



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin and City Council Members

FROM: Lorrie Pearson, AICP, Community Development Services Director
Sheila Dodd, Manager, Grants Management Division

DATE: November 5, 2020

SUBJECT: A Resolution Amending the City of Urbana Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan FY 2020/2021

Description

The City of Urbana, Grants Management Division, received notice that \$334,849 was allocated to the City through CDBG-CV3 to prevent, prepare, and respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The additional funding requires an amendment to the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan (AAP) FY 2020/2021. The attached Resolution meets the federal guidance received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Input received during the 7-day public comment period will be incorporated into the Plan prior to submittal to HUD.

Background and Discussion

The funding is to be used to address needs of low- and moderate-income persons impacted by COVID-19. Partnerships and coordination with the local public health district, state, and local service providers were encouraged by HUD to address activities in response to the pandemic. City staff has worked closely with Village of Rantoul, City of Champaign, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, social service agencies, homeless service providers, economic development groups, Housing Authority of Champaign County, and Champaign Urbana Public Health District to identify community needs.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- and moderate-income households with housing assistance, infrastructure improvements for broadband improvements, and business assistance to retain employees who are low- and moderate-income, and support of other COVID-19 response services.

Staff is researching programs and infrastructure improvements to utilize this round of funding and will forward to Council recommendations for a future discussion and budget amendment. Approval of the proposed Ordinance would meet HUD requirements for acceptance of the funds.

A 7-day public comment period ran from October 27, 2020 through November 3, 2020. A public hearing to accept comments on the Draft AAP FY 2020/2021 Amendment was held prior to the October 27, 2020, Community Development Commission meeting.

Options

1. Approve the Resolution accepting the CDBG-CV 3 funding.
2. Approve the Resolution accepting the CDBG-CV 3 funding, with suggested changes.

3. Do not approve the Resolution.

Fiscal Impacts

There will be no fiscal impact on the City General Fund, as the \$334,849 in funding comes from HUD.

Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11-056R

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA
CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2020/2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has been designated an entitlement city under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and as such is eligible for Community Development Block Grant Covid-19 (hereinafter “CDBG-CV 3”) funds upon proper submittal being made to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter “HUD”); and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council previously approved a resolution authorizing submittal to HUD of the Annual Action Plan for FY 2020/2021, which included a proposed budget for the CDBG Program, and HUD subsequently approved the said Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, the City of Urbana received notice from HUD regarding funding in response to COVID-19 and on October 23, 2020 published on its website a notice of a seven day public review period regarding said proposed budgetary amendment to the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan for FY 2020/2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds it necessary and appropriate to amend the City of Urbana Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan for FY 2020/2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Urbana, hereby approves the amendment to the following City of Urbana Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plans FY 2020/2021, as such amendment is referenced in the attachment hereto, with reference to the following Annual Action Plan.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Urbana to take any action necessary in conjunction with said attached amendment to the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan, including submittal of the Annual Action Plan Amendment to the HUD Regional Field Office and provision of such additional information as may be required.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ___ day of _____, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ___ day of _____, 2020.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor