

County of Cook, Illinois



Substantial Amendments to the 2020 Annual Action Plan

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SUMMARY

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development (the “County”) currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County proposes new CDBG-funded activities below to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County. This requires Substantial Amendments to the 2020 Annual Action Plan. This document, consisting of a narrative as well as required attachments, constitutes the formal Substantial Amendments to HUD. These amendments will advance the County’s ongoing efforts to expend its CDBG funds expeditiously.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

The 2020 Annual Action Plan is to be amended as indicated below.

Proposed Amendment

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| Initial CDBG Funding Program Year | N/A |
| IDIS Activity Number | N/A |
| CDBG Project Number | 2007-107 |
| CDBG Funding Recipient | Village of Dolton |
| Project Type | Public Infrastructure: Watermain Relocation |
| Project Scope | Support the Village of Dolton’s construction of the CREATE Dolton Interlocking Project (WA11) is meant to increase train speed for CSX and Norfolk Southern by modernizing track geometry in the area. CDBG funds will assist with relocating the watermain (boundaries: East 138 th St. – East 142 nd St. and South Indiana Ave. – Park Avenue). This area sees very heavy train volumes because it is immediately southeast of CSX’s Barr Yard and IHB’s Blue Island Yard. Several at-grade crossings will be improved by this project to make it safer, more pedestrian friendly, greatly improve mobility for residents and reduce diesel emissions. The water main relocation is needed to tracks being repositioned as part of the project. WA11 is a regional priority rail project funded by Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), so the CDBG funding will help leverage a much larger federal investment. |
| Initial CDBG Funding Committed | \$0 |
| Proposed Change | Adding this project to the County’s Action Plan, using \$300,000 of CDBG funding. |
| Additional Comments | N/A |

APPENDIX 1 - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Public Comment Notice

See attached.

Public Comments and Cook County Responses

To be inserted upon conclusion of the HUD-required (30) day public comment period.

Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) Approval

The amendments above will be presented to EDAC for approval in January. Related documentation will be inserted upon conclusion of the EDAC approvals.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development (CCDPD) within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Substantial Amendment to its 2020 Annual Action Plan, which proposes a new CDBG-funded activity to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

Applicable Public Comment Period: 30 Days – January 8, 2022 – February 7, 2022

Public Comment Opportunities

An important part of the process of developing a Substantial Amendment is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Draft may be reviewed on-line at the Cook County website during the applicable public comment period specified above at this link:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/public-notices-planning-and-development-0>

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for the Draft Substantial Amendment are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4 p.m. on the last day of the aforementioned public comment period in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to info.edev@cookcountyil.gov.

Due to limited access to County facilities during COVID-19, the draft Substantial Amendment will not be available for review at the CCDPD office. Interested parties may contact info.edev@cookcountyil.gov to discuss alternative options to view the draft amendment.