



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 05/13/2025

REQUESTER: Lisa D. Krieg

PRESENTER: Lisa D. Krieg, CDBG Grants Manager

ITEM TITLE: CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE PROPOSED 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FIRST YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE FIFTY-FIRST YEAR NORMAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION WHICH INCLUDES THE 2025 HOME PROGRAM TOTALING \$1,334,879 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

BACKGROUND:

The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan reflects a comprehensive planning approach to identify and address the needs of low-to-moderate income residents of Norman. Incorporated in the plan are a community profile of needs, goals and objectives related to housing, homeless persons, community development (including facilities, infrastructure, public services, and economic development), public and assisted housing needs, and other issues including fair housing and lead-based paint; and a strategic plan to address those needs. The Consolidated Plan was unanimously recommended for approval by the Community Development Policy Committee on April 23, 2025.

The one-year Action Plan for the Fifty-First Year Community Development Block Grant Program (\$944,814) and the 2025 (FYE26) HOME Program (\$390,065) includes the proposed use of funds with references to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Objectives and expected performance outcomes, and totals \$1,334,879.

NOTE: Due to the delay of Congress adopting the FY24 Federal Budget, the actual formula appropriation has not been received by the City of Norman as of this date. In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan and guidance from CPD-24-01, this First Year Action Plan is based upon estimated allocations. Adjustments will be made as follows once the allocation amount is formally received: CDBG – increases or reductions will be made with in the Housing Rehabilitation Cost Center; HOME Investment Partnerships – increases or reductions will be made within the Development of Affordable Housing Cost Center. These adjustments should be relatively minor based upon award projection information provided by HUD. If substantial changes are warranted outside of these two cost centers, the Citizen Participation Process will begin again to adjust for the changes.

This plan is the product of public outreach, public hearings, and consultation with multiple agencies that serve the needs of low and moderate-income residents of Norman and agencies that serve the needs of special populations.

A complete draft of this document was made available for public review beginning April 24, 2025. Public Comments will be received until May 30, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The First Year Action Plan is based upon research which utilized existing documents, and the recommendations of the Community Development Policy Committee as a result of a formal citizen participation process. This process included multiple interactions with interested parties and also opportunities for citizen participation from the general public. This year these interactions were conducted in person and included neighborhood meetings for the target neighborhoods; multiple individual and focus group meetings where specific information regarding public services, public facilities, housing, homelessness, and economic development/anti-poverty were discussed; in January 2025, the annual Community Dialogue on housing and community development needs was held where issues that affect low and moderate income citizens were discussed in addition to the election of Policy Committee Representatives. The CDBG Policy Committee met twice and included an review of the previous Action Plan and the current and proposed Consolidated Plan's Goals and Objectives and discussed the information that was assembled from the Community Dialogue, neighborhood meetings and focus groups.

The CDBG and HOME projects proposed include housing rehabilitation and related housing projects at \$506,312. The housing related projects include housing rehabilitation and accessibility modifications in addition to staff support for these programs. In efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing, the majority of the \$390,065 of the HOME Investment Partnerships will be programmed to allow for development and partnership with a Community Housing Development Organization. Again included within this year's Action Plan is the focus on revitalization efforts for three specific neighborhoods, Old Silk Stocking, Original Townsite and First Courthouse. This grant proposal is in compliance with the statutory caps for Administration and Public Services. All projects are listed in the attached 2025-2026 First Year Action Plan.

A thirty-day comment period on the proposed Consolidated Plan and First Year Action Plan ends on May 30, 2025. After approval by the Norman City Council, and the official notification of the CDBG and HOME awards, the Consolidated Plan and First Year (2024-2025) Action Plan will be forwarded to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for review.

Funds for CDBG and HOME projects have been included in the FYE 2026 City of Norman annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the First Year Action Plan which includes the Fifty-First Year Community Development Block Grant Program and the 2025 HOME Program are recommended as proposed.