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FY 2014-2015 Funding Recommendations and Annual Action Plan (Application) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds (B)

The City Commission is asked to consider recommendations for allocating CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2014-2015; and to authorize the submission of an Annual Action Plan (Application) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on the funding allocations that are approved by the City Commission. **ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES**

Each year the City of Gainesville receives an allocation of CDBG and HOME Program funds from HUD for local community development, housing activities, and public services. The total estimated CDBG and HOME program expenditures for FY 2014-2015 is \$1,850,064, which includes \$1,304,889 CDBG Program funding and \$545,175 HOME Program funding. The FY 2014 HUD CDBG and HOME Grant Award letter is attached for reference (Attachment A). The City's Housing & Community Development Division (HCD) administers the CDBG and HOME funds allocated to outside agencies and City projects.

In FY 2014-2015, a portion of the CDBG and HOME funds are set-aside for the City projects: City Housing Programs; Block Grant Administration; Code Enforcement; and Cold Weather Shelter for the homeless. In addition, a portion of the CDBG and HOME funds are made available to non-profit outside organizations and other public agencies through a competitive process that involves review and recommendations by the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD). The FY 2014-2015 CDBG and HOME funding set-asides are outlined in Attachment B.

On May 20, 2014, the CACCD formulated its recommendations on allocating the CDBG and HOME "competitive" set-aside for non-profit outside organizations and other public agencies. The CACCD's recommendations total \$214,685 for CDBG and \$110,947 for HOME. Copies of the CDBG and HOME applications that were reviewed by the CACCD are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission. The CACCD's funding recommendations for the CDBG and HOME Programs are included on Attachment C.

The Annual Action Plan (Application) that is submitted to HUD outlines the specific agencies and activities to be funded through CDBG and HOME in the next fiscal year. The Application will be based on the City Commission's approval of the FY 2014-2015 CDBG and HOME funding allocations. The City's Annual Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by August 15, 2014.

The total projected CDBG and HOME program expenditures for FY 2014-2015 is \$1,850,064. Sources of funding for each program are as follows: CDBG - \$1,304,889; and HOME - \$545,175.

The City Commission: 1) consider recommendations from the CACCD for the outside agencies that are designated to receive FY 2014-2015 CDBG and HOME funds ; 2) approve the FY 2014-2015 CDBG and HOME set-aside funding for City projects: City Housing Programs; Block Grant Administration; Code Enforcement; and Cold Weather Shelter for the homeless; 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan (Application), including all understandings and assurances

contained therein, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for financial assistance under the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program and to act on behalf of the City of Gainesville in all matters pertaining to the CDBG and HOME Programs; 4) authorize the City Manager or designee to take actions as appropriate to allocate the FY 2014-2015 CDBG and HOME funds; and 5) authorize the City Manager to execute subrecipient agreements with those outside agencies that are designated to receive FY 2014-2015 CDBG and HOME funding, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.