

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MA

ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #11 2019-2020 CDBG-CV

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in the amount of \$4,051,632.00 to the City of Springfield. These CDBG-CV funds are authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, and provide funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

HUD allocated \$2,301,793 to the City in the first round and \$1,749,839.00 in the second round, bringing the cumulative amount for all allocation rounds of CDBG-CV funding to \$4,051,632.

This Substantial Amendment #11 reallocates funding from the CDBG CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS - ACTION PLAN 2019-2020 Substantial Amendment #8 from Economic Development to Public Infrastructure Improvements.

Change #1: Reallocate funding:

The City will reallocate CDBG-CV funds as follows:

Funding category	CDBG-CV1 Approved Budget	CDBG-CV2 Approved Budget	TOTAL Budget Approved	AMEND-MENT	AMENDED Budget
Public Service	\$791,435.00	\$399,872.00	\$1,191,307.00	\$0.00	\$1,191,307.00
Economic Development	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,250,000.00	(\$200,000.00)	\$2,050,000.00
Public Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Administration	\$260,358.00	\$349,967.00	\$610,325.00	\$0.00	\$610,325.00
TOTAL	\$2,301,793.00	\$1,749,839.00	\$4,051,632.00	\$0.00	\$4,051,632.00

Public Infrastructure Improvements

- Funding: \$200,000.00
- Eligibility: 24 C.F.R. 570.201(c)
- National Objective: Low/Mod

- Description: Funds will be used for Public Infrastructure Improvements in the public right of way to enhance and enable restaurants and businesses to better meet their customer service needs outdoors. These improvements will allow businesses to increase capacity while following all COVID protocol. Improvements include but are not limited to installation or repair of streets, street drains, decorative lighting, storm drains, curbs and gutters, traffic lights/signals and sidewalks.

The supplemental award allows reimbursement of costs of eligible activities incurred regardless of the date to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus.

The CARES Act provides that the City must follow our existing requirements for development of this substantial amendment to our action plan that describes the amount of funding in the supplemental allocation and the planned use of funds. However, that the 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for this substantial amendment; instead, the City must provide no less than five (5) days for public comment on the substantial amendment.

This amendment has been published to the City's website and advertised on the City's social media accounts on March 16, 2021. A public hearing will take place on Facebook live on March 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSpringfieldMA>. Spanish-speaking staff will be present and available for translation at the hearing. Accommodations for disabilities will be provided upon request.

Comments may be submitted on Facebook during the public hearing.

Comments may also be submitted in the following ways:

- Written comments via email to Cathy Buono, cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com.
- Written comments mailed to the Springfield Office of Community Development, 1600 E. Columbus Ave., Springfield, MA 01103
- By telephone: contact 311, the City of Springfield's main source of government information and non-emergency services, or the Office of Community Development at (413) 787-6082

Comments will be accepted until March 22, 2021.

The Facebook live hearing was held on March 19, 2021: 475 people were reached with 309 views, and 0 shares. The City did not received any comments.