

CITY OF CHICOPEE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

Summary:

In accordance with federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Development Programs, the City of Chicopee is making an amendment to its Consolidated Plan 2020-2024, Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2020 and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021, available to the public through this notice.

The City of Chicopee, MA, is a federal entitlement community that receives annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan detailing the uses of entitlement funds to meet its affordable housing and community development goals as outlined in its Consolidated Plan.

Consolidated Plan:

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment is to reallocate \$600,000 to Parks and Open Spaces. The amended Consolidated Plan is available at <https://www.chicopeema.gov/778/Housing-Urban-Development-HUD-Plans-Repo>

Proposed Changes

- Reduce 5 year allocation for Planning and Administration by \$200,000
- Reduce the 5 year allocation for Section 108 loan payments by \$100,000
- Reduce the 5 year allocation for Economic Development by \$300,000
- Increase the 5 year allocation for Parks and Open Spaces by \$600,000

Action Plans:

The purpose of the Action Plan Substantial Amendments is to reallocate Program Year 2020 and Program Year 2021 unexpended funds in the amount of \$525,000 to activities included within the Program Year 2022 Action Plan. The 2022 Action Plan is available at <https://www.chicopeema.gov/778/Housing-Urban-Development-HUD-Plans-Repo>

Proposed Changes

- Reduce Planning and Admin Activity allocation by \$ 80,000 (PY 2020) and \$ 25,000 (PY 2021). Expenses were less than anticipated.
- Reduce Section 108 Activity allocation by \$ \$25,000 (PY2020) and \$25,000 (PY 2021). The annual payment of the Senior Center loan had been reduced by the private lender.
- Reduce Public Service Activity allocation by \$70,000 (PY2020). Due to the pandemic, the Boys Scouts did not utilize funding and the Council on Aging expended only half of anticipated funds granted to the Exercise Program. West Mass Elder that provides meals has altered its operations which were funded by CDBG-CV.
- Reduce Economic Development Activity allocation by \$300,000 (PY2020) as no activities were undertaken with exception of CDBG-CV funded Business Operating Funds.
- Reallocate \$525,000 as prior year funds in the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Public Comment Period and Process:

The Substantial amendments are available for a thirty day public review and comment period from July 11, 2022 to August 19, 2022. Persons wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may send them via email to Julie Dias, Community Development Department at jdias@chicopeema.gov or via mail to

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Written and Verbal Comments (phone 413-594-1490) will be accepted until August 19, 2022, by 4:30pm. All comments will be responded to be Community Development Department and submitted to HUD.