

**Program Year 2018 Annual Action Plan
Community Development Block Grant Program**

City of Meridian, Idaho



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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Meridian is a designated entitlement community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This designation allows the City to receive funds from HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The 2018 program year will mark the City's twelfth year as an entitlement community.

In accordance with the overarching goals of the CDBG program, as set forth in 24 CFR § 91.1(a)(1), the City's mission is to utilize CDBG funding to develop a viable urban community by providing decent housing, providing a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low/moderate income (LMI) persons. The City's primary means toward this end shall be to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Federal regulations (24 CFR § 91.200(a) and 91.220) require the City to submit an action plan each year that describes how CDBG funds will be invested in the community. The 2018 Action Plan was developed with a strong emphasis on community input and follows the Citizen Participation Plan set forth in Meridian's 2017 – 2021 Consolidated Plan. Through this planning effort, the City has prepared strategies, which will guide program expenditures over the next Program Year (PY); October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019.

A consolidated plan must be submitted every three to five years to receive federal CDBG funds. The Consolidated Plan typically results from a collaborative process where a community can scrutinize its current situation and establish a unified vision for community development actions. The City of Meridian's Consolidated Plan spans program years 2017 through 2021 and addresses the community's most critical housing and community development needs. The PY2017 Action Plan represented the first year using the 2017 – 2021 Consolidated Plan; the PY2018 Action Plan is the second year under the current Consolidated Plan. The current Consolidated Plan may be found here on the City of Meridian Website.

For every year identified in the Consolidated Plan, the City of Meridian is required to prepare a one-year Action Plan to notify citizens and HUD officials of the City's intended actions to occur during that specific year. The PY2018 Action Plan identifies the objectives the City hopes to achieve from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, and outlines the activities the City will undertake to achieve those objectives.

At the end of each program year, the City of Meridian prepares a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to provide information to its constituents and HUD about that year's accomplishments. This information allows HUD, city officials, and the general public to evaluate the City's performance and determine whether the activities undertaken during the year helped to (1) meet the City's five-year goals and (2) address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. This annual performance report, prepared with public review and comment, is submitted to HUD annually no later than December 31.

In compliance with 24 CFR § 91.15(a), and to maintain continuity in its program and provide accountability to citizens, the City shall submit this action plan no later than August 16, 2018. The City shall submit on an annual basis a summary of its citizen participation and consultation process, an annual action plan, and all required certifications. At least every five years, the City shall submit a housing and homeless needs assessment, market analysis, and strategic plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City is focusing its activities and funding on 1) improving accessibility, 2) enhancing homeownership opportunities, and 3) providing social services to Meridian LMI residents during PY2018.

The City will undergo nine different activities to support over 2,175 eligible individuals and households during PY2018 through the following projects:

Administration & Planning

- Administration, Fair Housing & Planning Activities - \$35,000

Public Facilities

- Meridian Development Corporation & City of Meridian – ~~E 3rd Street Right of Way Improvements~~PY17 Sidewalk Improvements - \$180,000 (in addition to \$147,000 in PY17)
- Meridian Library District – ADA Upgrade to Facility Bathrooms - \$77,970
- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation on E. Chateau Dr. - \$61,178 (\$25,000 from prior PY2016)

Public Service

- Meridian Food Bank - Hunger Relief Program - \$30,000
- Boys & Girls Club - Scholarship Program - \$13,000
- The Jesse Tree of Idaho - Homelessness Prevention - \$10,000
- Education Foundation of West Ada School District – Housing + High School = Success Program - \$10,000

Affordable Housing

- Ada County Housing Authority - Homebuyer Assistance Program - \$30,000

The City also wishes to include the following three alternate or "back-up" projects in this action plan that will be funded in part or whole in the event of other any of the above projects fall through or need their resources reallocated:

Public Facilities

- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation on N. Jericho Way - \$100,000
- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation at 12th & State St. - \$125,000
- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation at Crestwood Subdivision - \$110,000

The City does not anticipate any obstacles to allocating these funds.

Please refer to sections AP-20 and AP-35 of this report for more details on the City's goals and projects.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Since 2007, Meridian has successfully managed over \$3.5 million in resources from its annual CDBG allocation. Over these 11 years, the City's expenditures from its CDBG allocation have focused on supporting social service provider operations (Meridian Food Bank), improving community facilities (Boys and Girls Club, Meridian Development Corporation), addressing accessibility barriers (parks and trails, Meridian Library, sidewalk projects), preventing homelessness with emergency assistance (Jesse Tree of Idaho, West Ada School District), and assisting with homeownership attainment for low- and moderate-income buyers (Ada County Housing Authority).

The City successfully produced Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) for all previous program years—for the period beginning October 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2017. The CAPERs demonstrated that over 90 percent of the funds expended during the previous program years were invested into activities benefiting low to moderate-income individuals and families, well over the 70 percent statutory minimum requirement. Aside from 2016, the City has met its expenditure of grant funds deadlines imposed by HUD each year.

All of the prior program years' activities meet critical needs in Meridian. The primary challenges encountered during the last Consolidated Plan period were timing- and contact-related. To address these challenges, the City intends to have more stringent requirements for grant recipients, particularly

in meeting expected schedules. But over the last 18 months, the City has done an effective job at organizing, streamlining, and managing its CDBG processes to provide the most benefit for each CDBG dollar granted while complying with federal timeliness requirements.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City consulted with several organizations to inform the Action Plan. In March the CDBG invited the county housing authority, non-profit homeless and social service providers, housing specialists, for-profit developers of affordable housing, the urban renewal agency, the senior center, local city planners, neighboring municipalities and any interested citizen or agency to be a part of the planning process via a CDBG program workshop. As a result, 15 attendees from those groups attended the workshop which discussed the action planning strategies for the coming year.

Additionally, as a member of the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC), the Community Development Program Coordinator solicited potential projects and input on the draft plan from all members of the CoC. Some members of the CoC include: Ada County Sheriff's Office; Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority; Boise School District; Boise State University; CATCH, Inc; City of Boise; City of Meridian; Corpus Christi; El-Ada; Formerly Homeless Advocate; Good Samaritan House; Health and Welfare; Idaho Department of Labor; Idaho Housing and Finance Association; Terry Reilly Health Services; Veteran Affairs; and Women's and Children's Alliance.

The City works with non-profit organizations to encourage the participation of program beneficiaries, including low- and moderate-income residents. Bi-lingual services and additional assistance for persons with disabilities were available upon request. As the city is not a recipient of HOPWA funds, the city did not actively seek out agencies for that purpose. However, Idaho Housing and Finance Association does collaborate on HOPWA issues and is the entity the City would contact for this purpose. Lead-based paint information is always located on the City's website. As housing providers purchase, rehabilitate, and lease housing units located in Meridian, they are required to assess and mitigate hazards according to State required Building Code. If needed, the City may consider additional resources. However, since Meridian's housing stock is so new, more than 90% built since 1980, this does not seem the best focus or value for limited resources.

Meridian went through an extensive citizen participation process for the development of the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. That process yielded valuable results and greatly shaped the formation of the City's five-year plan for utilization of the grant funds. This last year the City also completed a Slum and Blight Plan. Due to this effort, several low income persons inquired about potential projects. Further the Administrator for the Urban Renewal Agency in downtown was consulted about projects within the Urban Renewal District revitalization area. These consultations helped inform the activities selected for the 2018 Action Plan.

The citizen participation process for the 2018 Action Plan followed the process identified in the City's Citizen Participation Plan, adopted with the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. The process consisted of the following a 39-day public comment period with a formal public hearing during that comment period. The City published legal notices in two local newspapers (Idaho Statesman and Meridian Press Tribune) and posted the drafted action plan on the City's website on June 15, 2018. Presentations to the public and City Council about the draft action plan were given by staff on June 19, 2018, July 10, 2018, and July 17, 2018. A local journalism outlet, the Meridian Press, published an online article outlining the details of the action plan and solicited public comment on the plan. All comments that were received were reviewed, acknowledged, and included as an attachment to this plan. The city closed the public comment period on July 24, 2018, and held a formal public hearing on the draft version of this PY2018 Action Plan on July 17, 2018 and on July 24, 2018.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The City conducted three separate public presentations, held two separate public hearings, published two newspaper notices, and had one online article distributed regarding this action plan during its 39-day public comment period from June 15, 2018 through July 24, 2018. Throughout all of these outreach efforts, two public comments were received via email and no other comments or testimony were given by residents during any of the public hearings, meetings, or at any other time throughout the public comment period. One comment was in support of the proposed plan with a suggestion of a potential project to be considered in future program years. The other comment was for a suggestion for a project to be considered in the future, though that suggestion was for an ineligible project and the comment was ultimately not accepted.

Please refer to AP-12 and the Appendices to this plan for more details on the City's public outreach efforts, details about the comments received, and transcripts of the comments provided to the City.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Of the two comments received during the public outreach and public comment period, only Rob Porter's comment was not accepted due to his suggestion of the City funding a currently ineligible project in an ineligible area of the community. Otherwise, all other comments were accepted.

