

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Approval of One-Year Action Plan Allocation Process for Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency Administered United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funded Programs [Continued from 05/28/2019]

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a City Council Resolution approving the One-Year Action Plan Funding Allocation Process for HUD funded Programs.

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Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Resolution
- 3-Exhibit A (One-Year Action Plan Funding Allocation Process)

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: This report recommends approval of a funding allocation process for HUD funded programs that are approved annually when the One-Year Action Plan is approved. The One-Year Action Plan outlines programs, projects and other actions for multiple federally funded programs, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing for Person with AIDS (HOPWA), and is approved by the Council each year. Currently, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) staff coordinate with Council members, and staff from the City Manager's office and other City departments including Economic Development, Public Works, Community Development, Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment,

and Utilities to identify projects for inclusion in the One-Year Action Plan.

The proposed One-Year Action Plan Allocation Process (included as Exhibit A to the Resolution) would formalize coordination by specifying a process and schedule to develop the annual One-Year Action Plan. The proposed process would begin in January and include two workshops with the City Council, one community workshop before the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission, and multiple coordination activities with the City Manager and City Departments to determine projects and programs. Additionally, the schedule aligns with the development of the City's annual Capital Improvement Program.

Policy Considerations: The proposed One-Year Action Plan Funding Allocation Process is consistent with the adopted Consolidated Plan, including the Citizen Participation Plan. The proposed process will increase the transparency of the allocation process by having a formalized process.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The recommended action is considered an administrative activity and is not considered a project subject to CEQA because the CEQA Guidelines at 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) §15378(b)(4) exempt government administrative activities that do not involve commitment to any specific project. Projects that qualify for Agency funding under these programs are subject to environmental review prior to implementation.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): The recommended action is considered an administrative, management, or fiscal activity and does not constitute a commitment of funding, and therefore are exempt from NEPA pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 58.34(a)(1) and 58.34(a)(3). Projects that qualify for Agency funding under these funding programs are subject to environmental review prior to implementation.

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable

Commission Action: *Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission:* At its May 1, 2019 meeting, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission reviewed the staff recommendation for this item.

The votes were as follows:

AYES: Griffin, Morgan, Nunley, Staajabu, Starks

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alcalay, Macedo, Wedding

Rationale for Recommendation: Under the current process, SHRA and City staff collect project ideas received from Council Members, community members and non-profit organizations throughout the year. These project ideas and existing projects are evaluated, specifically the Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvement Projects. This process included several meetings between SHRA Staff and various representatives from City departments including Economic Development, Public Works, Utilities, and Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment early each year to identify and prioritize eligible projects. Once a draft project list was developed, SHRA staff would prepare a draft Action Plan and bring it forward for approval by City Council.

The proposed staff recommendation for a One-Year Action Plan Funding Allocation Process will ensure a transparent process and provide specified opportunities for input from the City Council, the City Manager, the community and City Departments. Additionally, it aligns with the development of Capital Improvement Program resulting in improved alignment of funding resources to improve housing, economic and community development opportunities for low and moderate income residents of Sacramento. The City Capital Improvement Program and CDBG Action Plan would continue to be approved at different times, May and October respectively. The proposed process better aligns the project prioritization and funding identification.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial impacts associated with the approval of the proposed process.

LBE - M/WBE and Section 3 requirements: The action proposed is an administrative process, therefore the requirements of LBE, M/WBE and Section 3 do not apply.