



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**THRU:** Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** Cynthia Blot, Economic & Community Development Director

**DATE:** January 7, 2019

**RE:**  
2019-2020 CDBG & HOME Annual Action Plan

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):**  
All

**Relationship To Strategic Plan:**

Diverse & Viable Local Economy and Desirable Place To Live, Work and Recreate

**Executive Summary:**

The Economic & Community Development Department prepares an Annual Action Plan to implement the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME). The Annual Action Plan is based on goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan.

In November 2018 E&CD Staff held four Citizen Participation meetings as a requirement of the HUD funded programs. Comments from the Citizen Participation Meetings assist in determining programs staff will implement utilizing CDBG & HOME funds.

The purpose of this item is to get feedback from City Council earlier than in previous years. In the past, City Council has received a draft of the Annual Action Plan at the April work session. This year, prior to developing the draft with the Fayetteville Redevelopment Commission, we would like to hear from City Council.

**Background:**

The 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan will complete the objectives mandated in the 2015-2019 Community Development Consolidated Plan. The following are the goals and objectives identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Goal 1 - Decent Affordable Housing: Provide decent, safe, and affordable housing to improve the quality of lives, households, neighborhoods and community stability.

- Objective 1.1: Preserve, improve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low to moderate-income homeowners and renters
- Objective 1.2: Increase homeownership opportunities.
- Objective 1.3: Create suitable living environments that promote access to quality housing, elimination of blight and the acquisition of land for future affordable housing.

Goal 2 - Suitable living environments: Create environments that promote neighborhood improvement, elimination of slum and blight, increase accessibility and support the homeless.

- Objective 2.1: Provide support to the City's efforts to extend water and sewer to newly annexed areas, pave remaining unpaved streets and various community improvements.
- Objective 2.2: Support homeless programs and services providers to reduce the number of homeless while increasing their independence and self-sufficiency.
- Objective 2.3: Provide programs that eliminate slum and blight and increase the appearance of neighborhoods.

Goal 3 - Economic Opportunities: Create community investment programs designed to support entrepreneurship, economic empowerment, retention of businesses and job creation opportunities.

- Objective 3.1: Provide loan and grant programs to support the development and expansion of small businesses.
- Objective 3.2: Create job opportunities through entrepreneurship training, job skills training and the coordination of community resources.

A new five year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) will be required to continue receiving funding from HUD for the two identified programs.

### **Issues/Analysis:**

CDGB & HOME are Federal grant programs administered by HUD. The City must file a five year Consolidated plan to HUD for approval and then will file annual updates that must be consistent with that approved Consolidated plan. Now is the Council's opportunity to adjust funding priorities for the next five years within the limitations established by HUD. Changes to program allocations may impact the level of future funding available to service providers who have received funding in the past.

### **Budget Impact:**

The City contributes its required share of match to the HOME Grant. This year that amount is \$74,853 from the General Fund.

### **Options:**

Provide feedback regarding the upcoming 2019-2020 Economic & Community Development Annual Action Plan.

### **Recommended Action:**

This item is for information and discussion

**Attachments:**

Presentation: CDBG 2019 Annual Plan - 20-24 Consolidated Plan

Hand out: 15-19 Consolidated Plan Accomplishments