7. Summary

Please see above.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MERIDIAN	Planning Division, Community Development Dept

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

This section of the Action Plan describes how the City worked with stakeholders and public and private partners to develop allocation priorities—and how this consultation and coordination will continue through the planning period. Section AP-85 also provide information on institutional structure and program delivery.

The City has relied heavily on the research and extensive consultation during 2017 when the City was developing its 2017-2021 Consolidated plan to inform the direction, goals, priorities, and needs of the community and how CDBG will be used to assist. Comparatively, the development of the PY2018 Annual Action Plan did not see as near a robust or intensive outreach or consultation effort as the prior year provided great, still-relevant information.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority (BCACHA) was interviewed as part of the Consolidated Planning process to help the City better understand BCACHA’s resources and needs. While there are no public housing units in Meridian, an estimated 200 Section 8 vouchers are currently used in Meridian—about 10 percent of the housing authority’s total voucher supply.

The City is regularly engaged in the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC) where City staff sit on the groups Executive Committee, Housing Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Fair Housing Sub-Committee, and Coordinating Team. The City regularly hosts CoC meetings at Meridian City Hall where City staff plays an active role in facilitating meetings and coordinating collaborative efforts amongst regional and local housing providers (public, nonprofit, and private) and health and social service agencies (including many mental, governmental, emergency, and other health groups). The City’s efforts with the CoC has been instrumental in helping to further the work to end homelessness in Ada County as well as identify and coordinate with partners to meet the needs of LMI residents of Meridian.

In addition, the City is undertaking efforts as part of its internal strategic plan work to develop a socioeconomic profile of Meridian that will identify gaps in service, partnership, and need. The City is dedicated to extending further support to organizations that helps meet the specifically defined needs in the community. One need that is readily apparent is the need for affordable housing and rental support. Meridian is dedicated to increasing its affordable housing inventory to ensure residents of all income levels can find housing in Meridian—and to providing needed supportive services. To this end, City staff will continue to stay engaged with the affordable housing and supportive service community to ensure

the City provides important tools and resources to affordable housing developers and supportive service providers.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City is a regular and involved participant in the CoC, which includes staff members from neighboring communities along with healthcare, foster care and other youth programs and mental care institutions. City staff participate and consult with others in CoC committees. The City is leading the coordinated efforts of these groups to eradicate homelessness through work to decrease housing discrimination, increase affordable housing inventory, improve landlord involvement in homeless groups and activities, provide resources to enhance the ease of landlord-tenant communications, explore opportunities for changes in local and state housing policies, and other activities. Meridian's membership in the CoC's Executive Committee also denotes the City's involvement in helping coordinate all local and regional efforts of the CoC.

CoC efforts have resulted in the launch of Coordinated Entry. This single point of entry for homeless households reduces the duplication gathering household information, care provided by agencies; while prioritizing housing and supportive service needs.

In addition, with 2018 CDBG funds, the City is working with the CoC and the West Ada School District to begin to address the needs of unaccompanied youth in Meridian through housing services grants, while also funding with Jesse Tree to assist those who are not youth but are at immediate risk of homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

IHFA oversees the allocation of ESG for the State of Idaho, including Meridian. Allocation of ESG is discussed at the CoC meetings, which Meridian staff attend. Meridian's lack of emergency shelters and demonstrated experience with rapid rehousing programs puts the City at a disadvantage for ESG funds. However, as a member of the CoC Executive Committee, City staff are involved in the current planning efforts to better coordinate and utilize ESG funds in the region and state.

Over the last year, the City has also been involved in the planning and implementation efforts of the CoC's new HMIS data collection, coordination, and dashboard systems. Prior to 2017, there was no real effort to effectively coordinate or aggregate HMIS systems and data in the region. With the help of the City of Boise and other Executive Committee members, the City of Meridian assisted in the reworking of

HMIS user agreements that shifted control of Ada County's HMIS from IHFA to a third party consultant, ICA. The City has been an active member of the team that coordinated and carried out that systematic shift and has supported the work of getting all HMIS users in the county to sign new collaborative and data-sharing agreements to enhance data quality and standards. With work with ICA, the City has also helped in creating a data dashboard which aggregates and visualizes the HMIS data. These services and resources were not around before this last year.

The City continues its work with the Executive and Data and Performance Management Committees of the CoC to provide feedback on changes to the HMIS and data management process of the CoC.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CoC was consulted to as part of the 2017 Consolidated Planning efforts as well as during the 2018 action planning efforts. The groups are particularly influential in helping the City to understand the needs of the community as it relates to housing, homelessness, and fair housing. This consultation was effective in helping the City develop funding recommendations to address youth homelessness, homelessness prevention, and fair housing activities for PY2018.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority (BCACHA)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	BCACHA was contacted by the City to discuss the viability of its homebuyer assistance program in the midst of a difficult housing market. Conversations were had and feedback shared that helped the City to develop its funding recommendation for continuing to provide CDBG dollars to BCACHA for downpayment assistance during PY2018. This consultation also led to a discussion about housing development and policy that may change how the City interacts and funds this organization and these kinds of efforts in the future.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	West Ada School District No.2
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City regularly discussed the needs of homeless and unaccompanied youth in Meridian's public education system with the West Ada School District. Conversations led the City's understanding of a large number of unaccompanied youth in the school system and the relatively limited resources and services available to these students. The City strategized with the organization about how to create new programs or partnerships that could ultimately help meet the needs of homeless students and families with children in Meridian. These conversations led to the West Ada School District submitting three applications for funding, one of which will be funded through CDBG during PY2018 and focus primarily on the supplement of housing assistance to unaccompanied youth in Meridian schools.</p>
4	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>CATCH, INC.</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City meets often with CATCH to discuss the state of homelessness in Meridian. CATCH currently houses the coordinated entry efforts of the County and is tracking data about Meridian's homeless population. These consultations clarify the need for certain support in Meridian and helping to develop a short- and long-term strategy to meet the needs of homeless individuals in Meridian and across the County.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Meridian
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Planning organization Civic Leaders Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City regularly consults internally with the Mayor's Office, Department of Community Development, Planning Division, Economic Development officials, Finance Department, Public Works Department, and law enforcement officials to explore and operationalize the needs of community members in Meridian. Much of the conversation during the consultations surrounding this PY2018 Action Plan deals with the housing needs, wage growth, vacancy and affordability rates of housing, and work to address poverty in the community. Many of these conversations are still in their preliminary stage and have not directly created outcomes or improved coordination, but work continues to plan and strategize to develop 1) incentives for affordable housing development, 2) partnerships to address service gaps in Meridian, 3) a clear plan/strategy to increase workforce housing developments, 4) a new City Comprehensive Plan and better-addresses and plans for the needs of the homeless and other LMI residents, and 5) a socioeconomic profile of the City. All of these will offer insight, strategy, and structure to the City's community development efforts in the coming years.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>THE JESSE TREE OF IDAHO, INC.</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services - Housing Services-homeless</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>This organization was consulted to discuss the possibility to expand their emergency rental assistance program in Meridian. They provided insights and clarity into the need for their program in lieu of continually rising rents across the City. This consultation contributed to an expansion of CDBG funding that will be given to this organization for homeless prevention services during PY2018.</p>

7	Agency/Group/Organization	MERIDIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Slum and Blight Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The local urban redevelopment agency was consulted regarding the priority slum and blight needs in the City's redevelopment areas. These consultations helped inform the priorities and decisions for funding given to slum and blight projects for PY2018.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED WAY OF TREASURE VALLEY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The United Way was consulted in efforts to create a Socioeconomic Profile of Meridian in an effort to better understand the housing, transportation, health, food, financial, and education needs of Meridian's residents. This partnership is ongoing and will likely result in funding provided to the City by this organization to conduct research and create plans to understand and meet these needs.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	NAMPA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Administrative
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City regularly consults with the City of Nampa to ensure that funding recommendations, administrative practices, and other activities are compliant with federal regulations. The coordination also reflects a shared goal to ensure that all activities undertaken with CDBG funds work to meet regional needs as well as local needs.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighborworks Boise
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City worked with NeighborWorks Boise to discuss the viability of down payment assistance and homebuyer education programs in Meridian. These consultations led the City to prioritize homebuyer education activities over down payment assistance activities in the review of its grant applications for PY2018, although not homebuyer education activities were ultimately funded due to eligibility reasons. The City expects these consultations to help inform future funding decisions and efforts to improve housing options and education for LMI and homeless residents in Meridian.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Idaho Fair Housing Forum
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City meets regularly with this group to consult on how to advance the fair housing work of the City and region. These consultations have brought to fruition multiple fair housing trainings and conferences educating over 1000 people about fair housing law and practice. These meetings also inform how the City will implement its strategies to affirmatively further fair housing.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighbors United Collaborative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Refugees
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City regularly consults with this group to know how to address the needs of LMI refugees in Meridian. Much of the discussion leading up to the development of this PY2018 Annual Action Plan has been around fair housing and language access services in the community. The City is working with this and other groups to develop resources and materials that can better educate about fair housing best practices while providing refugees and others facing housing discrimination support to overcome negative situations.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Idaho Apartment Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults, as needed, with this organization to get the private-sector perspective on micro and macro issues in the world of housing and fair housing. These consultations have often informed the conversations and decisions taken to and made by Neighbors United, Idaho Fair Housing Forum, and the CoC's Fair Housing Subcommittee.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Not applicable; every agency identified was offered an opportunity to participate in the development of the plan. No agency above was left out.

