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SUBJECT: Resolution to set November 30, 2021 Public Hearing
DATE: October 29, 2021

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

The Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) Department requests that a resolution be read on November 16, 2021 to set a Public Hearing for November 30, 2021, on an amendment to the City of Tacoma’s 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

BACKGROUND:

This Department’s Recommendation is Based On:

The City’s obligation to submit an AAP to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as required to receive entitlement funding. The AAP outlines the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. Periodically, changes to submitted AAPs are necessary. Depending on the significance of the change, the City must implement a “substantial amendment” process.

The original 2021-2022 HUD AAP was approved by Council on May 11, 2021. The original plan stated that CDBG Public Services and ESG funds would be allocated as follows:

- Approximately 50% to extend contracts for providers receiving 2020-2021 CDBG Public Services and ESG funding for an additional six months (July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021).
- Remaining funds (approximately 50%) would later be allocated for expenditure from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.

NCS staff have worked with the Human Services Commission (HSC) to determine how to allocate the remaining funds for January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. The recommendations are listed below:

CDBG Public Services (\$194,464 available)		
Agency	Program	Amount
Life Enrichment Group	Young Adult Shelter	\$194,464

ESG (\$98,615 available)		
Agency	Program	Amount
Comprehensive Life Resources	Positive Interactions (Street Outreach)	\$60,000



Exodus Housing	Rapid Re-Housing DV (Rapid Re-Housing)	\$16,000
Living Access Support Alliance	Prevention Services (Homeless Prevention)	\$22,615

These recommendations were presented to the HSC on 10/13, the Pierce County Continuum of Care on 10/20, and the Community Vitality & Safety Committee on 10/28.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Prior to the public hearing, beginning on November 5, 2021, and ending on December 7, 2021, the City will publish a legal ad in The News Tribune notifying the public of the opportunity to make verbal comment on the proposed amendment. As a HUD grantee, the City is required to respond to written comments. A summary of public comments and why the comments were accepted or rejected will be attached to the amendment prior to its submission to HUD.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The City is required to comply with its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) to implement the proposed amendment to the 2021-22 AAP, which incorporates the spending plan to deploy CDBG and ESG funds. The public hearing is an opportunity for all residents of Tacoma to comment on the proposed amendment.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Representation at public meetings will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

In accordance with the City’s CPP, notice of the opportunity for public comment is published in the newspaper. The City Council allows public comment at a regularly scheduled Council meeting before acting on the substantial amendment to an approved Consolidated Plan. This public comment opportunity takes the place of a formal public hearing. A summary of public comments and why the comments were accepted or rejected will be attached to the amendment prior to its submission to HUD.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Not hold a public hearing		This alternative would put the City out of compliance with its CPP and cause the City to not implement the proposed amendment.



EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Each program will track the demographic information of households served. Program outcomes and expenditures will be reported in the city’s Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends setting the date for the public hearing, as required by the City of Tacoma’s CPP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None; this action is to set a public hearing.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

Choose an item.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

None