City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 15, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Adoption of the Community Development Block Grant 2025-

2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-2026 Action Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and, upon accepting public testimony:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09, approving a) the City's Five Year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan; and b) the 2025-2026 Action Plan, including any modifications or amendments as directed by the City Council;
- 2. Authorize staff to modify the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-2026 Action Plan based on City Council's direction; and
- 3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute and transmit all necessary documents, ensuring the City's timely receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

BACKGROUND

The City of Hesperia receives CDBG funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually. To continue receiving these funds, the City must prepare and submit the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, which establishes a strategic vision for housing, community, and economic development actions.

Additionally, each year, HUD requires the submission of a one-year Action Plan detailing planned projects, goals, and budgets for the CDBG program. The 2025-2026 Action Plan represents the first year of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

Consolidated Plan (2025-2029)

Covering the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029, the Consolidated Plan identifies housing and community development priorities and strategies. The needs analysis incorporates data from the 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, HUD-supplied data, a public hearing, two community meetings held in October 2024, and consultations with local agencies and stakeholders.

A community needs survey was conducted, receiving 207 responses. The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan aligns CDBG fund usage with HUD's national goals to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families.



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Priority Needs and Goals:

- Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements Enhancing public infrastructure to create a suitable living environment.
- Equal Access to Housing Opportunities Supporting fair housing initiatives.

Goals:

- Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements: Enhancing public infrastructure for low- and moderate-income individuals, including the elderly and disabled.
- Fair Housing Services: Furthering fair housing through education, counseling, antidiscrimination measures, and landlord-tenant mediation.
- Planning and Administration: Ensuring compliance with federal regulations to implement priority needs and goals.

One-Year Action Plan (2025-2026)

The 2025-2026 Action Plan outlines goals, budgets, and projects for the CDBG program from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$972,781 in CDBG funds for the following projects:

Budget (Estimated)
\$848,781
\$24,000
\$100,000

Total: \$972,781

Citizen Participation in the Development of all Plans

In compliance with federal regulations and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the Notice of Public Hearing and document availability were published in the Victorville Daily Press on March 16, 2025.

Draft documents were available for public review from March 16, 2025, through April 15, 2025, at the Hesperia Economic Development division, City Clerk's Office, Hesperia Public Library, and on the City's website. The public hearing on April 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. offers further opportunities for public input. Comments received will be incorporated into the final document before submission to HUD.

Department Recommendations

Exhibit A includes recommendations for 2025-2026 CDBG-funded activities. All recommended activities have received prior CDBG funding and are monitored by the City's Economic Development division for compliance. The City Council may modify or reject staff recommendations and propose alternative allocations.

Following the 30-day review period, the City Council is encouraged to adopt the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-2026 Action Plan on April 15, 2025. Staff will adjust activity budgets per City Council direction before submission to HUD.

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CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Future Development - Facilitate balanced growth to ensure cohesive community development and pursue economic development.

FISCAL IMPACT

To receive annual allocations, HUD requires submission of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-2026 Action Plan. The City's 2025-2026 CDBG entitlement is approximately \$972,781. Approval of the recommended action adopts the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-2026 Action Plan and allocates resources for programs and activities, integrating them into the Economic Development division's 2025-2026 CDBG budget. CDBG funds may only be used for eligible expenses as outlined in the 2025-2026 Action Plan.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 1. Resolution No. 2025-09
- 2. Application Notebooks (Binders provided under separate cover)
- 3. Exhibit A: Department Action Plan Budget Recommendation
- 4. Exhibit B: Application Summary Matrix
- 5. A copy of the draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and draft 2025-2026 Action Plan (on file with the City Clerk and available on the City's website)