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AGENDA
City of Biloxi Public Hearing
CDBG Entitlement Program: 2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2020 Action Plan
and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment
5:30 pm Thursday, May 7, 2020

I. Introductions and Welcome

II. Purposes of Hearing & CDBG Entitlement Program Overview

- a. Citizen Participation Plan Substantial Amendment - incorporates federal regulations and guidance to address natural disasters and update outreach to expand public access to CDBG Entitlement Program information
- b. 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan Planning and Development
- c. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) National Objectives & Fact Sheet

III. 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & 2020 Action Plan Planning and Development

Public Review Draft Available	Thurs., May 8
30-Day Public Comment Period Ends	Mon., June 8
City Council ConPlan & Action Plan Approval/Adoption	Tues., August 4 or 11
Submit to HUD	before Fri., August 14

III. 2020 Program Year Anticipated CDBG Resources and Proposed Expenditures

HUD has notified the City that it will receive a PY2020 CDBG Entitlement allocation of \$462,382 and it projects it will generate program income of about \$175,789, based on past program years. The City does not anticipate carrying forward any funds from previous program years. PY2020 expenditures by projects will be developed and presented prior to approval by the City and submittal to HUD.

IV. Citizen Participation

Oral and/or written comments you have concerning the City of Biloxi’s housing and/or non-housing community development needs are valued and will be considered during development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan as will comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan.

Written comments about the Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan may be delivered to Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Manager at 214-A Delauney Street in downtown Biloxi; emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us; or mailed to Federal Programs Manager P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

V. Conclusion

Information about the City of Biloxi’s CDBG Entitlement Program is available on the City of Biloxi website: www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/

FACT SHEET
2020 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN
FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

Summary

The 2020 One-Year Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is designed to develop a coordinated and cooperative effort to identify housing, community development and supportive housing needs of the City of Biloxi. The Action Plan is based on prioritized needs and strategies for meeting those needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Both the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan are designed by HUD to consolidate the planning and application requirements for four HUD Community Planning and Development formula grant programs, as follows:

1. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
2. Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)
3. Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA)
4. Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

The three broad goals of the four HUD Community Planning and Development programs are as follows:

1. To provide decent housing;
2. To provide a suitable living environment; and
3. To expand economic opportunities.

Community Development Block Grant Program

Biloxi is an entitlement city under the rules of HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and as such, receives an annual allocation of funding, which in Program Year 2020 is \$462,382. Biloxi does not receive an annual allocation of funds under the HOPWA, ESG or HOME programs but must work with other agencies to compete for funding from the programs.

During PY2020, the City anticipates generating program income of about \$175,789 and does not anticipate carrying forward any funds from previous program years. This brings CDBG resources anticipated to be available for Program Year 2020 to approximately \$638,171.

Availability of Information

Information concerning the Action Plan, the Consolidated Plan, the Assessment of Fair Housing/Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program can be obtained at the Biloxi Federal Programs Manager's Office, located at 214-A Delauney Street in downtown Biloxi, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

National Objectives of Community Development Block Grant Program

1. Projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A project or activity will be considered to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons if it is designed to meet identified needs of low- and moderate-income persons.
2. Projects that prevent or eliminate slums or blight.
3. Projects designed to meet needs having a particular urgency.

PROJECTS MUST MEET AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

Examples of Basic Eligible Activities for the CDBG Program

1. Acquisition of property for a public purpose.
2. Public facilities infrastructure improvements including water improvements, wastewater improvements, solid waste improvements, streets and storm drainage improvements, etc.
3. Urgent needs and emergency grants to address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
4. Interim assistance requiring immediate action to alleviate emergency conditions.
5. Relocation payment and assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals, families, businesses and organizations, and reimbursement for loss of rental income incurred in holding housing units to be utilized by relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities.
6. Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of privately owned utilities.
7. Special economic development activities.
8. Public services to address high priority unmet community needs.

2020 CDBG Resources*	
Anticipated Entitlement Allocation	\$462,382
Anticipated Program Income	175,789
Estimated carryover funds (previously allocated but not used)	0
Anticipated TOTAL:	\$638,171

2020 CDBG Expenditures	
Program Administration (20% HUD cap)	
Administration – % of salary and/or consultant fee for program administration; publication of notices; legal and environmental review services; Fair Housing Act compliance activities; implementation of Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and other eligible costs	\$100,000
Public Services Activities	
Agencies to be determined through application process	\$ 80,000
Capital Projects	
Complete East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Phase I (Dorries to Crawford Streets)	\$100,000
Design and implement East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Phase II (Hopkins Boulevard to Porter Avenue)	\$358,171
Anticipated TOTAL:	\$638,171

* In April 2020, the City of Biloxi received a CARES Act allocation of \$272,001, which it was instructed to program in its PY2019 Action Plan for eligible CDBG projects that help the City prepare for, address and respond to COVID-19. If all funds have not been expended by September 30, 2020, the end of Program Year 2019, the unexpended amount may be carried forward to fund eligible PY2020 activities.