

THE PROPOSED CDBG-CV SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
TO THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
DRAFT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

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Summary

The City of Carson proposes to further amend its 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to reallocate previously budgeted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (referred as CDBG-CV) to provide renewed funding to a program of services to assist Carson residents who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to establish a new program of targeted rehabilitation for low-and moderate-income residents as a preventive measure against the spread of coronavirus.

Amendment of the relevant Annual Action Plan is necessary because the proposed action meets all three of the following criteria as listed in the City’s CDBG Citizen Participation Plan:

- a) an increase or decrease greater than 100% of the activity allocation if the allocation is \$50,000 or more as listed in a published Five-Year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, or as amended; or
- b) an increase or decrease greater than \$50,000 of the activity allocation if the allocation is less than \$50,000 as listed in a published Five-Year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, or as amended; or
- c) an increase or decrease in an activity allocation greater than \$300,000..

In this instance, the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is the relevant Action Plan because the City’s allocations of CDBG-CV funding were obtained pursuant to Substantial Amendments to that Action Plan.

Fiscal Impact

The City of Carson has previously received a total of \$1,152,051 in CDBG-CV funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the CARES Act. That funding has been budgeted to the following purposes:

Business Assistance Program: A program to assist small Carson businesses that have suffered negative impacts from the pandemic. Eligible expenses include such items as rent, working capital, and utilities, as well as physical improvements to the interior of the businesses to enable them to comply with post-pandemic health and safety regulations.

Emergency Rental Assistance: Emergency rental assistance to low- and moderate-income Carson residents facing imminent threat of eviction as a result of loss of income related to the pandemic,

Delivery of Meals and Household Items to Seniors: A program to provide delivery of meals and essential household supplies to senior citizens who are homebound because of the potential effects of the coronavirus on their vulnerable medical conditions.

Homelessness Prevention Services: Services to assist Carson residents who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness (move-in assistance, shelter expenses, case management, financial literacy instruction).

Planning and Administration: Eligible program planning and administration costs.

At present, the City has an unexpended balance of some \$436,022. Staff proposes to allocate \$60,000 of that to continue the aforementioned homelessness prevention services, and the remainder (\$376,022) to establish a new program of residential rehabilitation for low- and moderate-income residents to prevent and inhibit the spread of coronavirus. The focus of this program would be heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems, windows, doors, roofing, and mold abatement.

Revised Activities and Funding Reallocations

Activity Name	Current Funding	Additional Funding	Revised Funding
Homelessness Prevention Services (existing activity)	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$90,000
COVID-Related Residential Rehabilitation (new activity)	\$0	\$376,022	\$376,022

Eligibility

The activity for which available funding would be increased under the proposed Substantial Amendment constitutes an eligible use of CDBG funds as permitted under 24 CFR 570.201 (e) and 24 CFR 570.202 (a) (1).

Impact on 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Goals and Objectives

With the initial allocation of \$30,000 to the homelessness prevention program, a goal of serving 10 families was set (a goal which thus far has been reached). Based on that, the allocation of an additional \$60,000 should result in an additional 20 families being served.

There currently is no information on which to base a goal target for the new COVID-related residential rehabilitation program. How many households can be served would be based on the number, scope and cost of the individual rehabilitation projects.

Public Comment

As per HUD regulations, and as provided for in the City of Carson’s CDBG Program Citizen Participation Plan, the proposed Substantial Amendment will be posted and published via the usual methods for a period of not less than 30 calendar days for public review and comment. In addition, a public hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held regarding the proposed Substantial Amendment by City Council on December 6, 2022 prior to its approval by City Council for submission to HUD.

A summary of public comments received regarding the proposed CDBG Substantial Amendment will be attached to the final version of the Substantial Amendment submitted to HUD.

Attachments: Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period



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**NOTICE OF 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS
TO THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
AND THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Carson, California will conduct a public hearing on proposed Substantial Amendments to the City's 2022-2023 and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plans. Said public hearing will take place during a regular meeting of the City Council to be held at the following date, time and place:

DATE: Tuesday, December 6, 2022
TIME: 6:00 P. M., or as soon thereafter as is practicable
PLACE: Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall
701 East Carson Street
Carson, California 90745

The proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan is to reallocate accumulated prior years' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to increase the available funding for the Neighborhood Pride (residential rehabilitation) Program.

The proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is to allocate previously-budgeted Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to a program to assist low- and moderate-income residents to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, and to continue a program of homelessness prevention services for persons displaced by the pandemic. (The 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is being amended because the CDBG-CV funding was initially obtained by means of a Substantial Amendment to that Action Plan.)

The detailed Substantial Amendments will be available for public review and comment for a period that commences on Thursday, November 3, 2022 and closes Monday, December 5, 2022, at the Office of the City Clerk and the Community Development Department, both located in Carson City Hall, 701 East Carson Street, Carson, California 90745. The proposed Substantial Amendments will also be made available on the City's website: <http://ci.carson.ca.us> . To obtain a copy of the proposed Substantial Amendments, contact Keith Bennett in the City's Community Development Department at (310) 830-7600, extension 1319, or via e-mail at kbennett@carsonca.gov .

A summary of all public comments received during the public comment period, as well as at the public hearing, will be incorporated into the final documents prior to their submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dated: This 3rd day of November, 2022.

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw
City Clerk