

City of Chicopee, MA

Substantial Amendment to Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

This substantial amendment amends the City's Consolidated Plan (2015-2020) and the Annual Action Plan for the program year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020 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 May 1, 2020.

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

CHANGE #1: REALLOCATE PRIOR YEAR FUNDS- HOME

The City proposes to reallocate prior year funding in the amount of \$200,000.

CHANGE #2: ACCEPT CDBG-CV funds

The City has received notice of CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$706,467

CHANGE # 3: HOME FUNDS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The City proposes to \$200,000 to provide emergency rental assistance to households negatively impacted by a loss of income due to the COVID -19 pandemic.

CHANGE #4 – CDBG-CV FUNDING TO SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The City proposes to allocate \$ \$650,000 towards 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 create jobs.

CHANGE #5: CDBG-CV FUNDING TO PUBLIC SERVICES

The City is proposing to allocate \$ 75,000 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 Consolidate Plan goal of providing essential services to low-and moderate- income households.

CHANGE #6: FUNDING TO PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

The City proposes to allocate 7,467 for the Planning and Administration of CDBG-CV funds.

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 April 20 through noon on May 1st. Written comment can be submitted to Kathleen Lingenberg, Office of Community Development, City of Chicopee, 38 Center St., Chicopee, MA. or klingenberg@chicopeema.gov