

Second Substantial Amendment to FY19 Annual Action Plan

Hamilton County, Ohio

April 27, 2020



Proposed Second 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 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received from the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (named CDBG-CV funds) and explains how these changes meet existing Consolidated Plan goals.

Grantee Name:	Hamilton County
Name of Entity or Department Administering Funds:	Planning + Development Department
Contact Person:	Joy M Pierson
Title:	Community Development Administrator
Address:	138 E. Court Street
Address Line 2:	Room 1002
City, State, Zip:	Cincinnati, OH 45202
Telephone:	513-946-8230
Fax:	513-946-8240
Email Address:	Joy.Pierson@hamilton-co.org
Authorized Official:	Jeffrey W. Aluotto
Title:	County Administrator
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Web Address Where Posted:	https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments/community_development/cd_public_notices

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 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) only. The Emergency Solutions Grant(ESG) funds awarded in the CARES Act were 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:

This 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for substantial amendments, provided that no less than 5 days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment

A public notice and this amendment will be posted on the Planning + Development website to meet this standard. Emails will be sent to participating local governments and community partners. The summary of CDBG-CV funds allocation is listed below:

Program Name	Con Plan Goal	CDBG-CV Amount	2019 Grant	% Change
Public Services / Nonprofit Services	Improve Quality of Life	\$500,000	\$700,000	71%
Economic Development/ Small Business Assistance (CEDAP)	Spur Economic Development	\$400,000	\$600,000	67%
COVID-19 Response Programs	Improve Quality of Life /Spur Economic Development	\$703,730	N/A	N/A
Planning + Administration	All Goals	\$400,000	\$550,000	73%

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
Public Services	Improve Quality of Life	Nonprofit Services	\$500,000
Economic Development	Spur Economic Development	Small Business Assistance (CEDAP)	\$400,000

Public Services / Economic Development/ Public Facilities/ Public Infrastructure	Improve Quality of Life Spur Economic Development Improve Public Facilities Improve Public Infrastructure	COVID-19 Response Programs (TBD – including Nonprofit Services, Small Business Assistance, local government community projects or programs, and/or additional County services related to COVID-19 response)	\$703,730
Administration	All	Planning + Administration	\$400,000
Total			\$2,003,730

D. Proposed Changes and Relationship to Consolidated Plan Goals

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

Program	Goals	Changes to Action Plan Goals
Nonprofit Services	Improve Quality of Life	Number of households assisted: 1200 Number of people assisted: 2500
Small Business Assistance	Spur Economic Development	Number of businesses assisted: 250
COVID-19 Response Programs	Improve Quality of Life /Spur Economic Development	To Be Determined
Planning + Administration	All Goals	To Be Determined

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
Posting on Planning + Development website	April 22, 2020	N/A
Emails to Participating Local Governments, Affordable Housing Advocates, Human Services Chamber of Commerce	April 27, 2020	N/A

Summary of Comments Received:

Three local government leaders responded; one concurred with plan; two asked if they could access the COVID-19 CDBG funds.

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

County changed the language of the COVID-19 response funds to include programs/projects with local governments as well.

Summary of comments accepted and reasons for accepting them:

N/A

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

Date

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Comment Period and Process:

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.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments/community_development/cd_public_notices. The page title is "PUBLIC NOTICES".

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Public Comment Period and Process:
This Action Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from April 10, 2020 to April 15, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period email comments no later than April 15, 2020 at 4 PM to Mr. Boubacar Diallo at Boubacar.Diallo@hamilton-co.org.

Hamilton County 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment
[4-16-2020 Final Substantial Amendment to FY19 Action Plan .pdf](#)

Citizen Participation Plan
[Citizen Participation Plan.pdf](#)

PUBLIC NOTICE 2:
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[Second Substantial Amendment to FY19 Action Plan \(CDBG\) final draft.pdf](#)

Attachment B: Email Sent to Hamilton County Partners

Allocation of Hamilton County CARES Act CDBG Funds - Profile 1 - Microsoft Edge
https://mail.hamilton-co.org/owa/?ae=Item&a=Open&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAAABKBDVedPlzQ74qjZdjzDVQBwC6EceeM4NWSI8CPQUHZ3HWAAApcBJAAC6EceeM4NWSI8...

Allocation of Hamilton County CARES Act CDBG Funds

Pierson, Joy

To: Pierson, Joy
Cc: Diallo, Boubacar
Bcc: wearhart@anderson township.org; tbraun@cheviot.org; wjetter@deerpark-oh.gov; djones@forestpark.org; bneyer@harrisonohio.gov; dkennedy@lovelandoh.gov; tmoeller@madeiracity.com; briblet@ci.montgomery.oh.us; bkocher@mthealthy.org; rmosby@northcollegehill.org; mayor@norwood-ohio.com; pross@readingohio.org; jlukas@cityofsharonville.com; jjones@springdale.org; hettley@wyomingohio.gov; gmliz@coleraintwp.org; melissa@columbiatwp.org; cdole@crosbytwp.org; jcameron@delhi.oh.us; fbirkenhauer@greentwp.org; tosekamp@aol.com; paul.beck@miamitownship.org; cgilbert@springfieldtwp.org; rwarick@sycamore township.org

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:03 PM

- This message was sent with High importance.

Participating Local Governments, Affordable Housing Advocates, Greater Cincinnati Human Services Chamber of Commerce and related networks (all bcc)

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Hamilton County has posted a substantial amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan allocating the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the County website.

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 April 27. The Board of County Commissioners will take legislative action to submit the amendment on April 30.

Thank you,
Joy

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Hamilton County Planning + Development Department
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Attachment C: Comments Received

From: Jerry Thamann [jthamann@beautifulwoodlawn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:28 PM
To: Pierson, Joy
Subject: RE: Allocation of Hamilton County CARES Act CDBG Funds

Sorry Joy, but I have a serious question. What, if anything will this amendment do, or can do for Woodlawn. Last time I talked to you, Woodlawn had seemed to go to the well fairly often.

Thanks,
Jerry

From: Tom Carroll [t.carroll@silvertonohio.us]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Pierson, Joy
Subject: RE: Allocation of Hamilton County CARES Act CDBG Funds

I consent. Hope you are doing well.

From: Doug Sammons [dsammons.northbend@fuse.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Pierson, Joy
Cc: Diallo, Boubacar; Village Voice Mail
Subject: Re: Allocation of Hamilton County CARES Act CDBG Funds

Joy,

What does this mean for the Village? Are there grants available that we can apply for?

Douglas M. Sammons
Mayor
Village of North Bend
513-967-3045 cell
513-941-0610 office
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