

**CITY OF GARY, INDIANA**  
**NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**  
**CDBG CARES Act**

**Background:**

The City of Gary's federal Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Grant for the period between 2016 and 2020. The Annual Action Plan details each year within the 5-year Consolidated Plan and outlines the implementation of annual funding, which is developed through significant public input, analyses, and planning.

The City of Gary's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the efforts that the City will take to encourage its residents to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public process when a "substantial amendment" to the Annual Action Plan is proposed. The following changes constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- A significant change to an activity's funding priorities or procedures for distribution of funds
- Funding of a new activity not previously described in the Annual Action Plan
- Substantial change in the scope, purpose, location or beneficiary of an activity
- Increases by the greater of 10% change of the total allocation of the City for the year

However, due to COVID-19, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued guidance that waives the Citizen Participation Plan requirements for entitlement recipients, provided that (1) no fewer than five days are provided for public comment and that (2) reasonable notice and the opportunity to comment is provided.

Additionally, HUD has awarded supplemental funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that requires programming in the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

**Proposed Substantial Amendments:**

The City of Gary is proposing the following amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV1) funding established by the CARES Act in the amount of \$1,974,302 to increase or cancel projects already identified.

The City of Gary is also proposing the following amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan in order to add supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3) funding established by the CARES Act in the amount of \$392,891.

**Reprogramming CDBG-CV activities**

In order to be responsive to the needs of the City of Gary in preparing, preventing, and responding to coronavirus and its impact on people at risk of and experiencing homelessness, the City of Gary will routinely reevaluate our funding decisions throughout the period of performance. Consistent with the terms of all subrecipient grant agreements or contracts, the City of Gary intends to reprogram CDBG-CV funding between selected activities or to include additional activities if/when necessary, based on infection control needs and response efforts related to preventing, preparing and responding to COVID-19.

**Analysis**

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets the criteria below:

- Funds identified in the Consolidated Plan did not previously report, in the plan, additional funding made available by the CARES Act.
- A significant change to an activity’s funding priorities or procedures for distribution of funds

Changes to the 2019 Annual Action Plan are primarily a result of:

1. Programming \$392,891 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3) funding made available under the CARES Act.
2. A significant change to an activity’s funding priorities or procedures for distribution of funds

**On page 29 of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, add the CDBG-CV3 Program grant in Section AP-15 Expected Resources:  
AP-15 Expected Resources Table 5 – Expected Resources – Priority Table**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG-CV3 CARES	public - federal	Public service activities Housing-related activities Public improvements and facilities Activities to acquire real property Economic development activities General administrative and planning activities	392,891	0	0	392,891		Additional funding was awarded in the stated amount under the COVID-19 CARES Act. CDBG-CV3 funding does not require a match; however, funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic issues. Award letter issued 09/11/2020.

**Amendments to CDBG-CV1 - \$1,974,302**

On pages 75-76 of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, amend the CDBG CARES (CDBG-CV1) Grant Project No. 54 as follows:

**AP-38 Project Summary Project Summary Information Table 1 – Project Summary**

Summary of Activities		Project Description
<b>Project Name:</b>	Aperion Tolleston Care COVID-19 Recovery Unit	Cancel award of \$150,000 in CDBG Public Services funding.
<b>Funding:</b>	CDBG-CV	
<b>Original Amount:</b>	\$150,000	
<b>Additional Amount:</b>	\$0	
<b>Total:</b>	\$0	
<b>National Objective:</b>	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	
<b>Matrix Code/Citation:</b>	05A Senior Services/24 CFR 570.201(e)	
/Summary of Activities		Project Description
<b>Project Name:</b>	Church of God In Christ, Inc. Food Pantry	Award an additional \$4,800 in CDBG Public Services funding, total \$9,800, made available by the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide food and other household necessities. The church is located at 5718 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary, Indiana. Approximately 200 persons will benefit.
<b>Funding:</b>	CDBG-CV	
<b>Original Amount:</b>	\$5,000	
<b>Additional Amount:</b>	\$4,800	
<b>Total:</b>	\$9,800	
<b>National Objective:</b>	LMC	
<b>Matrix Code/Citation:</b>	05W Food Banks/24 CFR 570.201(e)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
<b>Project Name:</b>	Food Bank of NWI	Award an additional \$50,000 in CDBG Public Services funding, totaling \$70,000, made available by the CARES Act to provide food/groceries, to approximately 1,812 senior/disabled residents of 5 Gary locations: Al Thomas, Carolyn Mosby, Genesis Towers, Glen Park, and Gardens on Carolina and also to approximately 20 victims (women/children) of domestic violence in the care of the Gary Commission for Women to help sustain them during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.
<b>Funding:</b>	CDBG-CV	
<b>Original Amount:</b>	\$20,000	
<b>Additional Amount:</b>	\$50,000	
<b>Total:</b>	\$70,000	
<b>National Objective:</b>	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	
<b>Matrix Code/Citation:</b>	05W Food Banks/24 CFR 570.201(e)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
<b>Project Name:</b>	Meals on Wheels of NWI	Award an additional \$165,248 of CDBG Public Services funding, totaling \$317,101 made available by the CARES Act to Meals on Wheels of NWI to deliver meals through 12/31/2021, to prevent and respond to the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, to 903 Gary seniors, disabled, and vulnerable residents to allow them to stay in their homes; for personal protective equipment to provide this service; for partial equipment cost
<b>Funding:</b>	CDBG-CV	
<b>Original Amount:</b>	\$151,853	
<b>Additional Amount:</b>	\$165,248	
<b>Total:</b>	\$317,101	
<b>National Objective:</b>	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	

