

City of Chicopee, MA

Substantial Amendment to Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

This substantial amendment amends the City's Consolidated Plan (2020-2025) and the Annual Action Plan for the program year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 to address the community needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The original plan as approved by HUD as well as the draft amendment is available on the City's website at <https://www.chicopeema.gov/187/Community-Development> and was published on the City's Facebook page. The notice was advertised in the Springfield Republican and The Reminder-Chicopee edition. Public Comment on the amendment will be accepted until Sept 15, 2020.

The proposed changes subject to HUD's review and approval are as follows:

CHANGE #1 – CDBG-CV FUNDING TO SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The City proposes to reduce the allocation from \$650,000 to \$ 475,000 for Small Business Assistance. The activity will provide financial assistance to small business to create/retain jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed activity is consistent with the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan to retain/create jobs.

CHANGE #2: CDBG-CV FUNDING TO PUBLIC SERVICES

The City is proposing to increase the allocation from \$75,000 to \$ 150,000 to support Food Pantry/ meals and other essential services. The proposed activity responds to an increase in demand based upon impact of COVID-19 and is consistent with the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan goal of providing essential services to low-and moderate- income households.

CHANGE #4: FUNDING TO FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The City proposes to allocate \$125,000 to activities that achieve public facility improvements that respond to public health recommendations resulting from COVID-19 funds. The proposed activity is consistent with the City's Five Year Consolidated Planning goal of Improving Public Facilities.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City has is observing a modified public comment period of no less than 5 days. Public Comment on the proposed Amendment will be accepted from September 4 through noon on September 15. Written comment can be submitted to Kathleen

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