

PY 2019 Farmington Hills CARES Act Amendment

Annual Action Plan 2019/2020 Substantial Amendment

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

COVID-19 Background - In December 2019, a new coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was detected causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has now spread globally. The first reported case in the United States was in January 2020 and by March 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic and the federal government declared a national emergency. Many states, including Michigan, declared a state of emergency.

Federal Relief Response - On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 was signed by the President of the United States. This made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds, \$4 billion in Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) and \$65 million in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) supplemental funds to respond to the growing effects of the historic COVID-19 public health crisis.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) informed the City of Farmington Hills that CARES Act funding would be allocated to the jurisdiction based on the existing entitlement formulas for the three programs. City of Farmington Hills receives annual federal funding for community projects that benefit low-to-moderate income residents through the CDBG program. The CDBG program aims to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for City of Farmington Hills residents. City of Farmington Hills received a special allocation of funds for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic (coronavirus). Further guidance defining what qualifies as CDBG-CV response and other information may be forthcoming from HUD but these funds are to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. The CARES Act funds have been allocated to the **City of Farmington Hills** in the following amount: **\$210,412 (CDBG-CV)** supplemental allocations.

The CARES Act also authorized the HUD Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements related to the use of CDBG-CV funds, including the suspension of the 15 percent cap on funding for public services; reducing the public comment period for consolidated plan and action plan amendments to five days, and allowing the option of virtual hearings. To expedite and facilitate the use of these funds the City of Farmington Hills will, as necessary, avail itself of the additional flexibility being provided, request available waivers, and request permission to use alternative requirements of statutes and regulations

with the use of CDBG-CV funds. All eligible CDBG activities must meet one of the following national objectives: (1) Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons; (2) Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; and (3) Meet a need having a particular urgency. The City of Farmington Hills may undertake CDBG-CV eligible activities to meet needs resulting from declared disasters or emergencies under any one of the three CDBG national objectives. All activities funded must still meet the eligibility and national objective requirements of the CDBG program.

The City of Farmington Hills is committed to deploying federal, state, and local resources to help. City of Farmington Hills is part of the Oakland County HOME Consortium which has coordinated efforts to develop an emergency and public health response to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. City of Farmington Hills has developed a comprehensive operational and funding plan utilizing **CDBG-CV** funds which **WILL BE ADOPTED** by the **City of Farmington Hills City Council on June 8, 2020**. The plan and corresponding budget included **CDBG-CV** funding allocations. **City of Farmington Hills seeks approval of a Substantial Amendment to the Program Year (PY) 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, PY 2019 One-Year Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan in order to submit its COVID response plan to HUD.** The 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 One-Year Action Plan was approved by **RESOLUTION R-19-19 on May 13, 2019**. The One-Year Action Plan amendment identifies proposed activities for the expenditure of **CDBG-CV** to address the COVID -19 crisis. Newly funded activities are scheduled to begin implementation as soon as agreements are executed. The substantial amendment funding must be committed prior to September 30, 2022.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The Citizen Participation Plan was amended to utilize the Public comment waiver. A public meeting, public notice and phone conversations were utilized to solicit participation. The Farmington Hills City Council held a virtual public hearing on June 8, 2020. One representative of YMCA at the meeting spoke on this item and one letter of support was received from Salvation Army. The City of Farmington Hills posted a comment period from May 28, 2020 to June 9, 2020 to meet the minimum 5 day public comment period. The Public Notice was published in the Farmington Observer, available via the city web page and hard copy via US Postal.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The City of Farmington Hills has held a virtual public hearing on June 8, 2020. One representative of YMCA at the meeting spoke on this item and one letter of support was received by Salvation Army.

Comments and the letter are attached in the public comments section.

A public meeting was held at Farmington Hills City Hall on September 20, 2018. Five people attended to inquire about the program. General questions were answered but no public comments were received.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments were unacceptable.

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Farmington Hills will utilize resources from all available sources, federal, state, local and non-governmental. The amounts indicated are the amounts released from the Housing and Urban Development Department. The City of Farmington Hills' share of HOME funds will be administered by Oakland County, the lead agency. HOPWA funds will be administered by City of Warren on behalf of Farmington Hills. The City of Farmington Hills continues to be in communication with both organizations.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Other: public - federal	Other-Emergency response for the prevention, preparation for COVID-19	210,412			210,412		CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare and respond to the coronavirus.

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The CDBG funds may be leveraged with other public service funds by the organizations receiving them with private contributions.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Ex. Single- Family Homes	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	City of Farmington Hills	Housing Rehab, Single-Family, Owner Occupied	CDBG: \$177,289	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
2	Gain Access to Public Services	2016	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Farmington Hills	Homelessness prevention services Mental Health Services Services for victims of domestic violence	CDBG: \$22,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
3	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Farmington Hills	Public Facilities and Corridor Improvements	CDBG: \$247,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
4	Program Administration	2016	2020	Program Administration	City of Farmington Hills	Program Administration	CDBG: \$58,190	Other: 1 Other
5	CDBG – CV – CARES	2020	2022	Emergency Response	City of Farmington Hills	Services Urgent Need	CDBG-CV: 210,412	Other: 1 Other

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve Ex. Single- Family Homes
	Goal Description	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation of existing homes to improve the living conditions of 15 low and moderate income homes with home improvement loans and grants.
2	Goal Name	Gain Access to Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide services for Homelessness prevention, Mental Health, Victims of Domestic Violence
3	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improvement of Public Facilities and Infrastructure - based on the Capital Improvements Plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
4	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Program Administration of the CDBG Program
5.	Goal Name	CDBG-CV Cares
	Description	Prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Farmington Hills has incorporated comments from public hearings, community surveys and community input to develop the projects to be undertaken by the City of Farmington Hills to fulfill the goals of the Fourth Year Annual Action Plan.

