



## **Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs**

### **HUD Consolidated Plan FY 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment**

- **FY 2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment-Reallocation CDBG-CV for Rental Assistance**

**(Public Comment Period March 15, 2021 – March 19, 2021)**

## INTRODUCTION

This document is a substantial amendment to the City of Little Rock' FY2020 Annual Action Plan based on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)(Public Law No.116-136) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA).

Title 24 Section 91.505 of the Code of Federal Regulations stipulates the participating jurisdictions shall amend their approved plans whenever they make the following decisions:

1. To make a change in its allocation priorities or a substantial change in the method of distribution of funds.
2. To carry out a new activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income), not previously described in the Annual Action Plan.
3. To substantially change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

This regulation further requires that jurisdictions identify in their citizen participation plans the criteria that they will use for determining what constitutes a substantial amendment.

Consistent with these requirements, the City of Little Rock Citizen Participation Plan, states that substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan are required when the City of Little Rock Community Development Division wishes to make one of the following changes:

1. A proposed new activity which cannot reasonably be construed to have been included within the programmatic intent of the adopted application or in the commitment of funds to a specific project; or
2. An activity that was identified in the adopted application, but which subsequently is proposed to be deleted; or
3. An activity that is proposed to be altered in terms of its purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries to such an extent that it can no longer reasonably be construed as the activity reviewed by the public and approved by the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee.
4. The criteria to be used in determining if an activity is at risk of becoming substantially changed from its originally intended purpose will be based upon further Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee actions to modify/amend the Consolidated Plan proposed activities.
5. City staff shall proactively monitor each funded project for compliance with its respective performance criteria and provide periodic progress reports to the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee.
6. Any activity that is judged to be at risk of substantially changing from its originally intended propose, scope, location, or beneficiaries will be reviewed in a public hearing forum prior to a decision by the Consolidated Advisory Plan Committee as to whether the performance objectives of the project shall be amended.
7. An application for a CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee.

The proposed change is to cancel a project and reallocate the funding to project in the Annual Action Plan:

- Public Service (CDBG-CV)—Decrease Funding \$100,000
- Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance (CDBG-CV)—Increase Funding \$100,000

**For CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funding under, FY 2020, and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or CARES Act, participating cities may provide a 5-day notice/comment period of proposed changes beginning April 9, 2020 as allowed under a HUD waiver. This includes any new activities proposed. A public hearing is not required but documentation relative to substantial amendment activity planning applies.**

## **PROPOSED AMENDED SECTION**

### **I. 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The proposed substantial amendment will amend the 2020 Annual Action Plan in the following sections:

- A. AP-35 Projects & AP-38 Project Summary
  - a. Remove CDBG Assistance (COVID-19)-Eligible CDBG activity:
    - Public Service-Urban League of the State of Ark \$100,000.00  
West Ninth Mobile Market will provide food to households' experienc- ing challenges that prevent them for accessing healthy foods during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - b. Increase CDBG Assistance (COVID-19)-Eligible CDBG activity:
    - Rental Assistance-TBRA-Central AR Development Council \$1,063,784.00  
Will provide rent to low income families affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic in Little Rock.
- B. AP-55 Affordable Housing
  - a. Decrease 1-year goals for the number of households to be supported for non-homeless to 1,650.
  - b. Increase 1-year goals for the number of households to be supported for rental assistance to 525.

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### **IV. PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of the proposed substantial amendment will be published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on March 14, 2021. The 5-day comment period will be March 15, 2021-March 19, 2021. Written comments should be email to [barbor@littlerock.gov](mailto:barbor@littlerock.gov) or sent on or before March 19, 2021 to the following:

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The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock will approve the substantial amendment due to CARES Act at the Board's agenda meeting in the William Grant Still Ballroom of the Robinson Center on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00pm.**