

APPENDIX C:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Subject: FW: Official Comment - Draft Annual Action Plan

From: Theresa Quiroz
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:21 PM
To: Ostrye, Maureen
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Maureen,

I would like to officially comment on the City of San Diego Draft FY 2013 Annual Action Plan.

First, I have been commenting on the City's HUD plans for many, many years. I am on the City's CDBG e-mail list. I did not receive notice that this plan was open for comment, and am very disturbed by the lack of effort put into assuring that this plan has full and complete public participation.

Because of the late date, I do not have time to fully comment. As you know, there is one issue however, which concerns me greatly, so I will speak to that.

The action plan describes \$667,854 going to SDHC to "develop affordable housing units through CHDO assistance"

The City of San Diego does not currently have the approved economic development plan that is required by HUD (and federal law) to allow it to have CHDO's in its jurisdiction. Indeed, the CDBG office has given specific direction to CHDO's that no CDBG money can be expended on CHDO's until that Economic Development Plan is in place. It is not yet in place.

On its face, it seems inappropriate for the City to be allocating \$667,854 to San Diego Housing Commission for expenditure on a program that does not legally exist, and does not have the required approved Economic Development Plan in place which current federal law requires.

This type of funding has been going on for several years, during which time the City has not had the appropriate plan in place. I not only question the current \$667,854, but the prior years allotments also.

I suggest that before approving this draft plan that the City look closer at the requirements for CHDO's, ensure that it is not violating federal law, and put in place an approved Economic Development Plan.

Theresa Quiroz

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1. (Optional Question) What is the name of your agency? If you are client, from what agency do you receive services?

	Response Count
	9
answered question	9
skipped question	18

2. Are you familiar with the City of San Diego's FY 2013 Annual Action Plan process? (If you answer no, please skip to Question 4).

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	73.1%	19
Somewhat Familiar	26.9%	7
No	3.8%	1

	Response Count
answered question	26
skipped question	1

3. Do you agree with the priority of needs identified in the FY 2013 Annual Action Plan? (If you do not agree, please comment on what you would identify as a need not currently included in the Annual Action Plan).

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	11.5%	3
Agree	57.7%	15
Somewhat Agree	19.2%	5
Disagree	7.7%	2
Strongly Disagree	3.8%	1
Comment		3

answered question	26
skipped question	1

4. Did you submit an application for FY 2013 CDBG Funding?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	85.2%	23
No	14.8%	4
answered question		27
skipped question		0

5. Do you feel the proposed allocation of funding reflects the the FY 2013 Annual Action Plan priorities for the City of San Diego?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	7.7%	2
Agree	57.7%	15
Somewhat Agree	15.4%	4
Disagree	19.2%	5
Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Comment		
		4
answered question		26
skipped question		1

6. In which of the following federally-funded programs, administered by the City of San Diego, do you participate or have you participated in within the last five (5) years? (Please answer all that apply).

	Response Percent	Response Count
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	96.3%	26
Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R)	14.8%	4
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	14.8%	4
Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)	14.8%	4
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)	3.7%	1
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)	14.8%	4
Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	14.8%	4
None of the above	3.7%	1
answered question		27
skipped question		0

7. Have you participated in any of the Annual Action Plan Public Meetings? (If you answer "yes", please skip to question 8).

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	57.7%	15
No	42.3%	11
answered question		26
skipped question		1

8. If you did not participate, why not?

	Response Count
	10
answered question	10
skipped question	17

9. If you did participate and you are a client, what suggestions could you make for improving the process?

Response
Count

6

answered question 6

skipped question 21

10. Do you attend (or have you attended) the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board Meetings?

Response
Percent

Response
Count

59.3% 16

I have attended and will
continue to attend



14.8% 4

I have attended but will not attend
future meetings



11.1% 3

I have not attended, but plan to
attend future meetings



14.8% 4

I have not attended and will
probably not attend future meetings



Other (please specify) 5

answered question 27

skipped question 0

11. Do you believe that the new Consolidated Plan Advisory Board is an improvement over previous years in terms of aligning proposed CDBG Projects with the priorities reflected in the FY 2013 Annual Action Plan?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	14.8%	4
Agree	37.0%	10
Somewhat Agree	25.9%	7
Disagree	7.4%	2
Strongly Disagree	14.8%	4
answered question		27
skipped question		0

Q1. (Optional Question) What is the name of your agency? If you are client, from what agency do you receive services?

