City of Fountain Valley 2019-2020 Annual AP Amendment

Public Comment Draft

The following amendment language will be added to the 2019-2020 Annual AP to allow the city access to emergency funding intended to provide a timely response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The full text of the existing plan may be found at www.fountainvalley.org

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

Introduction

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the "CARES Act". The Act identified additional funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to support preparation for, and response to, the community impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The distribution plan of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the additional funding includes multiple phases: an initial phase that would allow for quick access to funding necessary to address the immediate crisis resulting from the rising pandemic, as well as later phases that would support post- pandemic community recovery.

The 2019-2020 Annual AP (AP) is being amended to incorporate additional funding in the initial phase (FY 2019-2020) of HUD's CARES Act distribution plan.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City's Citizen Participation Plan states, "In case of a local emergency such as a natural disaster or other large scale emergencies, funds may be allocated to eligible activities to assist in disaster relief without triggering a substantial amendment with approval of the Authorized Representative." While this allows the City to move forward without the requirements of a substantial amendment, the City, in an effort to obtain public comments and maintain transparency, made the Con Plan amendment available for public comment.

The public comment period for this AP amendment is five days, as per HUD's waiver, to expedite the CARES Act funding to address the immediate needs facing communities impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The draft 2019-2020 AP Amendment is available for comment from all interested parties from April 18, 2020, through April 23, 2020, at 1 p.m.

The draft AP Amendment and the public notice document are available for review on the city website at www.fountainvalley.org

Please submit written comments to Ashlyn.Newman@FountainValley.org

Comments may also be mailed to:

City of Fountain Valley-HCD 10200 Slater Avenue Fountain Valley, CA 92708

AP-12 Participation - 91.105, 91.200(c)

Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

The AP Amendment addressing additional funding from the CARES Act will be available for a public comment period of 5 days per waiver of the federal regulations. The draft AP Amendment is available for comment from all interested members of the public from **Saturday**, **April 18**, **2020** to **Thursday**, **April 23**, **2020** at 1 p.m. A public notice was published in the **OC Register on April 18**, **2020**.

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AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.320(c) (1,2)

Introduction

The CARES Act provides one-time funding for Community Development Block Grant recipients to and is identified as the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Stimulus (CDBG-CV).

Anticipated Resources

The City of Fountain Valley will be receiving \$211,789 in CDBG-CV funding for programs that prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	E	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation	Program Income	Prior Year Resources	Total	Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan	Description
CDBG- CV	Public Federal	Acquisition, Admin and Economic Development, Public Services and Facility Improvements	\$211,789	\$0	\$0	\$211,789	\$0	One-time award of funds – March 2020

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.320(c)(3) &(e)

Goals Summary Information

The figures below represent estimates of allocation goals and objectives for the additional funding provided under the CARES Act. These figures are determined by priority needs.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Needs Addressed	Estimated Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator	Total
7	Increase economic development	2020	2020	Non- Housing Community	Economic Developmen t	CDBG-CV – \$211,789	Jobs created/retained (Jobs)	TBD
	opportunities			Development	Opportunities		Businesses Assisted (Businesses Assisted)	TBD

Goal Descriptions

7	Goal Name Economic Development	
	Goal description	The City will promote economic development and LMI job retention by providing programs that provide financial
		assistance to business during the COVID-19 health crisis.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d) Introduction

This amendment will add project #13 to the Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name			
1	Neighborhood Revitalization			
2	Administration			
3	Code Enforcement			
4	Fair Housing			
5	Lead Based Paint Hazard Testing			
6	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley			
7	Community SeniorServ Congregate Meals			
8	Community SeniorServ Home Delivery			
9	Council on Aging			
10	Elwyn			
11	Interval House			
12	Waymakers (formerly CSP)			
13	Economic Development - LMI Worker retention			

Table 1 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The Economic Development project is added as a high priority to use the CDBG-CV funds to avoid job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing by providing short term working capital to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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13	Project Name	Economic Development				
	Target Area	City-Wide				
	Goals Supported	Non-housing Community Development				
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development				
	Funding	CDBG: \$411,000				
	Description	Grants to small businesses to retain LMI employees				
	Target Date	06/30/2020				
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low- income persons				
	Location Description	City-Wide				

Planned Activities	Grants to small businesses that retain low-and
	moderate-income employees working at the
	business during the COVID crisis.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The City's Economic Development activities, funded by the CARES Act, will assist low who employee LMI workers if they continue to retain them working at their businesses during the COVID crisis.