

County of Cook, Illinois



Substantial Amendments to the 2019 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), HOME funds and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County proposes new CDBG-CV funded activities below to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County. This requires Substantial Amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plans. 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-CV funds expeditiously.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748), also known as the CARES Act. The bill allocates \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, the Cares Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities to make it easier to use the CDBG-CV grants and authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to grant waivers and alternative requirements.

Cook County is proposing to amend the PY 2019 Annual Action Plans. Cook County will allocate \$16,018,096 in CDBG-CV funds as follows:

Initial Funding Year	2019
CDBG Funding Recipients	Social Service Agencies, Shelter Providers, and Developers of Affordable Housing for the homeless.
Initial Funding Committed	\$16,018,096.00
Proposed Change	Line-item changes to previous budget.
Administration and Planning	\$3,203,619.20
Project Scope	See below
Public Facilities	\$2,500,000.00
Acquisition & Rehab for (Fixed Site Shelter)	\$6,314,476.80
Emergency Assistance Hotel Shelter (Five Motels)	\$3,000,000.00
Public Service	\$1,000,000.00

<p>Project Scope</p>	<p>Changing the proposed line items to amend the 2019, Annual Action Plans to indicate the use of CDBG-CV funding. The funds as listed above would be used to support the following projects:</p> <p>Admin & Planning: Prepare plans for fixed site shelters staffing costs.</p> <p>Public Facilities: Support the rehabilitation of an existing building at 7666 West 63rd St. Summit, IL 60501, to create the Summit Service Center, which will improve access to housing, mental health, and medical services through a collaboration between BEDS Plus, NAMI Metro Suburban and Amita Health System. The Service Center will include a 26-bed emergency shelter for medically vulnerable homeless individuals, including those impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>Acquisition and Rehabilitation: Support the acquisition and rehabilitation of hotels to house the homeless under the County's Fixed-Site Shelter Initiative.</p> <p>Emergency Assistance Hotel Shelter: Support hotel shelter costs at hotels presently housing the homeless. Funding will cover hotel costs until January 2024.</p> <p>Public Service: Funds will be used to bring social services especially mental and physical health to homeless shelters.</p>
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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 10 day public comment period.

Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) Approval

The amendments above will be presented to EDAC for approval in September 2022. Related documentation will be inserted upon conclusion of the EDAC approvals.