

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #4 TO FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
TO ALLOW FOR CDBG-CV and ESG-CV

Rationale for Amendment

“The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,” CARES Act which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, provides funds through the CDBG, ESG and HOPWA programs. The CARES Act provides for allocations of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Washington County is adding the following projects to its 2020 Annual Plan:

1. Rehabilitation of privately owned properties to provide well-ventilated living space and to respond to living conditions associated with poor health outcomes
2. Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements to facilitate improved indoor air quality and ventilation to improve public health and prevent spread of coronavirus and ensure continued usefulness during future outbreak
3. Reconstruction of public works, facilities and other improvements to provide suitable outdoor fitness and social space in order to support social distancing guidance
4. Provide public health services, including vaccine distribution, and necessary equipment, supplies and materials to effectively deliver said services

In addition, the County is increasing its administrative budget to support added administrative costs associated with additional projects and activities.

PR-15 Summary of the citizen participation process

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted several waivers to program procedure to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a much shorter timeframe for public display, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public, and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. Washington County advertised and made the Substantial Amendment available to the public on July 9, 2021, for a period of 6 days and held a virtual public hearing on July 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. There were **X** participants in the meeting.

Comments received:

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

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| CDBG- CV | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | \$3,690,525 | 0 | 0 | \$3,690,525 | Supplemental assistance to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. |
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AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.420, 91.220(c)(3) & (e)

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
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| 1 | Provide Public Services | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | County-Wide | Provide Public Services | CDBG: \$1,600,000 | Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Persons Assisted: 400 Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Households Assisted: 100 |
| 2 | Improve Public Facilities | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG-eligible County-wide | Improve public facilities | CDBG: \$250,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Persons Assisted: 200 |
| 3 | Improve Recreation Opportunities | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG-eligible County-wide | Improve recreation | CDBG: \$520,525 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Persons Assisted: 20,000 |

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| 4 | Rehabilitate Existing Housing Stock | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing | CDBG-eligible County-wide | Increase access to and quality of affordable housing | CDBG: \$600,000 | Rental Units Rehabilitated Household Housing Units:42 |
| 5 | Planning/Administration | 2020 | 2024 | Admin | County-Wide | Planning/Administration | CDBG: \$720,000 | Other: 1 Other |

AP-38 Project Summary

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| 1 | Project Name | Public Services |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Provide Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Enhance Public Services |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV: \$1,600,000 |

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| | Description | <p>Funds will be made available to provide health services, meals and food services, laundry services to seniors, disabled and low-mod-income persons in the County that are practicing social distancing and/or quarantining as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Amended activity description March 2021: Funds will be made available to provide transportation services for seniors, disabled and low-mod-income persons in the County.</p> <p>Amended activity description July 2021: Funds will be made available for public health services, including vaccine distribution, and any necessary equipment, supplies and materials to effectively deliver said services.</p> |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 400 persons are expected to benefit |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | New activities: public health services and any necessary equipment, supplies and materials to effectively deliver said services. Matrix Code 05M Funds used for this activity will meet the Urgent Need National Objective. No more than 30% of the County's budget will be used for these activities. |
| 2 | Project Name | Improve Public Facilities |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Improve Public Facilities |
| | Needs Addressed | Improve Public Facilities |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV: \$250,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be made available for the rehabilitation of buildings and improvements to facilitate improved indoor air quality and ventilation to improve public health and prevent spread of coronavirus and ensure continued usefulness during future outbreak |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 200 senior citizens are expected to benefit from the proposed activities |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | Activities include rehabilitation of senior centers and other public facilities to ensure proper HVAC and ventilation. Matrix Code 03A |
| 3 | Project Name | Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Provide Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Enhance Public Services |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV: \$600,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be made available for the rehabilitation of privately owned properties to provide well-ventilated living space and to respond to living conditions associated with poor health outcomes |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 42 senior citizens are expected to benefit from rehabilitated units |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | Activities include the replacement of inoperable windows at senior housing facilities in the County. Matrix Code 14B |
| 4 | Project Name | Improve Recreation Opportunities |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Improve Recreation Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Improve Recreation |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV: \$520,525 |

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| | Description | Funds will be made available for the reconstruction of public works, facilities and other improvements to provide suitable outdoor fitness and social space in order to support social distancing guidance |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 20,000 persons are expected to benefit |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | Activities include park and recreation improvements to ensure adequate outdoor social and recreational facilities. Matrix Code 03F |
| 5 | Project Name | Administration |
| | Target Area | County-wide |
| | Goals Supported | Planning/Administration |
| | Needs Addressed | Planning/Administration |
| | Funding | CDBG-CV: \$720,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be made available to administer the CDBG-CV funding. July 2021 Amendment adds \$400,000 to project budget to support administrative expenses. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | County-wide |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be made available to administer the CDBG-CV funding. Matrix Code 21A |