

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2), and broader federal regulations relative to adoption of expedited citizen participation for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development Programs, together with applicable waivers and alternative requirements to said regulations through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Saint Paul (City) is making substantial amendment to the City's Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan for program year 2019 available to the public through this notice.

Public Comment Period and Process:

Using the expedited Citizen Participation Process, the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from November 14, 2020 to November 19, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them, postmarked no later than November 19, 2020, to the following:

City of Saint Paul
Julie Hostak, Grants Specialist
Department of Planning and Economic Development, Grants Administration
1100 City Hall Annex
25 West Fourth Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Comments may also be emailed no later than November 19, 2020, to Ms. Julie Hostak at Julie.Hostak@ci.stpaul.mn.us or via telephone at (651) 266-8545.

Substantial Amendment:

This substantial amendment to program year 2019 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan for the City is to receive and administer an additional \$2,007,169 in Community Development Block Grant funding (CDBG-CV3) from HUD made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (hereinafter "Round 3 CARES Act Allocations").

Subsequent additional CDBG allocations to the City through the CARES Act is unknown at this time, but this allocation and such subsequent allocations will be used for the same purpose of the Initial CARES Act Allocations to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible households and persons economically impacted by COVID-19.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance for no more than three months, grab and go/delivery meal programs, business assistance to retain employees that are low- and moderate-income, and support of urgent needs of recent origin that are serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community for which the City is unable to finance and carry out on its own, and other COVID-19 response services. A summary of the proposed projects to be funded with the additional funds is provided below:

CDBG-CV, Initial and Round 3 CARES Act Allocations (\$6,061,828)

Public Facility	\$1,160,000
Neighborhood Non-Profits	\$1,068,350
Expanded COVID-related Public Services	\$2,385,000
Commercial Corridor and Citywide Economic Development	\$ 236,650
Planning and Administration	<u>\$1,211,828</u>

Total CDBG-CV Allocated \$6,061,828

Public notices regarding future substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plans will be printed in *Pioneer Press* and posted online on the City’s website at <https://www.stpaul.gov/conplan>.

Background on the Consolidated Plan:

The Consolidated Plan and associated Annual Action Plans describe the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those needs through the City’s programs, as defined and funded by HUD. As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. More information on the Consolidated Plan is available on the City’s website at <https://www.stpaul.gov/conplan>.