

LEGAL NOTICE:

CARES ACT (Public Law 116-136)

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO ADD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDS

On March 27, 2020 the United States Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748). The bill provided \$5 billion for CDBG to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services.

The City of Anderson will receive \$547,410 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG–CV) funding. A Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is required, and usually a thirty (30) day public comment period is required however, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has waived this requirement provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment.

The CDBG-CV funds allocated under the CARES Act may be used for a range of eligible activities including activities that prevent and respond the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The proposed activities must meet the three National Objectives as required by CDBG regulations:

- Benefit low-and-moderate income persons.
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and
- Meet an urgent needs

Community Development staff recommends the allocation of funds as follows:

CDBG–CV	Allocation
FY-19-20 CDBG-CV	\$547,410.00
Administration	
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Public Service Grants	
Youth Services (Area Benefit Project)	\$ 65,000.00
Subsistence Assistance - Housing	\$206,077.00
Fair Housing/Housing Counseling	\$ 30,000.00
Economic Development	
Small and Micro Business Assistance	\$164,223.00
Total CDBG Allocations	\$547,410.00
Reprogrammed 2019 HOME Funds	Allocation
From New Construction to TBRA	\$50,000.00

In addition and for the purpose of an expedited use of the CDBG-CV funding, the bill eliminates the cap on the amount of funds a grantee can spend on public services, removes the requirement to hold in-person public hearings in order to comply with national and local social gathering requirements, and allows grantees to be reimbursed for COVID-19 response activities regardless of the date the costs were incurred. Reprogrammed HOME Funds affect the 2019 Allocation for New Construction of \$100,000. Substantial Amendment reprograms \$50,000 to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Program Administrator: Anderson Housing Authority.

Public Review

Pursuant to HUD regulations, the City’s Citizen Participation Plan and current HUD waivers for grant programs and consolidated plan requirements to prevent the spread of COVID19, staff published a 5-day comment period. Public comments and allocation recommendations are included in the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, submitted to HUD.

Public Comments are accepted by email, postal mail, and phone calls. Please submit all email comments to lkelly@cityofanderson.com and phone comments to 765.648.6096 by: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 by 3:00 pm. All public comments submitted by postal mail must be postmarked by: Tuesday, June 30, 2020. The updated Citizen Participation Plan is available for public review and comment.

Publish Date: Friday, June 26, 2020

Application Process

The City will receive applications beginning Friday, July 10, 2020 to Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., subject to available funds. Residents may download an application from the City of Anderson website at <https://www.cityofanderson.com>. Applicants may also call the City of Anderson at (765)648-6096 or (765)648-6098 during regular business hours to request an application by mail or email at alewis-lilly@cityofanderson.com. Applications received after 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 or postmarked after Tuesday, December 15, 2020 will not be processed. Only completed applications, which consist of submittal of all applicable supporting documentation in order to prove eligibility, by the due date will be accepted. No exceptions will be made. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and grant funding. If grant funds are exhausted, the remaining applicants will be placed on a waitlist until funding becomes available, if any. Waitlist applicants must seek other sources of funding while remaining on the waitlist. If grant funds are not exhausted, the City has the option to keep the application period open until all funds are exhausted. When funding has lapsed, the City of Anderson will announce the closure of the program through its interested parties email list, City Facebook page, Community Development Facebook page and on its website at www.cityofanderson.com.

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