

CITY OF HENDERSON  
SIXTH SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
December 19, 2023

BACKGROUND

The City of Henderson received two allocations of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funding under the CARES Act directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amounts of \$868,938 (Round 1), and \$1,498,339 (Round 3) for a total of \$2,367,277. These funds are administered through the Community Development & Services Department (CD&S) of the City of Henderson. All CDBG-CV allocations are used for activities that prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19.

HUD requires all entitlement communities receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, such as the City of Henderson, to prepare and submit a Consolidated Plan every five years to establish a strategic vision for economic development and housing and community development services in Henderson. These services are for low- to moderate- income families. The Consolidated Plan contains an analysis of community needs and priorities.

The Consolidated Plan is executed through an Annual Action Plan (AAP) which provide a concise summary of actions, activities, and federal and nonfederal funding resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. The city must submit an AAP to HUD each year during the five-year period. Henderson City Council adopted the 2019-2020 Action Plan on August 6, 2019, and it was submitted to HUD shortly thereafter.

Substantial Amendments

Per the city's Citizen Participation Plan, a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan is required when a substantial change is proposed relating to changes in dollar amounts spent on activities that trigger more than 25 percent of the original budget, changes in program beneficiaries, changes in the geographical location of approved activities including program income, not previously described in the Action Plan.

Sixth Amendment

The Sixth Substantial Amendment will reallocate \$92,337.52 of unspent CDBG-CV funds from the Goodwill of Southern Nevada Healthcare Training Sprints Program to program and allocate those funds to the administration for the Henderson Homeless Response Team. The funding will support program operations.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A Notice of Public Hearing and 15-day public comment period was published in the Las Vegas Review Journal newspaper on November 29, 2023, informing the public of the proposed Sixth Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 AAP and inviting comments before and during the public hearing. The public comment period began on November 29, 2023, and ended on December 14, 2023. Citizens could review, request copies, and submit comments about the Amendment at the city's Community Development & Services (CD&S) Department, or on the department's webpage.

### CARES Act Flexibilities

In accordance with the CARES Act, an expedited public participation process is permitted to make funding available as soon as possible and provide reasonable notice and opportunity for public comment. Therefore, a minimum five -day public comment period can be utilized for amending Consolidated Plans/Action Plans. The City of Henderson is providing notice of a 15 - day public comment period as part of the HUD public participation exemption process outlined in the HUD Memorandum dated April 9, 2020, entitled the CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBG Funds Used to Support Coronavirus Response and plan amendment waiver. Additionally, one public hearing will be held to provide reasonable notice and opportunities for public comment:

According to Section 4.4 of the Citizen Participation Plan, it states in part, that *the city may waive hearing notice requirements in cases where unusual circumstances justify alternative means of notifying the general public. In such situations, shorter notice may be given, and the public notices posted in public places may be used in place of a notice published in a newspaper.* Therefore, the city will post a reduced public comment period to disburse 2019/20 CDBG-CV funds quickly into the community to implement financial support for the Henderson Homeless Response Team. Staff has identified an urgent need and is responding to individuals impacted by COVID-19. Therefore, this serves as justification for the reduced public comment period.

### Public Comment

The Sixth Substantial Amendment to the 2019/20 AAP is available for review on the CD&S webpage, which can be found at:

<https://www.cityofhenderson.com/government/departments/community-development-and-services/housing/community-dev-block-grant-cdbg/consolidated-plan-process>.

On December 19, 2023, the public hearing and regular city council meeting will be held for approval of the Sixth Substantial Amendment to the 2019/20 AAP. Written comments may also be provided to Senta Robinson by 5:00 on December 14, 2023 by email at [Senta.Robinson@cityofhenderson.com](mailto:Senta.Robinson@cityofhenderson.com), or by phone at 702-267-1500 or in writing addressed to: City of Henderson, Community Development & Services Department, 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89009-5050, Attn: Senta Robinson.

## REALLOCATED FUNDS AND ACTIVITIES

The proposed activities to the 2019-2020 AAP modified through this amendment include:

\$92,337.52 to Henderson Homeless Response Team to support program operations. The HHRT provides outreach and engagement to unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness throughout Henderson. The outreach team will meet people where they are to provide engagement, case management, emergency health/mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations affected by COVID-19

### AP-35 Projects

Project Name	Amount	Grant	Change
COVID-19 Goodwill of Southern Nevada Healthcare Training Sprints Program 19/20	<del>\$150,000</del>  Expensed: \$57,662.48  Reallocated: \$92,337.52	CDBG-CV	Reduced
COVID-19 Henderson Homeless Response Team 19/20	\$191,477  \$92,337.52	CDBG-CV	Added