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Date: May 12, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Subject: **Adoption of the City of Lancaster’s Community Development Block Grant Program 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Approve the One-Year Action Plan for the 2015 Program Year**

Recommendations:

Adopt the 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and approve the One-Year Action Plan for the 2015 Program Year to be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Financial Impact:

Financial impact is estimated at \$1,314,736.00 in new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds and \$580,714 of reprogrammed CDBG funds.

Background:

The Consolidated Plan is a required document by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds. The Consolidated Plan has three components: a needs assessment, a housing market analysis and a strategic plan. The needs assessment uses demographic data, consultations with local agencies, and public feedback to determine the needs for the City over the next five years. It focuses on the needs of low-income households, the homeless population, and other special needs populations, such as the elderly and persons with disabilities. The housing market analysis uses housing data compiled from various sources in conjunction with the needs assessment to provide the basis for the strategic plan and the programs and projects to be administered relating to housing needs over the next five years. The strategic plan uses the needs assessment and housing market analysis data to establish priorities for identified needs and set objectives for the use of resources over the five-year period.

The Action Plan lists the activities the City will undertake to address priorities and objectives with anticipated CDBG funding received during the 2015-2016 program year. A new Action Plan is developed and submitted for each program year within the five-year planning period of the Consolidated Plan (2015-2020).

The public review period for the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan began on April 10, 2015 and will conclude on May 11, 2015.

Summary:

In compliance with federal requirements and in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the City published its proposed Consolidated Plan and Action Plan on April 10, 2015, providing a 30-day comment period. Comments received during the review period, ending May 11, 2015, will be attached to the Consolidated Plan and incorporated into the plan where appropriate.

The Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be brought to the Council on May 12, 2015 for approval. The documents will be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2015 in order to ensure the availability of CDBG funds on July 1, 2015.

Approval of the 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan will enable CDBG funding availability as of July 1, 2015, the start of the 2015 Program Year.

Attachment:

2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2015 One-Year Action Plan (on file in the City Clerk Department)