CITY OF HENDERSON

FIFTH SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

February 21, 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.

One May 19, 2020, a Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 AAP was approved by City Council and combined the approval of CDBG-CV Round 1 funding in the amount of $868,938 which included $400,000 to Three Square Mobile Food Distribution Program, $86,894 to HopeLink Utility Assistance Program, and $160,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs COVID-19 Equipment and Custodial Staff Program as well as other amendments. HUD requested that activities that are not related to COVID-19 be removed from the First Substantial Amendment and be reposted for public comment separately.

Therefore, on July 21, 2020, City Council approved the Second Substantial Amendment to the 2019 AAP and reallocated $697,986 of CDBG program funds. The available CDBG funds consisted of $65,000 of available funds from S.A.F.E. House Emergency Services program and $632,986 of uncommitted 2019 CDBG funds. $190,000 was allocated to the Valley View Recreation Center activity and $507,986 to Drake Street Park. Additionally, $100,000 of HOME funding was allocated to the Highland Village project.

On February 2, 2021, City Council approved the Third Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 AAP to accept $1,498,339 (Round 3) of CDBG-CV funds. $1,099,500 was distributed to HopeLink of Southern Nevada to prevent eviction and utility shut-off for families affected by COVID-19 and $100,000 to Neighborhood Housing Services of Southern Nevada to provide emergency utility assistance and financial literacy courses for families affected by COVID-19. The remaining $298,839 was retained for administration and program oversight.

On August 2, 2022, City Council approved the Fourth Substantial Amendment to the 2019-20 AAP and reallocated $491,477 of CDBG-CV funding from Neighborhood Housing Services of Southern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank. $300,000 was allocated to the city’s Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program which provides delivery of seven nutritional meals per week to low-income homebound seniors who are self-quarantined or sheltering in place due to COVID-19. $191,477 was reallocated to Henderson Homeless Response Team (HHRT) to provide outreach and engagement to unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness throughout Henderson. The outreach team provides engagement, case management, emergency health/mental health services, transportation, and services for those experiencing homelessness and affected by COVID-19.

Fifth Substantial Amendment

The Fifth Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 AAP will reallocate $150,000 of CDBG-CV (Round 3) funds from HopeLink of Southern Nevada Covid Homelessness Prevention Program and allocate these funds to Goodwill of Southern Nevada Healthcare Training Sprints. This program will provide job training and supportive services for Medical Assistant (MA) and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and other entry-level healthcare careers to residents who are unemployed and underemployed to facilitate their entry into high demand healthcare occupations to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A Notice of Public Hearing and 7-day public comment period was published in the Las Vegas Review Journal and the El Tiempo Spanish newspaper on February 8, 2023, informing the public of the proposed Fifth Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 AAP and inviting comments before and during the public hearing. The public comment period began on February 8, 2023 and ended on February 15, 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 seven-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 newspap*er. Therefore, the city will post a reduced public comment period to disburse 2019/20 CDBG-CV funds quickly into the community to implement Goodwill of Southern Nevada Healthcare Training Sprints. Staff has identified an urgent need and is responding to a shortage in healthcare practitioners needed to respond to individuals impacted by COVID-19. Therefore, this serves as justification for the reduced public comment period.

Public Comment

The Fifth 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 February 21, 2023, the public hearing and regular city council meeting will be held for approval of the Fifth Substantial Amendment to the 2019/20 AAP. Written comments may also be provided to Senta Robinson by 5:00 on February 15, 2023 by email at 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:

$150,000 to Goodwill of Southern Nevada Healthcare Training Sprints. This program will provide job training and supportive services for Medical Assistant (MA) and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and other entry-level healthcare careers to residents who are unemployed and underemployed to facilitate their entry into high demand healthcare occupations to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

AP-35 Projects

| **Project Name** | **Amount**  | **Grant** | **Change** |
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| COVID-19 Goodwill of Southern Nevada Healthcare Training Sprints Program  | $150,000 | CDBG-CV | Added |
| COVID-19 Parks & Recreation Meals on Wheels Program 19/20 | $300,000 | CDBG-CV | No Change |
| COVID-19 Henderson Homeless Response Team 19/20 | $191,477 | CDBG-CV | No Change  |
| COVID-19 Neighborhood Housing Services of Southern Nevada Utility Assistance Program 19/20 | ~~$100,000~~$2,305 | CDBG-CV | No Change |
| COVID-19 Three Square Mobile Food Distribution Program 19/20 | ~~$400,000~~$6,217 | CDBG-CV | No Change  |
| COVID-19 CDBG Administration  | $470,883 | CDBG-CV | No Change |
| COVID-19 Boys & Girls Club of Southern Nevada – Equipment & Custodial Staff  | $160,000 | CDBG-CV | No change  |
| COVID-19 HopeLink Emergency Utility Assistance Program  | $86,894 | CDBG-CV | No change |
| COVID -19 HopeLink Homelessness Prevention Program  | ~~$1,099,500~~$949,500 | CDBG-CV | Reduced |
| Andson Foundation Andson Academics 19/20 | $37,000 | CDBG | No change |
| Giving Life Ministries Emergency Assistance Program 19/20 | $50,000 | CDBG | No change |
| HopeLink of Southern Nevada 19/20 | 50,000 | CDBG | No change |
| Rebuilding Together Southern Nevada Critical Home Repair Program 19/20 | $200,000 | CDBG | No change |
| COH CDBG Administration 19/20 | $282,496 | CDBG | No change |
| COH CDBG Housing Services 19/20 | $100,000 | CDBG | No change |
| COH HOME Administration 19/20 | $156,676 | HOME | No change |
| COH HOME Development of Affordable Housing 19/20 | $470,029 | HOME | No change |
| Valley View Recreation Center 19/20 | $190,000 | CDBG | No change |
| Drake Street Park 19/20 | $745,909 | CDBG | No change |
| Highland Village Multifamily Rehabilitation 19/20 | $100,000 | HOME | No change |

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AP -38 Project Summary

Proposed Amendments

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|  | **Project Name** | **COVID 19 Goodwill of Southern Nevada Healthcare Training Sprints**  |
| **Target Area** | Henderson Citywide |
| **Goals Supported** | Public Services |
| **Needs Addressed** | This program will provide job training and supportive services for Medical Assistant (MA) and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and other entry-level healthcare careers to residents who are unemployed and underemployed to facilitate their entry into high demand healthcare occupations to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. |
| **Funding** | $150,000 |
| **Description** | Provide job training in the healthcare industry to help mitigate the impact on the community caused by the COVID-19 pandemic  |
| **Target Date** | 2/21/2023 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | Approximately 15 Henderson low income individuals |
| **Location Description** | The administration of Goodwill Healthcare Training Sprints will take place at Goodwill of Southern Nevada headquarters, located at 250 Pilot Road, Suite 140, Las Vegas, NV 89119. The Goodwill “Thrive Workshops” will take place at The Boulevard Mall (Goodwill’s Career Center and Training Room) located at 3700 S. Maryland Parkway. The “boot camp” for Certified Nursing Assistant program is offered at our Goodwill headquarters. The CNA candidates choose among 3 options for the training provider for the CNA training located at the Perry Foundation, Life Savers, or College of Southern Nevada. The 90-Day MA program is offered at the Goodwill headquarters.  |
| **Planned Activities** | Participants will be enrolled into the Medical Assistants, Certified Nursing Assistants program, or other entry level healthcare career such as pharmacy technician, phlebotomy, etc. and will be placed into employment after successful completion of training along with their medical credentials.  |
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