

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND DISPLAY OF CARES ACT FUNDING AND THE FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Frederick, MD (City) will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to gather comments on the Substantial Amendment to the City's Annual Action Plan for FY 2019 which the City prepared and will submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The virtual public hearing will be broadcast on the City's public access channel.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS MEETING: In the interest of public health and safety, Frederick City Meetings will be closed to the public. However, the hearing will be televised on Channel 99. Members of the public may submit appropriate comments or questions for the public hearing in advance to Ms. Ruth Waxter, Assistant Director, Department of Housing, via phone at (301) 600-3946; TDD 711; or via email at rwaxter@cityoffrederickmd.gov. The deadline to submit comments is 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021; please include your name and address.

The purpose of this public hearing is to present substantial amendments to the City's FY 2019 Annual Action Plans (Plan) for the use of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. The City intends to submit its FY 2019 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment (Amendment) in the amount of \$640,961 for the CDBG-CV funds. The Amendment will be submitted to HUD on or before Monday, August 9, 2021.

As a Federal Entitlement Community, the City receives funding from HUD through the CDBG Program. On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. According to the allocation of funds under that Act, the City is a recipient of CDBG-CV funds. The City received two (2) allocations of the CDBG-CV funds. In the first round, the City received \$243,423 and in the third round, \$397,538, for a total allocation of \$640,961 CDBG-CV funds.

To expedite the disbursement of the City's FY 2020 CDBG-CV funds, via 24 CFR 5.110, the CARES Act authorized HUD to grant waivers to the public notice, public comment, and citizen participation plan requirements found in 24 CFR 91.105I(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115I(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401. In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan and per HUD's regulatory requirement, waivers were granted which reduces the required 30-day public comment period to a minimum 5-day period.

The City adopted its FY 2019 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the use of CDBG funds on May 2, 2019. In accordance with CDBG program regulations, the City is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Action Plan and Budget in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The City has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved FY 2019 CDBG program budget. The funds are proposed for new projects/activities, and/or an increase in funding for previously approved projects/activities.

The Amendment is considered substantial in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan as the following applies: new activities are proposed for funding and some previously approved

activities have a decrease in the budget amount and scope of the activity. The proposed Amendment is as follows:

FY 2020 CDBG-CV Activities:

- **CV-Utility Grant Assistance Program** – decrease this project/activity budget by \$203,823.00 for a new project/activity budget of \$39,600.
- **CV-New Health Clinic** – create a new activity to develop a new health clinic in the amount of \$601,361.

In order to obtain comments from residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, the City will place the Amendment on public display from Monday, July 26, 2021 through Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at the City's website <http://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov>, as well as at the locations listed below:

City Hall

101 North Court Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Department of Housing and Human Services

100 South Market Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

These documents will be available during normal business hours of operation for a period of ten (10) days until Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The Amendment will be submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for a workshop on July 28, 2021 at 3pm; and for a Public Meeting for approval on or about Thursday, August 5th, 2021.

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City of Frederick, MD