



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2018

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WARD: 1
DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE 2015-2020 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE 2018-2019 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO ADD THE WARD 1 ROBINSON HOUSE RESTROATION PROJECT AND FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340,028 FROM PRIOR YEAR(S) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT UN-PROGRAMMED FUNDS

ISSUE:

Approve amendments to the City's 2015-2020 Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan and the 2018-2019 Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan to add the Ward 1 Robinson House Restoration Project and provide Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$340,028.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an amendment to the 2015-2020 Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan to include the Ward 1 Robinson House Restoration Project;
2. Authorize an amendment to the 2018-2019 Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan to include the Ward 1 Robinson House Restoration Project and allocate Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$340,028 for the project;
3. Authorize a fund transfer in the amount of \$340,028 from account number 2835100-453001 Community Development Block Grant Unprogrammed Funds to account number 9267700-440120 for the Ward 1 Robinson House Restoration Project; and
4. Direct the City Attorney's Office to prepare a corresponding Memorandum of Understanding with the Riverside Metropolitan Museum for the Ward 1 Robinson House Restoration Project; and
5. Authorize the City Manager, or his/her designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, including making minor non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to implement this action.

BACKGROUND:

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan was adopted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 and will be completed in 2020. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to establish long-term goals for HUD entitlement programs that the city must meet within a five year period. Goals for the plan are obtained through community surveys, meetings, and other methods of community input. The HUD Annual Action Plan is an annual report submitted to HUD which identifies specific projects the city will focus on each year to achieve the goals outlined in the HUD Consolidated Plan and the funding amounts recommended for each project.

The Robinson House, located at 3342 Lemon Street in Riverside, is a historic property that was acquired by the City of Riverside Metropolitan Museum in 2014 for the purpose of serving as an “interpretive site” for the adjacent Harada House. The Harada House is a National Historic Landmark structure significant to the plight and civil rights of Japanese immigrants and Japanese-Americans up to and through World War II.

DISCUSSION

The proposed amendments to the City’s HUD 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan will add the Ward 1 Robinson House Restoration project to the list of HUD entitlement program goals and make the project eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

The Robinson House project will include the planning and construction of various rehabilitation improvements to convert the space into museum facilities for the adjacent Harada House. The project is located within the income eligible Census Tract 030300 Block Group No. 1. Per HUD Regulations, rehabilitation and restoration projects on a historic property are considered eligible project types, specifically in areas that are deemed to be low to moderate income. Funding this specific project will not impact other HUD approved projects, as any project that is currently approved has already been funded for a set amount.

A public notice was issued announcing the proposed amendment to the HUD Annual Action Plan and a 30-day public comment period was provided in compliance with HUD regulations. The original notice was published in the Press Enterprise on Friday, September 7, 2018 and included the date this action would be considered by the City Council.

Museum Director Robyn G. Peterson concurs with the recommendations in this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is \$340,028 in CDBG funds. Sufficient funding is available in the CDBG Unprogrammed Fund account number 2835100-453001.

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