In PY19, the City would like to improve its coordination with housing developers, particularly those developers who specialize in the development of workforce and affordable housing. Increased efforts were not made this year to reach out to these groups as the City is still working to develop internal strategies and plans about how it wants to address the affordable housing needs in the community and how to engage developers in that process. The City is also just starting a new Comprehensive Plan process that will bring in consultants to do some of the consultations in the coming months. The decision was made to couple the needed consultation efforts of these Community Development activities with these upcoming comprehensive planning consultation activities.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Ada County, City of Boise	Meridian goals of improving economic outcomes of low income residents, providing emergency rental assistance, and improving housing options and social and supportive services for people including but not limited to people with special needs and individuals/families leaving domestic violence situations. These will contribute to the CoC objective of Ending Chronic Homelessness by preventing Meridian residents from falling into homelessness.
State of Idaho Analysis of Impediments	Idaho Housing and Finance Association; Idaho Department of Commerce	The fair housing strategies established for Meridian considered opportunities to collaborate with the State. The City regularly involves representatives from IHFA, City of Nampa, City of Caldwell, and Idaho Department of Commerce in the planning, funding, and implementation efforts of fair housing activities in the region and state.
Meridian Comprehensive Plan	Meridian Planning Division	The City Comprehensive Plan was consulted during preparation of the Consolidated Plan to ensure goals were consistent with the needs and desires of the community. Land use and zoning regulations were reviewed to assess barriers to housing choice.
BCACHA Policies and Procedures	BCACHA	The housing authority policies and procedures were reviewed to ensure they support housing choice and address the greatest needs of low income residents.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

In 2017, the City completed an extensive citizen participation procedure to gain public guidance and information for the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. The findings of those efforts have informed the priorities, needs, and goals entirely. During the consolidated planning process, the feedback received from public surveys, stakeholder interviews, and other public feedback created the framework for which all CDBG goals and action plans will be based on. The City has the goal to use the public feedback from the consolidated plan to inform funding decisions proposed in this and subsequent annual action plans.

In addition to the consolidated plan citizen participation processes, the City has undergone all required citizen participation requirements for this action plan. The City encouraged participation in developing and implementing the plan with not only low and moderate income persons but also with local and regional institutions, the Continuum of Care, and businesses, developers, non-profits and community members as well as faith based organizations. These include a 39-day public comment period with a formal public hearing during that comment period. The City published legal notices in two local newspapers (Idaho Statesman and Meridian Press) and posted the drafted action plan on the City's website. The City also did some minimal social media outreach to inform the public about the public comment period and the public hearing. All comments that were received were reviewed, acknowledged, and included as an attachment to this plan.

The City also included key public stakeholders in its Grant Scoring Committee who had the responsibility to review all of the grant applications and develop the final recommendations for funding included in this action plan.

Details of each of these activities are noted below.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held at the City Council meeting on July 17th. No comments were received nor testimony given at this hearing. The City Council chose to continue the hearing to the July 24th City Council meeting. No comments were received at the July 24th public hearing, either. Attendance at both meetings was more than 50 individuals, but no testimony was given by any in attendance.	No comments were received at the July 17th public hearing. No comments were received at the July 24th public hearing.	No comments were received at the July 17th public hearing. No comments were received at the July 24th public hearing.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public meetings were held during City Council meetings on June 19th, July 10th, and July 17th. These meetings included presentations that outlined the applications received, funding recommendations, specific projects, presentations by recommended potential subrecipients, and discussion by Council on the proposed projects. Across the three meetings, over 70 residents were exposed to the presentations but no comments were received at these presentations. One comment was received via email after the July 17th presentation.	One comment was received via email from Jenifer Cavaness-Williams noting her support for the proposed project and action plan. She also noted that it would be good for the City to consider using future CDBG funds to support the creation of a performing arts center in Meridian.	Jenifer Cavaness-Williams's comment was accepted as support for this plan and future consideration will be given to her suggestion. No other comments were received through this outreach method, thus there are no comments that were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Legal notices were published in the Idaho Statesman and Meridian Press Tribune newspapers on July 15th that described the public presentations, comment period, and hearing regarding this plan. One comment was received in response to these newspaper outreach efforts.	One comment was received from Rob Porter, a citizen of Meridian, asking that funds be used to construct a signaled crosswalk along Ustick between Ten Mile and Linder. This crosswalk would connect certain neighborhoods to a robust trail system in the area.	Rob Porter's comment was not accepted due to his suggestion being a currently ineligible project in an ineligible area of the community.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Meridian Press published an online article that outlined the action plan and solicited public comment on the plan. Visit https://www.idahopress.com/meridian/news/government/meridian-seeking-public-comment-on-use-of-k-grant/article_9293d16c-6a68-5690-b9cd-3d5d6dc522ec.html to review the article. No comments were received in response to this internet outreach.	No comments were received in response to this internet outreach.	No comments were received in response to this internet outreach.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

This section shows the amount of CDBG funding that the City of Meridian is expecting to receive for PY2018. How federal funds will be leveraged is also outlined.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	422,148	0	25,000	447,148	974,156	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Meridian receives CDBG funds directly through its annual entitlement; this is the only HUD funding that the City directs toward projects. Non-profit organizations utilize other federal, state, and private grant funds. Public Housing programs including Family Self-Sufficiency, Section 8, and Public Housing Comprehensive Grants provide additional funding. For example, BCACHA has historically leveraged CDBG funds from Meridian with CDBG funds from other communities and HUD funding from their Family Self Sufficiency and Housing Choice Voucher Programs. Meridian Food Bank receives almost \$100,000 of private donations and other grants on an annual basis to couple with their CDBG allocations. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County receive funding from the USDA through the Department of Education and leverage those funds with the CDBG funding received from Meridian to help support their programs and projects. Jesse Tree partners with local banks, foundations, and or institutions and cities to help fund their rental assistance and other programs. The Meridian CDBG dollars would assist in homeless prevention and help to keep residents housed.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

There are currently no publically owned lands within Meridian that have been identified to specifically address needs of the plan. Except for Parks, Fire Stations and other properties containing municipal buildings like City Hall, the City does not own lands that could be donated.

Discussion

Please see above.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Accessibility	2017	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Better Accessibility in Meridian Improve Accessibility in Meridian	CDBG: \$319,148	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
2	Enhance Homeownership Opportunities	2017	2021	Affordable Housing		Homeownership Opportunities: 80-120 Percent of AMI Down Payment Assistance Opportunities	CDBG: \$30,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 3 Households Assisted
3	Administration and Fair Housing Activities	2017	2021	Admin			CDBG: \$35,000	Other: 0 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Provide Social Services	2017	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs Low income services		Improvements in Economic Stability Homeownership Opportunities: 80-120 Percent of AMI Rental Assistance and Affordable Rental Units Improved Housing Options and Supportive Services Rental Assistance Programs and Rental Units Service Programs - Low Income and Special Needs	CDBG: \$63,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2050 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 25 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve Accessibility
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Enhance Homeownership Opportunities
	Goal Description	

3	Goal Name	Administration and Fair Housing Activities
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Provide Social Services
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

During PY2018, CDBG will fund the following activities to address high priority needs of providing emergency services to low-income residents to prevent homelessness, helping low and moderate income residents achieve homeownership, and improving accessibility through ADA improvements and new streetlights. The expected program allocation and outcomes will include the projects listed below.

Administration & Planning

- Administration, Fair Housing & Planning Activities - \$35,000

Public Facility

- Meridian Development Corporation & City of Meridian – PY17 Sidewalk Improvements E-3rd Street Right-of-Way Improvements- \$180,000 (in addition to \$147,000 in PY17 funding)
- Meridian Library District – ADA Upgrade to Facility Bathrooms - \$77,970
- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation on E. Chateau Dr. - \$61,178 (\$25,000 from prior PY)

Public Service

- Meridian Food Bank - Hunger Relief Program - \$30,000
- Boys & Girls Club - Scholarship Program - \$13,000
- The Jesse Tree of Idaho - Homelessness Prevention - \$10,000
- Education Foundation of West Ada School District – Housing + High School = Success Program - \$10,000

Affordable Housing

- Ada County Housing Authority - Homebuyer Assistance Program - \$30,000

The City also wishes to include the following three alternate or "back-up" projects in this action plan that will be funded in part or whole in the event of other any of the above projects fall through or need their resources reallocated:

Alternate Projects: Public Facility(not included in program totals)

- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation on N. Jericho Way - \$100,000
- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation at Camellia, 12th, & State St. - \$125,000
- City of Meridian – Streetlight Installation at Crestwood Subdivision - \$110,000

The addition of these specific alternate projects is intended to mitigate any requirements for needed substantial amendments to this plan assuming the alternate projects do not violate the monetary

restrictions outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The inclusion of these plans in this plan and the public processes undergone for this plan satisfy the CPP's requirements for these specific alternate projects.

