

SECOND SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ARVADA 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all entitlement communities receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, such as the City of Arvada, to prepare and submit a Consolidated Plan every five years to establish a unified, strategic vision for economic development, housing and community development actions. The Consolidated Plan encompasses the analysis of local community needs and coordinates appropriate responses to those needs and priorities. The Arvada City Council adopted the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan ("Consolidated Plan") on November 18, 2019.

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City must submit an Annual Action Plan to HUD by no later than November 15 of each year during the five-year period (unless otherwise specified by HUD). The Arvada City Council adopted the 2020 Annual Action Plan on November 18, 2019 and submitted the document to HUD before the required deadline date.

Per the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), a Substantial Amendment to a Consolidated Plan and Action Plan is required when a "substantial" change is proposed as it relates to funding priorities, proposed activities, goals and objectives. This substantial amendment to the Action Plan is necessary because the City has been allocated new CDBG funding through the March 27, 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Recovery Act (CARES Act) that it wishes to allocate to activities that assist with immediate and long-term aid and recovery efforts for Arvada residents impacted by the Coronavirus.

B. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the CARES Act, an expedited public participation process is permitted in order to make funding available as soon as possible and provide reasonable and timely citizen input during the period in which the city is impacted by the Coronavirus. Therefore, the following amended policies will be followed during this time:

1. Virtual public meetings are permitted for the purpose of approving and/or amending Consolidated Plan/Action Plans
2. A minimum five-day public comment period can be utilized for amending Consolidated Plan/Action Plans.

A Notice of Public Hearing and 5-day public review period was published in the Arvada Press and on the City's website on June 24, 2021, informing the public of the proposed Substantial Amendment and inviting public review and comments. The public review period will begin on Thursday June 24, 2021 and will end on July 1, 2021. On July 19, 2021, the Arvada City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the Substantial Amendment.

C. 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT DETAILS AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The City is proposing to allocate \$406,470 in new CDBG-COVID funding to activities that assist with immediate and longer-term needs for low- and moderate-income people impacted by the Coronavirus. Eligible activities that the City of Arvada intends to use the funds for is to pay for a Housing Navigator position that includes salary, benefits and other administrative costs. The City will also use these funds in the same manner as its original allocation of CDBG-CV, which includes assistance with emergency housing, motel vouchers, rental and mortgage assistance, eviction prevention, case management, low-income resident services, physical and mental health assistance, COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment, deposit and moving costs, food access, utilities, transportation, employment, childcare, and self-sufficiency programming. The full usage of these funds will be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic within the City of Arvada. The programming of the additional funds is intended to be broad in scope to allow for quick and nimble response and assistance to anticipated and unanticipated needs as the crisis unfolds within the community. The City will work closely with a variety of community partners to assess the immediate and longer-term needs of those impacted by COVID-19 and ensure the funds assist those most in need as efficiently as possible.

All proposed activities will meet one or more of the following objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income people
- Address an urgent community need

The following Table outlines the activity budgets that are being modified to reprogram funds to the proposed activity described in this Substantial Amendment:

Table 1: Proposed Activity Budget Modifications

Program Year/ Activity Title	Existing Budget	New Budget	Difference
<i>Increase Funding/Programming</i>			
2020 CDBG-eligible COVID response funding through CARES Act	\$276,525	\$682,995	\$406,470
Subtotal			\$682,995

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

All public comments received during the 5-day public review period or at the public hearing will be incorporated into the overall Substantial Amendment submitted to HUD.