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### CITY SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THREE PLANNING DOCUMENTS

The City of Tucson is releasing documents and soliciting public comments on the draft update to the City of Tucson/Pima County Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the draft update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plan (AI), and the City's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016). The City's Housing and Community Development Department is accepting public comments for a 30-day period ending on April 23, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Communities with populations of at least 50,000 residents are eligible to receive annual entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under four federal programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); the Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG); and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program (HOPWA).

The City of Tucson, as a HUD entitlement jurisdiction, will continue to receive approximately \$8 million dollars from HUD each year. To continue receiving these funds, the City of Tucson and Pima County Consortium are required to update the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) Plan. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan provides an assessment of the community needs, goals, and priorities in the areas of affordable housing, human services, neighborhood and public facilities, economic development and other programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents with low and moderate incomes throughout the City and County. The AI is a review of impediments or barriers that affect the rights of fair housing choice. It covers public and private policies, practices, and procedures affecting housing choice. Impediments to fair housing choice are defined as any actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict, or have the effect of restricting, the availability of housing choices, based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan serves as a guide for annual investments of entitlement funding. For each of the five years covered by the Consolidated Plan, the City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan that correlates with the needs, priorities, and goals specified in the Consolidated Plan, showing how annual entitlement funds will be allocated to meet the overall five year goals. The City of Tucson Annual Action Plan must be adopted and submitted for HUD approval each fiscal year before the City can make local project expenditures using the annual entitlement funding for that fiscal year.

Copies of the draft Plans can be accessed on the City's web site: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/whats-new>.

The FY 2016 Annual Action Plan is the first of five annual plans for the City's draft FY 2016 – FY 2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The City is expected to receive the following amounts for FY 2016:

Annual Entitlement/Formula Grant Programs City of Tucson FY 2016 Allocations



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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$5,118,094
HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) (*City \$1,869,413/Pima County \$505,952)	\$2,375,365 for Consortium *
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$455,833
Housing for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)	\$451,530

Entitlement communities may use their formula grant funding for a wide range of community projects including:

- Acquisition, repair, and development of affordable housing
- Neighborhood revitalization and improvements in low-income neighborhoods
- Economic development and job creation
- Public facilities
- Human services assistance

The City of Tucson and Pima County will hold two public meetings to discuss the draft update to the City of Tucson/Pima County Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the draft update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plan (AI), and the City and County Annual Action Plans for FY 2016. Both meetings will be held in the City of Tucson on April 1, 2015 at the following times and locations:

Meeting #1

TIME: 2-4 p.m.

LOCATION: Sentinel Building, 320 Commerce Park Loop

Meeting #2

TIME: 6-8 p.m.

LOCATION: Pima County Housing, 801 West Congress

The City of Tucson Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on May 5, 2015 to review the draft updates to the City of Tucson/Pima County Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plan (AI) and the City Annual Action Plan for FY 2016. For more information, please consult the City Clerk's website for agendas and schedules at: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>.

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