



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** July 21, 2020

**TO:** Jim Throop, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of the 2020-2024 Draft Consolidated Plan and Adoption of Resolution No. 6351(20) Approving the Consolidated Plan and Submission of the Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Hold a public hearing;
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 6351(20) (Attachment 1) approving 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (which includes the City Council Approved Fiscal Year 2020-21 Action Plan);
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign any required agreements or certifications; and
- 4) Authorize submission of the approved 2020-2024 Lompoc Consolidated Plan (Attachment 2) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the conclusion of the 7-business day public comment period (July 21, 2020); or
- 5) Provide alternate direction.

### **Background:**

Every five years, HUD requires communities that receive federal funds such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), develop a five-year plan known as the "Consolidated Plan" (Plan). The Plan consists of three sections: (1) needs assessment (2) strategic plan with five-year objectives for addressing community needs, and (3) an Action Plan for first year, which identifies the specific actions for that year.

The most current five year Plan submitted by the City to HUD was for 2016-2020. The next Plan was scheduled for 2021-2025. However, due to the City's partnership in the

HOME Consortium (Consortium) with the County of Santa Barbara (County) as the Lead Agency, the City's Plan Period must match the County Plan Period of 2020-2024. The City Council approved the period change from 2021-2025 to 2020-2024 by Resolution 6340(20) and TDA Consultants was contracted for assistance to meet the Plan deadline of August 3, 2020.

**Discussion:**

Community involvement is an important factor in identifying projects for funding under CDBG and HOME. To meet that objective, the City, in collaboration with the County of Santa Barbara and the HOME Consortium, held four public meetings, each with a primary focus:

- 1) Affordable Housing Residents;
- 2) Economic Development and Small Business;
- 3) Social Services/Advocacy/Non-Profits; and
- 4) Affordable Housing Developers/Stakeholders.

Meetings were held in Lompoc, Santa Maria, Goleta and Santa Barbara. While each meeting had a specific focus, all target groups were invited to all meetings and could discuss any topic of interest. This community feedback on the housing and community development needs helped shape the goal setting process to address the identified needs.

In addition, the City held a publicly noticed pre-application workshop on Monday, December 2, 2019, where the public and local non-profits expressed unmet community needs. In addition, the Community Development Division staff outreached with an online survey in both Spanish and English by way of the City Website, social media and direct emails to City stakeholders in order to provide the community's perception of public service activity funding priorities. 98 surveys were submitted.

Per the needs assessments, the community expressed the following top five greatest needs in the community for each category listed below:

**Underfunded and Greatest Need:**

- Affordable housing (both rental and homeownership opportunities)
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Employment training/work force development
- Services for disabled persons
- Renter resources/legal assistance

**Housing:**

- Providing decent, safe, affordable Housing
- Providing services for veterans
- Providing housing opportunities for Veterans
- Providing housing opportunities for people with special needs, like the frail elderly, or people with disabilities, alcohol or drug addiction, or HIV/AIDS

- Providing services for people that are homeless

Neighborhood Improvements:

- Providing after-school programs and childcare for children and youth
- Involving citizen in violence reduction and crime prevention efforts
- Providing wellness programs for infants, youth and adults
- Eliminating environmental hazards such as trash, vacant or dilapidated buildings and overgrown lots
- Building or improving streets, sidewalks, and drainage in the area

Economic Development (only 3 categories):

- Financing Projects that increase jobs
- Providing financing for job training programs
- Making low-interest business development loans to people with low or moderate incomes

Although there is a wide range of activities eligible for CDBG Funding and the community expressed a need for Code Enforcement and Economic Development, due to City Council's priorities and the capacity and resources of the CDBG Grant and Program, Code Enforcement and Economic Development activities are not of main focus in the Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan Priorities as listed below address many of the community expressed needs as follows:

- 1) Public Improvements-Facilities/Parks/Infrastructure;
- 2) Emergency Repair Grants for Affordable Housing Opportunities;
- 3) Homeless and Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs to Assist Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness; and
- 4) Human Service Program for Low and Moderate Income Persons to Assist Non-Homeless Special Needs Populations.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund the CDBG Budgets fully fund the CDBG Program.

The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget for the CDBG and Human Services Program funds for inclusion in the draft Plan were brought before the public and approved by City Council on June 16, 2020, with the 2020-21 Annual Action Plan by Resolution No. 6339(20).

**Conclusion:**

City Council adoption of Resolution No. 6351(20) will allow for 2020-24 Consolidated Plan to be submitted to HUD in accordance with HUD requirements.

