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**Substantial Amendment to
FY19 Annual Action Plan**

Hamilton County, Ohio

June 12, 2020



Proposed Substantial Amendment to
Hamilton County
2019 Annual Action Plan

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A. General Information:

This document serves as notification of a substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for Hamilton County. The document describes the proposed changes to the use of Emergency Solutions Grant funds and explains how these changes meet existing Consolidated Plan goals.

Grantee Name:	Hamilton County
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Authorized Official:	Jeffrey W. Aluotto
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B. Summary of Substantial Amendment Proposed Changes

Hamilton County (County) is submitting this Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan to include the funds awarded by Congress through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Round 2 only. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded in the CARES Act will be submitted in a separate substantial amendment.

Pursuant to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 91 and County policy, any change of 10% or more to the individual grant award requires a substantial amendment to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and submitted to HUD. Under normal circumstances, HUD requires that the County post the proposed changes to grants using a 30 day citizen participation process prior to submitting an amendment to the current HUD Action Plan.

Given the critical nature of the funding need under the COVID-19 pandemic, the CARES Act provides for this requirement to be relaxed as listed below:

That the use of amounts provided under this heading in this Act shall not be subject to the consultation, citizen participation, or match requirements that otherwise apply to the Emergency Solutions Grants program, except that a recipient must publish how it has and will utilize its allocation, at a minimum, on the Internet at the appropriate Government web site or through other electronic media.

This amendment will be posted on the Planning + Development website to meet this standard. Summary of new funds is listed below:

Program Name	Action Plan Goal	Amount	2019 Grant	% Change
ESG	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	\$1,862,722	\$279,229	Not Applicable

C. Programs Affected by Substantial Amendment

The following programs and projects are affected by the changes proposed in this amendment:

Program	Goals	Program	Amount Added
ESG	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	Services for Homeless (Shelter, Temporary Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Shelter Division, Homeless Prevention, and Supportive Services)	\$1,723,017
ESG	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	Administration	\$139,705
Total			\$1,862,722

D. Proposed Changes and Relationship to Consolidated Plan Goals

The proposed changes and relationships to Consolidated Plan/Action Plan Goals follow:

Program	Goals	Change to Action Plan Goals
ESG	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	Rapid Rehousing/Shelter Diversion/RRH, etc.: Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: Persons Assisted

E. Citizen Participation and Public Comments

The table below outlines the citizen participation plan actions followed and public comments received:

Action Taken	Date	Public Comments
Public Notice and Amendment posted on Planning + Development website (See Attachment A)	June 22, 2020	
Emails to Homeless Clearinghouse, Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless and Affordable Housing Advocates (See Attachment B)	June 22, 2020	

Summary of Comments Received:

Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them:

Summary of comments accepted and reasons for accepting them:

F. Authorized Signature

By signing this amendment, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provided the required assurances and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code Title 218, Section 1001).

Signature/Authorized Official:
Jeffrey W. Aluotto, County Administrator

6/29/2020
Date

Attachment A: Public Notice and Substantial Amendment Posted on County Website

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments/community_development/cd_public_notices](https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments/community_development/cd_public_notices). The page content includes:

This Action Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from April 22, 2020 to April 27, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period email comments no later than April 27, 2020 at 4 PM to Mr. Boubacar Diallo at Boubacar.Diallo@hamilton-co.org.

Hamilton County 2019 Second Substantial Amendment to Action Plan
[Revised Second Substantial Amendment to FY19 Action Plan \(CDBG\).pdf](#)

PUBLIC NOTICE 3:
In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Hamilton County is making an amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan available to the public through this notice. This amendment is allocating \$1,862,722 in additional Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds received from the CARES Act Round 2.

Public Comment Period and Process:

This Action Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from June 15, 2020 to June 27, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period email comments no later than June 27, 2020 at 4 PM to Mr. Boubacar Diallo at Boubacar.Diallo@hamilton-co.org.
[6-12-2020 Draft Substantial Amendment to FY19 Action Plan.pdf](#)

PUBLIC NOTICE 4:

Hamilton County Consolidated Plan
2019 Annual Report

The 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) covering programs and services provided by the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant is available for public review. Contact Community Development, 138 E. Court St, Rm 1002, Cinti, 45202 or Boubacar.diallo@hamilton-co.org. The Plan will also be available at <https://goo.gl/GKbZEm>. Any citizen comments received on or before June 30, 2020, will be submitted to HUD.
[2019 CAPER DRAFT.pdf](#)

Attachment B: Email Sent to Hamilton County Partners

The screenshot shows an email client window titled "ESG CARES Fund Round 2 - Message (HTML)". The email details are:

From: Diallo, Boubacar
To: Pierson, Joy; Josh Spring; rsaperstein@caracole.org; Amy Stewart; ghamarshsc@gmail.com; John Schrider; staff@affordablehousingcincinnati.org; kfrnm@end-homelessness.org
Cc:
Subject: ESG CARES Fund Round 2

Sent: Mon 6/22/2020 1:34 PM

Good afternoon,

Hamilton County has posted a substantial amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan allocating the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2 funding. The amendment can be found at the link below:
https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments/community_development/cd_public_notices
Comments can be sent to Boubacar.Diallo@hamilton-co.org until June 27. The Board of County Commissioners will take legislative action to submit the amendment on June 30.

Thank you,

Boubacar Diallo
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Click on a photo to see social network updates and email messages from this person.

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