

Harris County Community Services Department
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE

June 22, 2020

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Harris County develop a 3- to 5-year strategy document which states the community development and housing needs of the jurisdiction and annually submits, in a single application for funding, its request for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds. Other funding addressed includes the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) I and III, Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grants – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds. This strategy document is called the Consolidated Plan, and the single application for funding is called the Annual Action Plan (AAP). When significant changes occur to the Consolidated Plan and subsequent AAPs, Harris County must propose amendments to be reviewed by the public for a 5-day comment period. The Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) proposes the following amendments:

PY2020 Annual Action Plan:

On April 2, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Harris County Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act) supplemental funding for PY2020 CDBG and ESG Programs. The PY2020 increase in entitlement funding allocations for CDBG-CV was \$8,294,559.00 and ESG-CV Round 1 was \$4,077,193.00. The increase in program funding across both programs totaled \$12,371,752.00. This was a thirty-seven and a half percent (37.5%) increase to Harris County’s original PY2020 HUD allocation of \$19,811,532.00, bringing the total PY2020 allocation to \$32,183,384.

On June 9, 2020, HUD awarded Harris County additional CARES Act supplemental funding for PY2020 through the ESG-CV Round 2 allocation of \$7,999,883. This is a twenty-four-point nine percent (24.9%) increase to Harris County’s previous PY2020 HUD allocation of \$32,183,384, bringing the total PY2020 allocation to \$40,183,267.

The additional funding of CDBG-CV, ESG-CV Round 1 and ESG-CV Round 2 will be allocated to Harris County’s program administration, proposed categories of uses and Unprogrammed Funds. All proposed category funding and unprogrammed funds will be allocated to projects in accordance with Harris County’s Citizen Participation Plan Amendments Policy, applicable HUD waivers/suspensions and CARES Act funding guidelines.

Proposed Categories of CARES Act CDBG-CV, ESG-CV Round 1, ESG Round 2 and CDBG Entitlement Funding

The following Proposed Project Funding Categories amend the Proposed Project Funding Categories previously approved by Commissioners Court on April 28, 2020.

CDBG-CV Funding:

CDBG-CV Administration (20%): \$1,658,911.00

CDBG-CV Projects: \$6,635,648.00

Proposed Project Funding Categories	Funding Amount
Supplemental Funding to Existing Texans Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meal Providers	\$1,200,000.00
Emergency Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance Program	\$3,700,000.00
<u>The Way Home-Covid-19 Permanent Housing Initiative</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID Emergency Shelter• Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing• Rapid Rehousing• Sustainability of H3 (Homeless Encampment Project)• Diversion• Mental Health Services Eligible Uses: Case Management Housing Search and Location/Navigation Services Rental Assistance Essential Services Operations	\$1,735,648.00

The following Proposed Project Funding Categories amend the Proposed Project Funding Categories previously approved by Commissioners Court on April 28, 2020.

ESG-CV Round 1 Funding:

ESG-CV Administration (10%): \$407,719.00

ESG-CV Projects: \$3,669,474.00

Proposed Project Funding Categories	Funding Amount
FEMA 25% Match for Homeless Medical Isolation and Recovery Center/ Shelter Activities	\$178,016.25
<u>The Way Home-Covid-19 Permanent Housing Initiative</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID Emergency Shelter• Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing• Rapid Rehousing• Sustainability of H3 (Homeless Encampment Project)• Diversion• Mental Health Services Eligible Uses: Case Management	\$3,491,457.75

Housing Search and Location/Navigation Services Rental Assistance Essential Services Operations	
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ESG-CV Round 2 Funding:

ESG Administration (10%): \$799,988.00

ESG Projects: \$7,199,895.00

Proposed Project Funding Categories	Funding Amount
<u>The Way Home-Covid-19 Permanent Housing Initiative</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Emergency Shelter • Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing • Rapid Rehousing • Sustainability of H3 (Homeless Encampment Project) • Diversion • Mental Health Services <p>Eligible Uses: Case Management Housing Search and Location/Navigation Services Rental Assistance Essential Services Operations</p>	\$6,900,000.00
Unprogrammed ESG-CV	\$299,895.00

CDBG Entitlement Funding:

CDBG Entitlement Projects: \$5,800,000.00

Proposed Project Funding Categories	Funding Amount
<u>The Way Home-Covid-19 Permanent Housing Initiative</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Emergency Shelter • Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing • Rapid Rehousing • Sustainability of H3 (Homeless Encampment Project) • Diversion • Mental Health Services <p>Eligible Uses*: Case Management Housing Search and Location/Navigation Services Rental Assistance Essential Services</p>	\$5,800,000.00

<p>Operations</p> <p>*Under HUD waiver authority to exceed Public Services cap.</p>	
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Project Amendments:

2020 CDBG-CV Administration Funding:

Project C2020-036 Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County – CoC Five Year Strategic Plan Expansion (Covid-19) (Countywide). New Project. Obligate \$66,000.00 in 2020 CDBG-CV Administration Funds for Planning. *Scope:* Funding for additional technical assistance to evaluate and incorporate the impacts of Covid-19 in the Continuum of Care’s Five-Year Strategic Planning process. Total project funding will be \$66,000.00.

Public Comment

Citizen comments regarding the proposed amendment will be accepted through Friday, June 26, 2020, at HCCSD Office, 8410 Lantern Point, Houston, Texas, 77054, (832) 927-4700 or plancomments@csd.hctx.net.