

DATE: May 7, 2012
TO: Mesa City Council
THROUGH: Scott Bouchie, Acting Assistant to the City Manager
FROM: Tammy Albright, Director, Housing and Community Development Department;
Mary Berumen, Director, Housing and Revitalization Division
SUBJECT: Mesa Substantial Amendments

Resolutions Authorizing:

- 1) The Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan; and,
- 2) The First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14

Covering the Following Programs:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG)

Council District: Citywide

**STRATEGIC
INITIATIVES:**



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request that City Council approve resolutions authorizing two Substantial Amendments as follows:



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- 1) The Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan;
and,
- 2) The First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14.

The Second Amendment to the City's FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan is required to receive a mid-year allocation from HUD of \$84,847 for the revised Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program and as a prerequisite to receiving FY 2012/2013 ESG funding.

The First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14 is required to incorporate minor administrative adjustments, additional voucher program definitions, and the definition of deteriorated or deteriorating areas to the Plan. This Amendment improves the City's capacity to respond to the changing demographic environment within Mesa and provides increased flexibility to address identified needs.

Staff is recommending approval of both Substantial Amendments as submitted.

Discussion

The City of Mesa's Second Substantial Amendment to its FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan (Attachment A) is required to receive a mid-year Emergency Solutions Grant allocation from HUD of \$84,847 and as a prerequisite to receiving FY 2012/2013 ESG funding. In accordance with revised program guidelines, staff is recommending that the mid-year allocation of \$84,847 be allocated for use on Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) activities. Furthermore, to meet the limited time constraints of this mid-year allocation, staff is recommending that these activities be coordinated "in house" utilizing the same staff that operated the City's prior HPRP program.

The City of Mesa's First Substantial Amendment to its 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14 (Attachment B) is necessary to update the Consolidated Plan to include the following revisions and/or additions required to meet the City's goals and objectives:

- A revised Citizen Participation Plan (Attachment C)
- Project-based Vouchers
- Sponsor-based Vouchers
- Designation of deteriorated or deteriorating areas
- Priority Housing Needs revision
- Affordability Table revision (recapture/resale provisions)

A 30-day public comment period for both Substantial Amendments began on March 29th, 2012, and concluded on Monday, April 30, 2012.

A public hearing for both Amendments was also held at a Special Meeting of the Housing Advisory Board on Thursday, April 5th, 2012 to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment in person on either Amendment. No comments were received at the hearing.

At the same meeting, the Housing Advisory Board, in an 8-0 vote, made formal recommendations for each Amendment that they be adopted by Council as submitted.

Fiscal Impact

Failure to approve the Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan would make the City ineligible for the \$84,847 mid-year ESG allocation as well as future funding under this program.

Coordinated With

The proposed Substantial Amendments have been released to the public, applicants, other city departments and the Housing Advisory Board for review and/or comment and meet the Citizen Participation requirements set by HUD for participation in these federal programs.

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