<b>Matrix Code/Citation:</b>	05Z Other Public Services/24 CFR 570.201(e)	to produce frozen meals for supplemental nutrition on weekends; for hazard pay; and for a wellness check and socialization program for clients due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>Summary of Activities</b>		<b>Project Description</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	The Salvation Army Gary-Merrillville COVID-19 Relief	Cancel award of \$201,525 in CDBG Public Services funding.
<b>Funding:</b>	CDBG-CV	
<b>Original Amount:</b>	\$201,525	
<b>Additional Amount:</b>	\$0	
<b>Total:</b>	\$0	
<b>National Objective:</b>	LMC	
<b>Matrix Code/Citation:</b>	05Q Subsistence Payments 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4)	
<b>Summary of Activities</b>		<b>Project Description</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	To be determined	Award of the balance of CDBG-CV funding in the amount of \$1,215,562 to a project to be determined.
<b>Funding:</b>	CDBG-CV	
<b>Original Amount:</b>	\$1,215,562	
<b>Additional Amount:</b>	\$0	
<b>Total:</b>	\$1,215,562	
<b>National Objective:</b>	To be determined	
<b>Matrix Code/Citation:</b>	To be determined	

**Add CDBG CARES (CDBG-CV3) Grant as Project No. 58 - \$392,891**

On page 77 of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, add the CDBG CARES (CDBG-CV3) Grant Project as follows:

**AP-38 Project Summary Project Summary Information Table 1 – Project Summary**

58	<b>Project:</b>	CDBG-CARES (2019)
	<b>Target Area:</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported:</b>	Public Services; Housing; Community Facilities; Infrastructure; Economic Development; AM-1 Overall Coordination
	<b>Needs Addressed:</b>	Improve and enhance Public Services; Improve the quality of the housing stock; Improve public and community facilities; Improve the infrastructure; Increase employment, self-sufficiency, educational training and economic empowerment; Planning, administration, management, and oversight of the funding programs.
	<b>Funding:</b>	CDBG-CV3: \$392,891
	<b>Description:</b>	The City of Gary will utilize CDBG-CV3 funds to fund the following CDBG-CV3 activities as needed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public service activities</li> <li>Housing-related activities</li> <li>Economic development activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities to acquire real property</li> <li>Public improvements and facilities</li> <li>General administrative and planning activities</li> </ul>
Target Date:	07/31/2025	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities:	To be determined	
Location Description:	Citywide (service locations vary)	
Planned Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public service activities</li> <li>Housing-related activities</li> <li>Public improvements and facilities</li> <li>Activities to acquire real property</li> <li>Economic development activities</li> <li>General administrative and planning activities</li> </ul>	

**Public Process**

The City of Gary Community Development Division is providing notice of a Five-Day Public Comment Period as part of the HUD Public Participation Exemption Process and one Virtual Public Hearing will be held to provide opportunities for public comment:

- August 2, 2021, City of Gary consideration of CDBG-CV Substantial Amendments adoption, 4:30 p.m., Virtual Zoom Public Hearing, which can be found here: <https://gary.gov/public-notices/>
- You can also view the document on our website at <https://gary.gov/community-development/consolidated-plansannual-action-planscapers/> by clicking on 2019 Annual Action Plan and then Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Cares Act Funding Substantial Amendments

The City encourages public participation in its Virtual Zoom Public Hearing. To receive a copy of the agenda for the Virtual Zoom Public Hearing, please contact Ms. Thalia Moore in Community Development by email at [thmoore@gary.gov](mailto:thmoore@gary.gov) call 219-881-5075. To participate in the Virtual Zoom Public Hearing:

- 1. Topic: PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG-CV SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**  
**Time: Aug 2, 2021 04:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

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2. **Written Questions/Comments:** Written questions/comments will be accepted prior to or after the Virtual Zoom Public Hearing and may also be submitted within the 5-Day Public Review and Comment Period after the date of the Virtual Zoom Public Hearing. You may also request that your written comments/questions be read into the record at the appropriate time during the meeting. Time limits will be enforced. Therefore, written comments that are read into the record must be limited to 3 minutes. Such requests must be received by Community Development at least 48 hours in advance of the Public Hearing. Comments/questions will be incorporated into the final document and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and urban Development (HUD). Questions/Comments may be submitted as follows:
  - Via email: Ms. Thalia Moore: [thmoore@gary.gov](mailto:thmoore@gary.gov)  
Please indicate: "CDBG-CV Substantial Amendments Questions/Comments" in the subject line.
  - Via Telephone: Ms. Thalia Moore (219) 881-5075
  - Via US Mail: Ms. Thalia Moore  
Department of Community Development  
**CDBG-CV Substantial Amendments**  
401 Broadway, Suite 300  
Gary, IN 46402
3. **Request to Speak:** If you are interested in speaking, please contact Ms. Thalia Moore to complete the Request to Speak form no later than Noon, July 29, 2021, to be placed on the participant list. Please note that the City anticipates to address any questions during the meeting. For such questions/ comments, there is no need to submit a request to speak.
4. **Special Accommodations:** Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or activity of the City of Gary, Indiana, should contact Ms. Moore at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. The City of Gary, Indiana, will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally. In the City of Gary, Indiana, these aids and services include: qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing or vision impairments.

For additional information or assistance, please contact Thalia Moore in Community Development ([thmoore@gary.gov](mailto:thmoore@gary.gov) /219-881-5075) **prior to** the Virtual Zoom Public Hearing.