



CDBG & HOME

City of Gastonia, NC

**Amendment to the FY2015-19
Consolidated Plan
&
PY2019-20 Annual Action Plan
&
Citizen Participation Plan**
(in correlation to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan)

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Introduction

The City of Gastonia's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The Annual Action Plan (AAP) details each year within the City of Gastonia's Consolidated Plan and outlines the implementation of annual funding, which is developed through public input, analyses, and planning. In 2019, the City of Gastonia submitted the PY2019 AAP to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Additionally, the City of Gastonia's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the efforts that the City will take to encourage its residents to participate in developing these plans. The plan also includes the public process when a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan is proposed.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a flexible program that provides states and units of local government with financial resources to develop viable communities. Grants are provided annually on a formula basis. With the use of these funds, local governments are able to providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The *City of Gastonia* is an entitlement community and Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) that annually receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Gastonia is making an amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. This is the first (1st) amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the second (2nd) amendment to the fifth year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan known as the PY2019-20 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Purpose

This Substantial Amendment addresses the appropriation of \$386,391 from HUD to the City of Gastonia through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 to allow funding for activities to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the Coronavirus. Funds are being accepted and transferred to eligible neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing activities that can be spent in a timely manner on projects which are the most feasible, meet federal objectives and prioritizes the needs of low- to moderate-income citizens within the community.

The purpose of this proposed amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is to:

1. *Fulfill federal requirements*
2. *To make an addition of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project titled: PUBLIC SERVICES*

This project creation will be in accordance to activity completion regulations set forth in 24 CFR 570.201(e).

A substantial amendment to a Consolidated Plan generally involves:

1. *Deleting, Creating, and/or amending projects which will not be completed or have developed after 5-year Consolidated Plan was originally published.*

The purpose of this proposed amendment to the PY2019-20 Annual Action Plan and Public Participation Plan is to:

1. *Fulfill federal requirements*
2. *Allocate the funding the City of Gastonia received from the CARES ACT (CDBG-CV)*
3. *Provide information to the residents of the City of Gastonia.*

An amendment is necessary to allow the change in use of federal HUD funding as required by *Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 91.505*. The purpose of this amendment is to describe the City's acceptance of CDBG-CV funds and propose change in use

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of HOME and CDBG funds.

4. *Provide notice to reduce thirty (30) day public comment period in the citizen participation plan.*

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A substantial amendment to an Annual Action Plan generally involves:

1. *Deleting and/or amending activities which will not be completed;*
2. *Deleting an activity that became ineligible after HUD's Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) percentage updates; and/or*
3. *Reallocating unspent funds from projects completed under budget as described in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plans and requires a substantial amendment to the PY2019-20 Annual Action Plan.*

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Citizens Participation Review

Citizen participation is a requirement of the CDBG and HOME Program (24CFR91.105). The City executed the Citizen Participation Plan and provides opportunity for public input throughout the development and approval of the amendment. Citizens are encouraged to engage in public discussion and are notified of both the public hearing and public comment period via the local newspaper publication, *The Gaston Gazette*, and postings on the City’s website <http://www.cityofgastonia.com> on the events calendar and on the Housing and Neighborhoods Division web page.

The CARES ACT provides that grantees may amend citizen participation plans to establish expedited procedures to draft, propose, or amend consolidated and annual action plans. Expedited procedures must include notice and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than 5 days. The 5-day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended citizen participation plans. In-person public hearings are not required. Grantees may meet public hearing requirements with virtual public hearings if: 1) national/local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons; and 2) virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with the grantee’s certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses.

Notice of Virtual Public Hearing

Tuesday, July 7th– 4:00 PM

Please call 980-224-1999 code 420-4899

A public hearing will be held to review the City of Gastonia’s proposed first Substantial Amendment to its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and second Substantial Amendment to its FY2019-20 Annual Action Plan(s) and amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for residents to comment on the proposed action.

5-Day Public Comment Period

Notice of 5-Day Public Comment Period

July 2, 2020 – July 7, 2020

A 5-day public comment period regarding the City’s proposed First Substantial Amendment to 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Second Substantial Amendment to PY2019-20 Annual Action Plan(s) and Public Participation Plan. The amendment will be provided to Gastonia City Council in their weekly Council/Manager report.

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Proposed activities are eligible per 24 CFR 570.201 of the CDBG Entitlement Program regulations and comply with the national objective to benefit low- and moderate-income persons as low- to moderate income clientele.

JURISDICTION/GRANTEE: CITY OF GASTONIA		FUNDING SOURCE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)				DATE: July __, 2020
Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG Project Budget (\$)	Addition of CDBG(CV) Funds	Total Activity Budget
CURRENT PROJECT: Public Infrastructure	Public Infrastructure/Public Facilities Activities	570.203 (b) & 570.209	LMA/LMJ	\$16,285.00	\$250,000.00	\$266,285.00
CURRENT PROJECT: Program Administration	Operating Supplies, Salaries, Fringe Benefits, and General Expenses	570.206	LMA/LMC	\$129,255.00	\$36,391.00	\$165,646.00
PROPOSED PROJECT: Public Services	Public Services to Assist Low-Moderate Income Persons	570.201 (e), 570.204, and 570.207 (b)(4)	LMA/LMC	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

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<i>Activity Name</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>	<i>Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)</i>	<i>National Objective Citation</i>	<i>HOME Project Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Modification of HOME Funds</i>	<i>Total Activity Budget</i>
CURRENT PROJECT: New Construction	Construction of Affordable Housing Units for LMI Persons	92.206 (a) (1) and 92.251		\$464,620.00	(\$100,000.00)	\$364,620.00
CURRENT PROJECT: Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Provide temporary rental assistance to spur pursuit of permanent housing	92.209		\$36,791.00	\$100,000.00	\$136,791.00

Funding Source:	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	Funding Amount
Original Allocation Activity	CDBG - Public Infrastructure (Funding increased as part of CARES ACT Funding)	\$266,285.00
	CDBG - Program Administration (Funding increased as part of CARES ACT Funding)	\$165,646.00
	HOME - New Construction (Reduce funding to allocate towards TBRA Activity)	\$364,620.00
	HOME - Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Increase funding to provide more TBRA services)	\$136,791.00
Add Allocation Activity The City of Gastonia is proposing the utilization \$100,000.00 from the CARES ACT funding to go toward Public Services to assist LMI residents of the City of Gastonia.	Public Services New project added to 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan will allow for funds to be utilized for Public Service Activities.	\$100,000.00