funding for local organizations that are currently providing services to youths living in the City of Tamarac, who are deemed abused, neglected, and abandoned with an open active dependency case in Broward County. A minimum of 75 children will be served through both initiatives. These activities will benefit low and moderate-income persons as qualified under 570.208(a)(2), limited clientele.

Public Service (Broadband Access to Students) \$ 25,000.00

This activity will include funding for broadband access to students. T-Mobile will provide tablet for free and CDBG funds will pay the monthly connectivity fees. Approximately eighty (80) students will be served during this fiscal year. These activities are eligible under 24 CFR section 570.201(e), and will benefit low and moderate income persons as qualified under 570.208(a)(2), limited clientele.

Residential Rehabilitation (Minor Home Repair) \$178,406.00

This activity will provide minor home repairs to a minimum of eight (8) low to moderate-income households who are experiencing conditions in and around the home that pose a threat to health, safety, and welfare of the household occupants. This project will be carried out on a citywide basis. This activity is eligible under 24 CFR Section 570.202(a) and will benefit low and moderate-income households on an area-wide basis.

Rehabilitation Service Delivery \$ 67,802.00

This program activity includes marketing, application in-take and review and verification for eligibility, communication with general contractors, specification review and on-site problem-solving inspections and other services related to the completion of residential rehabilitation projects.

Public Service (Education Workshop)

Community Development Housing Division staff will develop and conduct education workshops on post rehabilitation for low and moderate persons about affordable housing, home ownership, lender fair housing laws and lead-based paint hazards. A minimum of 12 eligible household will be assisted through these workshops.

Program Administration \$ 83,448.00

This activity will provide general management, oversight, and coordination of the programs. Also, this activity will provide for an annual grant audit, and provide provision of fair housing services designed to further the fair housing objectives of the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.C.C. 3601-20. These activities are presumed to benefit low and moderate-income persons and are eligible under 24 CFR 570.206(a).

TOTAL GRANT \$417,242.00 (100%)

Public review seeking input is required for the approval of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans. The plan will be posted in the housing page of the City's website. CARES Act has reduced the 30-day comment period to a minimum of a 5-day comment period. The public review schedule is as follows:

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| Beginning of 5-day review period | June 30, 2020 |
| End of 5-day review period | July 7, 2020 |
| Commission approval and public hearing of Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plan | July 8, 2020 |

No public comments were given.

Fiscal Impact: There are positive effects associated with the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the subsequent Annual Action Plans, as the City receives an entitlement allocation of CDBG funds each year. This item supports strategic goal #1- Tamarac is Home and #4- Tamarac is Vibrant.



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Attachments:

TR13458 - Resolution
Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2020/2021-2024/2025
(including 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan)