



PUBLIC NOTICE
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

In accordance with City's citizen participation requirements for federal funds, a 10-day public comment period for the amendment to 2019 Annual Action Plan (City FY 2020) will begin on February 25, 2021, and will be extended to end on March 12, 2021. By this notice the City of Richmond announces the availability of the Amended 2019 Annual Action Plan Budget, is ready for public review and comment.

On Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, the Richmond City Council will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan and FY 2019-2020 budget for CARES Act funding related to COVID-19 pandemic for Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV). The additional funds are a result of the CARES Act passed by Congress and signed by the President in March of 2020 to address the Corona Virus Pandemic. These funds were allocated to the City from the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to address the City of Richmond priorities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that have been identified in the 2019 Annual Action Plan. Citizens and interested persons are invited to give their views regarding the use of CDBG-CV funds for the proposed Annual Action Plan. The City will arrange for reasonable accommodations for non-English speaking persons or those persons with visual, hearing, or mobility impairments when notified. Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing please contact the Office of the City Clerk by 10:00 am March 22, 2021 at 804-646-7955.

The following project budget amendments are the result of additional HUD funding and reprogramming of surplus funds and the cancelation of an existing activity. No additional funds were received from HUD for this amendment. The propose activities are outlined below:

Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV): \$1,700,000

Affordable Housing for Older Adults (HomeAgain) – Add a new activity at \$1,600,000 for the acquisition of 501 N. Allen Avenue to house persons who have been impacted by COVID-19 and to provide permanent supportive housing for the stabilization of housing for these individuals. This location will also allow HomeAgain to house persons in isolation to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The building may house up to 75 residents.

Re-Employment Assistance (BHC) -Cancel the BHC's Re-employment Assistance activity. Decrease activity by \$150,000 from \$150,000 to \$0. This activity was awarded funds in the first round of the NOFA for COVID-19 funding; however, HUD made a determination that the activity was not an eligible activity. The City is reprogramming the \$150,000 to other eligible activities in this O & R.

City Workforce Development Program (PRCF) – Add a new activity at \$100,000 for the training and hiring of persons who lost their jobs or had their hours cut in the retail and hospitality industry during COVID-19. Provide referrals to job opportunities offered through the City and other regional employment partners.

CDBG-CV Surplus (HCD) –This is money that was not appropriated to a project from the CDBG-CV allocation. Decrease by \$104,456 from \$104,456 to \$0 to fund eligible COVID-19 activities.

Grant Administration (HCD)-Decrease by \$83,198 from \$226,978 to \$143,780. The \$83,198 will fund eligible COVID-19 activities. The remaining funds will be used for program management by Housing and Community Development.

Copies of the amended 2019 Annual Action Plan are available for public review online on the Department of Housing and Community Developments website located at www.richmondgov.com. Citizens can also request a hard copy or electronic copy via e-mail or US Mail. To request a copy, contact Daniel Mouer at daniel.mouer@richmondgov.com or by mail at the City of Richmond, Department of Housing & Community Development, 1500 E Main Street, Suite 400, Richmond VA 23219-3571. The City of Richmond does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission of, or access to, or treatment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Virginia Relay Center - TDD Users - 1-800-828-1120.

Citizens and interested persons are invited to give their views regarding the use of CDBG-CV funds for the proposed Annual Action Plan. The City will arrange for reasonable accommodations for non-English speaking persons or those persons with visual, hearing, or mobility impairments when notified within five (5) business days of the close of the public comment period. Submit comments and views in writing to: Daniel Mouer, Housing and Community Development Administrator, Housing and Community Development, 1500 E. Main Street, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23219-3571 or by e-mail to daniel.mouer@richmondgov.com.