

Date: April 21, 2014

To: Mayor and Council

Through: Michael Kennington, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: FY 2014/2015 Annual Action Plan

Resolutions Authorizing:

- 1) CDBG Funding for Nonprofit Organizations (FY 2014/2015)
- 2) CDBG Funding for City Department Projects (FY 2014/2015)
- 3) HOME Funding for Nonprofit Organizations (FY 2014/2015)
- 4) HOME Funding for City Department Projects (FY 2014/2015)
- 5) ESG Funding for All Projects (FY 2014/2015)
- 6) Approval of the FY 2014/2015 Annual Action Plan

Council District: Citywide

**Strategic
Initiatives:**



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request that City Council approve the City's FY 2014/2015 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Plan includes the proposed activities and funding allocations for the FY2014/2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs and is consistent with the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan.



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Discussion

Mesa's Annual Action Plan for FY 2014/2015 contains the short-term goals and strategies, including specific activities recommended for funding through the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. The Plan is consistent with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan that incorporates objectives that foster the availability/accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of: 1) decent housing; 2) a suitable living environment; and 3) economic opportunity. The Plan attempts to achieve these objectives through targeted efforts to address priority affordable housing, homeless, special needs and community development (non-housing) issues. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan was approved by City Council in 2010.

The funding recommendations included in the Annual Action Plan (Attachment A) have been presented and modified in several public forums over the past year. These forums include:

- Public Hearing #1- Soliciting public input and comment for CDBG, ESG, and HOME projects for the upcoming fiscal year FY 14/15 October 17, 2013
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) – January 8 and 9, 2014
- Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) – January 7, 2014
- Community & Cultural Development Committee – January 30, and February 6, 2014
- City Council– February 27, 2014
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Board - April 3, 2014 (Required Public Hearing #2)

Authorization is requested to approve the funding recommendations with resolutions authorizing the City Manager to proceed with an application to HUD for FY2014/2015 funding through the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. A single resolution approving the City of Mesa's FY 2014/2015 Annual Action Plan is also requested. Mesa's application is due to HUD by May 15, 2014.

Funding recommendations were based on an assumption that Mesa would receive a five percent decrease of funding. Mesa was notified by HUD that level funding for CDBG, HOME and ESG will be in effect for FY 2014/15. Allocations have been finalized by HUD, and staff followed the approved methodology that City Council approved on February 27, 2014 to increase funding to the highest rated commitments.

The required 30-day public comment period concluded on April 10, 2014. All comments received during the 30-day public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Annual Action Plan as required. As of April 3, 2014 no comments have been received.

Coordinated With

The proposed CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs have been reviewed with applicants, citizens, other city departments, and the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board. These meetings, as well as the Proposed Program Statement, meet the Citizen Participation requirements set by HUD for participation in these federal programs.