

**CITY OF GARY, INDIANA
PUBLIC NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
TO THE 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The following is a summary and language that amends the City of Gary's 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Background:

The City of Gary, Indiana's federal Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs, 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), in its memorandum of May 4, 2020, has issued guidance that ESG recipients have the immediate ability to omit the citizen participation and consultation requirements for substantial amendments and new consolidated plan submissions for ESG-CV funding. However, each grantee must publish how it has used and will use its allocation, at a minimum, on the Internet at the appropriate Government website or through other electronic media.

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 proposed projects under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) funding established by the CARES Act.

Analysis

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

- Funding of a new activity not previously described in the Annual Action Plan
- A significant change to an activity's funding priorities or procedures for distribution of funds

Reprogramming ESG-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 ESG-CV funding between selected activities or to include additional ESG-CV activities if/when necessary, based on infection control needs and response efforts related to preventing, preparing and responding to COVID-19.

Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Rebuilding the Breach Ministries Shelter Renovation	The City of Gary will utilize ESG-CV2 funds, through Rebuilding the Breach Ministries to support Emergency Shelter Renovation to Lydia House, an emergency shelter for homeless women with no children, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 with the intention to keep the shelter safe and functioning (repairs may include replacement of windows and boiler, install split air conditioning units, and repair bathroom plumbing at the shelter located at 3815 Pierce Street in Gary Indiana. An estimated 24 homeless women will be provided services.
Funding:	ESG-CV2	
Original Amount:	\$120,000	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$120,000	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Food Bank of NWI Street Outreach/ Homeless Meals	The City of Gary will utilize ESG-CV2 through the Food Bank of NWI to provide essential services necessary to reach unsheltered homeless people to provide urgent non-facility-based care to those who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility. Food Bank of NWI will also use ESG-CV2 funds to implement the Backpack On the Go (BPOTG) meals program to supply meals to the homeless at the Brother's Keeper Shelter, at 2120 Broadway, provide case management services and provide volunteer incentives to volunteers who have been or are currently helping to provide necessary street outreach and services during the coronavirus outbreak. An estimated 200 persons will be provided services.
Funding:	ESG-CV2	
Original Amount:	\$248,000	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$248,000	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Gary Health Department Temporary Shelter	The Gary Health Department will use ESG-CV2 funds to operate a Temporary Warming/Cooling Shelter for homeless persons at Ambridge Mann Community Center, located at 2822 W. 4th Ave., Gary, Indiana. This warming/cooling shelter will house the homeless population during inclement weather until a permanent Emergency Shelter is available. The building has 7,420 sq. ft. of usage area, 2 rest rooms, a kitchenette for food set-up, and a stage area that will be designated for individuals that are sick. The community center can accommodate up to 25 individuals and will provide essential services such as, training, vaccine incentives, personal protective equipment (PPE) for program participants, case management, breakfast/dinner meals, while maintaining social distancing (6 ft. apart) as it relates to COVID19 virus. Approximately 50 homeless people will be assisted with an estimate of 1000 encounters.
Funding:	ESG-CV2	
Original Amount:	\$85,870	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$85,870	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Gary Health Department Emergency Shelter Renovation	The Gary Health Department will use ESG-CV2 funds for the repurposing existing former Fire Station, with approximately 5,456 SF, into a new Warming Center to house up to (25) individuals, 2- per room, for overnight stays. The new Warming Center will at a minimum, house the following program elements: (2) administrative offices, work stations for up to 3 staff members, a small physical assessment room, a recreational room, a library, a staff lounge with a kitchenette, public toilets and showers and a small outdoor play area. The need for an elevator for universal access to the second level will be determined and any designs for such will be an additional service.
Funding:	ESG-CV2	
Original Amount:	\$411,546	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$411,546	

Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Community Development Department Administration	The City of Gary will utilize ESG-CV2 funds in the amount of \$109,000 to support the administration of the ESG-CV2 grant program.
Funding:	ESG-CV2	
Original Amount:	\$109,000	
Additional Amount:	\$0	
Total:	\$109,000	

On page 79, of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, amend the ESG-CV2 CARES (2019) grant project No. 57 as follows and on page 80, of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, delete Project 59 inserted in error and move to Project 57.

