

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA**

**CARES ACT FUNDING AND THE
FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

As a Federal Entitlement, the City of Wheeling, West Virginia (“City”) receives funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). On March 27, 2020 the U.S. Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. According to the allocation of funds under that Act, the City of Wheeling is a recipient of CDBG-CV funds. The City received two (2) allocations of the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. The first allocation received by the City was \$696,504 and in the third round of funding, the City received an allocation of \$171,007 for a total allocation of \$867,511 CDBG-CV funds.

The purpose of this public hearing is to present substantial amendments to the City of Wheeling’s FY 2019 Annual Action Plans for the use of CDBG-CV funds.

To expedite the disbursement of the City’s FY 2020 CDBG-CV funds, via 24 CFR 5.110, the CARES Act authorizes HUD to grant waivers to the public notice, public comment, and citizen participation plan requirements found in 24 CFR 91.105I(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115I(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401. In accordance with the City of Wheeling’s Citizen Participation Plan and HUD’s regulatory requirement, waivers are granted which reduces the minimum 30-day public comment period to a 5-day period, a public hearing will be held at 12:00 P.M. prevailing time on November 16, 2020 in the Wheeling City Council Chambers, City-County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, including translation services, please call Ms. Nancy Prager, Economic & Community Development Director, City of Wheeling, at (304) 234-3701 to make those arrangements, or for the hearing-impaired call 7-1-1 for TDD.

The City of Wheeling adopted its FY 2019 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the use of CDBG funds on June 18, 2019. In accordance with CDBG program regulations, the City is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Action Plan and Budget in accordance with the City’s Citizen Participation Plan.

The City has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved CDBG program budget for the previously approved program year for FY 2019. The funds will be proposed for new projects/activities, and/or to increase funding for previously approved projects/activities.

This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan as the following applies: new activities are proposed for funding and some previously approved activities have an increase in the budget amount and scope of the activity.

The substantial amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan is proposed as follows:

FY 2020 CDBG-CV Activities:

• CDBG-CV-20-01 CV Administration	\$ 100,000
• CDBG-CV-20-02 CV Catholic Charities Center	\$ 175,000
• CDBG-CV-20-03 CV Elmhurst House of Friendship	\$ 47,000
• CDBG-CV-20-04 CV Family Service	\$ 200,000
• CDBG-CV-20-05 CV Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless	\$ 133,000
• CDBG-CV-20-06 CV North Wheeling Community Youth Center	\$ 20,000
• CDBG-CV-20-07 CV Soup Kitchen	\$ 130,000
• CDBG-CV-20-08 CV Wheeling Health Right	\$ 41,511
• CDBG-CV-20-09 CV Youth Service Systems	\$ 21,000

Total CDBG-CV: \$ 867,511

The FY 2019 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment is on public display for viewing by the public for a period of at least 5 days beginning on Thursday, November 5, 2020 and ending on Monday, November 16, 2020 at the City of Wheeling's website (www.wheelingwv.gov).

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment to the use of CDBG-CV funds under the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. All comments received by November 16, 2020 will be considered by the City of Wheeling prior to submittal of the substantial amendment to City Council at their Tuesday, November 17, 2020 City Council Meeting. Once approved, the City intends to submit the substantial amendment to HUD on or before November 20, 2020.

Written comments or oral comments may be addressed to Ms. Nancy Prager, Director of Economic and Community Development, City of Wheeling, City-County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 234-3701, nprager@wheelingwv.gov. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact the City via 711.

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