

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Eugene-Springfield 2015 One-Year Action Plan

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The City Council is asked to approve the Eugene-Springfield 2015 One-Year Action Plan that allocates funds received through two federal programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in FY16. Through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), Eugene may allocate new entitlement funds, program income, and unused money from previous years. Through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Eugene-Springfield Consortium may allocate new entitlement funds, program income, and unused money from previous years. The proposed allocation will advance affordable housing opportunities, support provision of human services, and expand economic opportunities in support of strategies identified in the Eugene-Springfield 2015 Consolidated Plan.

BACKGROUND

Each spring, the City Council approves funding allocations for use of CDBG and HOME funds into program areas for the next fiscal year. The proposed uses of funds are described and submitted to HUD each year in a document called the One-Year Action Plan. The Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2015. The proposed uses of funding must align with the local community needs and strategic plan described in the Eugene-Springfield 2015 Consolidated Plan. The 2015 Action Plan will be the first Action Plan of the Eugene-Springfield 2015 Consolidated Plan. The CDBG Advisory Committee advises the City on the use of CDBG funds and the intergovernmental Housing Policy Board (HPB) advises the City on the use of HOME funds. The Eugene City Council approved the Consolidated Plan summary that included priority needs and strategies for use of CDBG and HOME funds on April 15, 2015.

Following approval of the Action Plan, staff will work to identify viable projects within the allocation areas to advance the goals of the Consolidated Plan. As in previous years, staff will return to the council for approval for use of HOME and CDBG grant funding for specific affordable housing development projects.

Attachment A shows the priority needs and strategies identified in the 2015 Consolidated Plan. Attachment B is a summary of the Action Plan that provides descriptions of each recommended use of funds organized by the Consolidated Plan strategy it supports as well as summary tables for HOME funds received by the Eugene-Springfield HOME Consortium, CDBG funds received by Eugene, and CDBG funds received by Springfield.

CDBG Allocation Process

The primary purpose of CDBG is to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons. The City is a CDBG entitlement jurisdiction and has received annual entitlement grants since 1975. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Committee (a departmental advisory committee) reviewed proposed uses for CDBG funds, held a public hearing, and made a final recommendation to staff for use of CDBG funds on April 7, 2015.

The recommendation includes uses of new entitlement funds, program income, and unused funds from previous years. One comment was received during the public hearing in support of the proposed funding for capital improvements to the Lindholm Service Station. No written comments were received during the public comment period. The package of recommended uses will advance affordable housing opportunities, support provision of human services, expand economic opportunities, and support administration of CDBG programs. Attachment B provides a table showing the sources and recommended uses of CDBG funds.

HOME Allocation Process

The primary purpose of HOME is to expand the supply of housing affordable to low-income persons. The City is the lead entity in the Eugene-Springfield HOME Consortium, which has received annual entitlement grants since 1992. As in previous years, the intergovernmental Housing Policy Board (HPB) worked with Eugene and Springfield staff to develop a recommended allocation of funds. The HPB reviewed the proposed allocation, held a public hearing and made a final recommendation for allocation of HOME funds on April 6, 2015.

The recommendation includes uses of new entitlement funds, program income, and unused funds from previous years. There were no comments received during the public hearing or during the written comment period. The package of recommended uses will advance affordable housing opportunities, increase the capacity of local Community Housing Development Organizations, and support the administration of HOME programs. Attachment B provides a table showing the sources and recommended uses of HOME funds for the Eugene-Springfield HOME Consortium.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Action Plan must be developed in accordance with the Eugene-Springfield 2015 Consolidated Plan, which assesses local needs and establishes a five-year strategic plan. In order to allocate funds to specific programs or projects, HUD regulations require a citizen participation process, including advertising and conducting a public hearing, followed by City Council action.

The Action Plan is also consistent with other plans adopted by the local jurisdictions, such as the Residential Land Use and Housing Element of the Metropolitan Area General Plan, Eugene City Council Adopted Growth Management Policies, the Diversity and Equity Strategic Plan, the Lane County Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, and the Lane County Continuum of Care Plan. The proposed uses of funds also specifically support economic development and affordable housing goals set forth in the Envision Eugene Pillars.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council can approve, not approve, or modify the Eugene-Springfield 2015 One-Year Action Plan summary for use of Federal CDBG and HOME funds in FY16 provided in Attachment B.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends approval of the Eugene-Springfield 2015 One-Year Action Plan summary for use of Federal CDBG and HOME funds in FY16 provided in Attachment B.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the Eugene-Springfield 2015 One-Year Action Plan summary for use of Federal CDBG and HOME funds in FY16 provided in Attachment B.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Eugene-Springfield 2015 Consolidated Plan Priority Needs and Strategies Table
- B. Eugene-Springfield 2015 One-Year Action Plan Summary
- C. CDBG Advisory Committee and Housing Policy Board Membership

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