

Harris County Community Services Department
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE

October 16, 2020

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Harris County develop a 3- to 5-year strategy document which states the community development and housing needs of the jurisdiction and annually submits, in a single application for funding, its request for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds. Other funding addressed includes the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) I and III, Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grants – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds. This strategy document is called the Consolidated Plan, and the single application for funding is called the Annual Action Plan (AAP). When significant changes occur to the Consolidated Plan and subsequent AAPs, Harris County must propose amendments to be reviewed by the public for a 5-day comment period. The Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) proposes the following amendments:

Substantial Amendments

Substantial amendments in a planned or actual activity or objective change require a 5-day public review period and court approval based on the Addendum to the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan Amendments Policy. A substantial amendment is defined as:

1. addition or deletion of an activity or objective;
2. change in the objective of activity; or
3. change of more than 25% in the dollar amount needed for a project

These amendments were included on an October 16, 2020, public notice. The 5-day public review period has been met, and we are now asking the Court to approve the change to the Annual Action Plan.

PY2020 Annual Action Plan:

On April 2, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Harris County Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act) supplemental funding for PY2020 CDBG and ESG Programs. The PY2020 increase in entitlement funding allocations for CDBG-CV was \$8,294,559.00 and ESG-CV Round 1 was \$4,077,193.00. The increase in program funding across both programs totaled \$12,371,752.00. This was a thirty-seven and a half percent (37.5%) increase to Harris County's original PY2020 HUD allocation of \$19,811,532.00, bringing the total PY2020 allocation to \$32,183,384.

On June 9, 2020, HUD awarded Harris County additional CARES Act supplemental funding for PY2020 through the ESG-CV Round 2 allocation of \$7,999,883. This is a twenty-four-point nine percent (24.9%) increase to Harris County's previous PY2020 HUD allocation of \$32,183,384, bringing the total PY2020 allocation to \$40,183,267.

One June 30, 2020, Commissioners Court approved proposed project funding categories of for the CDBG-CV Round 1, ESG-CV Round 1 and ESG-CV Round 2 awards.

On September 11, 2020, HUD awarded Harris County additional CARES Act supplemental funding for PY2020 through the CDBG-CV Round 3 allocation of \$10,022,525. This is a twenty-four-point-nine percent (24.9%) increase to Harris County’s previous PY2020 HUD allocation of \$40,183,267, bringing the total PY2020 allocation to \$50,205,692.

The additional funding of CDBG-CV Round 3 will be allocated to Harris County’s program administration, proposed categories of uses and Unprogrammed Funds. All proposed category funding and unprogrammed funds will be allocated to projects in accordance with Harris County’s Citizen Participation Plan Amendments Policy, applicable HUD waivers/suspensions and CARES Act funding guidelines.

Proposed Categories of CARES Act CDBG-CV Round 3

CDBG-CV Round 3 Funding:

CDBG-CV Round 3 Administration/Planning (20%): \$2,004,505.00

CDBG-CV Round 3 Projects: \$8,018,020.00

Proposed Project Funding Categories	Funding Amount
Comprehensive Eviction Prevention 1. Coordinated Hotline/Portal 2. Financial Assistance 3. Legal Representation 4. Program Evaluation/Impact Study*	\$4,000,000.00
Homeless Medical/General Population Isolation and Recovery Centers - Local Match for Shelter Activities	\$1,452,192.00
COVID-19 Community-wide Housing Plan (CCHP) – Gap funding for Diversion Program to provide a subsidy paired with case management services funded in the initial \$18 million plan approved on June 30, 2020.	\$1,344,667.00
Other Public Service Needs / Innovative COVID-19 Preparedness/Prevention/Response Solutions	\$1,221,161.00

*Eligible Admin/Planning Cost

Public Comment

Comments regarding the proposed amendment will be accepted through Wednesday, October 22, 2020, at HCCSD’s Office, 8410 Lantern Point, Houston, Texas, 77054, phone at (832) 927-4700 or by email sent to plancomments@csd.hctx.net.