#	Project Name
1	Domestic Violence Services
2	Mental Health Services
3	Homelessness Prevention
4	Housing Rehabilitation
5	Administration
6	Capital Improvements
7	Park Improvements
8	CDBG-CV CARES ACT response

Table 3 – Project Information

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Domestic Violence Services - HAVEN
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	Gain Access to Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Services for victims of domestic violence
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Victims of Domestic Violence receive counseling, advocacy, legal assistance, exams and crisis intervention services at HAVEN, CDBG funds will be expended to assist victims.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We anticipate 70 families will receive assistance for citywide residents domestic violence services.
	Location Description	The assistance will be provided citywide to residents with crisis counseling over the phone or at the offices of the organization.
	Planned Activities	Counseling, advocacy, legal assistance, exams and crisis intervention.
2	Project Name	Mental Health Counseling - Common Ground
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	Gain Access to Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Mental Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Common Ground serves those in need throughout the County and Farmington Hills. Common Ground provides mental health counseling and crisis services. Typical services include step forward shelters, crisis line support, advocacy counseling programs and street outreach. CDBG funds will be expended to reimburse Common Ground for services to persons whose last known address is Farmington Hills.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 young people and families will benefit from the access to services through Common Ground.
	Location Description	Common Ground will assist Farmingotn Hills residents citywide and at their offices throughout Oakland County.
	Planned Activities	Mental Health counseling and crisis services, shelter, crisis line support, advocacy, and counseling programs.
3	Project Name	Homelessness Prevention - SOS
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	Gain Access to Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness prevention services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500
	Description	South Oakland Shelter provides a wide array of services designed to permanently remove individuals and families from the cycle of homelessness. CDBG funds will be utilized to reimburse SOS for services provided in its emergency shelter program. The program is designed to utilize case management services for individual clients to gain access to job and financial training, food, transportation and lodging. It will assist those experiencing homelessness with a last known address of Farmington Hills.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 persons of all types will benefit from homelessness prevention activities including persons with domestic violence, mental health, veteran, single parents, children and individuals.
	Location Description	Activities will occur citywide and throughout the region.
	Planned Activities	The program is designed to utilize case management services for individual clients to gain access to job and financial training, food, transportation and lodging.
4	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	Improve Ex. Single- Family Homes
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehab, Single-Family, Owner Occupied

	Funding	CDBG: \$177,289
	Description	The City administered program will provide technical and financial assistance to low and moderate income families in Farmington Hills to rehabilitate single-family homes on a case by case basis.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 15 homes will be assisted. The families will be qualified as low/mod income and are expected to include families with children and seniors.
	Location Description	Citywide at qualified homeowner addresses within Farmington Hills
	Planned Activities	The City's Housing Rehabilitation Program will provide technical and financial assistance to rehabilitate owner occupied single-family homes. Lead based paint and remediation where required.
5	Project Name	Project Administration
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	Improve Ex. Single- Family Homes Gain Access to Public Services Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$58,190
	Description	Program administration of CDBG Program to ensure proper management of the program funds and compliance with HUD regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All the families assisted with public services, capital projects and housing rehabilitation will benefit from the proper administration of funds.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG grant funds for all projects including Program Administration and Fair Housing Activities.
6	Project Name	Capital Improvements
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Corridor Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$147,500
	Description	Improve public Infrastructure within LMA to complete a new connecting sidewalk in Section 34.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Families and residents within the vicinity of the new sidewalk will benefit from the proposed activities. The Riverwalk area is located in a census tract which contains 370 LMI persons.
	Location Description	Riverwalk subdivision to Mayfield, Section 34, Census tract 1673, Block group 2
	Planned Activities	Public infrastructure improvements- A sidewalk connection from Riverwalk subdivision to Mayfield street.
7	Project Name	Parks Improvements
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Corridor Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Improvements to the Olde Towne Park that will focus on fall zone safety surface material improvement and equipment replacement.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Olde Towne Park is located in section 36 in census tract 1674, block group 3. This census tract contains 930 LMI persons.
	Location Description	The park is located at the southwest corner of Independence and Waldron in Section 36 of Farmington Hills.
	Planned Activities	Safety surface material improvements and equipment replacement.
8	Project Name	<i>CDBG-CV CARES ACT response</i>
	Target Area	City of Farmington Hills
	Goals Supported	CDBG-CV Cares Response
	Needs Addressed	Prepare, prevent and respond to coronavirus
	Funding	\$ 210,412

	Description Emergency response to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. The City of Farmington Hills will provide funding for Food bank/food distribution, Child Care, Youth Services, Personal Protective Equipment and Administration.
	Target Date October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from proposed activities 700