

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2024

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REQUEST: HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT – PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the City's Fiscal Year 2023/24 Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides eligible jurisdictions with federal funds annually to address the needs of low- and moderate-income individuals, allow for neighborhood housing improvements, and respond to urgent needs.

The City of Palm Desert has completed a draft of its FY 2023/24 CAPER, which outlines the City's accomplishments under the CDBG program from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and details the expenditures for the FY 2023/24 funding cycle. This report also marks the first year of our 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, which outlines the City's commitment to various goals and objectives aimed at enhancing the community. The City is required to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the fiscal year 2023/24 comprehensive annual performance and evaluation report to remain in compliance.

During the first year of the 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, the following goals were supported:

- Fund Vital Community and Homeless Services to prevent homelessness, including funding:
 - Operation Safe House, Inc.
- Support Public and Community Facilities Improvement, including funding:
 - The Desert Arc, ADA Restroom Improvements
 - The Joslyn Center, ADA Restroom Improvements
- Support Fair Housing Initiatives, including funding:
 - Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the conduct of this public hearing.

ATTACHMENT:

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