

**Update on Housing Assistance Program, Homeless
Strategies and FY 17-18 CDBG Prioritization Discussion**

Community Services Department
August 16, 2016 City Council Workshop Presentation

I. Housing Assistance Program

Currently...

- Glendale has 1,054 Federally-Funded "Housing Choice Vouchers" (HCV). Annual subsidy (HAP) valued at \$7.7 million
- HCV Vouchers are used to assist approximately 3,400 persons with long term rental assistance:
 - Safe, decent and sanitary living conditions
 - Provision of affordable housing
 - Geographic location of affordable housing varies throughout Glendale
- Participant rent is based on 30% of the family's annual adjusted income & the federal HAP subsidy pays the remainder

I. Housing Assistance Program

If approved...

- Up to 20% of the HCV rental assistance funds could be used to guarantee revenue to developers/property owners for long term monthly rental subsidy payments for:
 - New construction of affordable multi-family housing
 - Existing affordable multi-family housing
 - Rehabilitation of affordable multi-family housing
- Represents up to \$1.5 million in rental subsidy to incent new Centerline development/redevelopment through Project-Based Vouchers (PBV)
- Developers could use PBV as a financial tool to create affordable and mixed-use housing to designate specific apartments for eligible families in Centerline Area

* Unanimously recommended by the CDAC at July 9, 2016 Meeting

I. Housing Assistance Program

Next steps...

- City must modify current Section 8 Administrative Plan to include policies for PBV
- Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) review and recommendation, and Council approval in March 2017
- If approved, forwarded to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for final review, and approval by July 2017
- Collaborate with Economic Development on RFP Process to notify prospective Centerline Developers

II. New Homeless Strategies

Current City Efforts...

- Community Action Agency assisted 1,033 individuals via \$785,000 in funds
- Community Revitalization funded \$269,500 to 813 persons
- Community Housing assisted and housed 3,800 persons
- Member of regional MAG Continuum on Homelessness which funded \$26 million in regional homeless assistance
- Partnered with ASU Morrison Institute & CDAC to assess current efforts

II. New Homeless Strategies

Over past 12 months...

- Partnered with Morrison Institute to assess efforts and identify best practices and potential stakeholders
- Developed new quarterly team consisting of Glendale Police Department, City Court, Fire Department and Community Services
- Met with the Chamber of Commerce & surveyed Centerline business owners
- Dialoged with faith-based organizations via Neighborhood Alliance
- Interviewed Glendale Elementary School District and the Glendale Union High School District
- Three public presentations/discussions with the CDAC

II. New Homeless Strategies

CDAC Recommendation...

1. Identify funds for a dedicated Homeless Liaison
2. Create a unified team within the City and with City partners
3. Improve communication
4. Improve data collection
5. Reevaluate enforcement capabilities
6. Annual review of efforts with CDAC and Council

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III. FY 17-18 CDBG Prioritization

Currently...

- Glendale receives an annual federal allocation from HUD to fund Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs
- For the current year, the City was allocated \$2.9 million in federal funding for these programs
- Programs collectively assist over 114,108 Glendale residents annually

III. FY 17-18 CDBG Prioritization

Current Funding Priorities...

- Keeping people in their homes
- Assisting with core needs such as food, utilities and shelter
- Supporting home delivery of meals and shelter services
- Providing emergency home repair
- Housing rehabilitation programs
- Demolishing and clearing blighted structures
- Emphasizing revitalization of Centerline/Redevelopment Area

* Unanimous CDAC Recommendation: Maintain existing list and add "Funding of workforce development" as additional priority.

III. FY 17-18 CDBG Prioritization

If approved...

- September 7, 2016 - orientation with potential grantees
- October 24, 2016 - all applications due
- December 2016/January 2017 – Presentations to CDAC
- February 2017 – CDAC review and final approval
- March/April 2017 – Council review and approval
- May 15, 2017 - submittal to HUD for approval
- July/August 2017 – release of funds

Questions?