

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF MOBILE
CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
PY 2020 (MAY 1, 2020-APRIL 30, 2021)**

**ADECA CDBG-CV
PROPOSED PROJECTS
5 DAY COMMENT PERIOD**

The City of Mobile, Alabama (the City) has been given notice of an award amount of up to \$1,500,000.00 from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) as part of the State of Alabama's CDBG-CV funds through the CARES Act. The City is publishing this updated notification, for citizen comment for a period of at least five (5) calendar days from the date of publication. The Proposal is published in order to afford affected citizens an opportunity to examine its contents and to submit comments relating thereto. The City is utilizing waivers provided for by the CARES Act and as published in the Federal Register Docket No. FR-6218-N-01. The anticipated funding source for projects and activities proposed in this publication is ADECA. For more information on program requirements including waivers, eligibility, and uses of funds, please visit www.adeca.alabama.gov. All funds are derived from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

While the funds and activities in this publication fall outside of the direct allocation of HUD funds the City receives, the City is utilizing its general amendment format for clarity and conformity. The following is the description of the overall grant programs provided, through HUD funding, by the City.

I. BACKGROUND:

In 1995 the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) introduced a consolidated application process involving four HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG). This process replaced at that time all current HUD-CPD planning and application requirements with a single submission, and satisfied the minimum statutory requirements for the four referenced HUD-CPD formula programs. The Emergency Shelter Grants were later renamed Emergency Solutions Grant.

In summary, the Consolidated Plan actually serves four separate, but integrated, functions. The Consolidated Plan is 1) A planning document for the City, which builds on a participatory process; 2) An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs referenced above; 3) A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs, and lastly; 4) An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance.

The City's Five Year Consolidated Plan covers the period May 1, 2018 thru April 30, 2023 and contains six basic components: (1) housing and homeless needs assessment, (2)

housing market analysis, (3) strategies and priority needs and objectives, (4) action plan, (5) certifications, (6) monitoring. The action plan and certification portions of the document must be submitted annually to HUD for approval.

Copies of the City's PY 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan are available for inspection in the City's Community & Housing Development Department, 205 Government Street, South Tower, 5th Floor, Suite 508 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

II. PY 2020 ACTION PLAN:

The City's Proposed Action Plan is an annual description of the City's Federal and other resources that are expected to be available to address its priority needs and how the Federal funds will leverage other resources. The description includes proposed activities for Program Year (PY) 2020 (May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021) to address the needs identified in the City's PY 2018 thru 2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan explains where the assistance will be directed by geographic area during PY 2020.

The Action Plan also includes narrative, maps and tables which identify the geographic areas in which it will direct assistance, a description of homeless and other special needs activities, as well as a description of other proposed actions to foster affordable housing, public housing improvements and resident initiatives, evaluation and reduction of lead-based hazards, reducing the number of persons below the poverty line, development of the City's institutional structure, efforts to enhancing coordination between housing and service agencies, and assistance to public housing.

Copies of the PY 2020 Action Plan are available for inspection in the City's Community and Housing Development Department, 205 Government Street, Room 508, Mobile, Alabama from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

III. CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT POLICY:

In accordance with the City's (HUD) Approved Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan, the City shall amend its Consolidated Plan Statement whenever it decides not to carry out an activity described in the Plan, or decides to carry out an activity not previously described or decides to substantially change the purpose, scope, location beneficiaries, or budgeted dollar amount of an activity. The amendment of a budgeted dollar amount of an activity in an existing Action Plan by more than 50 percent, plus or minus, shall be considered to be a substantial change for purposes of requiring a written amendment.

Prior to amending its Consolidated Plan, the City shall provide citizens with reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on such proposed changes in its use of funds. The City will consider any such comments, and if the City deems appropriate, modify the proposed changes. The city will make available to the public, and shall submit to HUD, a description of any changes adopted.

Additionally, while the City typically provides a period, not less than thirty (30) days, to receive comments, written or oral, on the substantial amendment prior to its adoption. The City is utilizing a waiver to the regulations as allowed for in the Federal Notice Docket No. FR-6218-N-01 to reduce this period to five (5) days due to the emergency nature of the associated pandemic.

IV. PROPOSED PROJECT FOR ADECA CDBG-CV APPLICATION:

The City proposes the following projects for its ADECA CDBG-CV Application.

A. ADECA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FUNDS (ADECA CDBG-CV):

Administration of ADECA CDBG-CV:

The City is allowed to budget up to 20% of the grant for administrative purposes. The City is currently proposing **\$200,000.00** of ADECA CDBG-CV for Administration.

Acquisition of Real Property for Food Banks in Low/Mod Income Areas:

The City proposes **\$550,000.00** of ADECA CDBG-CV for Acquisition of Real Property for Food Banks in Low to Moderate Income Areas.

These funds would be utilized to acquire real property in low to moderate income areas for the purpose of providing food banks through partner organizations to those most vulnerable population that are likely to be affected by COVID-19. All locations will be in low to moderate areas and predominately serve low to moderate income residents due to the nature of the program.

Public Service Activities:

The City proposes **\$384,232** of ADECA CDBG-CV to Public Service Activities that provide benefits predominately for Low to Moderate Income residents. These Public Services Activities Include:

Food Banks in Low/Mod Areas: \$300,000

VIA Senior Portable Wellness Program: \$34,232

Legal Services of Alabama-Fair Housing Education Program: \$50,000

Public Facility Activities:

The City proposes **\$365,768.00** of ADECA CDBG-CV for Pandemic Related Fire Protection Equipment for those Fire Stations in Low to Moderate Income Areas and/or those that have a service area that is at least 51% Low to Moderate Income.

Expenditure Timelines:

City of Mobile awarded ADECA CDBG-CV funds are proposed to be utilized within six years of the date of the grant agreement between ADECA and HUD with 80% being utilized within the first three years.

The City anticipates no program income will be generated prior to grant closeout with ADECA.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of its application to ADECA for funds described herein regarding its proposed use of CDBG-CV funding and will accept written comments for a period of at least five (5) calendar days from the date of the publication on the City's website. Copies of the City's Proposed Use of Funds are available for inspection in the City's Community and Housing Development Department, 205 Government St, Room 508, Mobile, Alabama from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. A summary of proposal is also navigable from the City's website at www.CityofMobile.org. The City's Community and Housing Development Department will conduct a public hearing on March 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Community and Housing Development Conference Room, Suite 510, 205 Government St, Mobile, Alabama 36602. For virtual hearing information, please contact Christopher McGadney at 251-208-6292. The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain comments regarding the proposed use of funds described in this notice. Also, citizens will be afforded an opportunity to 1) identify housing and community development needs and priorities; 2) review proposed uses of funds; and 3) comment on and review the City's program performance. All comments received will be considered in the development of the City's CDBG-CV application and submission to ADECA.

The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities; however, anyone who requires further information or has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance should notify the Community and Housing Development Department at the referenced address no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing dates. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices as mandated by Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Written comments regarding the City's Proposed Application to ADECA should be submitted to James Roberts, Senior Director; Neighborhood Development Department at the address referenced herein. All written comments must be received at the referenced address no later than 4:00 p.m.; Monday, March 15, 2021 to be considered in the development of the City's final application to ADECA.

Please send any email comments to Shakeena.Cox@CityofMobile.org. Please send any fax comments to 251-208-6296.

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