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**SUBJECT:** Resolution to set April 14, 2015 Public Hearing Date – March 31, 2015  
**DATE:** March 31, 2015

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**SUMMARY:**

Setting April 14, 2015, as the date for a public hearing on the City of Tacoma’s 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015-16 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and Public Services.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Foster neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability.
- Plan for and improve public infrastructure that meets the transportation needs of all Tacoma residents and visitors.

As a result of submitting its Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD the City will receive federal funds to manage its housing, community and economic development, neighborhood improvement, homeless assistance and social service programs.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Tacoma is in the process of updating the Consolidated Plan (“Plan”) for Housing and Community Development. This 5-year plan sets goals and action areas for expenditure of several federal grants and establishes a framework use of federal grants: CDBG (Community Development Block Grant), ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant), and HOME (HOME Investments Partnership Program). Funds are generally intended to benefit lower-income persons and neighborhoods, but can be used for housing, services, neighborhood improvements, job development – a broad range of activities and projects qualify.

The Consolidated Plan is a five year Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan. A component of this is the Annual Action Plan, which combines the submission of applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for the upcoming program year.

The 2015-16 Annual Action Plan combines the submission of applications for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement of \$2,234,649; a HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) grant of \$943,877 and The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) grant of \$199,158. The City of Tacoma and the City of Lakewood are a consortium partnership for the HOME Program so Tacoma’s share of HOME funding is expected to be \$765,484 while Lakewood’s share is \$178,393. During January and February 2015, the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) and the Human Services Commission (HSC) reviewed applications for funding, heard presentations by agencies applying for funding and considered the historic performance of those agencies and the needs of the community. From this, they prepared funding recommendations. The TCRA and the HSC presented their recommendations for funding at the City Council Study Session held on March 31, 2015.



On May 5 2015 Council will be requested to make their final funding decisions for submittal to HUD, including authorizing the allocation of HOME grant funds to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority on behalf of the City of Lakewood housing programs in the amount of \$178,393, and the allocation of CDBG and HOME grant funds to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority for the affordable housing programs in the total amount of \$1,345,187 to include \$674,090 in CDBG funds and \$671, 097 in HOME funds. In addition, \$862,095 in previous years' CDBG funds be reallocated to PY2015-16 and be used to fund the above mentioned economic development assistance projects, the Economic Development Fund and affordable housing development projects. The source of the reprogrammed funds would come from prior years' allocations of Local Improvement District (LID) set asides, CDBG Business Revolving Loan Fund and affordable housing activity dollars.

**ISSUE:**

Before submission of the Annual Action Plan to HUD, the City must fulfill certain citizen participation requirements including holding a public hearing on the proposed plan. The draft Annual Action Plan is made available for a period of 30 days beginning on April 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2015

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternatives presented in this report constitute one course of action. It is based on a review and analysis of each application for funding and staff's best judgment of program activities that will lead to the preferred outcome as established in the HUD approved 2010-15 Consolidated Plan. However other options do exist. This would include, but is not limited to, changing the funding mix between activities or even between individual service providers. Further alternatives might include revamping the way these services are procured and the types of activities the City wishes to pursue. Note, changes of this nature would require a more intensive staff review of possible alternatives which would likely jeopardize the HUD imposed May 15, 2015 AAP deadline submittal. Other alternatives of this magnitude might also conflict with the Consolidated Plan and would have to be approved by HUD. It is therefore suggested that any alternatives such as these should be pursued after the May 15<sup>th</sup> date and rolled into a current year plan amendment or should be addressed in future years' program activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Implementing the recommendations identified in this report will allow staff to complete the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan process with HUD, which will allow the City to draw down funds to be used to address its housing, community and economic development, homeless assistance and social service programs. This constitutes a total of \$3,377,684 made available to the City as a result of these actions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Impact