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# CITY OF POMONA

## COUNCIL REPORT

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September 9, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds;
- 2) Upon conclusion of the public hearing, direct staff to incorporate comments received into the final FY 2018-2019 CAPER;
- 3) Approve the FY 2018-2019 CAPER for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City of Pomona receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from HUD annually. As a requirement of receiving these funds, the City must submit an application known as the Consolidated Plan every five years, must submit an Annual Action Plan by May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year prior to receiving the funds, and must submit a CAPER by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year after closeout of the City's program year. Staff has prepared the attached CAPER outlining the accomplishments of FY 2018-2019 for City Council review prior to it being submitted to HUD by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

NONE

**PUBLIC NOTICING REQUIREMENTS:**

In accordance with Federal requirements for public noticing, a 15-day notice of public comment for the CAPER was published on Thursday, August 22, 2019, in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin.

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:**

The City Council approved the FY 2018-19 Annual Action Plan on June 18, 2018.

**DISCUSSION:**

This FY 2018-19 CAPER (Attachment 1) represents the first performance report for the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan which covers the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The CAPER meets all content requirements as established by HUD and is consistent with the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER outlines and evaluates the overall progress the City has made in carrying out its goals and objectives in utilizing Federal entitlement funds awarded during FY 2018-2019. The CAPER was made available to the public for a 15-day public comment period commencing on August 22, 2019, and is presented to the Council for approval prior to submittal to HUD.

The statute requires the City to provide, at a minimum, two public hearings per year with at least one focused on program performance. During various stages of the development of the FY 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan, the City held two public hearings and distributed a Community Needs Survey.

The CDBG Community Needs Survey was placed on the City's website for on-line completion and was delivered to sixteen community centers for resident input. The on-line survey and the hard copy survey were available in both Spanish and English. Outreach efforts to promote the on-line survey included: mailing postcards to over 44,000 households with access information, notifying residents through the citywide Nixle-system and posting information on the City of Pomona Facebook page. Other outreach efforts to solicit citizen participation included: staff hosting community meetings to receive input from residents, soliciting input from Pomona community agencies and local government partners, and requesting feedback from City Departments and the Pomona Housing Authority.

This public hearing will allow for public input during the 15-day CAPER public comment period on the City's progress in meeting goals outlined in the FY 2018-2019 Action Plan.

## **Highlights of Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

In FY 2018-2019, the City accomplished the following utilizing Federal and State grant funds:

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The formula entitlement allocation for CDBG funded projects was \$2,167,226. These funds provided both public and non-public services to the residents of Pomona. Activities included:

- Providing 1,976 residential housing unit inspections for health and safety violations through the City's Code Enforcement Division.
- Providing public services, including youth services for tutoring, after-school activities, sports programs, dental assistance, parenting/communication classes, outdoor programs, JROTC activities, music program, youth employment and fair housing services to over 1,736 persons.
- Distribution of a Community Needs Survey soliciting input on community needs from over 44,000 households for FY 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan activities. The City received 545 survey responses.

### Housing Assistance

In FY 2018-19, Pomona homeowners received rehabilitation loans or grants to improve their property and help the City maintain quality housing stock. Rehabilitation loans and grant activity included the following:

- CDBG funds were allocated for a Housing Improvement Program that included Emergency Repair and Façade Improvements. A total of eight homes were rehabilitated utilizing these funds.
- Two mobile homes were rehabilitated through the Substantial Rehabilitation Program utilizing State CalHome funding.

Other housing activities included:

- CalHome funds were used to provide homeownership assistance (down payment and/or closing costs) for one first-time homebuyer;
- HOME funds were used to provide homeownership assistance (down-payment and/closing costs) to four first-time homebuyers;
- HOME funds were used to rehabilitate three housing units to provide decent, affordable housing to low-income households.

### Emergency Solutions Grant

- For FY 18-19, the City was awarded \$181,281 in ESG funds. Funded categories included emergency shelter operations and homeless management information systems. A total of 213 eligible persons were served during FY 2018-19 with ESG funds.

### Lead Hazard Control Grant

- During FY 2018- 2019, Lead Hazard Control Grant Funds, were used to continue the Lead Education, Awareness and Control (LEAC) Program over a three- year grant period to abate lead hazards in units occupied by low-income households. A total of 34 housing units were made safe from lead, with 27 of these units receiving additional healthy homes intervention.

### Housing Authority

- The Housing Authority was authorized to expend \$11,219,187 to provide Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) to 896 extremely low (30% of median income), very low-income (50% of median income), and low income (80% of median income) households. In FY 2018-2019, HCV units were leased up at 99%;
- The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program continues to provide eligible low-income participants with a comprehensive approach to becoming self-sufficient. By using housing as a stabilizing force, this allows families to put more emphasis on developing life skills, short and long-term goals and achieving economic independence. During FY 18-19, there were a total of 41 participants in the program. As of June 30, 2019, 22 of those participants maintained an escrow account. Program participants must achieve all established goals, be welfare-free for one year and be gainfully employed for at least thirty-two hours per week prior to graduation from the program. Three participants graduated from the program during FY 18-19.

As required by HUD, all public noticing requirements have been met and program performance data made available to the public. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council, after hearing all public comment, approve the FY 2018-19 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) prior to submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS: NONE**

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### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment No. 1 – City of Pomona FY 2018-2019 Draft CAPER