

**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.

A summary of the proposed changes are as follows:

CDBG-CV-1 Line item to be decreased:

• Housing and Financial Counseling	\$ 1,225,000.02
• Emergency Rental Assistance (Subsistence Payments -Homeless Services)	\$ 7,095.47
• Relocation Tenant Placement Services (Multi-Family Displacement)	\$ 34,801.34
• Relocation Eviction Avoidance (Homeless Services)	\$ 18,377.20
• Code Blue (Reprogrammed CV funds)	\$ 185,460.59
• United Community Housing Coalition (Reprogrammed CV funds)	\$ 39,302.61
• Community Home Supports/Sheltered Housing Placements	\$ 2,795.87
• Housing (Rental) Market Study	\$ 5,000.00
• Permanent Supportive Housing Development (Ruth Ellis Center)	\$ 213,129.62
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Total	\$ 1,730,962.72

CDBG-CV-1 Line items to be increased:

• Administration & Planning	\$ 189,176.89
• Forgotten Harvest	\$ 1,541,785.83
Total	1,730,962.72

The descriptions of the new activities are as follows:

Administration and Planning – Matrix Code 21 & 20 - Staffing cost to administer CV-funds

Forgotten Harvest – Matrix Code 05W (Food Bank) -

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has been instructed to hold November SNAP issuance and ongoing benefits until further notice. In addition, food distribution centers have already seen decreases in federal grants that have resulted in a reduction in the amount of free food being distributed to local food banks. This, coupled with the existing economic instability triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, continues to drive up the cost of basic necessities. Also, as we are entering the season of viruses and need to ensure that residents stay healthy and access to healthy foods is important in combatting suppressed immune systems, which can lead to

viruses like COVID. These factors will significantly impact low-income Detroiters ability to not only purchase food but to pay for other costs of living. Therefore, the City of Detroit is purposing to allocate CDBG-CV funds to this food distribution organization that serve Detroit- Forgotten Harvest Food Bank.

Forgotten Harvest (located 15000 W. Eight Mile Rd, Oak Park MI 48237) which represents the most comprehensive and reliable food distribution infrastructure in Metro Detroit, is uniquely positioned to address critical local nutrition gaps. Their established history demonstrates the capacity to efficiently manage and deploy resources to where need is greatest. Forgotten Harvest supplies approximately 55 pantries covering all areas of the City of Detroit by providing food to 71 locations across Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park. This represents over 125 scheduled distribution points dedicated to reducing food scarcity in Detroit. This organization also utilizes mobile pantries, often outdoors, to reach underserved Detroit neighborhoods directly, ensuring continuous, dignified access for residents. This funding addresses an imminent public health risk by providing necessary food resources to a stressed distribution system. This action will directly reduce the risk of malnutrition among Detroit's most vulnerable residents, including families, individuals, pregnant women, and children. (Proposed Accomplishments: 22,000 people)

Citizens may submit comments by letter (at the address shown below), or by e-mail at ConPlanComments@detroitmi.gov up to 5 days after the posting of this ad on November 03, 2025.

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