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MEMO: April 30, 2021
TO: Honorable Township Board of Trustees
FROM: Rob Merinsky, Development Services
SUBJECT: 2021/2025 Consolidated Plan & 2021/2022 Community Development Block Grant Program (47th) Year Action Plan

Attached please find a copy of the Township's proposed 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) consolidated planning process, the Charter Township of Waterford must prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan in order to receive CDBG and other available HUD funding. This Plan is required by HUD to identify community development and housing needs that may be funded through available HUD resources during the 2021-2025 federal program years. Included within the 2021-2025 CDBG Consolidated Five-Year Plan is the Annual Action Plan for the 2021/2022 CDBG Program which outlines how Waterford Township will implement the Consolidated plan during the first year under the plan and includes a list of eligible programs and projects to be funded with CDBG resources.

As a current member of the Oakland County HOME Consortium, Waterford Township's Consolidated Plan is now considered a "component" of the overall Consolidated Plan submitted to HUD by the lead agency, Oakland County. That is, each member is still responsible for preparing a Consolidated Plan to address their own community needs and administer their own entitlement program, but these plans become part of a larger planning effort managed and submitted by the County. As with the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, staff worked cooperatively with other Consortium members including Oakland County, the Cities of Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Pontiac, and Southfield to complete this task.

The DRAFT 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan was made available for a 30 day public review and comment period from April 9, 2021 through May 10, 2021. To date, our office has not received any comments.

The 2021/2022 Action Plan, which begins on July 1, 2021, will be primarily funded through the new CDBG grant funds to be allocated to Waterford from HUD's FY 2021

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budget. Our CDBG entitlement amount for the 2021/2022 CDBG Program Year will be \$375,405. The Township also projects receiving approximately \$50,000 in program income from Housing Rehabilitation Loan repayments during the 47th Program Year and will be reallocating \$116,310 of available previous program year CDBG funds. In keeping with the national objectives of the CDBG Program for "maximum feasible priority", the Charter Township of Waterford proposes to allocate the funding to be received by the Township during PY 2021/2025 to the activities cited in the plan, which will primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The public hearing on 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and the Township's 2021/2022 (47th Program Year) Action Plan scheduled for the May 10, 2021 meeting will provide compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulatory requirements for public discourse, an opportunity to gather citizen views on Waterford's housing and community development needs, and to approve the Final Statement of 2021/2022 Projected Use of Funds that will be used to complete the CDBG Annual Action Plan submitted to HUD.

For the Boards consideration, I have prepared the following resolution for the approval of the 2021-2025 CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the implementation of the Township's 2021/2022 (47th) CDBG Program Year Action Plan.

If you have any questions regarding these matters please call me at (248) 674-6247 prior to the meeting.