



Cathedral City

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TITLE:

Update on the Development of the CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is providing an update to the City Council on the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

BACKGROUND:

Every five years, CDBG Grantees are required to prepare and submit a comprehensive Consolidated Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) is a strategic plan developed to assist the City of Cathedral City in assessing its affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions; and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions.

DISCUSSION:

The Ramsay Group (TRG) has begun planning and preparing the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The first phase of the Con Plan is to research and prepare the Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment of the Con Plan provides a clear picture of Cathedral City needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness. This Needs Assessment will help the City identify the needs with the highest priority, which will form the basis for the Strategic Plan and the programs and projects to be administered.

In order to prepare the Needs Assessment, input was gathered from the community using the web based Survey Monkey online survey program. The Ramsay Group created an online survey that was made available on the City's website and Facebook page. Members of the community provided input on types of programs and services they believe are needed in Cathedral City.

In addition to the survey, Staff hosted a community meeting at the Cathedral City Branch Library to inform the community about the planning process and the results of the Community Needs Survey. This meeting provided an additional opportunity to gather feedback from the community on the types

of services and public improvements they would like to see over the next five years. Only one member of the community attended this meeting.

The invitation and/or public notices for this community meeting were published in the Desert Sun two weeks prior to the meeting. Staff hand delivered meeting invitations to the Cathedral Center, Boys and Girls Club and Agua Caliente Elementary School. In addition to these community locations, the community meeting invitation was also sent to most faith-based organizations in Cathedral City via email.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Needs Assessment