

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: September 13, 2022

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: George N. Harris II, Finance Director

Subject: Public Hearing for City Council consideration to receive comments and file the 2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a public hearing for the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) prepared for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to report on specific Federal housing assistance and community development activities undertaken by the City of Lancaster during Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to submit the CAPER, along with any comments received during the public hearing and public comment period, to the Department of Housing & Urban Development.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with submission of the City's 2021-2022 CAPER to HUD

Background:

Federal regulations require the City of Lancaster to prepare an annual report called the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The 2021-2022 CAPER is a federally mandated informational assessment report of activities implemented with Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships grant funds to address the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

Additionally, the CAPER provides a summary of outcomes associated with HUD funding allocated through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Through this Act, the City received \$1,744,394 in additional CDBG funds specifically earmarked to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report covers the period between July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Submission of this report marks the completion of the first year in the current Five-Year Consolidated Action planning cycle that covers July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. As required, the report has been made available to the public prior to the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the report will be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. In FY 2021-2022, the City of Lancaster successfully carried out the actions outlined in both the One-Year Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan. This investment of CDBG and HOME funds was a catalyst for positive change in the community.

HUD regulations require the 2021-2022 CAPER to be made available to citizens for public comment and to be considered by the City Council at a public hearing. In accordance with HUD regulations, a public notice was published in the Antelope Valley Press on August 28th, 2022, inviting the public to comment on the CAPER. The draft CAPER was available for public review at the City Clerk's Office, Lancaster Public Library, Finance Department and online on the City's CDBG webpage

Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - 2021-2022 CAPER
2. 2021 22 PY CAPER Public Comment Notice – English
3. 2021 22 PY CAPER Public Comment Notice - Spanish