

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK 2021-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

JULY 20, 2021



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CASTLE ROCK – CDBG BRIEF HISTORY

- Town Council accepted entitlement status in September 2020 to begin in Fiscal Year 2021
- Castle Rock, in partnership with Douglas County, used CDBG funding in 2011 for alleyway and downtown accessibility improvements
- Castle Rock deferred its entitlement status for CDBG funding in 2015, 2017 and 2019
- Douglas County ended its entitlement status in 2016
- Past decisions to defer entitlement status have been primarily based on concerns with requirements with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) stipulations that were changed in 2020 – specific concerns were loss of zoning/planning control

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Consultant (Civitas, LLC) was engaged for the Town's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan development – due by August 16, 2021

Public engagement occurred via online survey, stakeholder interviews, two public meetings and this public hearing

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Town's award amount for FY2021 is \$230,932 – funding available October 1st

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PARTICIPATING CITIES/COUNTIES

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| • Adams County | • Centennial | • Grand Junction | • Pueblo |
| • Arapahoe County | • Colorado Springs | • Greeley | • Thornton |
| • Arvada | • Commerce City | • Jefferson County | • Westminster |
| • Aurora | • Denver | • Lakewood | |
| • Boulder | • El Paso County | • Longmont | |
| • Broomfield | • Fort Collins | • Loveland | |

Douglas County is planning to participate in 2021


EXAMPLE PROJECTS

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| • Housing rehabilitation and sewer line replacements (Centennial) | • Establishing a high school mentoring program to empower students from low-income communities to graduate high school (Arapahoe County) |
| • Street and sidewalk accessibility improvements (Centennial) | • Low-income, senior, and special needs housing plus homebuyer assistance (Fort Collins) |
| • Energy efficiency grants (Englewood) | • Park/playground improvements (Lakewood) |


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ELIGIBLE PROJECTS


CDBG funds must be used for activities that meet one of the following criteria:



Benefit low and moderate income persons



Prevent or eliminate slums or blight



Address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available

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ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- Public services, within certain limits
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities

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PRIORITY NEEDS & GOALS

Priority Need	Aligned Goals
Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure	1A. Improve Access to Public Facilities (ADA) 1B. Improve Capacity of Public Infrastructure for LMI
Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs	2A. Provide Supportive Services for Seniors 2B. Provide Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs

Project Name and Proposed Activity	Funding
CDBG: Administration (20%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Development Department Admin	\$46,186
CDBG: Public Services (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supportive services for LMI & special needs	\$34,640
CDBG: Public Facilities & Infrastructure (65%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public facilities, infrastructure	\$150,106

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN (CPP)

- Requirement of CDBG Participation
- Guides public engagement, communication and amendment procedures
- Includes accommodation for language and ADA needs

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Occurred from June 18 – July 19, 2021
- ConPlan and CPP were available at Town Hall, Philip S. Miller Library, CRgov.com/cdbg and printed copies available upon request
- No public comments received

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AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (AFFH) RULE CHANGE

- HUD released an interim final rule changing the definition of AFFH on June 10, 2021 (effective July 31, 2021)

“taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all of a program participant’s activities and programs relating to housing and urban development.”

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- No specific requirements for how to AFFH but proactive “meaningful actions” will be required – Town will certify that we properly AFFH
- HUD is available for technical assistance
- Examples could include:
 - Performing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing study and following up on identified items (such as down payment assistance, housing rehab, etc.)
 - Education regarding fair housing rights (tenants and landlord responsibilities)
- No changes to 2021 – 2025 ConPlan are necessary
- Additional rule making is expected in the future but exact impacts are unknown at this time

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NEXT STEPS

- Staff recommends approval of the 2021 – 2025 ConPlan and Citizen Participation Plan
- If approved, the plan will be submitted to HUD by the August 16, 2021 deadline for program year starting October 1, 2021
- Upon HUD's acceptance of the plan, Town staff will proceed program implementation
 - Development of program management structure
 - Development and solicitation of project applications
 - Award specific project applications
 - Ongoing monitoring of related rule changes
 - Future Town Council updates as needed



QUESTIONS?

PROPOSED MOTION:

"I move to approve the resolution as introduced by title"