



CARES Act Amendment No. 2 2019 -2020 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

As a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Santa Rosa has an adopted 2016 – 2020 Amended Consolidated Plan and an associated Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan (Action Plan), as required by HUD. The current COVID-19 Pandemic has caused a need to amend the approved Action Plan to incorporate the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding provided by HUD under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Sonoma County Health Officer ordered a countywide Shelter-in-Place on March 17, 2020 that includes Santa Rosa; the State of California issued a statewide Shelter-in-Place order on March 19, 2020. The Shelter-in-Place order has not been lifted and directs all residents of California, including residents of Santa Rosa, to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services, engage in certain essential activities, or work for essential businesses and governmental services. Sonoma County has been identified by the State of California as having a widespread infection rate which has limited the reopening of businesses and employees returning to work.

The Shelter-in-Place and cessation of certain businesses has resulted in many residents being furloughed or laid off from their places of employment and therefore being unable to maintain payment for housing costs.

On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law, providing additional funding to certain HUD programs Under the CARES Act, with CDBG-CV1 , the City received a supplemental HOPWA allocation of \$65,180 to maintain HOPWA operations and for rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus. As well as \$859,608 in CDBG-CV funds for eligible public services activities. The City did not receive CDBG-CV2 funds. The CDBG-CV3 funds were allocated to communities that have the following characteristics: 1) a high risk of virus spread; 2) large numbers of Very Low-Income Renter households; 3) a high number of businesses that are not reopening or are failing; and 4) communities where employees of the closed and struggling businesses live.

All strategies and activities proposed by this amendment promote one or more of the goals of the 2016 – 2020 Amended Consolidated Plan. Pursuant to HUD guidance, the City proposes amending the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan as outlined in this Amendment.



Consultation

The CARES Act provided a waiver of the regulatory 30-day public comment period, instead shortening the period to five (5) days. The City's Citizen Participation Plan has been updated to include the waiver. The public comment period began on November 16, 2020 and ended on November 20, 2020. The City provided a public notice inviting comments on the draft Amendment in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and electronically in La Voz Bilingual Newspaper on November 16, 2020. In addition, the City conducted a public meeting on December 1, 2020 to provide an additional opportunity for public comment on this draft Amendment.

Public Comment

The public comment period from November 16th through November 20th resulted in the public comments attached in AD-25. Public comments received at the December 1st City Council meeting will be attached in AD-25.

Proposed Amendment

The City prepared and submitted a Substantial Amendment in May 2020 to incorporate CDBG-CV 1 funds in the amount of \$859,608 and HOPWA-CV in the amount of \$65,180. In Amendment No. 1, the City reallocated the use of its HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) allocation to tenant based rental assistance, security or utility deposit payment assistance in association with rental assistance, and program administration. Amendment No. 1 also reallocated \$472,405 of its FY 2019/2020 CDBG entitlement funds for public services associated with COVID-19 responses.

In this Amendment No. 2 to the 2019/2020 Action Plan, the City proposes to allocate the \$1,281,401 in CDBG-CV-3 funds to rental assistance/housing instability to low income households impacted by COVID-19.

AP-15 Anticipated Resources – NEW 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-CV3	Public – Federal		1,281,401	0	0	1,281,401	1,281,401	CDBG-CV3 funds to assist with the impacts of COVID-19.

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information – NEW PROJECTS

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	COVID-19 Rental Assistance/Housing Instability	2020	2021	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Affordable Housing Homelessness	CDBG-CV3 \$1,281,401	Rental assistance 125 households

Table 2 – Goals Summary

AP-38 Project Summary – NEW PROJECTS

14	Project Name	CV-COVID 19 CDBG Rental Assistance/Housing Instability
	Target Area	No target areas have been defined for the Annual Action Plan
	Goals Supported	Housing and services to special needs populations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG-CV3: \$1,153,261
	Description	Provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living using CV funding.
	Target Date	06/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Eligible beneficiaries are low-income (80% AMI or less). An estimated 125 households will benefit from this service.
	Location Description	Citywide



	Planned Activities	See estimate.
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	Target Area	No target areas have been defined for the Annual Action Plan
	Goals Supported	Housing and services to special needs populations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG-CV3: \$128,140
	Description	Administration of CDBG-CV3 Program
	Target Date	06/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	See estimate.

Upon approval by the Santa Rosa City Council, Substantial Amendment No. 2 of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan is hereby incorporated into the previously approved Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan for the City of Santa Rosa.