

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Greensboro’s federal Five-Year Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) for the period of 2015-2019. The Annual Action Plan details each year within the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and outlines the implementation of annual funding, which is developed through public input, analyses, and planning. The Greensboro City Council adopted the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (Annual Plan) on May 21, 2019 and submitted the document to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before the required deadline date.

The City’s Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the efforts that the City will take to encourage its residents to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public process when a “substantial amendment” to the Annual Plan is proposed. The following changes constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- A change in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another
- Funding of a new project not previously described in the Annual Plan
- A change in the allocation or distribution of funds
 - Defined as when the dollar amount of that change is equal to, or greater than 25% of the City’s current fiscal year federal allocation
 - E.g. CDBG is undergoing a substantial change when 25% or more of that year’s CDBG allocation is affected
- A significant change to an activity’s proposed beneficiaries or persons served

HUD has allocated special funds to the City of Greensboro, as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Due to COVID-19, HUD has issued guidance that waives the Citizen Participation Plan requirements for entitlement recipients, provided that (1) no fewer than five days are provided for public comment and that (2) reasonable notice and the opportunity to comment is provided. Additionally, HUD has awarded supplemental funding through the CARES Act that requires programming in the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

B. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A five-day public comment period was published in the *Greensboro News & Record*, *Carolina Peacemaker*, and *Qué Pasa* and posted on the City website, informing the public of the proposed Substantial Amendment and inviting comments. The public comment period will begin on Thursday May 14, 2020 and will end on Monday May 18, 2020. Citizens are able to review copies of the Substantial Amendment at www.greensboro-nc.gov/substantialamendment or may request a hard copy if needed. On May 19, 2020, the Greensboro City Council will approve the submission of the substantial amendment and the CARES Act program funding.

C. CHANGES TO THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City is proposing the following amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan in order to allocate additional program funding to an existing project and allocate the supplemental funding awarded by the CARES Act.

1. Program and authorize \$1,329,635 in CDBG-CV funding made available by the CARES Act to provide emergency shelter costs, hotel/motel vouchers, rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, employment training and COVID-related staffing costs;
2. Program and authorize \$675,621 in ESG-CV funding made available by the CARES Act to provide rapid rehousing services including hotel/motel vouchers and COVID-related staffing costs;
3. Program and authorize \$77,708 in HOPWA-CV funding made available by the CARES Act to provide additional housing assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS;
4. The reprogramming of \$504,258 prior year CDBG funds that were not expended;
5. Increase CDBG funding to Housing Rehabilitation project by \$504,258; from \$424,997 to \$929,255.

The following Table outlines the project budgets that are being modified to allocate funds to the proposed projects described in this Substantial Amendment:

Table 1: Proposed Activity Budget Modifications and Reprogrammed Project Budgets

Program Year/ Project Title	Existing Budget	New Budget	Difference
<i>Reduce Funding/Unexpended</i>			
Prior Year Unexpended Funds	\$504,258	\$0	(\$504,258)
Subtotal			(\$504,258)
<i>Increase Funding/Programming</i>			
FY 19/20 Housing Rehabilitation Project	\$424,997	\$929,255	\$504,258
FY 19/20 CDBG-CV	N/A	\$1,329,635	\$1,329,635
FY 19/20 ESG-CV	N/A	\$675,621	\$675,621
FY 19/20 HOPWA-CV	N/A	\$77,708	\$77,708
Subtotal			\$2,587,222

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City of Greensboro is providing notice of a five-day public comment period as part of the HUD public participation exemption process. The documents are available on the Neighborhood Development website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/substantialamendment.

Comments may be provided to Caitlin Bowers by email (Caitlin.Bowers@greensboro-nc.gov), phone (336-433-7266), or in writing addressed to:

ATTN: Caitlin Bowers
 City of Greensboro
 Neighborhood Development Department
 PO Box 3136
 Greensboro, NC 27402

All public comments received during the five-day public comment period will be incorporated into the overall Substantial Amendment submitted to HUD.

E. 2019-2020 PROPOSED ACTIVITY DETAIL

Amend the projects in section AP-38 Project Summary, as follows (*additions*):

Table 2: AP-38 Project Summary Information

3	Project Name	FY 19/20 - Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Promote a Suitable Living Environment
	Needs Addressed	Quality Living Environments
	Funding	CDBG: \$424,997 <i>\$929,255</i>
	Description	Rehabilitation of homeowner and rental housing including Lead Program match.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 <i>56</i> low-moderate income families
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of homeowner and rental housing including Lead Program match.
9	Project Name	<i>FY 19/20 – CDBG-CARES</i>
	Target Area	<i>N/A</i>
	Goals Supported	<i>Promote a Suitable Living Environment</i>
	Needs Addressed	<i>Homelessness Services</i>
	Funding	<i>CDBG-CV: \$1,329,635</i>
	Description	<i>Provide equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to carry out public service of shelter, provide hotel/motel vouchers, rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, employment training, case management, and COVID-related staffing costs.</i>
	Target Date	<i>6/30/2020</i>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<i>TBD</i>
	Location Description	<i>Citywide</i>
	Planned Activities	<i>Subsistence payments, employment training, emergency homeless shelter operations.</i>
10	Project Name	<i>FY 19/20 – ESG-CARES</i>
	Target Area	<i>N/A</i>
	Goals Supported	<i>Promote a Suitable Living Environment</i>

	Needs Addressed	<i>Homelessness Services</i>
	Funding	<i>ESG-CV: \$675,621</i>
	Description	<i>Rapid rehousing – provide case management services, deposit/rental assistance, and other eligible services as needed to keep individuals and families from experiencing homelessness due to the COVID-19 emergency.</i>
	Target Date	<i>6/30/2020</i>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<i>TBD</i>
	Location Description	<i>Citywide</i>
	Planned Activities	<i>Rapid rehousing</i>
11	Project Name	<i>FY 19/20 – HOPWA-CARES</i>
	Target Area	<i>HOPWA EMSA</i>
	Goals Supported	<i>Promote a Suitable Living Environment</i>
	Needs Addressed	<i>Homelessness Services</i>
	Funding	<i>HOPWA-CV: \$77,708</i>
	Description	<i>Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short Term Rental/Mortgage and Utility (STRMU) Assistance for low-income residents living with HIV/AIDS</i>
	Target Date	<i>6/30/2020</i>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<i>80 low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS</i>
	Location Description	<i>HOPWA EMSA - Guilford, Rockingham, and Randolph counties</i>
	Planned Activities	<i>TBRA, STRMU</i>