

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) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County proposes to increase the amount of funding on the 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

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 for 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	\$300,000.00
Proposed Change	The original project was added to the County’s 2020 Action Plan, using \$300,000.00 of CDBG funding. Due to increased construction costs, bid proposals doubled in cost bringing the estimated cost to \$610,000.00.
Additional Comments	N/A

APPENDIX 1 - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Public Comment Notice

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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 on April 19, 2023. Related documentation will be inserted upon conclusion of the EDAC approvals.