

City of Chicopee, MA

Second Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan

This substantial amendment amends the City's 2019 Annual Action Plan to allocate CARES Act funding to address the community needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The City has received two allocations of funding that total \$1,234,676. This second Amendment addresses the combined CARES allocations. The Amendment has been published on the City's website, distributed to through the Chamber of Commerce, and through the City's Public Service providers. Public Comment on the amendment will be accepted until January 22, 2021.

The proposed changes subject to HUD's review and approval are as follows:

CHANGE #1 – ACCEPT CDBG-CV FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,234,676

The City has received two allocations of CDBG-CV funds. The first allocation of \$706,467 was awarded within a grant agreement dated May 18, 2020. The award was based upon the City's submission of a Substantial Amendment to its 2019 Annual Action Plan. The City was notified of a second allocation of \$528,209. The second allocation requires an Action Plan Substantial Amendment that incorporates the full allocation of CDBG-CV funds.

CHANGE #2: CDBG-CV FUNDING TO SUPPORT OPERATING GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES

The City proposes to allocate \$ \$440,000 for Small Business Assistance. The activity will provide financial assistance to small business to create/retain jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed activity is consistent with the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan to retain/create jobs.

CHANGE #3: CDBG-CV FUNDING TO PUBLIC SERVICES

The City is proposing to allocate from \$ 430,000 to support Food insecurity, housing stabilization, and other essential services to support low income families. The proposed activity responds to an increase in demand based upon impact of COVID-19 and is consistent with the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan goal of providing essential services to low-and moderate-income households.

CHANGE #4: FUNDING TO FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The City proposes to allocate \$275,000 to activities that achieve public facility improvements that respond to public health recommendations resulting from COVID-19 funds. The proposed

activity is consistent with the City's Five Year Consolidated Planning goal of Improving Public Facilities.

CHANGE #5: CDBG-CV FUNDING TO PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

The City proposes to allocate \$89,676 to activities to administer the CDBG-CV COVID-19 funds.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City has is observing a modified public comment period of no less than 5 days. Public Comment on the proposed Amendment will be accepted from January 11 through noon on January 22. Written comment can be submitted to Kathleen Lingenberg, Office of Community Development, City of Chicopee, 38 Center St., Chicopee, MA. or klingenberg@chicopeema.gov