The Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) is a federal prerequisite for receiving various sources of entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan is one of four components of a Consolidated Plan; 1) a community profile and market needs analysis that describes the disproportionate needs of the community’s low income and minority residents; 2) a five-year strategic plan that identifies quantitative performance outcomes the City will achieve using federal funding each year of the five-year plan to meet the community needs; 3) an Assessment of Fair Housing and 4) a one-year Action Plan for each of the five years that identifies how funds will be used annually to meet the quantitative goals. The recommendations for 2019-2020 constitute the specific Action Plan for the second year of the City’s Consolidated Plan for 2018-2022.

The City estimates it will receive $700,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and $275,000 in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) entitlement funds from HUD. The Housing and Human Concerns Committee (HHCC) made funding recommendations based on the estimated entitlement amounts and an estimated $200,000 in program income from principal and interest payments from housing rehabilitation and first time homebuyer loans. All proposed activities’ budgets will proportionally increase or decrease from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts. These community development objectives and proposed use of funds were developed on the basis of community input regarding housing and community development needs at a series of public meetings held by the HHCC and consultations at which the needs assessment and funding proposals were discussed as outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan strategy. The City intends to submit its Action Plan for 2019-2020 to HUD which provides a detailed description of activities proposed for funding that target federal resources to affordable housing development and preservation, support comprehensive services that help to reduce poverty and homelessness, and support an economic development program to assist micro-business enterprises.

The Action Plan is available for public review on the City’s website at: www.redwoodcity.org/cdbg-home or a copy may be reviewed at the City of Redwood City, Community Development Department, Planning & Housing Services, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA, 94063 or by calling 650-780-7234 or TDD 650-780-0129. Public comments on the Action Plan should be submitted in writing to Cindy Avila, Housing & Grants Specialist, at the address listed above or by email to cavila@redwoodcity.org.

The public review period is from March 21, 2019 through April 22, 2019 at which time the City Council will hold a Public Hearing and either approve or amend the Action Plan and projects proposed for funding. The public is invited to attend the City Council Public Hearing to make comments in person at the following meeting:

April 22, 2019
7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
1017 Middlefield Road
Redwood City

Alternate Agenda Formats: The City Council will provide materials in appropriate alternative formats to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please send a written request to City Clerk, at 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA 94063 or e-mail address paguilar@redwoodcity.org including your name, address, phone number and brief description of the requested materials and preferred alternative format or auxiliary aid or service at least seven calendar days before the meeting.

Published in the Daily Journal: March 21, 2019.