

# County of Cook, Illinois



## Substantial Amendments to the 2016, 2017 and 2020 Annual Action Plans

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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 2016, 2017 and 2020 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 funds expeditiously.

## SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

The 2016, 2017 and 2020 Annual Action Plans are to be amended as indicated below.

### Proposed Amendment 1

<b>Initial CDBG Funding Program Year</b>	N/A
<b>IDIS Activity Number</b>	N/A
<b>CDBG Project Number</b>	2008-106
<b>CDBG Funding Recipient</b>	BEDS Plus Care, Inc.
<b>Project Type</b>	Public Facility: Shelter and Medical Facility
<b>Project Scope</b>	Support the rehabilitation of an existing building at 7666 West 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street 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.
<b>Initial CDBG Funding Committed</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed Change</b>	Adding this project to the County’s Action Plan, using \$1,500,000 of CDBG funding.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	N/A

### Proposed Amendment 2

<b>Initial CDBG Funding Program Year</b>	2016
<b>IDIS Activity Number</b>	N/A
<b>CDBG Project Number</b>	1606-086
<b>CDBG Funding Recipient</b>	Village of Franklin Park
<b>Project Type</b>	Public Infrastructure: Franklin Avenue
<b>Project Scope</b>	Support the Franklin Avenue reconstruction project. Franklin Avenue is a major road in the O’Hare Industrial Corridor. In 2023, Franklin Avenue will also serve as an exit route for the Elgin O’Hare I-390 and I-490 Western Access Project. Significant new industrial space has been added in the area, and additional economic development and job creation are expected.
<b>Initial CDBG Funding Committed</b>	\$290,000
<b>Proposed Change</b>	Adding \$210,000 of additional CDBG to this project and shifting the County’s initial CDBG funding to the construction phase. The revised CDBG budget is \$500,000.

<b>Additional Comments</b>	Total project cost is \$32,300,000, with a \$22,960,000 grant being received from the Illinois Competitive Freight Program. Cook County CDBG funding is one of many sources being used to complete this important project.
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*Proposed Amendment 3*

<b>Initial CDBG Funding Program Year</b>	2017
<b>IDIS Activity Number</b>	4719
<b>CDBG Project Number</b>	1706-021
<b>CDBG Funding Recipient</b>	Village of Steger
<b>Project Type</b>	Public Infrastructure: Flood Control Project
<b>Project Scope</b>	Support the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street relief sewer or channel improvements to the stream that runs parallel to Lewis Street north of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street. These projects will help address the chronic flooding issues across the most developed and central portion of the village.
<b>Initial CDBG Funding Committed</b>	\$200,000
<b>Proposed Change</b>	The original Program Year 2017 CDBG grant was awarded to support the Chicago Road Streetscape Project, which has been delayed. At the Village's request, this CDBG funding is being shifted to support much-needed flood control projects. No additional CDBG funding is being provided.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	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 five (5) day public comment period.

***Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) Approval***

The amendments above will be presented to EDAC for approval in March 2021. Related documentation will be inserted upon conclusion of the EDAC approvals.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE**

### ***Draft Substantial Amendments to the 2016, 2017 and 2020 Annual Action Plans***

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 Amendments to its 2016, 2017, and 2020 Annual Action Plans, which propose new CDBG-funded activities to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

**Applicable Public Comment Period: 5 Days – March 22, 2021 - March 27, 2021**

### **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 Amendments 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 Dominic Tocci, Deputy Director, Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, [dominic.tocci@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:dominic.tocci@cookcountyil.gov).

Due to limited access to County facilities during COVID-19, the draft Substantial Amendments will not be available for review at the CCDPD office. Interested parties may contact Dominic Tocci at 312-603-1048 to discuss alternative options to view the draft amendment.