



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Jeff Robinson, Director, Community & Economic Development Department
Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services Department
Daniel Murillo, Community & Economic Development Department Housing Division Manager
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution to set April 16, 2019 Public Hearing Date – April 2, 2019
DATE: April 2, 2019

SUMMARY:

Set April 16, 2019, as the date for a public hearing on the City of Tacoma’s 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Housing and Community Development and Public Services.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

As a result of submitting its AAP to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City will receive federal funds to manage its housing, community and economic development, neighborhood improvement, homeless assistance, and social service programs.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City submits an AAP to HUD in order to fulfill the requirements associated with receipt of entitlement funding. The AAP outlines the uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The City of Tacoma and the City of Lakewood are a consortium partnership for the HOME program, so the Plan identifies the distribution of funds to each entity.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not yet notified staff of Tacoma’s PY 2019-2020 funding award. As such, staff assumes the same level of funding provided in PY 2018-2019. Specifically, staff expects to receive \$2,460,156 in CDBG, \$201,861 in ESG, and \$1,391,912 in HOME funds.

Beginning in January of 2019, the City conducted its processes to allocate funding to specific projects. The Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) reviewed applications for funding, heard presentations by programs applying for funding and considered the historic performance of those agencies and the needs of the community. The Human Services Commission (HSC) reviewed the results of a performance review for programs receiving PY 2018-2019 CDBG Public Services and ESG funding. Based on this information, both panels prepared funding recommendations. Staff presented the funding recommendations at the March 28th Community Vitality and Safety Commission (CVS) meeting and will forward its recommendations to full Council soon thereafter.

On May 7, 2019, the City Council will receive a request to approve funding recommendations and the AAP pertaining to the CDBG, HOME, and ESG grant allocations. This step is necessary for submittal of the AAP to HUD. Prior to this, the TCRA will provide for a 30-day public comment period in accordance with federal requirements and as outlined in the City’s Citizen Participation Plan. This 30-day public comment period will include an opportunity for the community to comment on the funding recommendations and AAP at a public hearing before the City Council. This public hearing will occur on April 16, 2019.



ISSUE:

Before submission of the AAP to HUD, the City must fulfill certain citizen participation requirements, including holding a public hearing on the proposed plan. The draft AAP is made available for a period of 30 days, beginning on April 1, 2019, and ending on April 30, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose not to hold a public hearing. This alternative would put the City out of compliance with its Citizen Participation Plan and cause the City to become ineligible to receive the federal funding outlined above.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends setting a date for the public hearing during the 30-day public comment period, as requested in this memo.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.