

**CITY OF GULFPORT
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #2
ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR CDBG AND HOME
COVID 19 CARES ACT
FUNDING AND WAIVERS**

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 COVID19." The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to HUD's CPD programs, including CDBG for City of Gulfport. The additional CDBG CARES Act funds allocated to City of Gulfport was \$424,924.00, with provisions that suspends the 15% cap on public services and allows HUD to waive further program requirements if necessary. On September 11, 2020, the City of Gulfport received notice from HUD of an additional CDBG CARES Act allocation of \$703,352.00. The total CDBG CARES ACT funding received to date is \$1,128,276.00.

In order to effectively utilize the CARES Act funding, HUD provided waivers to its Citizen Participation process for Substantial Amendments to its Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Plans by reducing the 30-day public comment period to 5-days, utilizing creative social distancing measures for communicating, such as virtual public hearing, along with in-person public hearings if applicable, website notices and power points, etc.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO 2019 CDBG FUNDING AND ACTIVITIES

The CDBG CARES COVID 19 funding to be included in the 2019 CDBG Funding allocation:

Original CDBG Funding Allocation	\$ 700,035.00
• CDBG CARES Act Funding Allocation #1	\$ 424,924.00
• CDBG CARES Act Funding Allocation #2	<u>\$ 703,352.00</u>
Total 2019 CDBG Allocation	\$1,828,311.00
• Suspension of the 15% cap on Public Services.	

PROPOSED USE OF SPECIFIC CDBG CARES ACT FUNDING ALLOCATION - \$1,128,276.00

The City proposes to utilize its funding allocation to assist eligible low-income rental households and homeowners in the City of Gulfport with housing assistance, specifically rent, mortgage, utility costs. The City proposes to utilize the assistance of one or two non-profit agencies who have the capacity to manage the program utilizing the requirements of the funding agency, including required documentation.

PUBLIC NOTICES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS – CDBG AND HOME

The City of Gulfport under the provision of the CARES Act proposes to hold a 10-day public comment period from October 12, 2020 to October 22, 2020. The Plan and proposed usage of funds will available for view and comment from the City’s of Gulfport’s Website at www.gulfport-ms.gov. Citizens will be encouraged to provide comments of proposed amendments and changes.

Questions or comments may be submitted to the City of Gulfport Community Development Department at communitydevelopment@gulfport-ms.gov, or kmccarty@gulfport-ms.gov, or call 228-868-5705, ext. 6545. Questions and answers will be posted to the website and submitted to HUD.

An in-person public hearing is scheduled on October 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 2309 15th Street, Gulfport, MS. (PLEASE NOTE – IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE SEVERELY LIMITED AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ALLOWED TO ATTEND BASED ON REQUIRED SOCIAL DISTANCING CRITERIA.

**PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT BUDGET
CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2019
CDBG CARES CV 19 FUNDING**

2019 CDBG Resources as Substantially Amended	
Entitlement Allocation	\$700,035
CARES Act CDBG-CV Allocation #1	\$424,924
CARES Act CDBG-CV Allocation #2	\$703,352
TOTAL	\$1,828,311

2019 CDBG Expenditures as Substantially Amended	
Public Service Activities (15% HUD cap waived in response to COVID19)	
Housing and Non-Housing public service activities, programs include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsistence Payments • Interpreting services, women and child services, 	\$1,128,276
TOTAL	\$1,128,276