



HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

A quarterly newsletter for Housing and Community Development

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The Mesa City Council, at its July 2 meeting, approved the City's fiscal year 2018/2019 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The plan includes proposed activities and allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs to address priority issues of affordable housing, homeless assistance, special needs and community development (non-housing) identified in the Fiscal Year 2015/2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

On May 1, HUD published the City's allocation for the fiscal year 2018/2019:

- CDBG \$3,634,821
- HOME \$1,451,891
- ESG \$288,990

There is also \$845,310 of prior year unused HOME funding that will be allocated to projects and programs. In addition, City Council approved using Human Services funding from the ABC program and the general fund totaling \$720,000.

The Annual Action Plan funding recommendations can be found at www.mesaaz.gov/home/showdocument?id=27711.

CPLC APPLYING FOR CDHO STATUS

Housing and Community Development is working with Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) to have it become a Community Development Housing Organization (CDHO) in Mesa and upon completion of the certification process, CPLC will be the City's first CDHO for the 2018-2019 program year. A CDHO is a private nonprofit community-based organization with the capacity to develop, own and/or sponsor affordable housing. The federal HOME Program guarantees CHDO's funds by requiring at least 15 percent of the City's annual HOME allocation must be set aside for affordable housing activities undertaken by CDHOs.

With the goal to achieve CDHO status, CPLC has recently purchased the Mesa Royale property, located on West Main Street. The goal is for CPLC to make Mesa Royale a high performance CDHO project by redeveloping the site in a phased development with 10 townhomes under phase one during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This housing project will be a multi-phased development project.

CPLC is finalizing a site and development plan design and is giving current residents living in Mesa Royale Park the opportunity to purchase the condos, as well as offering other purchase, lease and rental options for all residents being relocated.



HOUSING MASTER PLAN SURVEY

The Mesa Community Services Department is inviting residents to take an online survey about the quality of housing and neighborhoods as part of the City's update of its Housing Master Plan. The survey results will help the City identify and establish housing and community development priorities over the next 10 years.

The survey, which is open to anyone who rents or owns a home in Mesa, will take about 10 minutes and all responses are confidential. There will also be weekly raffle drawings every Thursday. The email address needed to enter the raffle will not be associated with this survey or placed on any listings.

To participate in the survey, which continues until Aug. 31, visit www.mesaaz.gov/mesaishome.

SECURITY AND UTILITY DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

The City of Mesa Housing Authority administers a Security/Utility Deposit Program and there is currently funding available for low-income Mesa residents. The applications are available in the Housing Authority office at 20 E Main St, Suite 250.

Applicants are not allowed to have received security deposit assistance from the City in the last five years and the annual gross income must be at or below 50 percent median income based on the number of people in the household. Applicants must present a photo ID for the head of household, original Social Security cards for all members of the household and proof of income for all household members.

LANDLORD FAIR

A Landlord Fair is taking place Thursday, Oct. 11 at the Mesa Convention Center, 263 N. Center St. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m. The fair will offer something for every owner and property manager. Sessions will include Rights and Obligations of the Landlord, Fair Housing, the Violence Against Women Act, Landlord Incentive Program and much more. More information will be available by mid-August on our website at www.mesaaz.gov/residents/housing-community-development.

NONPROFIT PARTNER PROFILE: CHICANOS POR LA CAUSA

Chicanos Por La Causa, also known as CPLC, was founded in Phoenix in 1969 to confront oppression facing Latinos.

As one of the largest community development corporations in Arizona, CPLC is committed to helping individuals become economically and politically empowered and self-sufficient. Its services are offered to all people, regardless of ethnic background. CPLC's vibrant community presence spans a comprehensive range of bilingual and bicultural services in health and human Services, housing, education and economic development. The City is currently working with CPLC on two projects in Mesa:



- Mesa Royale Mobile Home Park, where the organization purchased the property and is currently working with every resident on relocation options to avoid displacement. The park will be redeveloped in several phases. The first phase will include 10 three-story townhomes for sale south of Pepper Place. Following phases will ultimately include two-story single family townhomes north of Pepper Place and additional three-story homes south of Pepper. Federal HOME and CDBG funds, administered by the City, are being used for the project.