The City does not anticipate any obstacles to allocating these funds.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Meridian Food Bank
3	Education Foundation of West Ada School District
4	The Jesse Tree of Idaho - Homelessness Prevention
5	Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Program
6	Meridian Library District ADA Improvements
7	MDC Sidewalk Construction/Right of Way Improvements - E 3rd St <u>Carlton</u>
8	City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Chateau Drive
9	Ada County Housing Authority Homebuyer Assistance Program
10	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - N. Jericho Way
11	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Camellia Lane, NW 12th, & State S
12	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Crestwood Subdivision

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The following allocation priorities were determined by the housing market analysis conducted for the last Consolidated Plan, stakeholder and resident input, and the review of fair housing barriers:

Allocation to accessibility improvements: Persons with disabilities interviewed and surveyed for the last consolidated plan prioritized accessibility improvements, particularly public infrastructure. Community access for persons with disabilities was identified as a barrier in reference to lack of/poor sidewalks and access to handicapped parking. In addition, the Meridian Library District was recently found to be in noncompliance with ADA for their restroom facilities.

See AP-50 for more details on the rationale for priorities for the noted streetlights and ~~right of waysidewalk~~ improvement projects that aim to affect geographic areas than specific clientele.

Allocation to down payment assistance was influenced by the 2017 Consolidated Plan survey that found nearly 90 percent of renters expressed an interest in homeownership. Not having enough money for a down payment (40% of renters who want to buy) and poor credit (16%) were the top reasons these

renters had not achieved homeownership.

Allocation to emergency rental assistance: The last Consolidated Plan identified a shortage of 1,077 rental units to serve Meridian households earning \$25,000 and less (rents of \$625 and less, including utilities). This gap increased in the past 5 years to 1,348 units. The increase was largely due to additional households falling below the poverty line.

Funding to support scholarships at the Boys and Girls Club was related to the finding in the 2017-2021 AI that lower income children, particularly those living in Census tracts with a high density of residents with a national origin other than the United States, have lower access to proficient schools.

Funding for the Meridian Food Bank is related to growth in demand for food support. The recession affected many Meridian residents, and some low-income residents have not fully recovered from job and housing losses. Investing in the food bank helps level the playing field for low-income residents, especially children, who perform better in school when they have adequate nutrition.

The primary obstacles to fully addressing residents' needs are 1) Limited supply of affordable units, and 2) Limited funding. The City has allocated funding to both address needs within the limitations of funding.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration and Fair Housing Activities
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	This project will have activities that relate to the administrative, planning, and fair housing processes of the CDBG program during PY2018.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	0
	Location Description	The work under this project will be carried out by the City of Meridian's Community Development Program Coordinator at Meridian City Hall located at 33 E. Broadway Avenue.
	Planned Activities	21A - Administration and Planning - \$25,000 and Fair Housing - \$10,000
2	Project Name	Meridian Food Bank
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Social Services
	Needs Addressed	Improved Housing Options and Supportive Services Service Programs - Low Income and Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	This activity serves an urgent need and will help to provide food to needy households served by the Meridian Food Bank.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1127 families. Mostly low to very low income brackets.
	Location Description	Meridian Food Bank,133 W Broadway Ave, Meridian, ID 83642

	Planned Activities	05W (Food Banks) – Costs associated with the operation of food banks, community kitchens, and food pantries, such as staff costs, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and insurance.
3	Project Name	Education Foundation of West Ada School District
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Social Services
	Needs Addressed	Improved Housing Options and Supportive Services Rental Assistance Programs and Rental Units
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The High School + Housing = Success program helps to fill in gaps in housing/rental market for unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY). The UHY who are eligible for the H+HS=S program are full-time high school students. Most UHY do not have high enough income or credit to rent an apartment or a house on their own without a co-signer. H+HS=S helps to meet the housing need for UHY by providing financial assistance to obtain a stable housing when it would otherwise not be possible on their own. Providing rental stipends also creates an incentive for host families to continue to provide a safe living situation for a student and lowers the risk of the student being asked to leave the home.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	05Z - Other Public Services not listed
4	Project Name	The Jesse Tree of Idaho - Homelessness Prevention
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Enhance Homeownership Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Improvements in Economic Stability Rental Assistance Programs and Rental Units
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	The Emergency Rent and Mercy Assistance Program, also known as ERMA provides a "safety net" to extremely low, very low and low income families in need of short term, temporary assistance to keep them from slipping into homelessness. This is a proactive program that is dedicated to the prevention of homelessness in our community.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10
	Location Description	Meridian City limits. Case management services will be provided at 1121 Miller Street Boise, ID 83702
	Planned Activities	05Q – Subsistence Payments – One-time or short-term (no more than three months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness. Examples include: utility payments to prevent cutoff of service and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction.
5	Project Name	Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Social Services
	Needs Addressed	Improvements in Economic Stability Service Programs - Low Income and Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
	Description	This activity provides funding for low-income families to participate in Boys & Girls Club activities at reduced membership costs.
	Target Date	2/28/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	35+ low to moderate income households
	Location Description	Boys and Girls Clubs of Ada County - 911 N Meridian Rd, Meridian, ID 83642

	Planned Activities	05L - Child Care Services – Services that will benefit children (generally under age 13), including parenting skills classes.
6	Project Name	Meridian Library District ADA Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Better Accessibility in Meridian
	Funding	CDBG: \$77,970
	Description	This project will renovated the Meridian Library District bathrooms and bring them into 100% compliance with ADA code. The current facilities put people at risk and are in urgent need or renovation.
	Target Date	11/15/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6,638 low to moderate income households
	Location Description	1326 W Cherry Ln, Meridian, ID 83642
	Planned Activities	03Z - Other Public Facilities and Improvements
7	Project Name	MDC Right of Way Improvements – E 3rd St Sidewalk Construction/Improvements - Carlton
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Improve Accessibility in Meridian Improvements in Economic Stability Better Accessibility in Meridian
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,000 (in addition to \$147,000 from PY17)
	Description	Right-of-way improvements along the east side of East Third Street. Improvements include the following: tiling of a ditch, curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements. Meridian Development Corporation will make improvements to sidewalks in LMI neighborhood(s). Priority needs addressed = improving accessibility in the city. Matrix code 03L. Location Census tract 103.21, Block Group 2, City of Meridian. Number of persons benefitted = 220 annually.
	Target Date	12/31/2020 19

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<u>Five segments of sidewalks in Census tract 103.21, Block Group 2, are expected to be repaired with the allocation to the Meridian Development Corporation. There are 995 households living in this Block Group. About 20 percent of these households are comprised of senior females living alone. Another 35 percent are families with young children; half are households led by a single mother. Altogether, an estimated 1,990 people live in the block group with 1,095 below 100% MFI. 100-low to moderate income households</u>
	Location Description	<u>Census tract 103.21, Block Group 2, City of Meridian East 3rd Street, between Broadway and the Union Pacific Rail line</u>
	Planned Activities	03L – Sidewalks – improvements to sidewalks
8	Project Name	City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Chateau Drive
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Better Accessibility in Meridian
	Funding	CDBG: \$61,178
	Description	Design and install street lights along the E. Chateau corridor near Chief Joseph Elementary school. This will provide a lit corridor for students attending going to Chief Joseph School from the east. This area is currently under served with adequate street lighting.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	625 low/mod households
	Location Description	E Chateau Dr corridor near Chief Joseph Elementary School
	Planned Activities	03K – Street Improvements
9	Project Name	Ada County Housing Authority Homebuyer Assistance Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Enhance Homeownership Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Homeownership Opportunities: 80-120 Percent of AMI Down Payment Assistance Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	Provide safe and affordable housing and fostering self-sufficiency and stability for people in need through down payment assistance.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 low/mod households
	Location Description	Citywide - location is dependent on where the eligible client can find a home in their price range.
	Planned Activities	13- Homeownership assistance to LMI household as authorized under 105(a)(24)
10	Project Name	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - N. Jericho Way
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Better Accessibility in Meridian
	Funding	:
	Description	This is an alternate project. Design and install street lights along N. Jericho Road. This will provide a lit corridor for students attending going to Chief Joseph School from the south. This area is currently under served with adequate street lighting.
	Target Date	7/1/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 low/mod households
	Location Description	N Jericho Way, from Fairview Ave to Chateau, Meridian, Idaho
	Planned Activities	This is an alternate project 03K – Street Improvements
11	Project Name	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Camellia Lane, NW 12th, & State S
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Improve Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Better Accessibility in Meridian
	Funding	:
	Description	This is an alternate project. Design and install street lights on Camellia Lane, NW 12th, and State St. This will provide a lit corridor for students attending both Meridian Middle School and Meridian High School. This area is currently under served with adequate street lighting.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50+ low/mod households
	Location Description	Camellia Lane, NW 12th, & State St
	Planned Activities	This is an alternate project. 03K – Street Improvements
	12	Project Name
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Better Accessibility in Meridian
	Funding	:
	Description	This is an alternate project. Design and install street lights on N. Jericho Way. This will provide a lit corridor for students attending going to Chief Joseph School from the south. This area is currently under served with adequate street lighting.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 low/mod households
	Location Description	N. Jericho Way, from Fairview to Chateau.

