

**CITY OF DETROIT
HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION DEPARTMENT**

MICHAEL E. DUGGAN, MAYOR

**SUMMARY AND NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON
2019-2020 DRAFT ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Detroit, Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD) proposes to amend its U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2019-20 Annual Action Plan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV-1 funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) grant funds (Public Law 116-136).

In accordance with Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan requirements at 24 CFR Part 91 Subpart B and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, HRD has posted the changes to the Action Plan through this Substantial Amendment in order to provide opportunity for public comment. The CARES Act has now provided grantees with flexibilities that make it easier to use grant funds for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 for coronavirus response and authorizes HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements. One of the requirements use a **5-day** public comment period for amendments.

The descriptions of the new activities are as follows:

United Community Housing Coalition - Public Services (Hud Matrix Code 05C Legal Services and 05Z Other Public Services) - This activity will serve Covid impacted households that must move out of their current unit due to eviction or the risk thereof. These households will receive legal assistance and/or representation as well as housing assistance for hoteling, rent/utility payments and other support to assist with permanent placement. (Proposed Accomplishments: 85 households)

Code Blue - Homeless Program Services (HUD Matrix Code 03T and 05Z Other Public Services) - Code Blue is defined as the escalation of an occurrence of housing uninhabitability to the City of Detroit's multi-departmental work group. Uninhabitable is defined as a place not meant for human habitation, which includes units or homes that do not have proper utilities (heat, water, electricity), units or homes affected by a building fire, or units or homes have been condemned by the City of Detroit's Buildings Safety, Environmental and Engineering Department (BSEED) for safety issues. COVID has greatly exacerbated these issues: Economic impacts have caused residents falling behind on rent, leading to an increase in evictions and displacements. Landlords have limited means, leading to a rental housing stock that is deteriorating to present clear personal safety issues. Fraudulent landlords are preying upon displaced individuals, and either "renting" homes that do not belong to them, leading to law enforcement action against the resident by the rightful landlord or placing families in clearly dangerous, dilapidated housing. Households will be assisted with hoteling, rent and utility payments. (Proposed Accomplishments: 300-500 families; 780 – 1,300 residents per year)

Detailed accounts are available and anyone wishing to comment on these proposed changes may transmit such comments by letter, or by email at the address below:

City of Detroit, Housing and Revitalization Department
2 Woodward Ave, Room 908
Detroit, MI 48226
E-mail address: HRDPublicComments@detroitmi.gov

In addition, questions may be directed to Housing and Revitalization Department at (313) 224-6380. Public

comments will be received for a minimum of 5 days after the posting of this ad on March 03, 2023. The Substantial Amendment is subject to approval by the Detroit City Council. Implementation of activities is proposed to occur shortly after completion of the 5-day public comment period.

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