



**Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG)**

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CARES Act (CDBG-CV)**

**Substantial Amendment
2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
2020, 2023, 2024 Annual Action Plans**

Responsible Organization

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant Cares Act (CDBG-CV) & Housing Opportunity for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan/2020, 2023, and 2024 Annual Action Plans

Summary

Notice is hereby given to residents of the City of Columbia that a draft version of the Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan including the first program year of the Plan, the 2020 Annual Action Plan and the 2023 and 2024 Action Plans is now available for review and comment for a 30-day period.

The Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2020, 2023 and 2024 AAP includes the outlined proposed changes, and modification of projects and activities.

2020 Annual Action Plan

CDBG-CV (B-20-MW-45-0002)

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to provide additional aid to communities in their efforts *to prevent, prepare for and respond to* the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to HUD's CPD programs, including CDBG-CV & HOPWA-CV to the City of Columbia. The CARES Act Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 AAP includes these funds and outlines the proposed uses of these funds.

The City received a total of \$1,588,189 from CDBG-CV1 and CV3 CARES Act funding. The proposed activity modifications are within the CDBG-CV Public Services project and introducing a new Public Facilities project.

Planned activities for public services include:

CV1:

- De-obligate - \$367,153 Rental and mortgage assistance, Utility payment assistance Broadband access to WIFI.

CV3:

- De-obligate – \$550,644 the remaining balance of the Housing Relief Fund (HRF) original total budget of \$718,014. \$230,370 was expended to carry out program.(provide payment assistance for rent, mortgage assistance (up to 6 months) and utility payments (up to 2 months) for LMI households):

NEW Activity for Public Services

- Obligate (CV1) \$162,038 to Food/Food Bank Access Programs – LMI/LMC

NEW Activity for Public Facilities

- Obligate (CV1) \$164,357 & (CV3) \$550,643 to Parks & Recreation –Touchless Bathroom Renovations - Six Park Bathrooms @ \$715,000 for LMA Service Areas.

REVISED CDBG-CV BUDGET

CARES Act - CDBG-CV Modified Budget	2020 Allocation
Total FY2020 CDBG-CV1 & CV3	\$1,588,189
Planning & Administration not to exceed 20%	\$317,602
Public Service (PS) Program (<i>15% Cap waived for CV</i>)	\$392,408
Potential PS CDBG-CV Activities - Financial Assistance **Rental/Mortgage (up to 3 months) **Utility Assistance - \$230,370 • Food Access Programs **LMI/LMC – LMI, Elderly, Disabled, etc. - \$162,038	
Potential Public Facilities Activity – Rehabilitation **Parks & Recreation Facility Renovation LMA Rehabilitation Project - \$715,000	\$715,000
Economic Development • Support small businesses to help create/retain jobs.	\$163,179
Total CDBG-CV Program Costs	\$1,588,189

2023 Annual Action Plan

CDBG – Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

According to the City’s Citizen Participation Plan and Federal Regulations, an increase or decrease of over 50% of the budgeted funding amount. There was an increase of more than 50% of the budgeted funding amount for 2023. The following adjustments were made within the CDBG Budget;

De-obligate

- (2023) \$50,000 for the Housing Counseling Activity

Obligate

- Affordable Housing Programs – (2023) **\$50,000** + (2022 RLF) **\$335,817.33** + (2023) \$500,000 = **\$885,817.33**
- Single-Family Housing Improvement for Neighborhood Enhancement (SHINE) Rehab Program – (2022 RLF) **\$287,135.75** + \$300,000 = **\$587,135.75**

CDBG – (B-23-MC-45-0002); (B-22-MC-45-0002); (B-21-MC-45-0002)

- Parks & Recreation Department Randall Ave Pocket Park (New Development) - \$252,073/TS
 Martin Park/Hyatt Park Improvements – Additional Funding and Increase Scope of Work

- B-21-MC-45-0002
 - (+\$18,697) Randall Ave Park
 - (+\$17,400) TS Martin Park – Extended baseball field fencing and Bleachers
 - (+\$63,675.12) Hyatt Park – Demolition and installation of seat wall bleachers and new Playground
- B-22-MC-45-0002 – (+\$216,164.27) Hyatt Park – Demolition and installation of seat wall bleachers and new Playground

2024 Annual Action Plan

According to the City’s Citizen Participation Plan and Federal Regulations, an increase or decrease of over 50% of the budgeted funding amount or a change in the general activity or national objective of an activity, requires a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan, which is a component of the Consolidated Plan.

The following proposed changes require modification of the City of Columbia 2024 Annual Action Plan:

CDBG – (B-24-MC-45-0002)

- De-obligation of FY2024 CDBG funds that were conditionally obligated to the James E. Clyburn Golf Center Renovation Project in the amount of **\$269,620** and obligate **\$269,620** to the Parks & Recreation Drew Wellness Center Bathroom Operation Hands-Free Project
- De-obligate **\$308,939** from unidentified Housing Development activity. Obligate **\$308,939** for new Parks & Recreation Randall Ave. Playground & Hyatt Park Renovation Project.