	Planned Activities	This is an alternate project. 03K – Street Improvements
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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The City has two defined areas that may be considered for CDBG programming. The first is the Low to Moderate Income area (LMI), and the second is the Slum and Blight area. However, the City's basis for allocating investments has not and likely will not be geographically delineated with specified boundaries. Funding is determined upon meeting national objectives, qualifying eligible activities, and a competitive application process. The Community Development Department hosts an annual CDBG Workshop where past, current, and potential future sub-recipients are invited to attend and hear about the goals and objectives for the coming program year. After the workshop, potential sub-recipients are encouraged to apply for CDBG funding for proposed projects or activities. All eligible applications are considered for funding within the context of the goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.

Funding recommendations under the 2018 Program Year were made in consideration of the goals and outcomes of the proposed project, the need that the project addresses, how the organization plans to carry out the projects, and the degree to which the project or program addresses the priorities and objectives defined in the Consolidated Plan.

The following areas will have programs and projects ongoing during PY2018 that are assisted with CDBG funds:

~~Slum and Blight Area: Meridian Development Corporation and City of Meridian's Right of Way Improvements to the E 3rd Street in the City's Slum and Blight Redevelopment Area is focused on eradicating some of the most apparent contributing conditions to the areas slum and blight features including a lack of sidewalk and public infrastructure, as well as an open waterway running through the property and neighborhood. CDBG funds will be used to remedy these factors to increase the safety and usability of this area of the City's Redevelopment Area.~~

LMI Area: The City of Meridian's Public Works Department is focusing on Block Group 1, Census Tract 103.33 to develop and install new streetlights in an area where there is none. This area along E. Chateau Drive is a key pathway to school for students at Chief Joseph Elementary School. These newly installed lights will provide lighting in the mornings to kids walking to school when there previously was no lighting while also providing improved visibility and safety for travelers at night.

The Meridian Development Corporation (MDC) is focusing on Census Tract 103.21, Block Group 2 for sidewalk improvements. This area is related to many households with needs in this area (many are single female senior households), low and moderate income residents, and condition of sidewalks. This is an area with many single-family homes where children are within walking distance of two separate

schools, but there are no sidewalks along this stretch of road to allow them to safely walk to school.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

No projects were prioritized based solely on geographic area.

Discussion

Please see above.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Below are the goals of the City of Meridian as they relate to affordable housing for PY2018. These goals are dependent on the activities funded using the PY2018 CDBG grant.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	13
Special-Needs	15
Total	28

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	25
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	28

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Table 6:

It is difficult to determine the housing status of those households supported through PY17 CDBG partnerships. However, it is presumed that a minimum of 3 non-homeless households will be supported through the programs at ACHA with another 10 or so non-homeless families expected to be served by Jesse Tree. It is also estimated that CDBG support to the Education Foundation of West Ada School District’s Housing + High School = Success will assist 15 unaccompanied homeless/special needs youth. Because the School District tracks their homeless data using a different definition of "homelessness" than HUD, these individuals will be included in the Special-Needs category rather than the "Homeless" category though many of these clients are likely to be considered homeless under both definitions. There is also an estimated 2100 households will be helped by Meridian Food Bank and the Boys & Girls Club of Ada County which help individuals with special needs. Some of these 2100 households would likely be considered “Homeless” but neither organization tracks the housing status of their clients. Thus we can’t substantiate the housing status of these estimated 2100 clients to be served and their numbers

are not included in this table.

Table7:

Jesse Tree works to prevent homelessness and we anticipate around 10 households being supported by their services through our PY18 CDBG funds. In addition, the Education Foundation of West Ada School District will provide housing stipends and other housing assistance to around 15 homeless youth during PY18. Also, our partnership with AACHA will serve 3 families to help them find housing in Meridian and assist in supplementing down payment and closing costs for those homes.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

This section is not applicable as Meridian does not have a local housing authority or public housing units. Instead, Meridian is served by the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority which provides vouchers to qualifying residents in Meridian. The greatest need for low-to-moderate income renters in Meridian is rental housing with rents at or below the Fair Market Rent.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

N/A

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

N/A

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

Discussion

Please see “Introduction” of this section.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

This section discusses how the City of Meridian will address the needs of persons at risk of and experiencing homelessness in the City during PY18.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Meridian has been an active member of the Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC) for the last four years. City representatives have been particularly involved in the CoC's Executive and Housing Committees with the hopes of better understanding and coordinating the needs that Meridian's homeless individuals face and how to better serve them. In addition, City representatives are frequently involved in public discussions, presentations, and meetings with citizens, other governmental officials, and local service providers including West Ada School District, Jesse Tree, and CATCH to provide support, understanding, and outreach to the homeless in Meridian.

The City has also worked with Boise State University, the City of Boise, and the CoC to better implement a data collection protocol that can exist countywide. This data system is able to track where Meridian's homeless population came from and the reasons for their homelessness. This data and information will better inform strategies and partnerships that the City can implement in the future. During PY18, the City is committed to further exploring these data and strive to come to a better understanding of the who, what, when, where, and why of Meridian's homeless population.

The City is also committed to furthering its commitment serving the individual needs of Meridian's homeless population, particularly homeless youth, through CDBG funding support to the Education Foundation of West Ada School District's Housing + High School = Success. The City intends to continue to use its partners to identify, understand, and support homeless individuals (especially unsheltered persons) in Meridian.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

As noted, the City of Meridian is regularly in contact with case management and support services organizations like CATCH and Jesse Tree to assess and address the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons in Meridian. In 2017, Jesse Tree was funded through Meridian's CDBG program to help provide emergency rental assistance to Meridian residents at risk of losing housing. In the City's PY2017 Annual Action Plan, the City said it would consider grant applications for similar projects that would meet emergency and transitional housing needs in Meridian. Although PY2018 will

not be funding any of these types of projects, the City is working with a few partners, Mentor Works and Our Path Home, to get a better idea of future transitional and emergency shelter needs and projects in the near future.

The City is also part of coordinated conversations with CATCH, the CoC, and Idaho Housing and Finance Association, as well as other state housing providers, to better discuss and plan current and future transitional and emergency housing needs in the region and the state. The City is hopeful that a transitional housing provider will locate in the City limits within the coming 3-5 years.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Through City's CDBG program, Meridian has funded organizations like NeighborWorks Boise and Ada County Housing Authority to help provide down payment and closing cost assistance to low-to-moderate income residents of Meridian. In addition, Meridian's work with Jesse Tree and CATCH in previous and future years has helped provide rental and case management services aimed at preventing and resolving needs for homeless and near-homeless families and individuals in Meridian. Also, Meridian's work with the CoC are indicators of the efforts the City has made to help explore and address the needs of Meridian's homeless population.

In PY2017, the City helped plan and conduct the CoC's annual Point in Time count, assisted Boise State University researchers conduct research on the number of homeless youth in the City, served on a planning committee to build a new Permanent Supportive Housing development located in Boise, and regularly coordinated with partners and residents to better understand and address needs of the homeless population in Meridian and across the region.

The partnerships that the City has with local committees, organizations, and networks in evaluating, understanding, and addressing the many needs of Meridian's homeless population include Meridian Police Department, Ada County Sheriff's Office, City of Boise, City of Nampa, City of Caldwell, Women's and Children's Alliance, Astegos, Jesse Tree, Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County, West Ada School District, CATCH, Ada County Housing Authority, Local HUD office, Ada County Continuum of Care, Meridian Food Bank, United Way, NeighborWorks Boise, IHFA, Terry Riley, El-Ada Community Action, Our Path Home, and many others. These partnerships are extensive and ongoing in order to help address and prevent homelessness in Meridian.

These efforts, particularly coordination and participation with CATCH and the local CoC are designed to

assist local service providers in helping homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living while shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness. Specifically, the City participates in the CoC's Data and Performance Measurement Committee which supports the Our Path Home coordinated entry system. A main goal of this activity to identify needs and set goals that the City can achieve to meet given targets.

In addition, the City's current and future funding relationship with NeighborWorks Boise, Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority, Education Foundation of West Ada School District, and Jesse Tree are aimed to develop activities through the CDBG program aimed at facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing unit while also preventing individuals and families from becoming homeless.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

To avoid duplication of efforts, increased efficiency of systems, and to implement strategies across the Treasure Valley, the City of Meridian is a participant in the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC is comprised of representation from public housing, health & welfare, mental health and other service agencies. The Ada County Sheriff, Boise Police Department and IDJC (Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections) are also part of the CoC. The IDOC (Idaho Department of Corrections) participates in the Balance of State.

Collectively, the CoC coordinates, collects data, reviews data, and prioritizes strategies based on data and input from providers. The priority over the last two years has been Coordinated Entry and Permanent Supportive Housing. Coordinated Entry is housed with Our Path Home and is available to all Treasure Valley communities. Case conferencing is coordinated between health, mental health, and service providers for vulnerable households.

The CoC has seven committees including: Executive Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Data and Performance Committee, Score and Rank Committee, Housing Committee, Out Path Home Evaluation Committee, and Coordinating. Historically, the City of Meridian has been on the Executive and Housing Committees.

