

**CITY OF GARY, INDIANA
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ESG-CV2 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 increase and/or decreased current 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:

- 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:	Gary Health Department Emergency Shelter Renovation	The Gary Health Department will use an additional \$178,663 in ESG-CV2 funds, which includes \$118,663 in uncommitted project funds and \$60,000 reallocated from Administration, 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:	\$178,663	
Total:	\$590,209	
Summary of Activities		Project Description
Project Name:	Community Development Department Administration	The City of Gary will reallocate \$60,000 in ESG-CV2 funds to the Gary Health Department Emergency Shelter Renovation project and remain with \$49,000 to support the administration of the ESG-CV2 grant program.
Funding:	ESG-CV2	
Original Amount:	\$109,000	
Additional Amount:	(\$60,000)	
Total:	\$49,000	

On page 74, of the approved 2019 Annual Action Plan, amend the ESG20 GARY grant project No. 52 as follows.

52	Project Name	ESG20 GARY
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	HO-1 Operation/Support HO-2 Prevention and Housing HO-3 Housing HO-4 Continuum of Care 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. ESG-CV1 Allocations by Component Homeless Prevention: \$312,109.88; Rapid Rehousing: \$332,897.12; Administration: \$99,716.</p> <p>The City will utilize \$1,093,079 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. ESG-CV2 Allocations by Component Street Outreach: \$248,000; Emergency Shelter: \$796,079; Administration \$49,000.</p>
Target Date	9/30/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 449 extremely low and very low income homeless and at risk of homelessness households will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	650 S. Lake St. (150) 3815 Pierce St., Gary, IN (24) 2101 Broadway, Gary, IN (200) 2822 W. 4th Ave., Gary, IN (50) 4101 Washington St., Gary, Indiana (25) 401 Broadway, Suite 300, Gary, IN Other service locations as needed or identified

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Continuum of Care of NWI \$725,723 to include Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing assistance with deposits/rental assistance, case management services, and other eligible services as needed. An estimated 150 individuals and families experiencing homelessness due to the COVID-19 emergency will be served and admin costs to implement the activities. Gary Comm. Dev. Dept. \$19,000 Admin costs for implementation of the ESG-CV grant. RRH Nat'l Obj. LMC, Matrix Code 05S Rental Housing Subsidies 24CFR570.204; HP Nat'l Obj. LMC, Matrix Code 05Q Subsistence Pymts 24CFR570.207(b)(4); Admin no Nat'l Obj., Matrix Code 21A Gen. Admin. 24CFR570.206; Rebuilding the Breach Ministries Shelter Renovation \$120,000 to support 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, boiler, install split air conditioning units, and repair bathroom plumbing. Estimated 24 homeless women will be provided services. Emergency Shelter Renovation, Nat'l Obj. LMC, Matrix Code 03C Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 24 CFR 570.201(c). Food Bank of NWI Street Outreach/Homeless Meals \$248,000 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. Funds will also be used to supply meals to the homeless at the Brothers Keeper Shelter, provide case management, and volunteer incentives to volunteers who have been or are currently helping to provide necessary street outreach and services during the coronavirus outbreak. Estimated 200 persons will be provided services. Nat'l Obj LMC, Matrix Code 05Z Other Pub. Serv. 24 CFR 570.201(e). Gary Health Dept. Temp. Shelter \$85,870 to operate a Temp. Warming/Cooling Shelter for homeless persons to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. The shelter will house the homeless population during inclement weather until a permanent Emergency Shelter is available, can accommodate up to 25 individuals, and will provide essential services such as, training, vaccine incentives, PPE for program participants, case management, breakfast/dinner meals, while maintaining social distancing as it relates to COVID19 virus. Estimated 50 homeless people will be assisted. Nat'l Obj LMC, Matrix Code 03T Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs 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 \$590,209, through the Gary Health Dept. for the repurposing of an existing former Fire Station, with approximately 5,456 SF, into a new Emergency Shelter/Warming-Cooling Center to house up to (25) individuals, 2-per room, for overnight stays. The new 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. National Objective LMC, Matrix Code 03C - Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 24 CFR 570.201(c). Gary Comm. Dev. Dept. \$49,000 Admin costs for implementation of the ESG-CV2 grant. Admin. no Nat'l Obj., Matrix Code 21A Gen. Admin. 24 CFR 570.206</p>
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