

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 1, 2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading _____	<b>Legal Review:</b>	<b>Work Plan #</b> #258	<b>Agenda Location:</b> Public Hearing	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 9A
<b>Subject:</b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2010-2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.					
<b>Prepared by:</b> Nicole Jeffers		<b>Approved by:</b> Jack Ethredge		<b>Ordinance previously introduced by:</b> _____	
<b>Reviewed by:</b> Jeff Coder		<b>Presented by:</b> Nicole Jeffers Neighborhood Services Manager			

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- As a new entitlement jurisdiction beginning in 2010, the City is required to submit a Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during the first week in December 2009.
- The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify a city’s housing and community development needs, priorities, goals and strategies, and to stipulate how federal funds will be focused toward these housing and community development activities.
- The City of Thornton’s Consolidated Plan was prepared in accordance with Sections 91.100 through 91.230 of HUD’s Consolidated Plan regulations.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is designed to provide for the needs of the low- to moderate-income families with programs in community development, housing, public services, economic development, public facilities and infrastructure.
- The Plan includes the following sections as required by HUD: executive summary, introduction, community profile; housing market analysis; housing and non-housing needs for special needs populations; public input; strategic plan, and associated appendices.
- The 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan will be effective for a five-year time period beginning on March 1, 2010 and terminating on February 28, 2014.
- The public hearing is held pursuant to CDBG regulations, which require a public hearing for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments on the City of Thornton’s submittal of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant funding.
- A copy of the Consolidated Plan has been available on the City’s web site and hardcopies were available at the Thornton Senior Center, the City Clerk’s Office and the Municipal Library for a period of 60 days before the public hearing.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Staff recommends approval of the Resolution because the Consolidated Plan is required in order for the City to become an entitlement jurisdiction and receive Community Development Block Grant funds. Further, the Consolidated Plan was prepared in accordance with HUD’s regulations. Approval to submit the Consolidated Plan to HUD is the next step in the entitlement process and is in accordance with Council’s direction for the City to become an entitlement jurisdiction.

**HISTORY:** (includes previous City Council action)

- Notice of the public comment period was advertised in the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel on September 24, 2009, October 1, 2009, October 8, 2009, October 15, 2009, and October 22, 2009.
- The Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel on November 19, 2009.
- On May 26, 2009, City Council approved applying for entitlement jurisdiction status, which allows the City to receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.
- In July and August 2009, the City held focus groups and community meetings with residents and nonprofits that provide housing and services to low- to moderate-income residents. The goal was to identify community needs and activities for CDBG funds.
- The Consolidated Plan was developed in conjunction with BBC Research and Consulting, a local marketing and research company based in Denver. BBC incorporated the information gathered through the public input process and data from the Thornton Housing Needs Assessment, Colorado Civil Rights Division, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), Adams County Housing Authority (ACHA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and City policies and codes to develop the Consolidated Plan.
- The City used the tool that was provided by HUD as the template for the Consolidated Plan.
- In accordance with HUD regulations, the City will submit the First Program Year Action Plan with the Consolidated Plan. Both are required documents for entitlement jurisdictions. The Action Plan designates how the City of Thornton proposes to spend the federal block grant funds in 2010 and was approved by Council under a separate Resolution on October 27, 2009.
- From 1986 to May 2009, the City chose to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with Adams County in order to participate in an Urban County Consortium (the mechanism by which funds from HUD are distributed to the County and its member cities).
- A copy of the Consolidated Plan has been available on the City's web site and hardcopies were available at the Thornton Senior Center, the City Clerk's Office and the Municipal Library for a period of 60 days before the public hearing. An executive summary of the Consolidated Plan has been provided as an attachment to this Council Communication. The total 152-page Consolidated Plan can be downloaded at [www.cityofthornton.net/Neighbor/CDBG/home.asp](http://www.cityofthornton.net/Neighbor/CDBG/home.asp).

R E S O L U T I O N

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2010-2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the City elected to become an entitlement jurisdiction beginning in 2010 pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 2009-066 adopted on May 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all entitlement jurisdictions to submit a Consolidated Plan in order to receive Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan was prepared in accordance with Sections 91.100 through 91.230 of HUD's Consolidated Plan regulations; and

WHEREAS, the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan will be effective for a five-year time period beginning on March 1, 2010 and terminating on February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a public hearing on December 1, 2009 and provided a 60-day public comment period for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments on the Consolidated Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council hereby authorizes the submission of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan to HUD.
2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to cause to execute and submit the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan to HUD.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

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Erik Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nancy A. Vincent, City Clerk