Meridian's CDBG Program currently funds Jesse Tree to provide emergency rental assistance to LMI residents who are at risk of becoming homeless. During PY2018 the City will continue to provide funding to Jesse Tree, as well as the Education Foundation of West Ada School District which provides housing

stipends and assistance to homeless, unaccompanied youth in Meridian. Both of these organization are working to keep families, individuals, and children off of the streets and in some sort of stable housing. Meridian also partners with other organizations like Meridian Food Bank and CATCH to assess needs and provide services for those at risk of becoming homeless. Please refer to the previous explanation for a list of the partnerships Meridian has to help prevent and address the homelessness needs of LMI individuals in the City.

Discussion

Much of the work that is being funded through the City's CDBG program is aimed toward homelessness prevention among the LMI population in the community. Answers to the questions in this section specify many of the different services and activities that Meridian is exerting energy and resources toward to help the local homeless and nearly-homeless populations. Development of public transportation opportunities for seniors, ADA compliance improvements to public facilities, and public facility improvements such as sidewalk and streetlight improvements in LMI areas are focused, outside of those already noted, to meet the needs of persons who are and who are not homeless in the community.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Section V, a supplement to the City's 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan, analyzes public and private barriers to housing choice in Meridian. Stakeholders were also interviewed about housing barriers. Barriers associated with tax policies, land use controls and zoning, building codes, fees and charges, growth limits, and policies affecting the return on residential investment were not identified as barriers. On the contrary, the review found a favorable environment for development and a migration toward more diverse housing types.

As such, the actions summarized below do NOT address the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing (policies, procedures, processes). Instead, they focus on actions that address other types of identified barriers.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City has recently expressed a commitment to creating more diverse housing types through its redevelopment plan for downtown. The plan states that creating diverse housing opportunities for different housing needs and life-cycles in downtown Meridian is important to support new businesses and activity. A healthy housing mix will also help to draw people downtown and ensure 24-7 activity. Housing created or redeveloped as part of the downtown plan is expected to include apartments, townhomes, condominiums, duplexes, and single-family homes. The City has helped facilitate the recent RFP for a large portion of the publicly-owned properties in downtown Meridian with a priority being given to those proposals that will development mixed use and high-density housing developments.

In 2017, to evaluate potential fair housing concerns within the City's zoning code, the City had BBC Consulting utilize a "Review of Public Policies and Practices (Zoning and Planning Codes)" form recently circulated by the Los Angeles fair housing office of HUD. The research did not reveal any negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. This includes land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting returns on residential investment.

In addition, over the next few program years, the City intends to undergo a review of potential policy and code changes that will incentivize the future development of multi-family and affordable housing

units in Meridian.

Discussion:

Please see the Grantee Unique Appendices attached to the City's 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan for details (Section V, pages 9 through 11).

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section discusses the Other Actions the City will take to address the needs of low-income residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to engage in the regional dialogue with neighboring communities and service providers to identify and address underserved needs, maintain affordable housing, and reduce the number of families living in poverty.

The City has made steps this year to address the underserved needs of unaccompanied youth and the physically disabled in Meridian through CDBG funding being allocated to projects that would exclusively support both populations.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City intends to partner with local service providers to provide emergency assistance to families who are at risk of eviction and homelessness. The City will also explore additional partnerships—including partnerships with mission-driven and private developers—to bring more workforce housing into downtown and underutilized land parcels. Finally, the city will partner with local service providers to provide down payment assistance to help renter households become homeowners.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Over the course of the upcoming program year, the City will maintain information on lead-based paint hazards in order to (1) educate the public, (2) gauge the prevalence of lead paint contamination, and (3) start to address the issue within the City. There is a wealth of information already available from HUD, the State, neighboring communities, and various organizations that staff will gather and make available at City Hall, on the City's website, and at other locations throughout the community.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Please see above. The City believes this should be a regional effort and will take more of a leadership role in addressing the needs of families living in poverty. Meridian's CDBG program intends to fund programs that provide emergency assistance to families who are at risk of homelessness, provide food supplies to those individuals in need, provide housing cost assistance for residents unable to cover the full costs of home purchases, among other activities. The City's local strategic plan also plans to address poverty-based issues through the expansion of needed public services as well as the ever-strong focus of Meridian on economic development and the expansion of quality employment opportunities for the

jurisdiction's LMI population.

The City is currently working on an in-depth socioeconomic profile of the City to help identify the needs of community members as it pertains to Housing, Finances, Food, Education, Health Care, and Transportation. Completing this research will allow us better understand the factors in the community that are contributing factors to those residents who are facing poverty in Meridian, as well as help define solutions that could help mitigate those factors. The City's hope is that this research will provide long-term insights and strategies to help reduce the number of poverty-level families in Meridian.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

There are few capacity issues related to institutional structure in Meridian and the surrounding area. However, the City will be making the CDBG Administrator position a full-time position that is fully funded out of the City's general fund. This institutional change is designed to provide more time to run effectively and efficiently the CDBG program as well as provide flexibility for the position to expand efforts into economic and other areas that can help meet the community development needs of the City. Staff will continue to work to attain relevant and appropriate professional development trainings during the program year to learn and address current and future institutional problems. Discussions will continue about the expansion and opportunities to add new program staff to assist in this community development work.

External to the City, the City has been involved in the institutional restructuring of the Ada County CoC as well as the implementation of new HMIS and Coordinated Entry standards for service providers in the County. These activities have dramatically altered the institutional framework of housing and other service providers in the region and has improved the efficiency and transparency of the coordinated work being done to address these needs. The City hopes to identify new institutional structures that can be developed, reformed or changed to better support the needs of those most at risk in the region (e.g. transitional and emergency housing networks).

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

There are few capacity issues related to coordination between public and private organizations in Meridian and the surrounding area. However, the City's partnership and funding relationship with local housing services organizations including NeighborWorks Boise, Jesse Tree, Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority, and Education Foundation of West Ada School District will continue to expand in this program year. In addition, coordination with other organizations like CATCH, Astegos, Boise Rescue Mission, Interfaith Sanctuary, Terry Riley, El-Ada Community Action, Janus, Idaho Office for Refugees, Agency for New Americans, Women's and Children's Alliance, and all members associated with the local Continuum of Care (including private housing developers) will continue to be built upon to improve networks, coordination, and problem solving in the jurisdiction. Meridian's participation in the local

continuum of care, housing and homelessness roundtables, and other regional coordination efforts outlines the City's continued action plan for enhancing the networking and coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Discussion:

Please see above.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Below is a description of the program requirements for Meridian's CDBG program and its commitment to meet those requirements.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	53.51%

This City's certification period includes program years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The City commits to meet the 70% LMI benefit requirement of the federal CDBG program over the span of that three year certification period.

With that said, during Program Year 2018, the City has allocated 53.51% of its funding to LMI-benefit projects. The City commits to ensure that, in the 2019 and 2020 program years, the City will allocate

more than 70% of its funds to LMI-benefit projects in order to meet the requirement for the cumulative certification period.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Transcript of Comments Received During Public Comment Period and Citizen Outreach Efforts

Comment received on June 25, 2018 from Meridian Resident, Rob Porter via email:

"I appreciate the work you do for our city and for the families who live here. I saw an article in the Meridian Press about how the city was seeking public comment on the use of a \$422K grant from the Community Development Block program. I'd like to submit we create a signaled pedestrian crosswalk near the Bridge Tower neighborhood on Ustick. This crosswalk would benefit hundreds of people, encourage families to walk more and drive less, and address an access barrier for our community members to use the Five Mile Creek pathway and Reta Husky Park.

As we know, with increasing population, many of our roads have become quite congested especially those with single lanes. Such is the case on Ustick between Linder and 10 Mile. Neighborhoods along this street must go to the major intersections to safely cross Ustick or dart between cars going 40+ MPH. There is a chapel on the southside of Ustick between 10 Mile and Linder that services four congregations and hundreds of families. There are more than 600 individuals in the Bridge Tower and Bellano Creek neighborhoods that are assigned to that chapel. Over 300 individuals consistently use the chapel on a weekly basis, sometimes two or more times a week. All these individuals live less than a mile from the chapel. Many choose to drive themselves and their children because it is safer to cross Ustick. A signaled crosswalk would encourage us to walk more and drive less. Less driving equals less impact on our environment and more time for families to enjoy the best of Idaho's weather in a safe manner.

Additionally Meridian, with a tremendous amount of foresight, is trying to develop pathways off of the main streets. Five Mile Creek pathway is one of the longest community pathways currently in development. The easiest access for neighborhoods on the southside of Ustick is Tower Bridge Road. If we're honest about safety, there is no safe biking path along 10 Mile north of Ustick to access the Five Mile Creek pathway. Signaled pedestrian crossing on Ustick would open up access to the 5 Mile Creek pathway and benefit hundreds of families in those neighborhoods.

We love this area, we're glad we moved here, but we know there are headaches that come with growth. We are thankful for the public comment request and urge you to consider this project as we try to maintain a family friendly community.

Would you please let me know if there's an application or signatures I need to obtain from our community? I'd love to know how to proceed if this is a project that could be considered with these grant funds.

Thank you!!

