

**CITY OF AUBURN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONA VIRUS-CV  
PROGRAM YEAR 2019  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT**

The City of Auburn receives an annual funding allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) for community development projects. Projects that are eligible for the funding must primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slum and blight, or meet other urgent community development needs relating to health and safety issues. The CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans provide the framework for funding priority projects. However, a change in funding for a project that constitutes twenty-percent (20%) or more requires a substantial amendment. In April of 2020 the City of Auburn received notification of an award for Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) stimulus funding through the CARES Act. To provide this funding to the community in a timely manner, the City will be amending the 2019 Annual Action Plan to account for the addition of CDBG-CV funding.

This document is a substantial amendment that provides information on projects and activities that will be completed with CDBG-CV funding under the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. This Action Plan was adopted by City Council on February 7, 2019. The proposed projects are supported by the goals within the 2015 Five- Year Consolidated Annual Action Plan and will help address the impacts of the Corona Virus Pandemic felt by the City of Auburn's Community.

The City's allocation is \$523,452 in CDBG-CV funding.

A waiver for a five (5) day public comment period on the substantial amendment was initiated on May 11, 2020 with a Public Hearing at 10:00am and 5:00pm on May 11, 2020 using WebEx. The public comment period will conclude on Friday, May 15, 2020 at 5pm. Citizens may provide comments to the Office of Planning and Economic Development via email to [rjensen@auburnny.gov](mailto:rjensen@auburnny.gov) or in writing to:

City of Auburn  
Office of Planning and Economic Development  
Attn: CDBG  
24 South Street  
Auburn, NY 13021

To obtain a copy of the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan please visit the Office of Planning and Economic Development website at <http://www.auburnny.gov>.

### **Housing Programs**

**\$50,000.00**

The impact of the Corona Virus has left many City of Auburn residents under employed or unemployed. However, homeowners continue to experience the need for home repairs, including emergency repairs that need to be addressed immediately. CDBG-CV funding will provide grants in the amount of \$5,000 each for qualified emergency repairs on owner occupied homes.

Funding for this project consists of:

- \$50,000 for 10 Emergency Home Repair Assistance Grants.

### **Human Service Agency Funding**

**\$169,452.00**

The impact of the Corona Virus has left many Non-Profit Agencies in the City of Auburn with organizational changes, including staffing. However, non-profit agencies are responding to an increase of community needs. CDBG-CV funding will provide grants of varying amounts, depending on need, for eligible human service activities and programs.

Funding for this project consists of:

- \$169,452 in grants for Eligible Human Service Agency Programs.

### **Economic Development**

**\$200,000.00**

The impact of the Corona Virus has left many small businesses in the City of Auburn struggling.

Funding for this project consists of:

- \$200,000 in grants for Small Business Assistance.

### **Administration**

**\$104,000.00**

Administration includes the delivery, oversight and coordination of services for the CDBG-CV program including City Staff and organizations that assist with the delivery of programs.

Funding for this project consists of:

- \$104,000.00 in funding for administration costs.

### **Closing Statement**

The 2019-2020 proposed Annual Action Plan Amendment will provide CDBG-CV funding to Housing Programs, Human Service Agency Programming, Economic Development and Administration.

For more information or to submit comments on the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan proposed amendment for CDBG CV funding please contact:



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