



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Council Session

## Item E-5

### **Public Hearing on Amendment to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan- 2018 Annual Action Plan**

*Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-20.*

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Amber Alvidrez, Community Development

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2019

**Subject:** Approving Amendment #1 to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan - 2018 Annual Action Plan

**Presenter(s):** Amber Alvidrez, Community Development Administrator

## **Background**

CDBG is a federally funded program intended to increase housing, community and economic opportunities for low and moderate-income residents of the City of Grand Island.

The City is making a substantial amendment to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan-2018 Annual Action Plan. The substantial amendment is available for public review and comment for 30 days from January 26, 2019 through February 25, 2019.

The City of Grand Island is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to submit a Consolidated Plan every 3-5 years and a One year Annual Action Plan which describes community needs, resources, priorities and proposed activities to be undertaken in the City of Grand Island under CDBG. This funding source is to assist lower-income people, households and neighborhoods throughout the City of Grand Island. The City of Grand Island is proposing the following amendment to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan.

## **Discussion**

Amendment #1 to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan -2018 Annual Action Plan. The original 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan listed proposed projects such as the Housing improvement Partnership and the Habitat for Humanity. The Housing Improvement Partnership with an allocation of \$50,000.00, would fund such activities as creating a nonprofit (501(c)3) called the Housing Improvement Partnership, conducting a housing modification program for income qualifying senior citizens as well as other future

housing projects, at this time matching funds are unavailable for project to move forward creating a need to re assign funds to a different or new project.

On September 5, 2018 the City of Grand Island was notified by HUD pursuant to 24 CFR 570.910 (B)(5) that it must reimburse its line of credit for improperly expended CDBG funds in the amount \$30,000.00 expended to Habitat for Humanity due to the lack of an Environmental Review being completed. At this time the City of Grand Island has repaid \$30,000 of funds into the City's CDBG line of Credit creating an another excess of funds needing to be assigned to a project.

The proposed substantial amendment to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan- 2018 Annual Action Plan is needed to change funding allocations totaling an amount of \$80,000.00 from the above stated projects.

The Community Development Division (CDD) proposes reallocating \$80,000.00 of CDBG funds to the Low-moderate Area (LMA) projects in the approved 2018 Annual Action Plan. The 2018 Annual Action Plan has two LMA projects which are Public Works- ADA compliant Curb Ramps and Waste Water Sanitary Sewers, these projects are described in detail in the 2018 Annual Action plan. CDD proposes that the funds be eligible to be applied one or both projects as follows, the maximum the Public works project may receive is \$80,000.00 with a minimum of \$55,000.00. The maximum amount of funds Public Works Waste Water Project may receive is \$25,000.00 with a minimum of \$0.00.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Accept the Amendment #1 to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual action Plan.
2. Do not accept Amendment #1 to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the Amendment #1 to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan

### **Sample Motion**

Move to accept Amendment #1 to the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan

Public Notice  
Substantial Amendment to the  
2016 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan

The City of Grand Island receives annual entitlement funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). A three-five year Consolidated Plan must be developed before funds are received or expended. Each year of that the Consolidated plan covers, the City must develop an Action Plan describing how the funds will be used. Any substantial changes in funding, goals or activities require a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan as set forth in 24 CFR Part 91.

The City of Grand Island is proposing a funding change to the 2018 Annual Action Plan that constitutes a substantial amendment to the 2016 Consolidated Plan. These changes modify several areas of the Plan for CDBG funding.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

This notice is to inform Citizens of the opportunity to comment on the substantial amendment. A thirty day public comment is to begin at 8:00am on January 25, 2019 comments will be accepted until 5:00PM on February 25, 2019, with a Public Hearing being held on February 26, 2019 during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. A complete copy of the proposed amendment will be made available for review at City Hall 100 East Frist Street in the City Clerk's Office, and on the city's website at <https://www.grand-island.com/departments/regional-planning/community-development>. Written comments may be submitted to City of Grand Island Community Development Division, 100 East Frist Street or via email to [ambera@grand-island.com](mailto:ambera@grand-island.com).