Rob Porter

*Meridian citizen
Bridge Tower Resident
Father of 5"*

Comment received on July 20, 2018 from Jenifer Cavaness-Williams via email:

"All of the organizations and projects chosen are worthy, and I would hate to take anything away from them. However, I hope the city considers using future grant money to build a performing arts center. Meridian is at the stage in its growth where it would benefit from a performing arts center.

Jenifer Cavaness-Williams"

Alternate Projects

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects **ALTERNATE PROJECT**

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho
Priority Need: Suitable Living Environment—Public Facility
Project Title: Streetlight Installation on N. Jericho Way

Description:

****ALTERNATE PROJECT**** The City of Meridian Public Works Department will use the CDBG funding to design and install Street lights at various locations along N. Jericho Way in eligible areas of Block Group 1, Census Tract 103.22 & Block Group 1, Census Tract 103.33 that are in need.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Various Locations within LMI Area

HUD Objective Number SL 3	Project ID
HUD Matrix Code 03K	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(c)
Type of Recipient Entitlement	C DBG National Objective LMA
Start Date 10/1/2018	Completion Date 9/30/2019
Performance Indicator Street lights	Annual Units
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

	4 new street lights
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Funding Sources

CDBG	<u>\$100,000</u>
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	<u>\$100,000</u>
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	<u>\$100,000</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

- The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects ****ALTERNATE PROJECT****

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho
Priority Need: Suitable Living Environment—Public Facility
Project Title: Streetlight Installation at 12th & State St.

Description:

****ALTERNATE PROJECT**** The City of Meridian Public Works Department will use the CDBG funding to design and install Street lights at various locations along Streetlight Installation at 12th & State St. in eligible areas of Block Group 1, Census Tract 103.22 that are in need.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Various Locations within LMI Area

HUD Objective Number SL 3	Project ID
HUD Matrix Code 03K	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(c)
Type of Recipient Entitlement	C DBG National Objective LMA
Start Date 10/1/2018	Completion Date 9/30/2019
Performance Indicator Street lights	Annual Units
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 4 new street lights

Funding Sources

CDBG	<u>\$125,000</u>
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	<u>\$125,000</u>
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	<u>\$125,000</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

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Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects **ALTERNATE PROJECT******

Jurisdiction’s Name: City of Meridian, Idaho
Priority Need: Suitable Living Environment—Public Facility
Project Title: Streetlight Installation at Crestwood Subdivision

Description:

****ALTERNATE PROJECT**** The City of Meridian Public Works Department will use the CDBG funding to design and install Street lights at various locations in the Crestwood Subdivision in eligible areas of Block Group 3, Census Tract 103.22 that are in need.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Various Locations within LMI Area

HUD Objective Number SL 3	Project ID
HUD Matrix Code 03K	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(c)
Type of Recipient Entitlement	C DBG National Objective LMA
Start Date 10/1/2018	Completion Date 9/30/2019
Performance Indicator Street lights	Annual Units
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 4 new street lights

Funding Sources

CDBG	<u>\$110,000</u>
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	<u>\$110,000</u>
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	<u>\$110,000</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

- The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4540-0004
 Expiration Date: 10/31/2016

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
*1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	*2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If New, select appropriate intent: <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
*3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
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State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
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*b. Employer/Contributor Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="09-500095"/>	*c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="029451367000"/>	
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* Province: <input type="text"/>	* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	
* Zip/Postal Code: <input type="text" value="37504-2679"/>	* Zip/Postal Code: <input type="text"/>	
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Department Name: <input type="text" value="MERIDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="PLANNING"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
* Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="CHRISTOPHER"/>	
* Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	* Last Name: <input type="text" value="PUGH"/>	
* Suffix: <input type="text"/>	* Title: <input type="text" value="DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="208-892-5505"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text" value="208-892-6551"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="CPUGH@MERCADAMITY.ORG"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: City of Eugene Municipal Government		
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:		
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:		
* Other (optional):		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: CFDA Title:		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: 14-218 * Title: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/HEALTH CARE GRANT		
13. Competition Identification Number: Title:		
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Exclude Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>		
* 16. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: IMPROVEMENTS TO CREATE/RESTORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, SAFARI AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, KUMARAK SINGH AND D. S. D. ARE AND NATURE RESERVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.		
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Allow an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="422,148.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="422,148.00"/>

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review or

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the "List of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

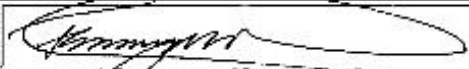
Authorized Representative:

* First Name: * Last Name:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: * Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

CERTIFICATIONS

in accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701n) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

7/17/18
Date

MAYOR
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Lurleen County Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan – It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds – It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2018, 2019, 2020 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

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However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

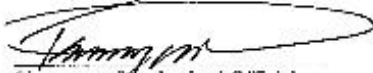
Excessive Force – It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

7/17/18
Date

MAYOR
Title

Summary of Substantial Amendment

(Approved by Council 4/23/19)

City of Meridian Community Development Block Grant



Summary of Substantial Amendment to PY18 Action Plan

Program Year 2018 (PY18) October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

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Issue

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PY16 Carlton Project (Design)

- Location: E Carlton between NE 3rd and NE 5th, south on NE 5th to E State, and west on E State one lot
- Purpose: Improve connectivity in a downtown LMI area and increase safety for students walking to and from Meridian Elementary and Cole Valley
- Total Award: \$60,000
- Expenditures: Architect fees \$59,812.66
- Balance: \$0 (remaining balance was reallocated)

PY17 Carlton Project (Construction)

- Location: Same as above
- Purpose: Same as above
- Total Award: \$182,195.11
- Expenditures: \$5,604.00
- Balance: \$176,591.11

PY18 E. 3rd Project

- Location: E. 3rd Right of Way between Broadway and the railroad tracks
- Purpose: Elimination of one of the most blighted properties in the community and a step toward public parking area
- Total Award: \$180,000
- Expenditures: None
- Balance: \$180,000

Total Unexpended Funding for 2 MDC Sidewalk Projects \$356,591.11

The Carlton project has been out for bid three (3) times. There were no bids during the first round and the bids during the second and third rounds were well above the original estimate and project budget. The most recent lowest bid was approximately twice the amount available for this project, which is believed to be due to the high construction costs in the current market. It is uncertain if construction costs will be going down any time soon, but MDC did put the most recent bid out during an off-season in an effort to get lower bids. MDC has not put the PY18 E. 3rd project out to bid yet, but there is concern that the same high construction cost issues will also exist on that project.

The CDBG program has a responsibility to the citizens of Meridian to provide funding and effective project management for viable projects that will enhance their community. The City made a commitment to improve accessibility for residents in the neighborhoods related to these projects and residents are entitled to transparency and access to a course of action to resolve these projects. The substantial amendment process provides that opportunity.

There are a couple of requirements around CDBG spending that staff is concerned about. First, HUD requires projects to be complete within seven (7) years of initiation. Further, if there are no expenditures for 270 days on a project, HUD is alerted and requires a remediation plan. All remediation plans are subject to HUD review and are not necessarily approved. Additionally, HUD conducts an annual check on August 1 to ensure CDBG programs are spending their funding timely and have no more than 1.5 times the current award available. If Meridian does not meet the timeliness requirement, the City could potentially lose funding for future years.

Solution

After evaluating several options, City staff determined the most effective approach would be to reallocate E. 3rd project funding to the Carlton project. The Carlton project is in a residential neighborhood and is designed to improve connectivity to the downtown corridor. It will also increase safety for students who are walking to school in this area. Reallocating the funds to the Carlton project will allow MDC to complete this project and apply for the E 3rd project during a future funding year.

Substantial Amendment

The [2017-2021 Consolidated Plan](#) requires a substantial amendment if there is a change in the allocation plan that redirects more than 20 percent of annual funding to a different activity. Due to the amount of funding to be reallocated, this project will require a substantial amendment. This process is similar to the approval of an Action Plan and includes a public comment period, public hearing, approval by Council, and adoption of a resolution.

Summary of Changes

Below is a summary of the changes to the PY18 Action Plan. To see the full PY 18 Action Plan with markups, please see link on CDBG Website (link will expire once the public comment period closes, but will be available upon request).

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Public Facilities

- Meridian Development Corporation & City of Meridian – ~~E-3rd Street Right of Way Improvements~~ PY17 Sidewalk Improvements - \$180,000 (in addition to \$147,000 in PY17)

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#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Meridian Food Bank
3	Education Foundation of West Ada School District
4	The Jesse Tree of Idaho - Homelessness Prevention
5	Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Program
6	Meridian Library District ADA Improvements
7	MDC Right of Way Sidewalk Construction/Improvements - Carlton
8	City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Chateau Drive
9	Ada County Housing Authority Homebuyer Assistance Program
10	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - N. Jericho Way
11	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Camellia Lane, NW 12th, & State S
12	(Alternate Project) City of Meridian - Streetlight Installation - Crestwood Subdivision

See AP-50 for more details on the rationale for priorities for the noted streetlights and ~~right-of-way sidewalk~~ improvement projects that aim to affect geographic areas than specific clientele.

