



PUBLIC NOTICE
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

In accordance with City's citizen participation requirements for federal funds, a 30-day public comment period for the amendment to 2019 Annual Action Plan (City FY 2020) will begin on September 3, 2021, and will end on October 10, 2021. By this notice the City of Richmond announces the availability of the Amended 2019 Annual Action Plan budget, is ready for public review and comment.

On Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. the Richmond City Council will hold both a virtual and in person public hearing on an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan and FY 2019-2020 budget for entitlement and CARES Act funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic for Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Emergency Solutions Grant COVID-19 (ESG-CV). The City has been the recipient of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing since 1975 to implement housing and community development programs in the City's neighborhoods. The City has been receiving ESG funds to meet the needs of individuals and families who are homeless since 1989. The CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds are a result of the CARES Act passed by Congress and signed by the President in March 2020 to address the Corona Virus Pandemic. These funds were allocated to the City from the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to address the City of Richmond's priorities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that have been identified in the 2019 Annual Action Plan. Citizens and other interested persons are invited to give their views regarding the use of CDBG-CV funds for the proposed Annual Action Plan. The City will arrange for reasonable accommodations for non-English speaking persons or those persons with visual, hearing, or mobility impairments when notified. Anyone wanting to speak in person at the public hearing can do so in City Council chambers on October 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to speak or to submit written comments as part of the virtual public hearing please contact the Office of the City Clerk by 10:00 a.m. on October 11, 2021 at 804-646-7955 or cityclerksoffice@rva.gov.

The following project budget amendments are the result of reprogramming HUD CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG and ESG-CV surplus funds and program income. No additional funds were received from HUD for this amendment. The propose activities are outlined below:

Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV): \$1,095,783

1. **Inclement Weather Shelter-CDBG-CV** (Commonwealth Catholic Charities) – Add a new activity in the amount of \$1,095,783 to stop and prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst the city’s homeless population during times of inclement weather. The proposed project employs a 2-prong approach to implementation of an Inclement Weather Shelter. First, the proposed project will provide funding for the shelter to be housed at a local hotel, at which meals, showers, case management and overnight accommodations will be provided until the renovation of the permanent structure is completed. Secondly, Commonwealth Catholic Charities will rehabilitate its Housing Resource Center located at 809 Oliver Hill Way to house at least 75 individuals per day. The renovation will modify existing space to function as a shelter and to streamline all processes that directly connects individuals and families to housing focused case management and to permanent housing opportunities. The permanent space will accommodate at least 75 individuals per day, and will provide ten full bathrooms with showers, a prep and warming kitchen, and an all-purpose space that can be used for day-time support and occupancy. CCC’s program will embed extra safety measures to reduce and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The program will employ the practices of using PPE, maintaining social distancing, and encouraging the frequent use of hand washing stations. Professional cleaning services will be provided along with an air purification system being utilized throughout the facility. CDBG-CV funds will be used towards the renovation and operations of the inclement weather shelter.
2. **CDBG-CV Surplus** (HCD) – Decrease by \$916,802 from \$916,802 to \$0 to fund an eligible COVID-19 activity.
3. **Grant Administration CDBG-CV** (HCD) – Decrease by \$178,981 from \$226,978 to \$47,997 to fund an eligible COVID-19 activity.

Emergency Solutions Grant COVID-19 (ESG-CV): \$149,988

1. **Inclement Weather Shelter-ESG-CV** (Commonwealth Catholic Charities) – Add a new activity in the amount of \$149,988 to stop and prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst the city’s homeless population during times of inclement weather. The proposed project will provide funding for the shelter to be housed at a local hotel, at which meals, showers, case management and overnight accommodations will be provided until the renovation of the permanent shelter space is completed. Commonwealth Catholic Charities will use ESG-CV funds to cover a portion of the case management and operational cost of the Inclement Weather Shelter that will be located at a local hotel and at 809 Oliver Hill Way to house at least 75 individuals per day. The space will also provide ten full bathrooms with showers, a prep and warming kitchen, and an all-purpose space that can be used for day-time support and occupancy. ESG-CV funds will be used for case management, shelter operations that include meals, utilities, maintenance, security, transportation cost and furnishing. No ESG-CV funds will be used for the building renovation.

2. **Grant Administration ESG-CV (HCD)** - Decrease by \$119,988 from \$147,257 to \$27,269 to fund an eligible COVID-19 activity.
3. **ER Housing for LGBTQ+ Youth in Crisis ESG-CV (Side by Side)** – Decrease by \$30,000 from \$100,000 to \$70,000 to fund an eligible COVID-19 activity.

Community Development Block Grant- (CDBG): \$485,689

1. **Inclement Weather Shelter-CDBG (Commonwealth Catholic Charities)** – Add a new activity in the amount of \$485,689 to stop and prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst the city’s homeless population during times of inclement weather. Commonwealth Catholic Charities will rehabilitate its Housing Resource Center located at 809 Oliver Hill Way to house at least 75 individuals per day. CDBG funds will be used for the renovation of existing space to function as a shelter. The space will accommodate at least 75 individuals per day, and will provide ten full bathrooms with showers, a prep and warming kitchen, and an all-purpose space that can be used for day-time support and occupancy. CCC’s program will embed extra safety measures to reduce and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The program will employ the practices of using PPE, maintaining social distancing, and encouraging the frequent use of hand washing stations. Professional cleaning services will be provided along with air purification system being utilized throughout the facility. CDBG funds will only be used for the rehabilitation cost.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): \$50,050

1. **Inclement Weather Shelter-ESG (Commonwealth Catholic Charities)** – Add a new activity in the amount of \$50,050 to stop and prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst the city’s homeless population during times of inclement weather. The proposed project will provide funding for the shelter to be housed at a local hotel initially, at which meals, showers, case management and overnight accommodations will be provided until the renovation of the permanent shelter space is completed. Commonwealth Catholic Charities will use ESG funds to cover the some of the case management and operational cost of the Inclement Weather Shelter that will be located at 809 Oliver Hill Way to house at least 75 individuals per day. The permanent space will also provide ten full bathrooms with showers, a prep and warming kitchen, and an all-purpose space that can be used for day-time support and occupancy. ESG funds will be used for case management, shelter operations that include meals, utilities, maintenance, security, transportation cost and furnishing. No ESG funds will be used for the building renovation.

Copies of the amended 2019 Annual Action Plan are available for public review online on the Department of Housing and Community Developments website located at <https://www.rva.gov/housing-and-community-development> Citizens can also request a hard copy or electronic copy via e-mail or US Mail. To request a copy, contact Daniel Mouer at daniel.mouer@rva.gov or by mail at the City of Richmond, Department of

Housing & Community Development, 1500 E Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond VA 23219-3571. The City of Richmond does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission of, or access to, or treatment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Virginia Relay Center - TDD Users - 1-800-828-1120.

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