

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF MOBILE  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ACTION PLAN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
PY 2020 (MAY 1, 2020-APRIL 30, 2021)**

**PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT  
PY 2020 ACTION PLAN CDBG-CV AND  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN  
5 DAY COMMENT PERIOD**

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, as amended, the City of Mobile, Alabama (the City) is publishing a summary of a Proposed Substantial Amendments to its Program Year (PY) 2020 (May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021) Action Plan One Year Use Of Funds, for citizen comment for a period of at least five (5) calendar days from the date of that publication. The Proposed Substantial Amendments are published in order to afford affected citizens an opportunity to examine its contents and to submit comments relating thereto. This Amendment is utilizing waivers provided for by the CARES Act and as published in the Federal Register Docket No. FR-6218-N-01.

**I. BACKGROUND:**

In 1995 the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) introduced a consolidated application process involving four HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG). This process replaced at that time all current HUD-CPD planning and application requirements with a single submission, and satisfied the minimum statutory requirements for the four referenced HUD-CPD formula programs. The Emergency Shelter Grants were later renamed Emergency Solutions Grant.

In summary, the Consolidated Plan actually serves four separate, but integrated, functions. The Consolidated Plan is 1) A planning document for the City, which builds on a participatory process; 2) An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs referenced above; 3) A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs, and lastly; 4) An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance. The City's Five Year Consolidated Plan covers the period May 1, 2018 thru April 30, 2023 and contains six basic components: (1) housing and homeless needs assessment, (2) housing market analysis, (3) strategies and priority needs and objectives, (4) action plan, (5) certifications, (6) monitoring. The action plan and certification portions of the document must be submitted annually to HUD for approval.

Copies of the City's PY 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan are available for inspection in the City's Community & Housing Development Department, 205 Government Street, South Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 508 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

## **II. PY 2020 ACTION PLAN:**

The City's Proposed Action Plan is an annual description of the City's Federal and other resources that are expected to be available to address its priority needs and how the Federal funds will leverage other resources. The description includes proposed activities for Program Year (PY) 2020 (May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021) to address the needs identified in the City's PY 2018 thru 2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan explains where the assistance will be directed by geographic area during PY 2020.

The Action Plan also includes narrative, maps and tables which identify the geographic areas in which it will direct assistance, a description of homeless and other special needs activities, as well as a description of other proposed actions to foster affordable housing, public housing improvements and resident initiatives, evaluation and reduction of lead-based hazards, reducing the number of persons below the poverty line, development of the City's institutional structure, efforts to enhancing coordination between housing and service agencies, and assistance to public housing.

Copies of the PY 2020 Action Plan are available for inspection in the City's Community Development Department, 205 Government Street, Room 508, Mobile, Alabama from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

## **III. CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT POLICY:**

In accordance with the City's (HUD) Approved Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan, the City shall amend its Consolidated Plan Statement whenever it decides not to carry out an activity described in the Plan, or decides to carry out an activity not previously described or decides to substantially change the purpose, scope, location beneficiaries, or budgeted dollar amount of an activity. The amendment of a budgeted dollar amount of an activity in an existing Action Plan by more than 50 percent, plus or minus, shall be considered to be a substantial change for purposes of requiring a written amendment.

Prior to amending its Consolidated Plan, the City shall provide citizens with reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on such proposed changes in its use of funds. The City will consider any such comments, and if the City deems appropriate, modify the proposed changes. The city will make available to the public, and shall submit to HUD, a description of any changes adopted.

Additionally, while the City typically provides a period, not less than thirty (30) days, to receive comments, written or oral, on the substantial amendment prior to its adoption. The City is utilizing a waiver to the regulations as allowed for in the Federal Notice Docket No. FR-6218-N-01 to reduce this period to five (5) days due to the emergency nature of the associated pandemic. A summary of comments and views will be attached to the substantial amendment of the Action Plan.

**IV. PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO PY 2020 ACTION PLAN:**

The City proposes the following substantial amendment to its PY 2020 Action Plan, thereby adjusting unallocated CDBG-CV as described below:

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FUNDS (CDBG-CV):**

**Administration of CDBG-CV:**

The City proposes adding **\$284,000.00** of unallocated CDBG-CV to the Administration budget; Eligible Activity: N/A; National Objective: N/A.

**Scattered Site Single-Family Rehabilitation of Vacant Abandoned Housing for Low/Mod Use:**

The City proposes establishing and adding **\$1,136,982.00** of unallocated CDBG-CV to Scattered Site Single-Family Rehabilitation of Vacant Abandoned Housing for Low/Mod Use: Low/Mod Housing Activity; National Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing/Availability; Projected Accomplishments: 10 Units.

These funds would be utilized to rehabilitate tax delinquent abandoned property that it acquires for the purpose of rehousing those that have been evicted, lost their job, or are otherwise unable to find safe, decent, and sanitary affordable housing in the City of Mobile since the pandemic began.

Source of CDBG-CV Funds:

These proposed increases total \$1,420,982.00 and would be funded from an additional allocation of CDBG-CV funds as provided for in the CARES Act.

2020 CDBG-CV Unallocated	\$1,420,982.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,420,982.00</b>

The Funds are proposed to be utilized within six years of the date of the grant agreement between the City and HUD with 80% being utilized within the first three years.

Any program income earned as a result of CDBG-CV grant funds will be subject to the rules published in Federal Register Notice FR-6218-N-01. As program income is received it will be treated as annual formula CDBG program income and recorded as part of the financial transactions of the annual formula CDBG grant program.

**B. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN:**

The City proposes to utilize any and all waivers it deems necessary as described in the Federal Register Docket No. FR-6218-N-01, which allows for the amending of the thirty (30) day comment period for Citizen Participation to five (5) days. This proposed

amendment is running concurrent with the proposed use of CDBG-CV funds, as is also allowed for in the same Notice.

**CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

**The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of the City's Final Substantial Amendments to its PY 2020 Action Plan described herein regarding its proposed use of CDBG funding and will accept written comments for a period of at least five (5) calendar days from the date of the publication. Copies of the City's Proposed Substantial Amendment are available for inspection in the City's Community Development Department, 205 Government St, Room 508, Mobile, Alabama from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. A summary of amendments is also available on the City's website at [www.CityofMobile.org](http://www.CityofMobile.org).**

**The City's Community and Housing Development Department will conduct a public hearing on October 5, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in the Community and Housing Development Conference Room, Suite 510, 205 Government St, Mobile, Alabama 36602. For virtual hearing information, please contact Christopher McGadney at 251-208-6292. The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain comments regarding the proposed use of PY 2020 Program Funds. Also, citizens will be afforded an opportunity to 1) identify housing and community development needs and priorities; 2) review proposed uses of funds; and 3) comment on and review the City's program performance. All comments received will be considered in the development of the City's Final PY 2020 Substantial Amendment and submission to HUD.**

The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities; however, anyone who requires further information or has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance should notify the Community Development Department at the referenced address no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing dates. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices as mandated by Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**Written comments regarding the City's Proposed PY 2020 Substantial Amendment should be submitted to James Roberts, Senior Director; Neighborhood Development Department at the address referenced herein. All written comments must be received at the referenced address no later than 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, October 6, 2020 to be considered in the development of the City's Final PY 2020 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. Please send any email comments to [Shakeena.Cox@CityofMobile.org](mailto:Shakeena.Cox@CityofMobile.org). Please send any fax comments to 251-208-6296.**

CDBG-CV Comments  
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