

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO
THE CITY OF EVANSTON'S 2020 ACTION PLAN
REALLOCATING \$124,733 OF
2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
TO THE CITY'S CARES ACT AMENDMENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE AND MEETING TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE AMENDMENT:

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c) (2) and (k), and Subpart B of the Federal regulations relative to Citizen Participation for Community Planning and Development Programs, the City of Evanston seeks input from the public on the proposed amendment to its 2020 Action Plan that reallocates \$124,733 of unexpended 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to its CARES Act Amendment to the 2019 Action Plan to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the coronavirus, as allowed by the CARES Act. This action constitutes a substantial amendment to the City's 2020 Action Plan because it changes funding for the Administration Goal in that plan by more than 20%.

The 30-day public comment period for the substantial amendment opens on April 12 and closes on May 14, 2021. The Housing and Community Development Act Committee seeks input on the Substantial Amendment from residents and stakeholders at its meeting on April 20, 2021 at 7 pm. This meeting will be held virtually; the link may be accessed from the City website [here](#). Comments may be submitted via phone or Zoom at the April 20 meeting, or by email to Housing@cityofevanston.org or mailed with a delivery date no later than May 17, 2021 to:

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SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2020 ACTION PLAN:

This amendment to the 2020 Action Plan reallocates \$124,733 in unexpended 2020 CDBG funds to the City's CARES Act Amendment to the 2019 Action Plan to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Unexpended 2020 CDBG funds are from two activities:

- \$104,733 is from CDBG Administration. This comprises more than 20% of the funding for the Administration Goal in the 2020 Action Plan, so its reallocation triggers a substantial amendment.
- \$20,000 is from the award to CJE Senior Life. After evaluating the timeframe for its capital project, the agency opted to return funds to be allocated to COVID-19 needs as allowable under the CARES Act. CJE Senior Life will reapply for funds at a later date.

The resulting amendment to the CARES Act 2019 Action Plan does not constitute a substantial amendment because it does not add or subtract a goal, or change the funding for a goal by more than 20%. This reallocation takes these funds out of the 2020 CDBG 15% Public Services cap and allows their use for Public Services that address the ongoing impact of COVID-19. These funds will be included in the unified CDBG Public Services and Mental Health Board funding allocation for 2021 funding; their use must comply with the requirements of the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

BACKGROUND ON THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ACTION PLAN:

The Consolidated and Annual Action Plans describe the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those needs as defined and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. More information on the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan is available on the City's website at: cityofevanston.org/conplan