

City of Fort Myers, Florida
Community Development Block Grant
Annual Action Plan
CARES Act Amendment CDBG-CV 2020
ONE Version Substantial Amendments

Public Comment Version

CARES Act Amendment to the FY 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan

The City of Fort Myers is an entitlement recipient of federal funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For the FY 2019/2020 the City received \$625,804 in CDBG Entitlement Funds. In 2020, the City was awarded \$377, 472 in CDBG-CV funding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and reprogramming \$100,275.00 of CDBG Economic Development grant funds to CDBG-CV for Economic Development, Public Service and Administration.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.505 and public comment waivers granted by HUD under the CARES-Act, the City of Fort Myers is submitting a substantial amendment proposing the following projects/activities in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the supplemental CDBG-CV Funding:

Federal regulations require that the grantee provide citizens with reasonable notice of and an opportunity to comment on any substantial amendment to the Plan in accordance with 245 CFR 91.10 and public noticing waivers granted by HUD. A detailed summary of the proposed changes have been outlined throughout this amendment.

Program Year 2019 CDBG Action Plan

The CDBG FY 2019 Action Plan is being amended to include the following activities that will be funded by CDBG-CV funding, New subrecipients will be providing CDBG-CV services in the City of Fort Myers. Allocation amounts are estimated, and further allocation amounts may be reallocated amongst these planned activities without further amendments to the Action Plan. New activities and projects proposed for CDBG-CV outside of those listed below will require a new substantial amendment.

New Goal Description

Goal Name	Economic Development
Goal Description	Provide microenterprise assistance to low-moderate income businesses retaining/hiring low-moderate employees

New Goal Summary

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Need Addressed	funding	Goal Outcome indicator
Economic Development	2019	2020	Economic Development	Increase economic opportunity	\$400,000	35 Microenterprise businesses

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Name	Administration
Target Area	City of Fort Myers
Goal supported	Administration
Needs Addressed	NA
Funding	\$17,747
Description	Project will address administrative needs associated with administering the CDBG-CV program
Target Date	7-1-2020
Estimated number of families or businesses that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA
Location Description	City of Fort Myers
Planned Activities	Administration

Project Name	Economic Development
Target Area	City of Fort Myers
Goal supported	Economic Development
Needs Addressed	NA
Funding	\$400,000
Description	Project will provide technical assistance and no pay/no interest forgivable loans to microenterprise businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Target Date	7-1-2020
Estimated number of families or businesses that will benefit from the proposed activities	35
Location Description	Scattered site project-Businesses located throughout City of Fort Myers
Planned Activities	Economic Deveopment-Micoenterprise Loans

Project Name	Public Service
Target Area	City of Fort Myers
Goal supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	NA
Funding	\$60,000
Description	Project will provide forgivable grants for temporary rental and utilities assistance to households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Target Date	7-1-2020
Estimated number of families or businesses that will benefit from the proposed activities	27
Location Description	City of Fort Myers
Planned Activities	Public Service

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Federal regulations require for the City provide the public with reasonable notice of and an opportunity to comment on any substantial amendments in accordance with 24 CFR 91.505. The five-day comment period will commence on May 11, 2020 and end on May 18, 2019. The public may view the document at the Community Development Department, 1825 Hendry Street Fort Myers, FL 33901 between the house of 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM – Monday through Friday. In addition, the substantial amendment has been posted on the City's website at www.cityftmyers.com.

The public is encouraged to comment upon the proposed substantial amendment by submitting written comments to the Department of Community Development at 1825 Hendry Street Fort Myers FL 33901 or to srozier@cityftmyers.com. The City Council will consider the amendment at the Monday, May 18, 2020 at City Council Meeting in City Council Chambers City Hall, 2200 Second Street at 4:30 p.m. The public can submit comments virtually.

The City of Fort Myers must consider any comments or views of residents, agencies, or other interested parties received in writing or orally at public meeting in preparation of the final amendment. A summary of these comments has been included as Exhibit B.

Exhibit A -Affidavit of publication

Exhibit B- Public Comment

-