FY 2016 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan

Amendment

City of Columbia

Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines the City of Columbia as an entitlement community due to its population and demographics. As an entitlement community, the City of Columbia receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funding. The City of Columbia is required to submit an Annual Action Plan identifying community needs and funding priorities, in order to receive annual funding. The City of Columbia also values the importance of strategic planning when implementing the use of public funds. This Annual Action Plan is for program year 2016 and will become effective January 1, 2016. CDBG and HOME funding allocations have been trending downwards and that trend is expected to continue. This plan takes into account the increasing importance of identifying and prioritizing the most critical needs to be addressed with CDBG and HOME funds.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Columbia undertook a significant public input and planning process during the year leading up to the submission of its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Public input was obtained through community focus groups, citizen surveys and public hearings. The objectives and outcomes identified in the plan are a direct result of priority needs identified by the public. Citizens were asked to identify priority needs in five categories including economic development, affordable housing, fair housing, neighborhood needs and community facilities. The City also obtained significant public input through 3 public hearings and community need survey update pertaining to FY 2016 funding priorities. The City obtained responses from 186 individuals through the FY 2016 Community Development Needs Survey, which is the most responses it has ever received during this annual survey.

All objectives and outcomes identified in the plan will meet a national objective identified by HUD through providing decent affordable housing, creating suitable living environments and improving economic opportunity. This plan includes 16 production goals (deliverables) to ensure the most critical needs or highest priority needs are being addressed. The City of Columbia identified the following 16 production goals or objectives as a part of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan:

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Goals

1. Provide vocational training to 70 participants, particularly low-income youth.
2. Provide microloans to 15 small businesses with at least 51% low to moderate income employees.
3. Provide comprehensive rehabilitation to 50 owner-occupied housing units.
4. Provide minor home repairs to 200 owner-occupied housing units.

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5. Fund 1/2 FTE of a position to conduct code enforcement.
6. Provide homebuyer assistance in the form of down payment assistance to 65 eligible households.
7. Provide homebuyer education to 450 new homebuyers.
8. Construct 15 new affordable, energy efficient owner-occupied housing units with universal design features.
9. Provide development financing for 2 affordable housing developments funded through the Missouri Housing Development Commission.
10. Complete 5 infrastructure projects to increase neighborhood connectivity to amenities and services.
11. Construct 5 new bus shelters in the CDBG eligible area.
12. Remove 15 dilapidated structures within the NRT area.
13. Provide outreach and education to 150 low-income households regarding fair housing rights.
14. Provide fair housing education to 75 housing professionals.
15. Provide fair housing counseling to 50 low to moderate income renters.
16. Acquire, renovate, or expand 5 community facilities providing services to youth, homelessness, ex-offenders, and mental health.

FY 2016 CDBG Funding Allocations are follows:

Entity	Activity	Original	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
City of Columbia	NRT Code Enforcement	$35,000		$10,000
City of Columbia	NRT Demolition	$85,000		
City of Columbia	Rehab and Repair	$145,246		$170,246
Services for Independent Living	Minor Home Repair and Accessibility	$101,980		
City of Columbia	Community Solar	$40,000		
City of Columbia	Bus Shelters	$100,000		
Job Point	Vocational Training	$110,000		
Centro Latino	Exterior Renovations	$25,000	$30,320	
Boone County Family Resources	Demolition and Reconstruction	$25,000	$19,680	
City of Columbia	Fair Housing	$14,500		
City of Columbia	Administration	$100,000		
City of Columbia	Planning	$49,646		

Table 1 –

FY 2016 HOME Funding Allocations are follows:

Entity	Activity	Original	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
City of Columbia	Homeownership Assistance	$177,889	$173,543	
City of Columbia	Housing Rehab	$55,375		
Columbia Housing Authority	Oak Tower Renovations	$80,000		
CHDO set-aside	Community Housing Dev. Org	$62,654	$0	
Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity	115 Lynn Street Redevelopment		$23,500	$38,500
Job Point-COMO CHDO	105 Lynn Street Redevelopment		$23,500	$38,500
Central Missouri Community Action	103 Lynn Street Redevelopment		$20,000	$35,000
Job Point-COMO CHDO	700 Oak Street Redevelopment			$38,500
Central Missouri Community Action	3606 Woodside Drive-CHDO	$55,430		
City of Columbia	Administration	$41,769		

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City's is maintaining many of the programs it has historically operated and also adjusts its funding priorities to match annual priority needs identified by the public. Estimated costs are also associated with each production goal to ensure that goals are realistic and achievable. This plan focuses on the most critical community needs identified by the public.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Columbia held 4 public hearings and conducted a citizen survey while developing the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan. The Community Development Commission held a public hearing on January 21, 2015 where the City announced the release of its citizen survey and provided a forum for organizations and the public to provide input on community development needs for the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan. The Community Development Commission then held two additional hearings on May 13, 2015 and June 3, 2015 where local organizations applying for FY 2016 CDBG and/or HOME funds were provided the opportunity to present their proposal(s) and how they addressed community development needs identified in 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The City Council then held a budget hearing on August 17th where the Community Development Commission presented its funding recommendations to the City Council, and members of the public were allowed to comment. City Council is holding an additional hearing on April 4, 2016 to consider the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan and allow organizations and members of the public to comment on funding priorities within the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan.

5. Summary of public comments