- The Residences on Main Street, at the northwest corner of Main Street and Country Club Drive, is a mixed use, market-rate multifamily development project. The five-story building will include 198 apartment units, parking for residents, a private pool, exercise room and community space. There will also be 20,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor directly across from the Country Club and Main light rail stop.

For more information about Chicanos Por La Causa, visit www.cplc.org.



CHICANOS POR LA CAUSA

LITTLE LIBRARIES

Mesa Little Libraries is a new program that supports Mesa residents who want to create Little Libraries to inspire a love of reading through book exchanges and to foster connections in their neighborhoods. This program was developed through the Imagine Mesa Initiative and is modeled after the national Little Free Libraries program with permission from Little Free Library, LTD.

A Little Library is a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share.

This year, the City of Mesa is committed to funding a minimum of six libraries with opportunities to expand if community interest increases. All applicants will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis, subject to availability of funds, completion of required paperwork and project approval by the Neighborhood Outreach Office. For more information, visit www.mesaaz.gov/littlelibraries.



MESA HYDRATION DONATION CAMPAIGN

The 12th Annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign is underway with a goal of collecting 500,000 bottles of water to help people in need during the extreme summer heat. United Food Bank distributes donated water to numerous nonprofit organizations in Mesa and throughout the valley including Paz De Cristo, Mesa United Way and A New Leaf-East Valley Men’s Center. Since the campaign began in 2007, more than 3.2 million bottles of water have been donated.

The Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign will be collecting water until Friday, Sept. 14. For more information, including a list of drop-off locations throughout the City of Mesa, visit www.mesaaz.gov/H2Omesa.

HELP THE
VULNERABLE DURING
TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT

MESA Hydration Donation Campaign



GREAT EMPLOYEES

PRISILA RIVERA, Program Assistant, has taken on different roles in the Housing Rehabilitation Program in an effort to fill in for staff who are out of the office on extended leave. Prisila has developed more knowledge of the program and continues to be a valued employee. Her flexibility and positive attitude makes the transition easier for everyone.

NEW EMPLOYEES

JESSICA MORALES has joined the Housing and Community Development Department as an Office Assistant II.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS

MON., AUG. 20. CITY COUNCIL.
5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers,
57 E. 1st St.

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5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers,
57 E. 1st St.

THUR., SEPT. 6. HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY BOARD. 6pm. Lower Level
Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

MON., SEPT. 10. CITY COUNCIL.
5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers,
57 E. 1st St.

FRI., SEPT. 14. SEASON KICKOFF
FESTIVAL. 6pm-10pm. Mesa Arts Center,
1 E. Main St.

MON., SEPT. 17. CITY COUNCIL.
5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers,
57 E. 1st St.

THUR., SEPT. 27. HOUSING SERVICES
GOVERNING BOARD. 7:30am. Lower
Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

MON., OCT. 1. CITY COUNCIL. 5:45pm.
Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E.
1st St.

THUR., OCT. 4. HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY BOARD. 6pm. Lower Level
Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

THUR., OCT. 11. LANDLORD FAIR.
9am-1pm. Mesa Convention Center, 263
N. Center St.

MON., OCT. 15. CITY COUNCIL.
5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers,
57 E. 1st St.

SAT., OCT. 20. CELEBRATE MESA. 5pm-
9pm. Red Mountain Soccer Complex,
905 N. Sun Valley Blvd.

SAT., OCT. 27. MAKE A DIFFERENCE
DAY. 7am-1pm. Various locations
throughout Mesa.

SAT. OCT. 27. MESA ADVENTURE
CHALLENGE. 11am-1:30pm. Downtown
Mesa.

SAT., OCT. 27. DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
FESTIVAL. 10am-5pm. Mesa Arts Center,
1 E. Main St.

SAT., OCT. 28. DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
FESTIVAL. Noon-5pm. Mesa Arts Center,
1 E. Main St.