



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

NOTICE OF FIRST SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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

NOTICE OF 5-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLICATION DATE: December 11, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico proposes to amend its 2020 Annual Action Plan, the third 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 utilize Community Development Block Grant - Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act (CARES). In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) HUD has notified the City of Albuquerque that it will receive an allocation of \$2,678,828.00 in CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. The following amounts are a correction to the amounts previously published by the City of Albuquerque. The CDBG-CV funding will be allocated to four projects:

Eviction Prevention - \$1,000,000.00 CDBG-CV

Funds will be allocated to the City's Health and Social Services Centers to provide emergency rental and utility assistance for low to moderate income persons residing within the Albuquerque city limits in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Foreclosure Prevention - \$500,000.00 CDBG-CV

Funds will be allocated to Homewise to provide mortgage assistance to low to moderate income homeowners within the Albuquerque city limits in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Public Facilities - \$643,063.00 CDBG- CV

Funds will be used to acquire and/or renovate various public facilities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Administration - \$535,765.00 CDBG-CV

Funds will be used for administrative costs to support the implementation of the City of Albuquerque's CARES funding.

A statutory, 5-day public comment period will begin on December 12, 2020 and end on December 17, 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 2020 Annual Action Plan to Monica Montoya, Department of Family and Community Services, located at Old City Hall, 400 Marquette NW, 5th Floor, Room 504, Albuquerque, NM 87102, or email at mtmontoya@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 2020 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>. Copies in alternate formats (Braille, large print, etc.) and in Spanish translation may be provided upon request.

Summary:

The City of Albuquerque's 2020 Annual Action Plan, the third 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 5 days.

Fiscal Impact:

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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 2020 Annual Action Plan and comment on it in writing, until 5:00 PM on December 17, 2020. After receipt of public comments from the 5-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.