

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Approving the annual 2017-2018 Consolidated Action Plan statement of activities and use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities For Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal financial assistance for planning and community development activities under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, (pl 93-383); the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended (pl 101-625); the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 as amended (pl 106-400); the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009; and the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (pl 102-550); and for activities to be funded by program income and/or reprogramming funds from prior grant years. (Mayor Harp)

REPORT: 1528-07

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The Annual Consolidated Action Plan includes proposed activities to be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) community development programs. Recommendations adhere to the guidelines, objectives, and procedures set forth in the city's local Citizen Participation Plan and the Five Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan for 2015 through 2019 goals and objectives.

The overall goal of HUD's community planning and development programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons. This goal is consistent with the City's primary goal and mission when utilizing its Consolidated Plan resources -- the comprehensive systematic revitalization of the City and its residents neighborhood by neighborhood. This goal will be achieved through the support of new development and redevelopment, physical improvements, the provision of public facilities and services, and workforce and economic development.

The mayor's proposed budget for FY 2017-2018 reflects anticipated federal revenues available for each program. The national budget for these programs is subject to change, pending congressional authorization and approval by the president. The Statement of Activities and Use of Funds contains activities to be funded by funds reprogrammed and/or program income from prior year's CDBG activities. Before submitting this statement to HUD, the Mayor and other public officials have heard citizen views on housing and community development needs. A citizen participation plan was also submitted to the Board describing consultation and outreach efforts and information and data regarding the activities the City will undertake and carry out in the coming year with financial assistance from HUD. In addition, the City prepared an analysis to impediments of fair housing choice in order to affirmatively further fair housing choices in the city as part of the submission of the Annual Consolidated Action Plan.

The Annual 2017-2018 Consolidated Action Plan Statement of Activities and Use of Funds has been on file at the office of the City/Town Clerk, 200 Orange, for at least thirty-five days for the purpose of public inspection and copies of the same were also made available to the public.

In case of adjustments to the city's funding based on the congressional funding once approved, the adjustment will not exceed the original funding request.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990; The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000; the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009; the Aids Housing Opportunity Act (AHOA), HUD is authorized to provide financial assistance to cities for undertaking and carrying out community development activities on an annual basis. And under the provisions of an Act concerning Community Development, Connecticut Municipalities are authorized to undertake community development programs in accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. In accordance with the federal regulations requiring Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs (24 CFR 91), the Mayor has requested the preparation and submission of the Annual 2017-2018 Consolidated Action Plan.

The Commission by custom does not undertake a line-by-line review of the Consolidated Plan. However, certain aspects of the budget and plan are of particular interest to the Commission as they advance the overall efforts of sound land use planning, environmental protection, neighborhood revitalization, and economic development.

The recommended FY 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan continues to promote neighborhood stability; provide programs for individuals to help achieve a better quality of life, and support New Haven's long-range community development efforts. Programs and services in the Annual Action Plan include providing affordable housing opportunities on a variety of configurations, improved public facilities, safe parks, and public spaces. Recommendations also ensure the availability of needed public services and supportive programs for all residents, with priority given to the support of special needs populations and homeless services, including job training and youth programs. Implementation of the proposed plan will address gaps in critically needed services as identified within the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

ADVICE

The Commission approves the goals and objectives of the consolidated Annual Action Plan 2016-2017 without reference to particular amounts.

ADOPTED: March 23, 2017
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
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Executive Director