

**CITY OF GARY, INDIANA  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS GRANT (CARES ACT ESG-CV)  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The following is a summary and language that amends the 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) has issued guidance that waives the Citizen Participation and Consultation requirements for ESG-CV entitlement recipients, although how the allocation will be used must be published on Government web site.

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 amend the current distribution of the funds under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) established by the CARES Act due to the recapture of funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on 03/16/2022.

<b><u>Project Name:</u></b>	<b>Continuum of Care Network of NWI HP AND RRH</b>	CARES Act funding from Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV1) funding in the amount of \$744,723 made available by the CARES Act will provide rapid rehousing services, homelessness prevention services, and administrative costs. Expenditures will be related to COVID-19 costs and a total of 150 households will be assisted. ESG Allocations by Component - Homeless Prevention: \$312,109.88; Rapid Rehousing: \$332,897.12; Administration: \$80,716.
<b><u>Funding:</u></b>	ESG-CV	
Original Amount:	\$978,166	
Additional Amount:	(\$252,443)	
Total:	\$744,723	

**Analysis**

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets each criterion below:

- Substantial change in funding priorities or procedures for distribution of funds.

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

1. The reduction of \$252,443 in the amount of the grant from \$997,166 to \$744,723 according to the letter submitted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on March 16, 2022 due to recapture of funds.

On page 73 of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, amend the ESG20 GARY CARES (ESG-CV) Grant Project #52 as follows:

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52	Project Name	ESG20 GARY
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	HO-1 Operation/Support HO-2 Prevention and Housing HO-3 Housing AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority; Administration, Planning, and Management Priority
	Funding	ESG-CV: \$1,837,802
	Description	<p>The City will utilize \$744,723 in ESG-CV1 funds, through the Continuum of Care of NWI, to support Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing programs and to support the administration of the ESG-CV1 program by the Continuum of Care of NWI and the City of Gary Department of Community Development.</p> <p>ESG-CV1 Allocations by Component – Homeless Prevention: \$312,109.88; Rapid Rehousing: \$332,897.12; Administration: \$99,716.</p> <p>The City will utilize \$974,416 in 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><b>The City of Gary will cancel ESG-CV2 funds in the amount of \$450,000</b> 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"> <li>1. Street Outreach</li> <li>2. Emergency Shelter</li> <li>3. Rapid Re-housing</li> <li>4. Homelessness Prevention</li> <li>5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)</li> <li>6. Additional activities allowed by HUD policy, guidance and approved waivers.</li> </ol>
	Target Date:	09/30/2022

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities:</p>	<p>An estimated 449 extremely low income persons will be assisted.</p>
<p>Location Description:</p>	<p>650 S. Lake St. (150)  3815 Pierce St., Gary, IN (24)  2101 Broadway, Gary, IN (200)  2822 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary, IN (50)  4101 Washington St., Gary, Indiana (25)  401 Broadway, Suite 300, Gary, IN  Other service locations as needed or identified</p>
<p>Planned Activities:</p>	<p><b>ESG-CV1</b>  <b>Continuum of Care of NWI - \$725,723</b> Services provided will include financial assistance to include deposits/rental assistance, case management services, and other eligible services as needed to keep an estimated 150 individuals and families from experiencing homelessness due to the COVID-19 emergency and administration costs to implement the activities.  <b>Gary Community Development Department - \$19,000</b>  Administration costs in the implementation of the ESG Cares Act grant.  <b>ESG-CV2</b>  <b>The City of Gary will cancel ESG-CV2 funds in the amount of \$450,000</b> previously allocated to provide emergency shelter renovation to Brothers' Keeper.  <b>Rebuilding the Breach Ministries Shelter Renovation - \$120,000</b> 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.  Emergency Shelter Renovation, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 03C - Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 24 CFR 570.201(c)  <b>Food Bank of NWI Street Outreach/Homeless Meals - \$248,000</b> to respond to COVID-19 by providing 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-CV 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.  Street Outreach, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 05Z Other Public Services 24 CFR 570.201(e)  <b>Gary Health Department Temporary Shelter - \$85,870</b> to operate a Temporary Warming/Cooling Shelter for homeless persons to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 at Ambridge Mann Community Center, located at 2822 W. 4th Ave., Gary, Indiana. This warming/cooling shelter will house the homeless population during</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Emergency Shelter Operating Costs, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 03T – Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs 24 CFR 570.201(e)</p> <p><b>Gary Health Department Emergency Shelter Renovation - \$411,546</b> 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 to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. 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.</p> <p>Emergency Shelter Renovation, National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 03C - Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 24 CFR 570.201(c)</p> <p><b>Community Development Department Administration - \$109,000</b> will utilize ESG-CV2 funds in the amount of \$109,000 to support the administration of the ESG-CV2 grant program.</p> <p>Administration, no National Objective required, Matrix Code 21A General Program Administration 24 CFR 570.206</p>
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