HOPWA – (SCH23F001)

- Use available unobligated FY2023 HOPWA funds (\$249,362.85) for Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) Permanent Housing (Acquisition/Rehabilitation) Activity. PALSS will purchase and rehab two-bedroom, two-bathroom single-family home to provide permanent stable housing for a HOPWA eligible family.

HOME – (M-17-MC-45-0202, M-18-MC-45-0202, M-19-MC-45-0202, M-20-MC-45-0202, M-21-MC-45-0202)

- **TN Development Corporation - Martin Luther King (MLK) & Historic Waverly Development**
 - HOME Funds: 2017 (\$361,323.31), 2018 - (\$555,855.30), 2019 - (\$480,962.50), 2020 - (\$477,653.25), 2021 - (\$621,007.20) will be used for scattered site development of nine (9) Single Family homes.
- **Homeless No More – Village @ Elmwood Project**
 - HOME Funds: 2022 (\$725,836.62 and 2023 (\$776,972.00) Multi-Family units.

HOME Program Narrative Change

- **The City of Columbia will institute a DownPayment Assistance Program (DPA) that is subject to HOME CFR 92.602, eligible activities. This activity will further assist LMI homebuyers with access to affordable housing opportunities.**

Fiscal Impact

The City of Columbia received HUD entitlement and Congressional funding for the 2020, 2023 and 2024 program years as reflected in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan amended for CARES Act Funding. Below are the fiscal impacts for each funding year and identified funding source.

2020 AAP - CDBG-CV

The City received CDBG-CV funding to address our community's on-going effort to *prevent, prepare for and respond to* the coronavirus COVID-19. CARES Act funding is redirected to focus the community need to *prevention*.

- Adding Food Access to Public Services will meet the unmet need of food security to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus through delivery. \$162,038 CDBG-CV funds will be obligated to the South Carolina Research Foundation for the Food Share program.
- Through the Parks & Recreation Operation Hands-Free Project, bathroom amenities will be upgraded to touch-free to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and create a healthy environment for citizens. CDBG-CV funds will be de-obligated (\$715,000) from Public Services projects and obligated (\$715,000) to Public Facilities projects to occur during the 2024 Program Year.

2021, 2022, 2023 Annual Action Plan – CDBG

- CDBG Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - There is no adverse fiscal impact on the proposed de-obligation (-\$50,000) and cancellation of the Housing Counseling activity and obligation (+\$50,000) to the Affordable Housing activity.
- CDBG funds from B-21-MC-45-002 (\$99,772.12) & B-22-MC-45-0002 (\$216,164.27) were de-obligated and available to commit and increase (\$315,936.27) funding for the 2023 Parks & Recreation Parks Development/Improvement Projects. There is no adverse fiscal impact on the budget. The repositioning of funds enabled the City to comply with CDBG Timeliness requirement.

2024 Annual Action Plan

- CDBG – There is no adverse impact on the current fiscal year (2024) CDBG entitlement funds utilized efficiently to benefit citizens and the community. The repositioning of funds will enable the City to comply with HUD timeliness regulations for CDBG programs.
- HOPWA – There is no adverse fiscal impact on redirecting unobligated HOPWA Funds to a permanent housing activity. Expending HOPWA funds timely within the required three-year performance period will avoid the recapture of funds.

Duplication of Benefits

The CARES Act shall ensure that adequate procedures are in place to prevent any duplication of benefits as required by section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155) and in accordance with section 1210 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (division D of Public Law 115–254; 132 Stat. 3442), which amended section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155). HUD requires each grantee to have procedures in place to prevent the duplication of benefits when it provides financial assistance with CDBG-CV funds. Grant funds may not be used to pay for a particular cost if another source of financial assistance is available to fully pay for that same cost.

Community Impact

The proposed changes will have an overall positive impact on the programs administered by the Community Development Department.

- COVID CARES ACT funds will be redirected to address prevention of the spread through contact at public facilities and meet the need of food security among the City’s underserved and vulnerable population. The City will use CDBG-CV funds to prevent and mitigate potential coronavirus outbreaks. The grant performance period will end September 24, 2025.
- CDBG funded activities for program years 2023 and 2024 will have a positive impact on the City Parks by preventing the spread of COVID-19, improving park amenities and aesthetic appeal for underserved communities.
- A HOPWA eligible client will have permanent stable housing for their family.
- HOME funds are programmed to provide affordable single-family homeownership where scattered vacant lots once plagued city neighborhoods. In addition, affordable multi-family housing units will be available to address the affordable housing shortage in Columbia.

Citizen Participation

The CARES Act Substantial Amendment and the 2020, 2023 and 2024 Annual Action Plans public comment period is 30 days. The comment period for the City’s CARES Act Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan runs from **March 28 – April 29, 2025**. Citizens can submit a comment at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/citizens-participation-plan-and-language-access-plan> using the Public Input/Inquiry Form or email comments to CoCCommDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov.

Public Comment Period: The 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan including the CARES Act Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan, and substantial amendments to the 2023 and 2024 Annual Action Plans are found at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov> or requested at CoCCommDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov, or at the Community Development Department (CDD) located at 1401 Main Street, 4th Floor. Written comments may sent to CoCCommDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov, or delivered to CDD. For more information, phone (803) 545-3373.

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