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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution to set April 20, 2021 Public Hearing Date for AAP- April 6, 2021  
**DATE:** March 22, 2021

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### **SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

The Community and Economic Development & Neighborhood and Community Services departments request that a Public Hearing be set for April 20, 2021 on the City of Tacoma's 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Public Services.

### **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 uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The AAP also includes the distribution of funds to the City of Tacoma's HOME Consortium partner, the City of Lakewood.

HUD has allocated the following grant amounts to the City of Tacoma for federal fiscal year 2021:

- CDBG: \$2,460,177
- HOME: \$1,410,150
- ESG: \$215,615

Recommendations on CDBG-funded community and economic development projects are incorporated into the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan (AAP) as obligated by HUD to receive entitlement funding. On May 11, 2021, staff will present the AAP to City Council and seek final action on its submittal to HUD. Before seeking final action from City Council on submitting the 2021-2022 AAP to HUD, the City is required to provide opportunity for public comment.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

During a 30-day period, beginning on March 30, 2021 and ending on April 29, 2021, the public is invited to make comment in writing or in person at a public hearing before the City Council. The purpose of this memo is to set the date for that hearing on April 20, 2021. To notify the public, the City publishes a legal ad in The News Tribune summarizing the contents of the draft 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and outlining the opportunity to make written or verbal comment.

As a HUD grantee, the City is required to provide a summary of comments received and why the comments were accepted or rejected when submitting the AAP. The City's requirements for seeking public input on the plan are outlined in the City's Participation Plan.



**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

The intention of these funds is to deliver services to the City's most vulnerable persons, households, and business owners. The City is required to provide public comment opportunity on the spending plan outlined in the 2021-2022 AAP before submitting the plan to HUD as required for the receipt of federal grant funds.

**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.

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

In accordance with the City's Participation Plan, a summary of the AAP and opportunities to make public comment are published in the newspaper at least 30 days before final Council action on submitting the AAP to HUD. The City Council also allows verbal comment on the AAP at a regularly scheduled Council meeting. 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 Community Participation Plan and cause the City to not submit the AAP to HUD as required for the receipt of federal grant funds.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Each program funded during the 2021-2022 program year will track the demographic information of persons, households, and/or businesses 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 on April 20, 2021 as part of the public comment period required by the City of Tacoma's Participation Plan.



FISCAL IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1195- CED Federal Grants	730100 – CED Economic Grants	4331281 –Dir Fed HUD CDBG	\$2,460,117
	730100 – CED Economic Grants	4331281 – Dir Fed HUD Home	\$1,410,150
	730100 – CED Economic Grants	4331282- Dir Fed HUD ESG	\$215,615
TOTAL			\$4,085,882

These grant funds are budgeted in the 2021-2022 biennium.