

**Washington County, MN**

**Amendment to the 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans**

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**CDBG Funding**

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## **Summary of Amendment**

This document amends the 2019 and 2020 Washington County Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Under Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Impact Act (CARES Act), waivers were provided for Program Year 2019 and 2020, including the 15% public services activities cap. In order to exercise these waivers, Washington County will reallocate funding provided to the Home Improvement Loan Program and Program Administration to public service projects. Any additional program income received will be applied proportionately to the activities by the amount needed to meet the final funding allocations for 2020 thus decreasing the amount needed from the Home Improvement Loan Program and Administration.

## **Proposed Annual Action Plan Amendments:**

- Swap funding in the amount of \$300,000 CDBG funding (Administration \$173, 158 +/-, Home Improvement Loan Program \$40,000 +/-, and unallocated/program income \$86,842 +/-) to public service activities:
  - Washington County Homelessness prevention services staffing \$150,000
  - Washington County CDA homeownership services \$15,000
  - Washington County CDA homeownership grants \$135,000

**Table A: Amended 2019 and 2020 CDBG Activities**

Adding Activities

Washington County Public Services Delivery

Description: Social worker positions will administer the Crisis Assistance Fund and Emergency Rental Assistance- and assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to find or retain permanent housing. This is an activity will meet the needs of homeless households by providing affordable, decent housing.

**CDBG Funds: \$150,000**

Washington County Community Development Agency Homeowner Assistance

Description: Emergency Assistance will be made in no more than three months payments for delinquent mortgages or homeowner association dues. This is an activity will meet the needs of households allowing them to stay in affordable, decent housing.

**CDBG-CV Funds: \$135,000**

Washington County Community Development Agency Homeownership Staffing

Description: Homeownership positions will administer the Homeowner Assistance program and assist families who are experiencing foreclosure or mortgage delinquency.

**CDBG-CV funds: \$15,000**

### Decreasing Activities

Swap funding in the amount of \$300,000 CDBG funding (Administration \$173, 158 +/-, Home Improvement Loan Program \$40,000 +/-, and unallocated/program income \$86,842 +/-) to public service activities

Administration:

Description: Administration of the CDBG Program

**CDBG Funds: \$173,158 +/-**

### Washington County Home Improvement Loan Program

Description: The program provides loans that assist homeowners with interior and exterior home improvements. Homeowners may receive deferred loans up to \$24,500, with no interest and no monthly payments. The full amount of the loan is not due until the homeowner moves, transfers the title, or takes cash out on a refinance of the property. These loans are available to households at or below 80% AMI and may be used to finance projects to make homes safe and livable. Eligible improvements include energy efficiency or accessibility improvements, exterior painting, electrical, plumbing, structural problems, siding, windows, doors, sidewalks, lead stabilization, and septic improvements.

**CDBG Funds: \$40,000 +/-**

### Program Income/Unallocated Funds

Description: Funding due to payoffs from the Home Improvement Loan Program and unallocated funding

**CDBG funds: \$86,842 +/-**

## Public Comments/Legal Notices

A 30-day public comment period will be held from March 19, 2021 through 3:00 PM on April 20, 2021 this substantial amendment is to allocate the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds to projects in the Washington County 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans.