

## City of Phoenix

### Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

#### Background

The city of Phoenix Annual Action Plan (AAP) details the funding strategies for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. Additionally, the Annual Action Plan describes how funds will be used to address the priorities and goals outlined in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan (CP).

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 an amendment to the Annual Action Plan is processed. The following change(s) constitute an amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- Making a change in the allocation priorities or methods of distribution of funds delineated in the CP or AAP,
- Carrying out an activity, using funds from a program covered by the CP or AAP (including program income, reimbursements, repayment, recaptures, or reallocations from HUD), not previously described in the CP or AAP,
- Changing the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

#### Proposed Amendment

An Amendment to the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan's 2019 Annual Action Plan to create a new activity and reallocate funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. This amendment creates a new Public Services activity funded with CDBG-CV1 funds reallocated from the Homeless Support, Local Non-Profit Public Service, and the Rehabilitation Shelter-in-Place activities in the amount of \$1,500,000. The new Public Services activity will specifically focus on reducing the digital divide for Public Housing residents.

The City has received two allocations of CARES Act Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3), for a total of \$23,917,249 of CDBG-CV funds. The following outlines how the city of Phoenix intends to utilize these CDBG-CV1 funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 national pandemic:

<b>CDBG-CV1 Activities</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
Homeless Support	\$3,692,315	(\$1,273,322)	\$2,418,993
Microenterprise	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
Local Non-Profit Public Service	\$1,901,555	(\$115,113.36)	\$1,786,441.64
Rehabilitation Shelter-In Place	\$800,000	(\$111,564.64)	\$688,435.36
Program Administration, Planning and Coordination	\$820,880	\$0	\$820,880
Public Facility Improvements	\$606,130	\$0	\$606,130
<b>Public Services</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>Total CDBG-CV1 Funding</b>	<b>\$9,820,880</b>		<b>\$9,820,880</b>

## **Analysis**

This proposal qualifies as an Amendment based on the following criteria:

- Carrying out an activity, using funds from a program covered by the CP or AAP (including program income, reimbursements, repayment, recaptures, or reallocations from HUD), not previously described in the CP or AAP

## **Public Process**

As a part of the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, enacted on March 27, 2020, includes a waiver as HUD approved for an expedited public outreach process to allow flexibility to institute more streamlined requirements to address immediate needs relative to COVID-19. The HUD abbreviated process includes the following:

- The reduction of a 30-day public comment period and the implementation of a public comment period of no less than five days in an effort to expedite the Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment process and allow the City to respond as quickly as possible to the immediate needs in the community, and
- The elimination of the in-person public hearings and the implementation of virtual public hearings when: National and/or local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons; and virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with Phoenix certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses.

The City of Phoenix published a 5-day comment period in the Arizona Republic on May 22, 2022, as a part of the CPP requirements. The 5-day public comment period is scheduled for June 6, 2022 – June 10, 2022.

Comments may also be provided to Tennille Burton, Grants Compliance Supervisor, by email or phone at [tennille.burton@phoenix.gov](mailto:tennille.burton@phoenix.gov) or 602-534-1181.