



CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR
CDBG CARES ACT FUNDS

Overview/Objective

The Federal CARES Act, P.L. 116-136, made available supplemental funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City of Staunton is proposing an amendment to current projects in its CDBG-CV allocation.

Public Comment

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted several waivers to program procedure to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a much shorter timeframe for public display, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. The City of Staunton advertised and made the Substantial Amendment available to the public on May 6, 2022, for a period of 5 days, and held a public hearing on May 12, 2022 in the Rita S. Wilson City Council Chambers.

Rationale for the Amendment

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, (CARES Act) which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, provides funds through the CDBG, ESG and HOPWA programs. The CARES Act provides for allocations of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The City of Staunton has taken stock of local needs and the parameters of each of the programs and determined how the funds allocated will be used in this community. As needs have changed and other funds identified, the City has re-evaluated the needs and is proposing the following revision to its program budget:

- Reduce Health Education and Services by \$43,231.95. The Central Shenandoah Health District indicated it was no longer in need of this funding.
- Increase Shelter Operations by \$35,240.28. Funds will be used by the Valley Mission to support increased operating expenses associated with needs at the emergency shelter in order to provide social distancing, sanitized space, and space for shelter guests needing to quarantine.
- Create new activity VPAS COVID Testing and fund at \$7,991.67. Funds will be used by Valley Program for Aging Services to purchase and distribute testing kits to the elderly and disabled.