



Substantial Amendments to HUD FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan & FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan & Citizen Participation Plan

The substantial amendments to the City of Pleasanton's HUD-approved FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan which includes the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan addresses the community needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Pleasanton, as an entitlement jurisdiction, is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to submit a 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans in order to receive annual federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that the City uses to address community development needs throughout the city. The City's Citizen Participation Plan is critical in ensuring that Pleasanton residents are provided the opportunity to provide input and comment on the Consolidated Plan and Action Plans.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (H.R. 748), which provided \$5 billion to the CDBG program to rapidly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, was signed into law on March 27, 2020. With the passage of the CARES Act, the City of Pleasanton has been allocated \$201,314 in CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds for COVID-19 response activities. To access these CDBG-CV funds, HUD is requiring the City to substantially amend its FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) and its FY2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) as well as its Citizen Participation Plan. The substantial amendments to these documents are provided in details below.

The CARES Act, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate its health and economic impacts, also provided specific waivers and permitted flexibility in CDBG program requirements that include suspending the 15 percent cap on funding for public services, reducing the public comment period from 30 days to 5 days, and allowing the option of virtual meetings in lieu of in-person public hearings in order to comply with national and local social gathering requirements.

Citizen Participation

The 5-day public comment period for the Substantial Amendments is May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020. The Substantial Amendments are posted on the City's website to solicit Pleasanton residents' input and comments. A public hearing will be held at the May 19, 2020 "virtual" City Council meeting to further solicit public comments and to review and approve the submission of the Substantial Amendments to HUD. Written comments or inquiries may be submitted to Steve Hernandez, Housing Manager, at shernandez@cityofpleasantonca.gov or at 925-931-5007.

**Substantial Amendment to
FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan**

The FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is substantially amended to allocate CDBG-CV funds to the following eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of COVID-19. The following new language are added to the Consolidated Plan:

SP-25 Priority Needs

A new priority need is added.

Priority #13: Community Development Needs – COVID-19 Responses

SP-35 Anticipated Resources

\$201,314 in CDBG-CV funds is identified as additional financial resources.

SP-45 Goals

A new Consolidated Plan goal is added.

Goal #14: Support disaster response and recovery activities in the event of a local, state, or national disaster or emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Substantial Amendment to
FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan**

The FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is substantially amended to allocate CDBG-CV funds to the following eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of COVID-19.

The following new language are added to the Annual Action Plan:

AP-35 Expected Resources

\$201,314 in CDBG-CV funds is identified as additional financial resources.

AP-20 Goals

A new Action Plan goal is added.

Goal #14: Support disaster response and recovery activities in the event of a local, state, or national disaster or emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

AP-35 Projects

The following COVID-19-related activities are proposed to be funded with the City’s CDBG-CV funds. The proposed activities meet one of the three National Objectives as required by CDBG regulations:

- Benefit low-and-moderate income persons.
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and
- Meet an urgent need.

Activity	CDBG-CV Amount	National Objective	CDBG Matrix Code*
Regional Testing Center	\$25,000	URG	URG Urgent Need
Axis Community Health Center	\$130,314	LMC**	05M Health Services
Spectrum Community Services	\$48,000	LMC	05Z Other Public Services
Total	\$201,314		

*Matrix codes are used to indicate—but do not establish—activity eligibility, in accordance with the CDBG program regulations at 24 CFR 570.201 – 570.207.

**LMC is Low/Mod Limited Clientele Benefit.

**Substantial Amendment to
Citizen Participation Plan**

A new section IX: *Citizen Participation Requirements in State of Emergency* with the following language will be added to the City of Pleasanton current Citizen Participation Plan in order to streamline the funding allocation process and reduce delays in accessing HUD funding during a state of emergency.

The City of Pleasanton shall comply with all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) memorandums and notices that transmit citizen participation requirements in the event of a local, state, or national emergency or disaster. In order to secure and access new HUD funding and/or re-allocate existing HUD funding to allow the City to respond to the state of emergency in the most expeditious manner, such HUD memorandums and notices automatically supersede any conflicting provisions of the Citizen Participation Plan, and therefore no formal amendment is required when such emergency memorandums and notices are in effect.

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