

City of Bayonne
 Community Development Block Grant Program
 Substantial Amendment of 2019 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

This document serves as the CARES Act Substantial Amendment to the 2019 City of Bayonne Annual Action Plan previously approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved for \$445,078.00 in CDBG funds, along with program income of \$113,873. In addition, in 2020 a CDBG-CV1 Substantial Amendment was approved to include \$925,177. This was the first round of funds awarded in Community Development Block Grant CV1 (CDBG-CV1 CARES) 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.**

This second Substantial Amendment will include the addition of \$654,379 in Community Development Block Grant CV3 (CDBG-CV3 CARES) 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 addition of these funds and creation of new activities that constitutes a substantial amendment as outlined in the City’s Citizen Participation Plan.

Amended & New Projects

This substantial amendment creates multiple one new project funded by the CARES Act and appends it to the 2019 Annual Action Plan. This funding will be used to respond to community needs due to the COVID-19 crisis. Specifically, it will be used to fund the following:

- Educational support programming for virtual learners in schools

Summary of Substantial Amendment

	\$0	\$654,379	\$654,379
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Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the City’s Citizen Participation Plan, last revised in 2020 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 City and notification on the City website. These notices have been published *at least ten days* prior to the hearing. *However*, in accordance with the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in emergency circumstances, expedited procedures must include at least (5) five days’ notice prior to the hearing and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than (5) five days. The 5-day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended citizen participation plans. This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

Citizens will have not less than 30 days (**or 5 days in accordance with the CARES Act**) to

make comments about the proposed amendment(s) prior to any amendment implementation.

This Substantial Amendment was made available to the public for review and comment for a period of no less than five (5) days from **February 15, 2021** through **February 23, 2021** per HUD requirements via the City of Bayonne website.

As per the City's Citizen Participation Plan, a public hearing will be conducted on February 23, 2021 at 5:30pm to allow interested citizens an opportunity to comment on Coronavirus-related community needs for the Substantial Amendment. Given the current public health crisis, a virtual hearing is being held in lieu of an in-person hearing. The log-in information for the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the City's website at the following address: bayonnenj.org

All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

General questions regarding this Substantial Amendment or proposed programming as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities should be directed to Samantha Howard at showard@beof.org.