

**City of Gary, Indiana
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) CARES Act Funds
Notice of Substantial Amendments to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan
and 2019 Annual Action Plan**

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 periods of 2016 through 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, (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 Amendment:

The City of Gary is proposing the following amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan in order to add supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding (as established by the CARES Act) in the amount of \$1,974,302.

Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Aperion Tolleston Care COVID-19 Recovery Unit	Award \$150,000 in CDBG Public Services funding made available by the CARES Act to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by providing Protective Personal Equipment & Hazard Pay to staff working with elderly COVID-19 patients at the nursing facility located at 2350 Taft St., Gary, Indiana. Approximately 120 elderly persons will benefit.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$150,000	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$150,000	
National Objective:	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05A Senior Services 24 CFR 570.201(e)	

Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Church of God In Christ, Inc. Food Pantry	Award \$5,000 in CDBG Public Services funding 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 th Ave., Gary, Indiana. Approximately 100 persons will benefit.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$5,000	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$5,000	
National Objective:	LMC	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05W Food Banks 24 CFR 570.201(e)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Edgewater Health COVID-19 Testing & Prevention Primary Care	Award \$92,932 in CDBG Public Services funding made available by the CARES Act to provide PPE equipment, additional cleaning products to 12 medical services personnel; and purchase of ID NOW COVID-19 Rapid Testing equipment. Approximately 500 elderly, severely disabled adults, victims of domestic violence, illiterate adults, homeless persons, and persons with HIV/Aids will benefit. COVID-19 testing will be provided at 3535 Broadway, Gary, IN.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$92,932	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$92,932	
National Objective:	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05Z Other Public Services 24 CFR 570.201(e)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Edgewater Health COVID-19 Adult Residential & Homeless Preparedness	Award \$43,780 in CDBG Public Services funding made available by the CARES Act to provide PPE equipment for staff and additional cleaning products for the prevention of COVID-19 at 540 Pierce St. and 1100 W. 6 th Ave., Gary, IN. Approximately 83 elderly, severely disabled adults, victims of domestic violence, illiterate adults, homeless persons, and persons with HIV/Aids will benefit.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$43,780	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$43,780	
National Objective:	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05Z Other Public Services 24 CFR 570.201(e)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Food Bank of NWI	Award \$20,000 in CDBG Public Services funding made available by the CARES Act to provide food/groceries, to approximately 700 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.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$20,000	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$20,000	
National Objective:	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05W Food Banks 24 CFR 570.201(e)	

Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Gary Public Library PPE Equipment/Supplies	Award \$27,697 in CDBG Public Services funding made available by the CARES Act to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by providing Protective Personal Equipment and cleaning supplies to the three (3) library branches in the City of Gary. 220 W 5 th Ave.; 501 S. Lake St.; and 3953 Broadway. Approximately 76,600 persons will benefit.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$27,697	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$27,697	
National Objective:	LMA	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05Z Other Public Services 24 CFR 570.201(e)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Meals on Wheels of NWI	Award \$151,853 of CDBG Public Services funding made available by the CARES Act to Meals on Wheels of NWI to deliver meals through 12/31/2020, to prevent and respond to the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, to 413 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 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.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$151,853	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$151,853	
National Objective:	LMC (Presumed Benefit)	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05Z Other Public Services 24 CFR 570.201(e)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	The Salvation Army Gary-Merrillville COVID-19 Relief	Award \$201,525 in CDBG Public Services funding made available by the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide \$200,000 in rent/mortgage and utility payment assistance to prevent homelessness to approximately 500 Gary households and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic by having the facility cleaned in order to provide these services. The Salvation Army is located at 4800 Harrison St., Gary, Indiana.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$201,525	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$201,525	
National Objective:	LMC	
Matrix Code/Citation:	05Q Subsistence Payments 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4)	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	General Administration	Award \$197,430 in General Administration funding for the overall program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation.
Funding:	CDBG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$197,430	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$197,430	
National Objective:	N/A	
Matrix Code/Citation:	21A General Program Administration 24 CFR 570.206	

Analysis

This proposal qualifies as a Substantial Amendment because it meets the following criteria:

- Substantial change in funding priorities or procedures for distribution of funds.
- A new activity using funds identified in the Consolidated Plan including program income, not previously reported in the Plan.
- Change in programs or activities identified in the Consolidated Plan if such changes exceed 10% of the total allocation of the City for the year.

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. Additionally, one Virtual Public Hearing will be held to provide opportunities for public comment:

- October 5, 2020, City of Gary consideration of CDBG-CV Substantial Amendments adoption, 12:00 Noon, Virtual Public Hearing Teleconference Meeting, which can be found here: <https://gary.gov/public-notices/>
- You can also view the documents 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 Public Hearing Teleconference. To receive a copy of the agenda for the Teleconference, please contact Ms. Michelle Williams in Community Development by email at mlwilliams@gary.gov or call 219-881-5075. To participate in the Virtual Public Hearing Teleconference:

1. Listen to the Public Hearing Teleconference via telephone: Citizens can call-in to listen or make comments by calling 1-888-585-9008. When the Conference Room Number is requested, please enter 670-712-125 and then press the # key. Questions and comments will be received at the end of the Public Hearing Teleconference.
2. Written Questions/Comments: Written questions/comments will be accepted prior to or after the Public Hearing Teleconference and may also be submitted within the 5-Day Public Review and Comment Period after the date of the Public Hearing Teleconference. 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. Michelle Williams: mlwilliams@gary.gov
Please indicate: "CDBG-CV Substantial Amendments" in the subject line.
- Via Telephone: Ms. Michelle Williams (219) 881-5075
- Via US Mail: Ms. Michelle Williams, Community Development
CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment
401 Broadway, Suite 300
Gary, IN 46402

3. **Request to Speak:** If you are interested in speaking, please contact Ms. Michelle Williams to complete the Request to Speak form no later than Noon, October 2, 2020, 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. Williams 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 Michelle Williams in Community Development (mlwilliams@gary.gov /219-881-5075) **prior to** the Public Hearing Teleconference.

On page 73 of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, add the CDBG CARES grant project as follows:

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

54	Project:	CDBG-CARES (2019)
	Target Area:	Citywide
	Goals Supported:	CD-3 Public Services; HO-2 Prevention and Housing
	Needs Addressed:	Community Development and Homeless Needs
	Funding:	CDBG-CV: \$1,974,302
	Description:	The City will utilize CDBG-CV to support programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 emergency. CDBG-CV funds will be used to support Public Services programs that will provide meal delivery; provide food and other household necessities; provide rent/mortgage and utility payments to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless; provide PPE equipment, additional cleaning products, and COVID-19 testing to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and provide Hazard Pay to staff working with COVID-19 individuals.
	Target Date:	07/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities:	57,021 low income individuals/households
	Location Description:	Citywide (service locations vary)
	Planned Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal Delivery • PPE Equipment • COVID-19 Testing • Hazard Pay • Food/Groceries • Rent/Mortgage and Utility Payments • General Administration

On page 28 of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, add the CDBG-CARES 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-CV CARES	public - federal		1,974,302	0	0	1,974,302	1,974,302	Additional funding was awarded in the stated amount under the COVID-19 CARES Act. CDBG-CV funding does not require a match; however, funds will be used to prepare for, prevent, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic issues. Memorandum issued 04/02/2020.