

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).

The first Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to program and authorize \$2,082,964 in CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV funds under the CARES Act was approved by City Council on May 19, 2020 and submitted to HUD. The second Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Plan to program and authorize \$1,880,847 in additional ESG-CV funds awarded to the City of Greensboro was approved by City Council on August 18, 2020. The third Substantial Amendment to fund a new project not previously described in the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan with CDBG funds was approved by City Council on October 6, 2020.

B. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

An 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 began on Thursday April 22, 2021 and ends on Monday April 26, 2021. Residents are able to review copies of the Substantial Amendment at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SubAmendment or may request a hard copy if needed. On May 4, 2021, 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 supplemental funding awarded by the CARES Act.

1. Program and authorize \$1,611,310 in CDBG-CV funding made available by the CARES Act to provide homelessness prevention and supportive housing.

In the event that forthcoming federal notices provide flexibility for funding new eligible activities, we anticipate the possibility of allocating the balance of any uncommitted CDBG-CV funds to new activities based on local needs. Additional activities will be considered within 180 days of the date of the HUD grant agreement for Round III CDBG-CV funds.

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>Increase Funding/Programming</i>			
FY 19/20 CDBG-CV	\$1,329,63	\$2,940,945	\$1,611,310
Subtotal			\$1,611,310

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/SubAmendment.

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 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

10	Project Name	CV-CDBG CARES
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Promote a Suitable Living Environment
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$1,329,635 ; <i>\$2,940,945</i>
	Description	<p>CDBG-CV activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.</p> <p><i>Acquisition and rehabilitation of a facility to be used as permanent supportive housing to keep individuals and families from experiencing homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></p> <p><i>In the event that forthcoming federal notices provide flexibility for funding new eligible activities, we anticipate the possibility of allocating the balance of any uncommitted CDBG-CV funds to new activities based on local needs. Additional activities will be considered within 180 days of the date of the HUD grant agreement for Round III CDBG-CV funds.</i></p>
	Target Date	6/30/2020 ; <i>6/30/2021</i>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	850 low-income households/persons served. <i>More than 850 extremely low-income households served.</i>
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Subsistence payments, employment training, emergency homeless shelter operations, <i>homelessness prevention and supportive housing</i>