

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 2022

To: Gary Schmidt, Clackamas County Administrator

From: Rodney Cook, Director of Health Housing and Human Services (H3S);
Mark Sirois, Community Development Manager

RE: Review of

- **Project Funding Recommendations for 2022, 2023 and 2024,**
- **Final 2022 Action Plan grant applications and**
- **Final 2022-2026 (5-year) Consolidated Plan.**

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD

1. Review the attached draft Funding Recommendations for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 program years (These recommendations become part of the application to HUD).
2. Review 2022 Action Plan Document
3. Review 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan
4. Schedule final approval of the 2022 Action Plan, 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (which include/act as the grant applications and certifications for the HUD award) for the June 23rd Consent Agenda.

As per our discussion with BCC on April 7th, the attached list of project CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding Recommendations is usually part of the April Public Hearing (completed). However, this year HUD had not yet announced the allocation that was coming to Clackamas County so we could not finalize the proposed award amounts until now. Award amounts to applicants were not changed.

Background:

The attached Funding Recommendations for 2022 projects will be included in the 2022 Action Plan application to HUD. The Action Plan is the application for \$2,203,267 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,133,026 in HOME funds, and \$192,180 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds during the 2022 program year.

The Action Plan is the annual application to HUD for CDBG, HOME and ESG funding that is generally submitted by May 15th (45 days before the beginning of the program year on July 1st). The Funding Recommendations is a list of proposed projects that will receive grant funding. This year HUD announced the grant allocations on May 17th.

In 2021, a competitive process called Combined Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Public Meeting Notice was advertised in all County newspapers on October 13 and

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November 11 and posted at the Community Development website. Public meetings were held online on October 27 and November 16 to ask about community development needs and answer any questions on the application process. Applications for CDBG funding for program years 2022, 2023 and 2024 were collected from November 10 to December 22, 2021. Community Development Division (CDD) staff have reviewed all applications, visited some of the proposed sites and requested additional information from some applicants. CDD staff have also met with the Policy Advisory Board on February 9th to review, discuss and get approval on the draft 2022-2024 Funding Recommendations.

The draft 2022 Action Plan and the draft 2022-2026 Consolidated Plans were posted for review and comment on March 18th. A Notice of Public Hearing on April 7th was published in all County newspapers on March 18th and 19th with a link to the CDD website location of the draft Action Plan for review. CDD staff accepted all comments on the draft plan for a 30 day period that ended April 11, 2021.

BCC Next Steps:

Place the final 2022 Action Plan and the final 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, (which includes the 3 grant applications), on the June 23rd Consent Agenda. Once approved and signed by BCC, H3S/CDD staff will submit the grant applications, program certifications and associated plans to HUD. Three (3) grant awards will be returned to Clackamas County for signature by the County. H3S/CDD staff will then return these 3 grant agreements to HUD.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

During the application process in 2021, two public meetings were held: one on October 27 and one on November 16th. The Notice of Funding Opportunity was posted in all county newspapers and distributed through several county email distribution lists.

The Draft 2022 Action Plan and Notices for the April 7th Public Hearing were posted at the Community Development Website and the Public Hearing Notice was published in all County newspapers on March 16 and 17th. The public comment period was March 18 through April 11, 2022. The Public Hearing for any comments and testimony was held on April 7th with BCC. The final plan will be on the June 23rd BCC agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the BCC place the 3 grant applications, program certifications, final 2022 Action Plan and the final 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan on the June 23rd Consent Agenda for approval.

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