

# **HOME Program FY 16-17 Application Process**



**Presentation to City Council  
November 19, 2015**

# Presentation and Request for Council Direction

- Change to an Open Application Process for HOME Program for FY 16/17
- Approve funding amounts for HOME Activities and timeline

# HOME Program Overview

- Flexible gap financing to improve access to safe, decent and affordable housing
- Flexible use of funds to address wide range of housing needs
  - homeownership
  - rental housing
  - rehabilitation
  - rental assistance
- Nationally, every HOME dollar leverages at least \$4 in additional investments
- Current allocation FY 15/16 is \$932,007

# Open Application vs Annual Process

- Mesa most recently held a single application process for HOME applications
- Propose to implement an Open Application in which applications can be submitted year-round
  - There would be an initial deadline of 12/23 for all projects submitting to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit competition seeking City commitment

# Funding Activities in HOME Program

## **Service Activity**

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Home Owner Rehabilitation
- Home Ownership

## **Brick & Mortar**

- Development loans for rental housing development



# Open Process Advantages

- **Funding**
  - More effective utilization of funding over program year
- **Flexibility**
  - Allows Council to approve projects throughout the year which align with City priorities
- **Improved use of staff resources**
  - Review and underwriting is improved for each project
- **Responsiveness**
  - Developers are better informed on funding availability and viability of project

# Council Review and Approval Dates

- Feb 11, 2016:
  - First Review and Approval of projects by Cultural and Community Development Board
- Feb 25, 2016
  - Review and Approval of Funding
- Any projects submitted after first review will be :
  - Evaluated by staff based on Council priorities and funding availability
  - Submitted to Council for review and funding approval if determined to meet requirements

# Request for Council Direction

- Change to an Open Application Process for HOME Program for FY 16/17
  - Rental Housing Development Loans- \$500,000
  - Open HOME application- Nov. 30th
  - First submission deadline- Dec. 23rd
- Approve funding for HOME program activities:
  - TBRA - \$100,000
  - Home Ownership - \$238,807
  - The funding for these two activities can be modified when making final funding recommendations



# **Questions and Discussion**