

City of Mount Vernon

Community Development Block Grant
Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2019
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Public Comment Draft
Summary of Proposed Amendments
to the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2019
to incorporate CARES Act CDBG-CV3 funding

Draft
March 19, 2021

Executive Summary

This Summary presents the principal recommendations concerning funding, priorities, and related policy matters covered in the body of the submittals that the City of Mount Vernon will submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to describe how the City proposes to use HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the CARES Act. This Summary is provided for the convenience of individuals who wish to review the Public Comment Draft and will not be included in the final document submitted to the HUD.

Amendment of the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2019

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development notified the City of Mount Vernon that the City has been offered an additional allocation of CDBG funding, \$262,227, from the CARES Act for CDBG-eligible, COVID-19-related activities that “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus” impacts. This offer of additional CDBG funding requires the City to amend its 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Program Year that began July 1, 2019 and ends on June 30, 2020. The City proposes allocating this CDBG-CV \$262,227 allocation as follows, consistent with the City’s 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan as previously approved by HUD and as proposed to be amended, below:

We're moving forward with the City's CV3 spending plan in an attempt to get the pallet shelters ordered as quickly as possible. I'm requesting a March 24 City Council date for the public hearing. Kerri is working on publishing the announcement. Presently, the plan is for:

2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment Program Areas and Project Descriptions			
Additional \$262,227 CDBG-CV funding as per CARES Act			
Must be used to "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus"			
	Program Areas		Projects
Direct emergency payments for rent, utilities, public services	49.6%	\$130,000	
To be administered by Community Action of Skagit County			\$130,000
Acquisition of prefabricated emergency sheltering structures	45.8%	\$120,000	
To be purchased by the City of Mount Vernon			\$120,000
Administration and planning	4.6%		
City of Mount Vernon administrative costs		\$12,227	\$12,227
Total allocation of CDBG-CV	100%	\$262,227	\$262,227

2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment Program Areas and Project Descriptions:

1. **Direct emergency payments for motel vouchers for people experiencing homelessness:** Community Action of Skagit County will assist the City with the distribution and use of motel vouchers for people experiencing homelessness during the Covid-19 pandemic. The assistance will be provided to CDBG-eligible households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income and have suffered an adverse impact such as loss of housing or loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 disaster.
2. **Acquisition of prefabricated emergency sheltering structures:** The City of Mount Vernon will purchase prefabricated structures, called PalletShelters, for use as emergency sheltering structures for people experiencing homelessness. The structures will be loaned to new project called the Skagit First Step Program. This program aims to provide shelter and services to individuals experiencing homelessness while congregate shelter is unavailable due to the Covid-19 pandemic.