

Public Meeting for 2020 Annual Action Plan HOPWA-CV Substantial Amendment Citizen Participation

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141 N Front Street



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Meeting Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Citizen Participation process recap
 - a. Consolidated Plan
 - b. Annual Action Plans
- III. HOPWA-CV Overview
- IV. Proposed reallocation of HOPWA-CV funds
- V. Public feedback can be provided to grantsmgmt@columbus.gov until June 5, 2023

Introductions

- Phil Hanson – Management Analyst II
- Members of the public

Citizen Participation process

- HUD requires that the City establish a Consolidated Plan every 5 years
- Currently in year four of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
- Consolidated Plan sets goals for the work done by HUD grants, including Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Shelter Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant
- Annual Action Plans establish projects performed each year under these grant programs to meet Con Plan goals
- All of these plans encourage public participation and comment

HOPWA-CV overview

- The City of Columbus receives a HOPWA allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development every year
- In 2020, there was a supplemental grant of \$205,452.00 from the CARES Act allocated to Columbus that is referred to as HOPWA-CV
- The majority of these funds were contracted to Equitas Health to deliver Short Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU)
- Community need for STRMU in the eligible population was able to be met with annual entitlement funds, leaving CV funds largely unexpended
- A substantial amendment is needed to allow these funds to be expended on HOPWA Supportive Services for eligible individuals and families

2020 Annual Action Plan substantial amendment

The City is changing the purpose of an existing HOPWA-CV funded project, and adding a new HOPWA-CV funded project to the 2020 Annual Action Plan:

2020 HOPWA- CV Equitas Health (existing)

- HOPWA-CV estimated amount: \$180,457.71
- Original purpose: Delivery of STRMU assistance to eligible beneficiaries
- New purpose: Delivery of Supportive Services to eligible beneficiaries
- Applications for STRMU assistance are being fulfilled with non-CV funds, but needs exist elsewhere, especially due to the expiration of other COVID-related assistance such as supplemental food stamps

2020 HOPWA-CV Faith Mission (new)

- HOPWA-CV estimated amount: \$13,641.34
- Purpose: Delivery of Supportive Services to eligible beneficiaries
- Amount based on estimated need

Concluding Questions

Contact Info and Next Steps

- Provide feedback on any of these plans by contacting us at grantsmgmt@Columbus.gov
- Additional information about the 2020 AAP is available at the Grants Management website, <https://www.columbus.gov/finance/financial-management-group/Grants-Management/>
- Provide feedback by June 5, 2023 in order to ensure your comments are received before plans are submitted to HUD