57	Project:	ESG CV-2 CARES (2019)
	Target Area:	Citywide
	Goals Supported:	HO-1 Operation/Support HO-3 Housing AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed:	Homeless Priority
	Funding:	ESG-CV2: \$1,093,079
	Description:	<p>The City will utilize ESG-CV2 funds to support programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 emergency. ESG-CV2 funds will be used to support 2 Emergency Shelter Renovation programs that will provide renovation to 2 shelters, a Temporary Warming/Cooling Shelter program for the homeless, a Street Outreach program that will provide essential services to unsheltered homeless people to include urgent non-facility-based care for those who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility and food and other household necessities, and Administrative Costs for the administration of the grant.</p> <p>The City of Gary will cancel ESG-CV2 funds in the amount of \$450,000 previously allocated to provide emergency shelter renovation to Brothers' Keeper.</p> <p>ESG-CV2 Allocations by Component – Street Outreach: \$248,000; Emergency Shelter: \$617,416; Administration \$109,000</p> <p>The City of Gary will also utilize the remaining \$118,663 in ESG-CV2 funds to fund the following activities as needed by the City of Gary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Street Outreach 2. Emergency Shelter 3. Rapid Re-housing 4. Homelessness Prevention 5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) 6. Additional activities allowed by HUD policy, guidance and approved waivers.
	Target Date:	09/30/2022

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities:	ESG-CV2: An estimated 299 extremely low income persons will be assisted.
Location Description:	3815 Pierce St., Gary, IN (24) 2101 Broadway, Gary, IN (200) 2822 W. 4 th Ave., Gary, IN (50) 4101 Washington St., Gary, Indiana (25) 401 Broadway, Suite 300, Gary, IN Other service locations as needed or identified
Planned Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Gary will utilize ESG-CV2 funds, made available by the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the amount of \$120,000 through Rebuilding the Breach Ministries to support Emergency Shelter Renovation to Lydia House, an emergency shelter for homeless women with no children that can accommodate 24 women, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 with the intention to keep the shelter safe and functioning (repairs may include replacement of windows and boiler, install split air conditioning units, and repair bathroom plumbing. Location: 3815 Pierce St., Gary, IN. Emergency Shelter Renovation, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 03C - Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 24 CFR 570.201(c) • The City of Gary will utilize ESG-CV2 funds, made available by the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the amount of \$248,000, through the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana to support a Street Outreach program that will provide essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people to provide urgent non-facility-based care who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility. Food Bank of NWI will implement the Backpack On the Go (BPOTG) meals program to supply meals to the homeless at the Brother's Keeper Shelter, provide case management services and provide volunteer incentives to volunteers who have been or are currently helping to provide necessary street outreach and services during the coronavirus outbreak to approximately 200 persons. Location: 2120 Broadway, Gary, IN. Street Outreach, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 05Z Other Public Services 24 CFR 570.201(e) • The City of Gary will utilize ESG-CV2 funds, made available by the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the amount of \$85,870, through the Gary Health Department to operate a Temporary Warming/Cooling Shelter for homeless persons at Ambridge Mann Community Center. This warming/ cooling shelter will house the homeless population during inclement weather until a permanent Emergency Shelter is available. The building has 7,420 sq. ft. of usage area, 2 rest rooms, a kitchenette for food set-up, and a stage area that will be designated for individuals that are sick. The community center can accommodate up to 25 individuals and will provide essential services such as, training, vaccine incentives, personal protective equipment (PPE) for program

		<p>participants, case management, breakfast/dinner meals, while maintaining social distancing (6 feet apart) as it relates to COVID19 virus. Approximately 50 homeless persons will be assisted with an estimate of 1000 encounters. Location: 2822 W. 4th Ave., Gary, IN. Emergency Shelter Operating Costs, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 03T – Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs 24 CFR 570.201(e)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Gary will utilize ESG-CV2 funds, made available by the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the amount of \$411,546, through the Gary Health Department for the repurposing of the existing former Fire Station, with approximately 5,456 SF, into a new Warming Center to house up to (25) individuals, 2-per room, for overnight stays. The new Warming Center will at a minimum, house the following program elements: (2) administrative offices, work stations for up to 3 staff members, a small physical assessment room, a recreational room, a library, a staff lounge with a kitchenette, public toilets and showers and a small outdoor play area. The need for an elevator for universal access to the second level will be determined and any designs for such will be an additional service. Location: 4101 Washington St., Gary, IN Emergency Shelter Renovation, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 03C - Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 24 CFR 570.201(c) • The City will utilize ESG-CV2 funds to support programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 emergency. ESG-CV2 funds in the amount of \$109,000 will be used to provide overall program management and oversight. Location: 401 Broadway Administration, no National Objective required, Matrix Code 21A General Program Administration 24 CFR 570.206
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