



**Community Development Block Grant  
(CDBG)**

**Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS  
(HOPWA)**

**CARES Act Substantial Amendment  
2020-2024 Consolidated Plan  
2020 Annual Action Plan**

**Responsible Organization**

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Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) CARES Act Substantial Amendment to the  
2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan**

**Summary**

Notice is hereby given to residents of the City of Columbia that a draft version of the CARES Act Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan is now available for review and comment for a 5-day period. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan includes the first program year of the Plan, the 2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP). Notice is also given that one Public Hearing and one Public Forum will be held.

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to provide additional aid to communities in their efforts *to prevent, prepare for and respond to* the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to HUD’s CPD programs, including CDBG-CV & HOPWA-CV to the City of Columbia. The CARES Act Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 AAP includes these funds and outlines the proposed uses of these funds.

The City will receive \$611,921 for CDBG-CV and \$220,838 for HOPWA-CV with related provisions specific for each grant. The Consolidated Plan and first-year Annual Action Plan has been substantially amended with CARES Act Amendment funds *to prevent, prepare for and respond to* the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. This Substantial Amendment will not change the CDBG National Objective, to benefit low to moderate income persons. The following proposed changes require modification of projects and activities in the City of Columbia 2020 Annual Action Plan:

**CDBG**

The City will help to provide financial assistance to low- to moderate-income households negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDBG-CV proposed funded projects added are CDBG-CV Administration, CDBG-CV Public Services, and CDBG-CV Economic Development.

<b>CARES Act - CDBG-CV Proposed Budget</b>	<b>2020 Allocation</b>
<b>Total FY2020 CDBG-CV</b>	<b>\$611,921</b>
Planning & Administration not to exceed 20%	\$122,384
Public Service (PS) Program <i>(15% Cap waived for CV)</i>	\$326,358

<b>Potential PS CDBG-CV Activities (Based on Survey)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>**Rental/Mortgage (up to 3 months)</li> <li>**Utility Assistance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Broadband Access to Wi-Fi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>**LMA Community Hot Spots</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support small businesses to help create/retain jobs.</li> </ul>	\$163,179
<b>Total CDBG-CV Program Costs</b>	<b>\$611,921</b>

**HOPWA**

The proposed funded projects added are HOPWA-CV Administration and HOPWA-CV projects by sponsors to provide financial assistance to HOPWA eligible individuals and households negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will provide additional financial support for permanent housing placement assistance and financial support for medical and supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS such as short-term rent, STRMU, street outreach activities and homeless prevention.

CARES Act - HOPWA-CV Proposed Budget	2020 Allocation
<b>Total FY2020 HOPWA-CV</b>	<b>\$220,838</b>
HOPWA Administration (Admin & Operations) Not to exceed 3%	\$6,625
<b>**Program Costs (Suggested Program/Activities)</b>	
1. Columbia Housing Authority	
• (CHA-1) TBRA - Housing Choice Vouchers	\$54,831
• (CHA-2) TBRA Salary HCV	\$3,285
• (CHA-3) Homeless (TBRA)	\$22,000
• (CHA 4) Operations	\$2,905
2. Midlands Housing Alliance (Transitions)	\$2,945
3. Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (Support Services)	\$45,325
4. The Cooperative Ministries – Short-term Emergency Housing	\$24,300
5. Upper Savannah Care Consortium (Supportive Services)	\$3,500
6. USC-Dept. of Medicine (Supportive Services /HIS/STRMU)	\$55,122
<b>Total FY2020 HOPWA Admin &amp; Program Costs</b>	<b>\$220,838.00</b>

*\*\* Proposed funding is based on % Sponsor received for FY2020 HOPWA Entitlement*

## Fiscal Impact

The City of Columbia anticipated receiving HUD entitlement funding for the 2020 program year in the amounts below. On March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist communities in their efforts to *prevent, prepare for and respond to* the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to HUD’s CPD programs, including CDBG-CV & HOPWA-CV for the City of Columbia. The additional CARES Act funds was allocated to Columbia with related provisions to citizen participation and provisions specific for each grant allocation and allows HUD to waive further program requirements if necessary.

HUD Allocation	Funding Amount	CARES Act Funding
FY 2020 CDBG	\$1,040,310	\$611,921
FY 2020 HOME	\$636,992	
FY 2020 HOPWA	\$1,517,489	\$220,838
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,194,791</b>	<b>*\$843,759</b>
<b>FY2020 Totals</b>		<b>\$4,027,550</b>

## Duplication of Benefits

The CARES Act shall ensure that adequate procedures are in place to prevent any duplication of benefits as required by section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155) and in accordance with section 1210 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (division D of Public Law 115–254; 132 Stat. 3442), which amended section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155). HUD requires each grantee to have procedures in place to prevent the duplication of benefits when it provides financial assistance with CDBG-CV funds. Grant funds may not be used to pay for a particular cost if another source of financial assistance is available to fully pay for that same cost.

## Timeliness

HUD has a statutory responsibility to review a grantee’s performance at least annually to determine whether the grantee has the continuing capacity to carry out grant activities in a timely manner. However, HUD is waiving to the extent necessary to allow HUD to determine that every grantee has circumstances beyond its reasonable control the timely performance enforcement actions found at 24 CFR 570.902 (entitlement timely expenditure). CDBG-CV funds will not be included in determining compliance with the requirements of 24 CFR 570.902 (entitlement timely expenditure).

## Community Impact

The City of Columbia Community Development Department received 405 responses from citizens, businesses, nonprofits, and other advocacy groups to the Columbia COVID CARES Act Survey. Feedback was gathered to help guide investment priorities of these federal resources awarded to the City and revealed the greatest community needs related to COVID-19. The City will use CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Participants had one week to complete the survey beginning on Monday, June 1, 2020 and ending on Friday, June 5, 2020. *See attached COVID CARES Act Survey.*

## Citizen Participation

The CARES Act waives the public comment period to a minimum 5 days and in-person public hearings are not required. The comment period for the City’s CARES Act Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan runs from **August 12, 2020 through August 18, 2020**. Further public comment is encouraged at one public hearing is scheduled **virtually for August 12, 2020 and a public forum at City Council on August 18, 2020**.

The COVID Cares Act Substantial Amendment Public Hearing Information is:

**Date/Time: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Streaming Link: [www.columbiasc.gov](http://www.columbiasc.gov)**

**Or Telephone: 855-925-2801, when prompted enter meeting code 9996**

**For additional meeting information, or to send Public Comments, please email [CommunityDevelopment@ColumbiaSC.gov](mailto:CommunityDevelopment@ColumbiaSC.gov).**

The Columbia City Council Information is:

**Date/Time: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Streaming Link: [www.columbiasc.gov](http://www.columbiasc.gov)**

**Or Telephone: 855-925-2801, when prompted enter the meeting code 9973**

**For additional meeting information visit [www.columbiacitysc.iqm2.com](http://www.columbiacitysc.iqm2.com). You may also register at this site to post comments related to items on the agenda. For questions regarding the meeting portal, please contact the City Clerk at (803) 545-3043 or [cityclerk@columbiasc.gov](mailto:cityclerk@columbiasc.gov).**

**Public Comment Period:** The CARES Act Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan is available online at [columbiasc.gov](http://columbiasc.gov) or at the City’s Community Development Department (CDD), located at 1401 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Written comments may be delivered to CDD at their location. For more information, phone (803) 545-3373.

**Public Hearing:** The public hearing will be to discuss the CARES Act Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The results of these meetings will be the basis for receiving input on the amendment to the plan. For more information, phone (803) 545-3373.

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