

County of Montgomery

Community Development Block Grant Program/Emergency Solutions Program
Fourth Substantial Amendment of 2019 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

This document serves as the Fourth Substantial Amendment to the 2019 County of Montgomery Annual Action Plan previously approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved for \$3,223,341 in CDBG funds, \$79,254 in Recaptured Funds and \$277,241 in ESG funds. This Substantial Amendment will include the revision to existing projects and to create new projects with \$1,693,055.25 in Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV3) funds, awarded through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 **to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus**. It is the revisions to these projects and creation of new projects that constitutes a substantial amendment as outlined in the County’s Citizen Participation Plan.

Revised and New Projects

This substantial amendment revises existing projects and creates the following new projects and appends them to the 2019 Annual Action Plan. The Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan proposes to cancel the following amounts from the CDBG-CV3 projects listed below:

Permanent Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 280,000.00
HRC Housing Stability Case Management Services	\$ 213,055.25
Homelessness Prevention Services	\$1,000,000.00
Administration	\$ 200,000.00

The total amount cancelled of \$1,693,055.25 is being proposed for re-allocation in the 2019 Program Year action plan for the following projects:

Your Way Home Street Outreach	\$ 150,000.00
Legal Services for Housing Stability	\$ 100,000.00
Resources for Human Development Supportive Short Term Housing Program (fka CHOC)	\$ 138,200.00
Resources for Human Development Short Term Support Housing	\$ 1,229,855.25
Mitzvah Circle Diaper Bank	\$ 75,000.00

Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the County’s Citizen Participation Plan which was recently amended to incorporate allowances under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES

Act).

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on proposed amendments. This will be accomplished through notification of a public hearing in the nonlegal section of a newspaper with general circulation within the County and notification on the County website. These notices will be published *at least two weeks* prior to the hearing.

Citizens will have not less than **30 days** to make comments about the proposed amendment(s) prior to any amendment implementation.

Availability - In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the County has placed the Substantial Amendment and Amended Citizen Participation Plan on public display beginning June 6, 2022 on the County's website at www.montcopa.org, by following the links to Departments, Health & Human Services, Program Offices, Housing & Community Development, and Reports . Persons with disabilities or limited English-speaking ability requiring access to the plan in an alternative format should contact the Office of Housing and Community Development at 610-278-3540 or (TDD: 610-631-1211) for provision of the plan in the desired format at no cost to the requester. This document will be available to the public for a period of thirty (30) days until July 6, 2022, after which time the Substantial Amendment will be finalized by the County Commissioners for submittal to HUD for approval.

Citizens may submit their comments through the mail, telephone or via email. Comments will be received until July 6, 2022. Comments submitted by mail should be addressed to: Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, PO Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404-0311 or Terry McMullen, Interim Administrator, Office of Housing and Community Development, PO Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404-0311 or by email to ksilver@montcopa.org.

Public Hearing - Due to current public health concerns, a virtual Public Hearing on the prior year Action Plan Substantial amendment will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Instructions on how to access the meeting will be posted on the County website at www.montcopa.org. Interested parties may attend the hearing and present their comments on the Draft Plan. If you have a special need and require an accommodation in order to participate, please contact the office at 610-278-3540. Advance notice of 5 days is required for sign-language or non-English speaking interpreter services, at no cost to the requester.