



Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2020-105R, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against Resolution 2020-105R, approving a Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2020-2024 that provides guidance for annual Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") allocations; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to act as the Official Representative of the City in matters related to the CDBG Program; declaring an effective date, and consider approval of Resolution 2020-105R.

Meeting date: May 19, 2020

Department: Planning and Development Services

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Funds Available: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: On March 3, 2020, City Council receive a staff presentation regarding City Council priority needs for drafting the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and commented on the proposed renewal of the Citizen Participation Plan, and provided direction to the City Manager.

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Workforce Housing

Workforce Development

City Facilities

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☒ Economic Development - Choose an item.

☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☒ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☒ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Core Services
- ☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

Background Information:

The federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the creation of a Consolidated Plan that sets strategic priorities and goals for next five years of HUD grant funding, identifies types of activities the City will fund, and acts as the foundation for future one-year Action Plans. HUD grants received by San Marcos that are included in this Plan are CDBG Entitlement, CDBG-DR (Disaster Recovery), CDBG-MIT (Mitigation), and the new CDBG-CV (Coronavirus Response). Priority needs for the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT have been recently reviewed by City Council as part of their action planning processes, and those are included in the Consolidated Plan for each of those grants. Potential uses for CDBG-CV funding will be included in an amendment to the 2019 Action Plan, to be considered separately, and have been included in very general terms in this Consolidated Plan.

On March 3, 2020, after considering public comments received, the City Council selected the following as the Priority Needs for the 2020-2024 CDBG Entitlement program:

- Affordable Housing
- Public Services
- Public Facilities

The draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was published for public comment on March 13, 2020, for the public comment period from March 15 - April 14, 2020. After publication, additional information was received from consultations with public services providers and incorporated into the draft. In addition, the data included in the draft was refined using the CPD Maps tool provided by HUD. No comments were received.

In March and April, as the need for response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic became clear, the federal government passed legislation providing additional funding for CDBG through CDBG20-CARES, and HUD published guidance on the use of CDBG funds for COVID-19 response.

In order to provide the broadest possible availability to fund future programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff recommends adding Economic Development as a Priority Need. With the addition of this Priority Need, City Council can consider funding programs annually in all four categories, plus the category

Urgent Need.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

City staff recommends approval of the resolution.