

City of Atlantic City

Community Development Block Grant Program
Second Substantial Amendment to the 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 Second Substantial Amendment will include the addition of \$1,936,547 in Community Development Block Grant CV3 (CDBG-CV 3 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/Testing Sites – The City will provide stationary/mobile screening sites	\$150,000
COVID19 Prevention Kits – The City will provide COVID19 Prevention Kits to the Homeless & low income residents	\$100,000
COVID19 Information Line – The City will provide COVID19 Information Phone Hotline specific for City Residents	\$5,000
CoVid19 Short Term Emergency Rental/Mortgage Assistance Programs – Provide needed Rent and Mortgage assistance to qualified Renters and Homeowners	\$500,000
CoVid19 Small Business Relief Program – Provide needed assistance to qualified Small Businesses in the City of Atlantic City	\$250,000
CoVid19 Jobs Readiness Program – The City of Atlantic City in its efforts to re-engage its citizens to the workforce, will provide a Jobs Readiness Center	\$150,000
CoVid19 Anti-Violence/Clean Lot Initiative Program – Target/train a group of young adults between the ages of 18-25 years of age	\$200,000
CoVid19 Mental Health Awareness Program – Provide engagement within our Atlantic City community to begin to bring Mental Health Awareness from the CoVid19 Pandemic	\$50,000
CoVid19 Re-Entry Services Program – The target population for this initiative will be ex-offenders within the City of Atlantic City (ages 18 and over) returning to the City from incarceration	\$150,000
CoVid19 Continuation Programs – Continue to provide needed services to our Atlantic City Residents with our engaged Sub-Recipients who have continued to provide services throughout the pandemic	\$100,000
CoVid19 Quality-of-Life Needs Programs – The CDBG Office will continue to provide necessary programs that can services our Atlantic City Residents	\$87,893
Administration	\$193,654
Total	\$1,936,547

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 December 1, 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 December 8, 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 Monday, December 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Below is the link to join the virtual Public Hearing:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96039071239?pwd=WTExcFMzMllrbXU2QWhqQVEyNXlEdz09>

Meeting ID: 960 3907 1239

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Written comments on the amendments must be received by December 8, 2020. Comments to be addressed to: Marc A. Starling, Asst. Director of CD, 1301 Bacharach Blvd., Atlantic City, NJ or email at mstarling@cityofatlanticcity.org.