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**RE: CDBG Targeted Areas Map**

As part of the process of developing the FY 2015-2020 HUD 5-Year Consolidated Plan, the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) reviewed American Community Survey data recently provided by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HCD is recommending a new map that represents CDBG "targeted areas". In the past the HCD used a map that designated CDBG eligible areas which restricted area-wide CDBG activities to these designated areas.  The new map represents a "targeted area” approach and identifies areas in which CDBG investment would be focused.   The CDBG application process would allow for investment in other areas after confirmation from HCD staff that the service area of the project (area benefitting from the project) is 51% low-to-moderate income.  This recommendation is presented as a strategic way to target the City’s limited CDBG resources in the areas of the City with the most need.   However, the recommendation would not eliminate projects in other areas of the City.

The CDBG Targeted Area map would be part of the FY 2015-2020 HUD 5-Year Consolidated Plan which will be reviewed by the Housing and Community Development Committee on April 22nd and submitted to the City Council for approval at the May 4th Council meeting.