

*2020 Annual Action Plan Third Substantial Amendment Summary
HUD Community Development Block Grant - CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Funding*

A. CARES Act, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding

To date the City of Columbus has been awarded the following HUD funding from the Federal CARES Act through the 2020 Community Development Block Grant program:

Round 1: \$ 4,388,525
Round 2: \$ 4,968,840
Total: \$ 9,357,365

The City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management, has amended the 2020 Action Plan twice before to include activities for CARES Act funds. The first round of funds was amended to the 2020 Action Plan in September 2021 after a public meeting. In May 2021, a second substantial amendment budgeted CDBG-CV funds after a new allocation of grant funding was awarded to the City.

CDBG-CV funding needs have been reassessed by the Department of Finance and Management. A third substantial amendment is now required to propose projects and funding allocations for the CDBG-CV grant dollars. All of these grant funds will prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. 2020 Consolidated Plan CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment Number 3

The City has developed a plan to reallocate CDBG-CV funds across seven projects, to include:

- 1.) Downtown Permanent Public Restrooms
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$403,635
 - Installation of permanent public restrooms in three locations in Downtown Columbus.
- 2.) Safe Recreation
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$530,000
 - Installation/replacement of dividers in City recreation facility gyms.
 - Various park improvements to address social distancing and access to safe outdoor spaces.
- 3.) Renovations of Columbus Public Health Department Building
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$1,797,205
 - Renovations of the alcohol and drug treatment center at the Columbus Public Health building, as well as other community health resource spaces.
- 4.) Sanctuary Night Human Trafficking Prevention and Victim Support
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$100,000
 - Funding will support programming for the Franklinton organization's delivery of public services to women caught in cycles of prostitution and abuse.

- 5.) Broadband Access in Low- to Moderate-Income Neighborhoods
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$250,000
 - Installation of wireless broadband internet in Columbus low- to moderate-income area park and recreational facilities.

- 6.) Wheatland Farm Complex – Market Building Construction
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$1,500,000
 - The Department of Neighborhoods will modify an existing CDBG funded subaward with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective to increase funding for the construction of various improvements to Wheatland Farm to \$4,500,000. Wheatland Farm is a developing community asset. The CDBG funding will be utilized for the Market Building, site infrastructure, and other site elements.

- 7.) Non-Profits Neighborhood Facilities HVAC Improvements
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$388,000
 - This CDBG-CV project budget is being decreased through this Substantial Amendment, but will still fund HVAC improvements at the J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center. Improved HVAC will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at the neighborhood facilities.

The City of Columbus is canceling an existing CDBG-CV funded project from the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

- 1.) Columbus City Schools HVAC Improvements
 - CDBG-CV Budget: \$4,068,840
 - HVAC Improvements to improve air flow and quality at Westmoor Middle School and North Linden Elementary School

C. Citizen Participation Process

On May 16, 2022 the City’s Grants Management Section opened a public comment period for proposed CDBG-CV projects the City intended to include in a 3rd Substantial Amendment to the City’s 2020 HUD Consolidated Plan. A Columbus City Council Finance Committee Public Hearing took place on May 31, 2022. Changes have been made to the Substantial Amendment budgets the City intends to include in the substantial amendment.

The current planned projects and funding amounts for this substantial amendment are contained within this summary. The City started a 30-day public comment period on June 27th, 2022 to gather feedback when this summary of projects was posted on the City’s Grants Management webpage and public notice was published in the Columbus Dispatch. A public meeting to present the projects outlined in this summary document will be held at the City’s conference room located at 141 N. Front Street, on July 6, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Grants Management plans to submit the 3rd Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval after July 27, 2022.

