



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

NOTICE OF FIRST SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

**FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(HUD)**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLICATION DATE: Friday, April 10, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico proposes to amend its 2019 Annual Action Plan, the second year of the 2018- 2022 Consolidated Plan. This First Substantial Amendment proposes to allow the City of Albuquerque, Department of Family and Community Services (FCS), to remove five activities that did not come to fruition and reallocate a portion of that funding to other activities. Two activities had Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocations and three had HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and HOME Match allocations. Also, proposed is to make changes to the funding amounts for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) match allocations.

The two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities to be removed are: the Planning Department's Minor Home Repair Program in the amount of \$502,384.00 and the Department of Senior Affairs' Disability Retrofit Program in the amount of \$504,750.00. The CDBG funds that were allocated to these activities will be re-allocated to the Wilson Park renovation in the amount of \$525,415.00 and to Albuquerque Housing Authority for Roof Repairs in the amount of \$642,300.00. After this Amendment, the total allocation for Wilson Park will be \$1,501,830.00 and the total amount allocated to the Albuquerque Housing Authority Roof Repairs will be \$1,639,656.00.

The three HOME activities to be removed are: the Albuquerque Housing Authority's Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program in the amount of \$1,088,559.06; \$829,884.06 (HOME) and \$238,675.00 (HOME Match) for Hopework's Tenant Based Rental Assistant (TBRA) in the amount of \$487,704.90; 371, 766.78 (HOME) and \$115, 938.20 (HOME Match), and the Sawmill Community Land

Trust's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) operating funds in the amount of \$48,110.98. These HOME funds that were unutilized will be reallocated in the 2020 Action Plan.

The City of Albuquerque is proposing to move the ESG match from the Supportive Housing Coalition Rapid Re-housing in the amount of \$75,691.00 to the ESG match for the Heading Home Westside Emergency Housing Center. The change will indicate that no ESG match is being provided for the Supportive Housing Coalition Rapid Re-housing, and the ESG match for the Heading Home Westside Emergency Housing Center will increase from \$88,049.00 to \$163,740.00.

A statutory, 30-day public comment period will begin on April 10, 2020 and end on May 11, 2020 at 5:00 PM. All residents, property owners, persons with disabilities, immigrants, seniors, low-income, children and youth, homeless persons, and other stakeholders of the City of Albuquerque are encouraged to submit written comments or questions regarding the proposed First Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to Rick Giron, Department of Family and Community Services, located at Old City Hall, 400 Marquette NW, 5th Floor, Room 504, Albuquerque, NM 87102, or email at rickgiron@cabq.gov.

In response to the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak in New Mexico and the mandated Social Distancing requirements, the City of Albuquerque has closed all City buildings to the public. Therefore, a copy of the 2019 Annual Action Plan, as well as the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, will not be available for public review at the office of the Department of Family and Community Services, as typically provided. However, all documents are available anytime on the City of Albuquerque website at:

<http://www.cabq.gov/family/documents/publications>

Again, given circumstances related to COVID-19, free copies will not be available at the City office, as typically provided. Copies in alternate formats (Braille, large print, etc.) and in Spanish translation may be provided electronically, upon request.

Summary:

The City of Albuquerque's 2019 Annual Action Plan, the second year of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, requires that this proposed change to the Plan undergo a substantial amendment process. The substantial amendment must include public participation and a comment period of 30 days.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determines the amount of Entitlement funds that the City of Albuquerque receives each year. The proposed change to the Annual Action Plan through this amendment only involves a change in how the funds will be distributed.

Background:

The City of Albuquerque is a HUD "entitlement" community. The funds are allocated from HUD directly to the City of Albuquerque and do not pass through the state government.

Public Participation:

All Albuquerque residents, property owners, persons with disabilities, immigrants, seniors, low-income, children and youth, homeless persons, and other stakeholders in Albuquerque are invited to review this proposed First Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan and comment on it in writing, until 5:00 PM on May 11, 2020. After receipt of public comments from the 30-day public comment period, the City of Albuquerque will address each comment in writing and will submit all comments and responses in its formal First Substantial Amendment to HUD.