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7	Project Name	MDC Sidewalk Construction/Improvements – Carlton Right of Way Improvements – E-3rd
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Accessibility

Needs Addressed	<p>Improve Accessibility in Meridian</p> <p>Improvements in Economic Stability</p> <p>Better Accessibility in Meridian</p>
Funding	CDBG: \$180,000 (in addition to \$147,000 from PY17)
Description	<p>Meridian Development Corporation will make improvements to sidewalks in LMI neighborhood(s). Priority needs addressed = improving accessibility in the city. Matrix code 03L. Location Census tract 103.21, Block Group 2, City of Meridian. Number of persons benefitted = 220 annually. Right-of-way improvements along the east side of East Third Street. Improvements include the following: tilling of a ditch, curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements.</p>
Target Date	12/31/2020 2019
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>Five segments of sidewalks in Census tract 103.21, Block Group 2, are expected to be repaired with the allocation to the Meridian Development Corporation. There are 995 households living in this Block Group. About 20 percent of these households are comprised of senior females living alone. Another 35 percent are families with young children; half are households led by a single mother. Altogether, an estimated 1,990 people live in the block group with 1,095 below 100% MFI. 100 low to moderate income households</p>
Location Description	Census tract 103.21, Block Group 2, City of Meridian East 3rd Street, between Broadway and the Union-Pacific Rail line
Planned Activities	03L – Sidewalks – improvements to sidewalks

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The following areas will have programs and projects ongoing during PY2018 that are assisted with CDBG funds:

~~Slum and Blight Area: Meridian Development Corporation and City of Meridian’s Right of Way Improvements to the E 3rd Street in the City’s Slum and Blight Redevelopment Area is focused on eradicating some of the most apparent contributing conditions to the areas slum and blight features including a lack of sidewalk and public infrastructure, as well as an open waterway running through the property and neighborhood. CDBG funds will be used to remedy these factors to increase the safety and usability of this area of the City’s Redevelopment Area.~~

LMI Area: The City of Meridian’s Public Works Department is focusing on Block Group 1, Census Tract 103.33 to develop and install new streetlights in an area where there is none. This area along E. Chateau Drive is a key pathway to school for students at Chief Joseph Elementary School. These newly installed

lights will provide lighting in the mornings to kids walking to school when there previously was no lighting while also providing improved visibility and safety for travelers at night.

The Meridian Development Corporation (MDC) is focusing on Census Tract 103.21, Block Group 2 for sidewalk improvements. This area is related to many households with needs in this area (many are single female senior households), low and moderate income residents, and condition of sidewalks. This is an area with many single-family homes where children are within walking distance of two separate schools, but there are no sidewalks along this stretch of road to allow them to safely walk to school.

Public Participation

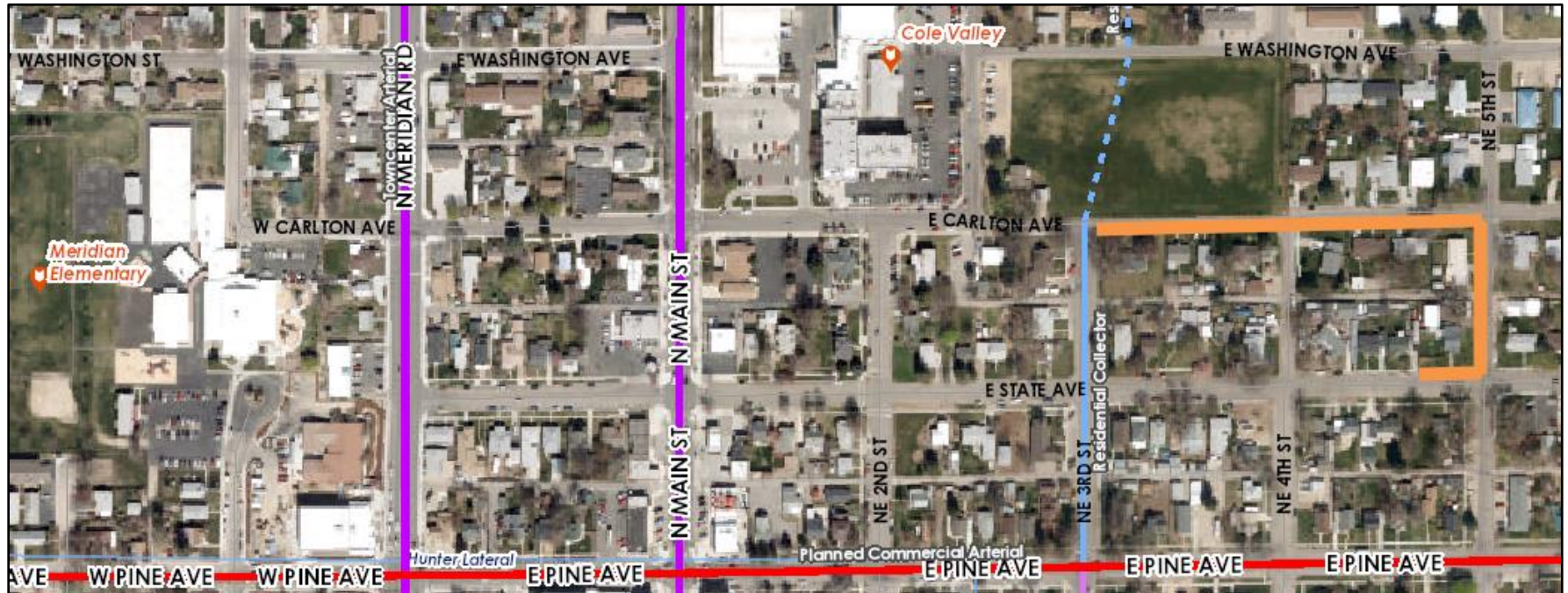
This substantial amendment is open for public comment between March 22, 2019 and April 23, 2019. During this time, all comments should be addressed to Crystal Campbell, who may be contacted by mail: City of Meridian, Community Development Department, 33 E. Broadway, Meridian, ID 83642; by phone: (208) 489-0575; by fax: (208) 888-6854; or by e-mail: ccampbell@meridiancity.org.

There will be a public hearing a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., in the Meridian City Council Chambers at Meridian City Hall. Citizens are invited to attend the hearing and testify on behalf of this amendment. Once the public hearing is closed, Council will vote to approve or deny the amendment to reallocate the funding to the Carlton project.

Attachment A: Maps

Carlton Project

Proposed sidewalk shown in orange.



E. 3rd Project

Proposed right of way shown in orange.



Attachment B: Public Notice

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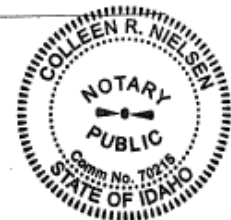
1. That I am a citizen of the United States, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the above entitled action.
2. That I am the Principle Clerk of the Meridian Press, a weekly newspaper published in the City of Meridian, in the County of Ada, State of Idaho; that the said newspaper is in general circulation in the said County of Ada, and in the vicinity of Meridian, and has been uninterruptedly published in said County during a period of seventy-eight consecutive weeks prior to the first publication of this notice, a copy of which is hereto attached.
3. That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, was published in said newspaper 1 time(s) in the regular and entire issue of said paper, and was printed in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement.

That said notice was published the following:
 03/22/2019

Sharon Jessen
 STATE OF IDAHO
 County of Canyon)

On this 22nd day of March in the year of 2019 before me a Notary Public, personally appeared Sharon Jessen, known or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledge to me that he/she executed the same.

Colleen R. Nielsen
 Notary Public for Idaho
 Residing at Canyon County
 My Commission expires 06/28/2023



LEGAL NOTICE

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STEFANI BEARD, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Principal Clerk of The Idaho Statesman, a daily newspaper printed and published at Boise, Ada County, State of Idaho, and having a general circulation therein, and which said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said County during a period of twelve consecutive months prior to the first publication of the notice, a copy of which is attached hereto: that said notice was published in The Idaho Statesman, in conformity with Section 60-108, Idaho Code, as amended, for:

1 Insertions

Beginning issue of: 03/22/2019

Ending issue of: 03/22/2019

Stefani Beard
(Legal Clerk)

On this 22nd day of March in the year of 2019 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Stefani Beard known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Christine Garcia
Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in Dallas County

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Attachment C: Public Comment

No comments submitted or presented.

Resolution for Substantial Amendment

CITY OF MERIDIAN

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2140

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

BERNT, BORTON, CAVENER,
LITTLE ROBERTS, MILAM, PALMER

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADOPTION OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN; AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO SUBMIT THE SAME TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), it is necessary to complete and submit to HUD a substantial amendment of an Action Plan for a city’s Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program when a change in a city’s allocation plan redirects more than 20 percent of annual funding to a different activity; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on the attached substantial amendment to the Action Plan for Program Year 2018 (“PY18”) on April 23, 2019, and held a public comment period on the draft application materials from March 22, 2019 to April 23, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO:

Section 1. That the amended PY18 Action Plan, as attached hereto, be, and the same hereby is, adopted as to both form and content.

Section 2. That the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized to respectively execute and attest the certifying documents for the amended PY18 Action Plan.

Section 3. That the Community Development Program Coordinator is hereby directed to submit the amended PY18 Action Plan to HUD.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the City Council of City of Meridian, Idaho this 23 day of April, 2019.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 23 day of April, 2019.

APPROVED:


Mayor Tammy de Weerd



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