

Town of Manchester, CT

Substantial Amendment to Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

The CARES Act requires the Town to undertake a second substantial amendment to its Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) and the Annual Action Plan for the program year 10/1/2020-9/30/2021 to allocate two rounds of CDBG -CV funding designated to address the community needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The original 2020-2021 Action Plan was approved by HUD on September 18, 2020. The approved Action Plan and the draft Substantial Amendment are available on the Town's website at <http://planning1.townofmanchester.org/index.cfm/community-development-and-housing/community-development-block-grant-program/>. The proposed Amendment will be heard at the Board of Directors regular meeting on June 1, 2021. The Amendment was published on the Town's website on May 17, 2021 and advertised in the JI on the same date. Public Comment on the amendment will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on June 4, 2021.

CHANGE #1: ACCEPT CDBG-CV FUNDS:

The Town has received notice of two rounds of CDBG-CV funds totaling \$812,580.00.

CHANGE #2: CDBG-CV FUNDING TO HUMAN SERVICES:

The Town is proposing to allocate funds in the amount of \$660,184.00 to provide COVID-19 related human services. Final awards subject to negotiation of regulatory compliant scope and budget. Programs include:

Programs to address Health and Wellness needs:

- Manchester Department of Leisure, Family, and Recreation: Recreation on the Run
- Manchester Health Department and Fire-Rescue- EMS: Mobile Health Program
- Manchester Early Learning Center: Early Education Support

Programs to address Food Insecurity:

- Manchester Human Service Department- Senior, Adult, and Family Division: Senior Meal Program
- Second Congregational Church: Food Pantry

Programs to address Housing Instability:

- Manchester Human Service Department- Senior, Adult, and Family Division: Housing Stabilization Assistance
- Interval House- Domestic Violence Survivor Assistance Program

CHANGE #3: CDBG-CV FUNDING TO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Town is proposing to allocate funds in the amount of \$26,000 to Manchester Department of Leisure, Family, and Recreation for the North West Park Screen Project

CHANGE #4: FUNDING TO PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

The Town proposes to allocate \$126,396.00 for the Planning and Administration of CDBG-CV funds.

These activities are in direct response to the impact of COVID-19 and are consistent with the Town's Five Year Consolidated Plan of providing essential services to low- and moderate-income households.

Public Comment on the Proposed Amendment will be accepted from May 17, 2021 until June 4, 2021. Comments will be accepted in writing by Heather Guerette, Planning & Economic Development Department, 494 Main St., Manchester, CT 06045-0191

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