



CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR CDBG CARES ACT FUNDS and PROJECT REALLOCATION CDBG

Overview/Objective

The federal CARES Act, P.L. 116-136, made available supplemental funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. A total \$332,726 CDBG-CV funds were allocated to the City of Staunton by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD).

Special USHUD waivers permit CDBG-CV funding to be utilized for public services and other activities that will prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The broad flexible waivers will permit the City of Staunton to address the challenges facing the city.

To date, the City has allocated and expended \$266,540.81 of these funds. Of the \$66,185.19 remaining, Community Development staff propose allocating \$14,400 to the Community Foundation to assist an elderly homeowner replace the furnace in his home. All CDBG-CV funds are required to prepare for, prevent or respond to the coronavirus. Community Development staff believe replacement of the HVAC system in the home will provide for property ventilation for an elderly homeowner who is at greatest risk for more severe infection, or poorer post-COVID health outcomes from any respiratory virus. HUD's Quick Guide for PPR tieback activities provides for such activities.

The remaining funds are currently allocated to program administration. Such costs are staff salary and benefits, as well as consulting fees, associated with implementation of the CDBG-CV funds.

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 will advertise and make the Substantial Amendment available to the public on May 28, 2024, for a period of five days. No public hearing or Council action is required for this proposed amendment.

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