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AGENDA REPORT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 9/18/2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Community Development Department

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing for City Council consideration to receive comments and file the 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, and authorize the Community Development Director to submit the report to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council:

- 1. Receive and file the 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.
- 2. Authorize the Community Development Director to submit the report to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ANALYSIS:

Federal regulations require the City of Corona to prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) in connection with the City of Corona's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program grants received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This informational report includes an assessment of activities implemented by the City and its community partners with CDBG and HOME funds from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 to address the needs of low- and moderate-income residents. Submission of this report marks the completion of the fourth year in the current five-year planning cycle that covers July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

For the 2018-2019 program year, the City received \$1,215,328 of CDBG funds and \$472,950 of HOME funds from HUD, which were combined in the Action Plan with \$169,490 of prior year unspent CDBG funds for a total investment of \$1,857,768. This investment of CDBG and HOME funds was a catalyst for positive change in the community. The following highlights the activities implemented by

the City and its community partners during the recent completed fiscal year.

• Provided affordable housing preservation and rehabilitation assistance to 7 low- and moderate -income homeowners.

The City's Residential Rehabilitation Program completed two forgivable loans of approximately \$25,000 to low-moderate income owners of single family homes. An additional four loans were made during the fiscal year that were in construction as of June 30. Habitat for Humanity of Riverside County provided painting, landscaping and minor home repairs for five low-moderate income owners of manufactured housing units.

• Provided fair housing services to 1,671 residents.

The City of Corona provided financial support to the Fair Housing Council of Riverside which provides fair housing outreach, education and enforcement activities, including landlord-tenant matters. The Fair Housing Council assisted 1,671 residents.

• Provided homelessness prevention and assistance services to six residents.

The City of Corona provided funding to Community Connect and Inspire Life Skills Training in support of their on-going effort and service to prevent homelessness. The Inspiring Hope Program provided housing, living costs, training and academic and life skills support to six former foster and at-risk homeless youths.

• Provided Code Enforcement inspections to bring 158 housing units into compliance.

The City's Code Enforcement officers brought 158 housing units into compliance with local codes to ensure safe housing provided to low-moderate income residents, of the CDBG Target Areas.

• Provided graffiti removal services in the CDBG Target Areas.

The City provided graffiti removal services in low and moderate income neighborhoods to prevent blight.

• Provided services for 136 residents with special needs.

The Ridgers Program by Peppermint Ridge provided advocacy and wellness support during medical visits to 82 adults that have developmental and intellectual disabilities. The Corona-Norco United Way provided family support service and counseling to 54 residents that are victims of domestic violence.

• Provided services for 227 low- and moderate-income residents.

The Corona Norco United Way under their Children and Youth Success tutoring program provided services to 75 schoolchildren to help them succeed in the classroom. The Corona Norco YMCA provided a fine arts education program to 108 children of low- and moderate-

income families. The Council on Aging Long Term Care Ombudsman program inspected licensed residential care facilities in the City and provided direct services to 25 residents of such facilities. The Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire provided youth mentoring to 19 girls.

• Provided microenterprise business technical assistance services to 10 low-moderate income Corona entrepreneurs.

This program provided enterprise business owners or persons interested in forming microenterprises with technical assistance in areas such as business plan writing, mircrofunding options, marketing, management, human resources, accounting and financial management.

• Completed the design of the 2018-2019 CDBG Sidewalk Project that will be constructed during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Citizen Participation

HUD regulations require the 2018-2019 CAPER to be made available to citizens for public comment and to be considered by the City Council at a public hearing. In accordance with HUD regulations, a public notice was published in the *Sentinel Weekly News* on August 28, 2019 inviting the public to comment on the CAPER. The draft CAPER was available for public review at the City Clerk's Office, Corona Public Library, Community Development Department and online at <u>www.CoronaCA.gov/cdbg</u> <<u>http://www.CoronaCA.gov/cdbg></u>.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The CDBG and HOME grants received from HUD are consistent with the Strategic Plan goal to *Actively Engage in Public and Private Partnerships to Provide Services and Amenities,* as the monies allow the City to seek creative partnership opportunities to allow private agencies to provide programs and services for youth, senior and special needs groups within the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with submission of the City's 2018-2019 CAPER to HUD.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

There is no environmental impact associated with the submission of the 2018-2019 CAPER, or submission of the report to HUD. This action is exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act and does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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Attachment:

1. 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.