

City of Atlantic City

Community Development Block Grant Program
Substantial Amendment of 2019 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

This document serves as the Second Substantial Amendment to the 2019 City of Atlantic City Annual Action Plan previously approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved for \$1,214,260 in CDBG funds. This Substantial Amendment will include the addition of \$786,810 in Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV CARES) funds awarded through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 to **prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus**. It is the addition of these funds and creation of new activities that constitutes a substantial amendment as outlined in the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

New Projects

This substantial amendment creates the following new projects and appends them to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Project	Budget
COVID19 Screening Sites – The City will provide stationary/mobile screening sites	\$100,000
COVID19 Testing Sites – the City will provide stationary/mobile testing sites	\$155,000
COVID19 Prevention Kits – The City will provide COVID19 Prevention Kits to the Homeless & low income residents	\$50,000
COVID19 Information Line – The City will provide COVID19 Information Phone Hotline specific for City Residents	\$25,000
COVID19 Nutrition Programs – Provide needed meals to Seniors/Homeless individuals in Atlantic City	\$100,000
COVID19 Public Services - programmatic needs addressed within the CARES Act guideline	\$150,000
CoVid 19 Quality-of-Life Needs Programs	\$150,000
Administration	\$56,810
Total	\$786,810

Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the City's Citizen Participation Plan which was recently amended to incorporate allowances under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on proposed amendments. This will be accomplished through notification of a public hearing in the nonlegal section of a newspaper with general circulation within the City and notification on the City website. These notices will be published *at least two weeks* prior to the hearing. *However*, in accordance with the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in emergency circumstances, expedited procedures must include at least (5) five days' notice prior to the hearing and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than (5) five days. The 5- day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended citizen participation plans. This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

Citizens will have not less than **30 days (or 5 days in accordance with the CARES Act)** to make comments about the proposed amendment(s) prior to any amendment implementation.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the City has placed the Substantial Amendment and Amended Citizen Participation Plan on public display beginning May 7, 2020 on the City's website at the following address: <https://cityofatlanticcity.org/> . This document will be available to the public for a period of at least five (5) days until May 14, 2020, after which time the Substantial Amendment will be finalized by Council for submittal to HUD for approval.

Given the current public health concerns, a virtual public hearing on the Grant Amendment will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Instructions on how to join the meeting are provided below and on the City website at <https://cityofatlanticcity.org/>.

CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY CDBG Substantial Amendment Virtual Public Hearing

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Instructions on how to access the meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88368388797?pwd=RmE3OS81WUZUMTY3MFJlNVzN6ODY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 883 6838 8797

Password: 039761

Dial by your location

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Written comments on the amendments must be received by May 14, 2020. Comments to be addressed to:

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