1	San Diego Second Chance Program	Apr 26, 2012 10:35 AM
2	2-1-1 San Diego	Apr 23, 2012 8:26 AM
3	Private citizen	Apr 22, 2012 8:02 AM
4	san diego county SER-Jobs For Progress, Inc.	Apr 12, 2012 12:38 PM
5	San Diego Habitat for Humanity	Apr 11, 2012 9:40 AM
6	Horn of Africa Community	Apr 10, 2012 1:34 PM
7	The Angel's Depot	Apr 10, 2012 12:34 PM
8	Being Alive San Diego HIV/AIDS Services	Apr 10, 2012 12:15 PM
9	Senior Community Centers	Apr 10, 2012 12:08 PM

Q3. Do you agree with the priority of needs identified in the FY 2013 Annual Action Plan? (If you do not agree, please comment on what you would identify as a need not currently included in the Annual Action Plan).

1	Participation by the Community Planning System and the Community Planners Committee will lend acceptance and credibility to the annual action plans, that they do not now have.	Apr 22, 2012 8:02 AM
2	HIV/AIDS Services (Goal #6) has been changed to read: All HIV/AIDS services are to be provided by HOPWA - HOPWA will NOT be covering any HIV/AIDS support services - the HOPWA system is already overloaded and will not be providing funding for these life saving services.	Apr 10, 2012 12:15 PM
3	The Action Plan and the CPAB do not seem congruent in their intents.	Apr 10, 2012 12:07 PM

Q5. Do you feel the proposed allocation of funding reflects the the FY 2013 Annual Action Plan priorities for the City of San Diego?

1	See my remark above about participation.	Apr 22, 2012 8:02 AM
2	Not all applicants receiving funding fit the Action Plan. Several City organizations are receiving funding that should should not be receiving funds from this grant program. Also, the Action Plan lists a variety of priorities but the majority of applicants seem to fit under the same few priorities, this condensation of applicants for a few priorities should be taken into consideration.	Apr 11, 2012 12:02 PM
3	I don't know one way or the other. I am neutral.	Apr 10, 2012 2:55 PM
4	twelve programs used up all funding available - not enough	Apr 10, 2012 12:15 PM

Q8. If you did not participate, why not?

1	Lack of awareness of them	Apr 23, 2012 8:26 AM
2	Did not receive notice of when these meetings were held.	Apr 16, 2012 3:07 PM
3	Lack of time from work.	Apr 12, 2012 11:04 AM
4	I was not aware of it.	Apr 11, 2012 4:52 PM
5	Schedule does not permit	Apr 11, 2012 4:48 PM
6	Time constraints	Apr 10, 2012 2:55 PM
7	was not aware or not invited	Apr 10, 2012 2:51 PM
8	did not feel it beneficial	Apr 10, 2012 1:40 PM
9	Was not aware	Apr 10, 2012 1:34 PM
10	Nothing changes after input - most agencies feel that changes are not made.	Apr 10, 2012 12:15 PM

Q9. If you did participate and you are a client, what suggestions could you make for improving the process?

