

THE PROPOSED CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
TO THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
DRAFT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW MARCH 18, 2021
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Summary

The City of Carson proposes to amend its 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to reallocate previously budgeted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to meet previously unanticipated needs.

Amendment of the Amendment of the Annual Action Plan is necessary because the proposed revisions meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 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.
- 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.

Under the City’s CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, a change in an activity meeting either of those criteria requires a Substantial Amendment to an Annual Action Plan.

Fiscal Impact

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines each year the CDBG amount the City receives in the form of an entitlement amount (based on the City’s overall population, its proportion of low- and moderate- income residents, and other demographic factors).

The actions proposed by this Substantial Amendment involve eliminating two activities within the Annual Action Plan and shifting the allocated funding for the eliminated activities to other approved Action Plan activities. As a result, there is no net fiscal impact.

Revised Activities and Funding Reallocation

The City’s approved 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan anticipated the need to provide assistance to small Carson businesses that had suffered negative impacts as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, so \$193,236 of this entitlement funding was allocated to a program to provide such assistance. However, given the limited amount of entitlement funds, this left but \$88,180 to be allocated to the City’s housing rehabilitation program (Neighborhood Pride Program). Demand for this housing rehabilitation assistance has far outstripped the available funding. When the City obtained supplemental CDBG funding (referred to as CDBG-CV) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), it allocated a portion of that funding to COVID-related small business assistance. With a proposed reallocation of CDBG-CV funds to increase the allocation for COVID-related business assistance, there would be adequate funding to meet the demand for that assistance. Thus, the City proposes to relocate the \$193,236 of CDBG entitlement funds that had been designated for COVID-related business assistance to the Neighborhood Pride Program.

The 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan also had allocated \$110,000 for the Public Works Department’s Concrete Replacement Program (street infrastructure improvements), and \$110,000 for improvements at Foisia Park (23410 Catskill Avenue). The Public Works Department has concluded that \$110,000 is not sufficient funding to make significant impact on areas of need, and thus that project is being deferred. Meanwhile, the Community Services Department has applied for outside funding for the proposed Foisia Park project, and thus has shifted its focus to a series of proposed improvements at Anderson Park (19101 Wilmington Avenue) aimed at enhancing that park’s compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Therefore, the City is proposing to reallocate the \$110,000 that had been designated for the Concrete Replacement Program and the \$110,000 that had been designated for the Foisia Park Improvements (a total of \$220,000) to a new Anderson Park Improvements project..

Eligibility

The activities for which available funding would be increased under the proposed Substantial Amendment constitute eligible uses of CDBG funds as permitted under 24 CFR 570.201 (c) and 24 CFR 570.202 (a) (1).

Activities to Be Affected by the Change

Activity Name	Original Allocation	Revised Allocation
Neighborhood Pride Program (Residential Rehab)	\$88,180	\$281,416
COVID-Related Business Assistance	\$193,236	0
Foisia Park Improvements	\$110,000	0
Concrete Replacement Program	\$110,000	0
Anderson Park Improvements	0	\$220,000

Impact on 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan Goals and Objectives

Both the Concrete Replacement Program (being deferred) and the Foisia Park project (for which alternative funding has been applied) fall under the Action Plan goal of Maintain and Promote Neighborhood Preservation (in that both are public facility/infrastructure projects). The proposed Anderson Park Improvements project is likewise a public facility/infrastructure project.

The shifting of entitlement funds from COVID-related Business Assistance impacts the Action Plan goal of Prevent, Prepare, and Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. That funding was anticipated to assist 15 businesses, but the allocation (and reallocation) of CDBG-CV funds should enable the same assistance to be provided to approximately 45 businesses. The shifting of that funding to the Neighborhood Pride Program impacts the Action Plan goal of Expand Affordable Housing Options. The original funding allocation was projected to provide assistance to only five households, but the proposed reallocation would enable assistance to be provided to approximately 20 households.

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 (including the City website) for a period of not less than 30 calendar days for public review and comment. In addition, a public hearing is scheduled to be held regarding the proposed Substantial Amendment by City Council on April 16, 2021 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/Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS
TO THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
AND 2020-2021 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 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 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, April 20, 2021
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

Due to the current Coronavirus public health emergency, no members of the public are being permitted entry into the Council Chambers during this public hearing. To facilitate public participation, however, this hearing will be available by livestream on the City's website (<http://ci.carson.ca.us>), and broadcast on cable television channels 35 (Spectrum) and 99 (AT&T). Members of the public wishing to provide comment for this public hearing may do so as follows:

- **E-mail:** Comments may be e-mailed to cityclerk@carson.ca.us no later than 3:00 P. M. on the date of the meeting. Please identify the Agenda Item you wish to address in your comments. Your comments will be read into the record.
- **Box outside of City Hall:** Hand-written comments may be provided by placing them in a box for that purpose located in front of City Hall (701 East Carson Street) no later than 3:00 P. M. on the date of the meeting. Please identify the Agenda Item you wish to address in your comments. Your comments will be read into the record.
- **Telephone prior to meeting:** Comments may be recorded at (310) 952-1720 no later than 3:00 P. M. on the date of the Council meeting. Please identify the Agenda Item you wish to address in your comments. Your comments will be read into the record.
- **Telephone during meeting:** Call the main City Hall telephone number, (310) 830-7600, during the public comments portion of the Council meeting. You will be placed into a holding queue in the order in which your call is received (comments are limited to three minutes).

The proposed Substantial Amendments are to reallocate previously-awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds, as well as previously-awarded supplemental CDBG funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Amendment of these Annual Action Plans is necessary because the proposed revisions meet one or more of the following criteria:

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The detailed Substantial Amendments will be available for public review and comment for a period that commences on Thursday, March 18, 2021 and closes Monday, April 19, 2021, 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@carson.ca.us .

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 18th day of March, 2021.

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City Clerk