

NOTICE OF PUBLIC NEEDS HEARING

CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR CDBG-CV FUNDS FROM THE CARES ACT AND FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Staunton, Virginia will be applying for FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the approximate amount of \$352,891. The City also intends to submit its Annual Action Plan on or before August 15, 2020 to the Richmond, Virginia Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, the City is proposing a Substantial Amendment (SA) to its 2019 Annual Action Plan to allocate CDBG-CV funds awarded under the FY20 CARES Act supplemental funding legislation. The City expects to receive \$207,590 in CDBG-CV funds.

In accordance with the Final Rule for revised program regulations, 24 CFR, Parts 91, et. al., the City intends to conduct a public needs hearing to obtain information related to housing and community development needs, and input on the development needs in the City for specific CDBG eligible activities.

The City will hold a virtual public hearing on June 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. To participate, please dial the toll-free number **(844) 854-2222**, and when prompted, enter the access code **619358#**. Anyone requiring special accommodations or who requires a presentation in a language other than English, please email Suzanne F. Simmons, simmonssf@ci.staunton.va.us no later than June 2, 2020.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and provide input on the plan.

The purpose of the City's 2020 Annual Action Plan is to help to improve the housing and living conditions of its residents, especially the very low and lower income households, homeless persons and persons with special needs; upgrade and improve the public and community facilities in the City; improve and expand the public services for the residents of City and promote economic development opportunities for all residents.

The purpose of this public needs hearing is to:

1. Obtain the views and comments of individuals and organizations concerning the City's housing and non-housing community development needs over the next five years. The information gathered will be used in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan submission for the FY 2020 Program Year.
2. Discuss the City's intent to allocate funds for activities for income-eligible households that have been directly impacted by Covid-19.

The City has also amended the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.105 to reflect recent HUD guidance reflecting how to administer its CDBG programs in the event of an emergency. Copies of the draft CPP will be on public display on the City of Staunton's website <https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/community-development> for a period of

five (5) days. Interested persons are encouraged to express their views, in writing, on the CPP to William Vaughn, vaughnwl@ci.staunton.va.us or P.O. Box 58, Staunton, Virginia 24402. Copies of the draft CPP may be mailed or emailed upon request, if possible. All comments received by May 26, 2020 will be considered and appended to the document.

It is anticipated that City Council will adopt the Citizen Participation Plan at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Copies of the draft Substantial Amendment will be on public display on the City of Staunton's website <https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/community-development/hud-citizen-participation-plan> from June 1 to June 10, 2020. Interested persons are encouraged to express their views, in writing, on the amended FY19 AAP to William Vaughn, vaughnwl@ci.staunton.va.us or P.O. Box 58, Staunton, Virginia 24401. Copies of the draft SA may be mailed or emailed upon request, if possible. All comments received by June 10, 2020 will be considered and appended to the document.

It is anticipated that City Council will adopt the Substantial Amendment at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

The City expects to publish a summary of its Annual Action Plan for FY 2020 on or about June 23, 2020. A copy of these documents will be placed on public display for a thirty (30) day review period beginning on or about June 23, 2020. A second public hearing will be duly advertised and conducted to present the proposed plan to the public. The City will consider comments on the proposed plan prior to adoption by the City Council on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

City of Staunton, VA

A certificate of advertisement is required. Please send to William Vaughn, Director of Community and Economic Development, City of Staunton, vaughnwl@ci.staunton.va.us.