1	N/A - not a client	Apr 11, 2012 4:48 PM
2	Make the goals clearer and the application expectations clearer	Apr 11, 2012 3:16 PM
3	Thank you for the opportunity to participate and for the City's support of the various nonprofit agencies who are conducting the work aligned with the City's FY13 Annual Action Plan. We really appreciated the process and the amount of time the advisory board and City staff put into this effort. The following are a few points of feedback: 1. It would be helpful to have a platform during the meetings for agencies who's application are under review/discussion to respond or offer points of clarification if there is a question on their application that can be briefly explained. 2. It would be helpful for scheduling purposes to have the various funding categories/applications broken out at a defined time of when the various agencies funding proposals would be reviewed by the board so that representatives from the community agencies could come and participate without having to block out two full days on the calendar. 3. There seemed to be some discrepancies in the scoring of the applications due to the breakout of the different committees on the advisory board who scored the recommendations and that appears that it might need review to ensure agencies are not being compared unfairly. 4. It would be helpful to have a copy of tips or comments made by the advisory board members regarding the applications to assist us in improving application content in the future. Thank you again for the opportunity, your support and reaching out for additional feedback.	Apr 10, 2012 4:31 PM
4	More presentation time by prospective grantees. to better inform CPAB of the agency's proposal.	Apr 10, 2012 3:02 PM
5	Better outreach to include more sub-recipients	Apr 10, 2012 2:36 PM
6	no recommendations at this time	Apr 10, 2012 12:34 PM

Q10. Do you attend (or have you attended) the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board Meetings?

1	There were some questionable activities made by the Advisory Board where they discovered inconsistencies and opted to overlook them because they had already made some decisions that would require reconsideration.	Apr 23, 2012 8:26 AM
2	The advisory board is hand picked by the City Council and cannot reflect genuine community needs. See my remark above.	Apr 22, 2012 8:02 AM
3	I think changing scores on the spot felt like a "drive by shooting", we should rely on the scores versus changing them at the committees whim, it undermines the process	Apr 11, 2012 3:16 PM
4	See above: Answer #8	Apr 10, 2012 12:15 PM
5	the CPAB does not seem interested in opinions other than their own. Further more, different committees appear to use different scoring criteria and seem to think the strategy is somehow consistent with generally accepted scoring criteria.	Apr 10, 2012 12:07 PM

RESOLUTION NO. 307426

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 14 2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S
FISCAL YEAR 2013 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's (City) Fiscal Year 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan continues a consolidated process for four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing and community development formula-based programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA); and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2011, HUD announced the City's first allocation amount of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), which is intended to replace the Emergency Shelter Grant; and

WHEREAS, this process replaces all current HUD planning and application requirements with a single submission and satisfies the regulatory requirements for the four HUD formula programs; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan describes how the City is meeting statutory requirements of specified federal grant programs which set forth three basic goals, each of which

must primarily benefit low and very low-income persons: (1) to provide decent housing; (2) to provide a suitable living environment; and (3) to expand economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) implements the fourth year of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and addresses the HUD consolidated planning requirements for the CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA programs; and

WHEREAS, the City will be utilizing Fiscal Year 2012 CDBG program income in the amount of \$3,842,200 from former Redevelopment Agency repayment of CDBG debt to fund Fiscal Year 2013 CDBG activities; and

WHEREAS, the City must report this Fiscal Year 2012 program income used for Fiscal Year 2013 CDBG activities as part of the Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan describes how the City is meeting the statutory requirements of specified federal grants programs to meet the three basic goals set forth above and also serves as the Fiscal Year 2013 funding application for HUD funds in the amount of approximately \$23 million (which includes \$3,842,200 in Fiscal Year 2012 program income) to HUD for the aforementioned programs; and


WHEREAS, the Action Plan describes how the City's community development strategy will continue to rely on a multi-faceted approach to meeting said goals through a partnership comprised of the public and private sector and nonprofit entities; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That the City's federally required Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) is approved.

2. That the CDBG Program staff is authorized to coordinate final revisions to the Action Plan to ensure that confirmed activities and all public comments received are included in the final Action Plan and submitted in a timely manner to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its review and approval.


APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By 
Kenneth So
Deputy City Attorney

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04/24/12
Or.Dept: Economic Development Division
PL# 2012-09693

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of MAY 08 2012.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5-14-12
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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