

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MA**

**ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #14 2019-2020 CDBG-CV**

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in the amount of \$4,051,632.00 to the City of Springfield. These CDBG-CV funds are authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, and provide funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

HUD allocated \$2,301,793 to the City in the first round and \$1,749,839.00 in the second round, bringing the cumulative amount for all allocation rounds of CDBG-CV funding to \$4,051,632.

This Substantial Amendment #14 reallocates funding from the CDBG CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS - ACTION PLAN 2019-2020 Substantial Amendment #13 and expands the activities funded under the Public Infrastructure category. All activities and funding will be provided to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Change #1: Reallocate funding:

The City will reallocate CDBG-CV funds as follows:

| <b>Funding category</b> | <b>CDBG-CV1 Approved Budget Amendments #4&amp;#6</b> | <b>CDBG-CV2 Approved Budget Amendment #8</b> | <b>Approved Amendment #11</b> | <b>Approved Amendment #13</b> | <b>Substantial Amendment #14</b> | <b>Total Amended Budget</b> |
|-------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Public Service          | \$791,435  | \$399,872                                    | \$0                           | \$564,698                     | (\$78,236)                       | \$1,677,769                 |
| Economic Development    | \$1,250,000  | \$1,000,000                                  | (\$200,000)                   | (\$564,698)                   | (\$727,894)                      | \$757,408                   |
| Public Infrastructure   | \$0.   | \$0  | \$200,000                     | (\$40,000)                    | \$866,130                        | \$1,026,130                 |
| Rehabilitation          |  |  |                               | \$40,000                      | (\$40,000)                       | \$0.00                      |
| Administration          | \$260,358  | \$349,967                                    | \$0                           | \$0                           | (\$20,000)                       | \$590,325                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$2,301,790</b>                                   | <b>\$1,749,839</b>                           | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                       | <b>\$4,051,632</b>          |

## Change #2: Expanded Activity

### **Public Infrastructure**

- Increased Funding: \$866,130
- Eligibility: 24 C.F.R. 570.201(c)
- National Objective: Low/Mod
  
- Description: Funds will be used for Public Infrastructure Improvements to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on neighborhood commercial districts. Right of way enhancements will include installation or repair of streets, street drains, decorative lighting and seating, storm drains and gutters, curbing and curb cuts, installation of public trees and traffic lights/signals, crosswalks and sidewalks. Foot traffic to neighborhood commercial districts as a result of the pandemic significantly decreased, these improvements will increase walkability and improve pedestrian safety for residents seeking outdoor recreation to improve health outcomes, while also making business districts more accessible for neighborhood patrons. Enhancements in this category will permit businesses to expand outdoor capacity and continue the shift towards drive-up and curbside business models to comply with COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols, while also minimizing impact on foot traffic. Installation of new street trees provides shade for patrons and residents and will improve air quality and health outcomes for neighborhood residents already disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

The supplemental award allows reimbursement of costs of eligible activities incurred regardless of the date to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus.

The CARES Act provides that the City must follow our existing requirements for development of this substantial amendment to our action plan that describes the amount of funding in the supplemental allocation and the planned use of funds. However, that the 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for this substantial amendment; instead, the City must provide no less than five (5) days for public comment on the substantial amendment.

This amendment has been published to the City's website and advertised on the City's social media accounts on February 25, 2022. A public hearing will take place on Facebook live on March 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSpringfieldMA>. Spanish-speaking staff will be present and available for translation at the hearing. Accommodations for disabilities will be provided upon request.

Comments may be submitted on Facebook during the public hearing.

Comments may also be submitted in the following ways:

- Written comments via email to Cathy Buono, [cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com).
- Written comments mailed to the Springfield Office of Community Development, 1600 E. Columbus Ave., Springfield, MA 01103

- By telephone: contact 311, the City of Springfield's main source of government information and non-emergency services, or the Office of Community Development at (413) 787-6082

Comments will be accepted until March 4, 2022 at 4:30pm.

The Facebook live hearing was held on March 2, 2022: 415 views, and 2 shares and 1 comment:

Does the reduction in public service mean or include police? What exactly does it mean?

The reduction in public service does not include police. The City's CDBG-CV funds do not fund any police activities. The public service category was increased in prior amendments (#8 and #13); this reduction is the balance left in the category after awards and contracts were issued by the City through an RFP process.