



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: February 04, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S 2014-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING: 1

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a Resolution to approve the City's Community Development Block Grant funding priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The County of Riverside (County) is currently preparing the 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan (Plan), as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- As part of this process, the County requires cooperating cities to conduct a Community Needs Assessment Survey (survey), and a public hearing, in an effort to help identify Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding priorities.
- The survey was distributed to various low- and moderate-income housing developments, the La Quinta Senior Center, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley, of which 33 surveys were completed.
- Survey results identified public service, housing repair/improvements, public facility, special needs housing, and infrastructure improvement needs. Results will be forwarded to the County following Council approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact from the submission of the survey; however, establishing priorities can be helpful when allocating future CDBG funding requests.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City has participated in the CDBG program since 1983, and is a “cooperating city” under the County’s Cooperative Agreement. This permits the City to participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement programs administered through the County.

The County is currently preparing the 2014-2019 Plan. The Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a condition of receiving federal funding and requires the City to conduct a survey to help identify community, housing, and social needs where future CDBG funding may be of assistance. Survey forms in English and Spanish were distributed to various affordable housing developments, the La Quinta Senior Center, and Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley. As of January 23, 2014, 33 surveys were completed. The survey results (Attachment 1) determine the level of interest and priority for social services, neighborhood improvements, and community facility improvements. The prioritized list is as follows:

1. Public Service Needs
 - a. Youth Services
 - b. Senior Citizen Services
 - c. Abused/Neglected Children Services
2. Housing Repairs/Improvements
 - a. Handicapped Accessibility Improvements
3. Public Facilities Needs
 - a. Youth Centers
 - b. Centers for the Disabled
 - c. Senior Citizen Centers
4. Special Needs Housing Facilities
 - a. Mental Illness Housing
 - b. Elderly Housing
 - c. Veteran Housing
5. Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Flood/Drainage Improvements
 - b. Street Improvements
 - c. Sewer Improvements

This information will be provided to the County to be included in the County's 2014-2019 Plan, submitted to HUD. The Plan serves as the County's planning document, identifying and addressing the priorities of the County and its cooperating cities needs for the planning period. The priorities identified by Council will help set the framework for future decisions regarding allocation of CDBG program funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may opt to modify the proposed needs/funding priorities list.

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Report approved for submission by: Les Johnson, Community Development Director

Attachment: 1. Community Needs Assessment Survey Results

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 -

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of La Quinta ("City") is a participating jurisdiction in the Riverside County Economic Development Agency Community Development Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Riverside ("County") cooperatively administer the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program under the provision of the Cooperative Agreement executed between the City and County, and, under applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rules; and,

WHEREAS, the identified La Quinta CDBG funding priorities will be included in the Riverside County 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department published a public hearing notice in *The Desert Sun* newspaper on January 24, 2014 announcing the public hearing date; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said agreement, the City Council held a public hearing on February 4, 2014 to consider CDBG funding priorities, and to consider public comments on community needs and the use of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG funding priorities were openly discussed and considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Quinta as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City of La Quinta does hereby identify the following funding priorities for the Riverside County 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan:

1. Public Service Needs
 - a. Youth Services
 - b. Senior Citizen Services
 - c. Abused/Neglected Children Services

2. Housing Repairs/Improvements
 - a. Handicapped Accessibility Improvements

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SECTION 2. The identified funding priorities and the Riverside County 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan shall provide guidance and assist City Council when considering future CDBG project and program funding.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council, held on this 4th, day of February, 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DON ADOLPH, Mayor
City of La Quinta, California

ATTEST:

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

M. KATHERINE JENSON, City Attorney
City of La Quinta, California

Between January 6, 2014 and January 23, 2014 the City of La Quinta Community Development Department distributed a written Community Needs Assessment Survey to various organizations and affordable housing projects throughout the City. By January 24, 2014, 33 total surveys were completed by residents. The Table below reflects the results of the survey. Questions in the survey sought to determine the level of concern and priority for nine (9) general community development needs. The questionnaire asked residents to indicate whether each need provided by the City had a high, medium, low, or no need level of priority. The results of each category were scored, i.e. High= 4 points, Medium= 3 points, Low= 2 points, and No Need= 1 point.

SERVICES BY NEED CATEGORY	
	Total Score
Housing:	
Repair/Improvements	774
Needs of Homeless	342
Special Needs Housing Facilities	547
Construction Of New Housing	345
Infrastructure	402
Public Facility Needs	660
Public Service Needs	949
Accessibility Needs	239
Economic Development Needs	338

2014 Community Needs Assessment Survey Comments

The received completed surveys reflected the following relevant comments from La Quinta Residents.

- Provide Social Worker at various senior properties in La Quinta to help seniors with core needs: health, mental, and financial issues.
- Public park spaces need more police presence as gang members are present more and more. Housing taxes are too high, especially for seniors.
- Change name of "Senior Center" to "Community Center" as it would likely bring more people.
- Senior Center should be funded by the City.
- Transportation to and from La Quinta Senior Center is needed, like the systems in Orange County.
- Limited affordable housing opportunities for new families. Jobs are scarce in the valley. Many families outgrow their homes and find difficulties finding affordable larger homes.
- Workers receiving minimum wage in the same household have financial difficulties with affordable housing.
- Need to keep infrastructure (bridges, roads, etc.) in the best condition.

