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**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AMENDMENT**

**CITY OF KENT  
Department of Parks, Recreation & Community  
Services - Human Services Division**

**Notice of Public Hearing Regarding the Second Amendment to the 2019  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan**

**CARES ACT FUNDING (CDBG-CV)**

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748), also known as the CARES Act. During the first round of funding, the bill allocated \$670,541 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the City of Kent (hereinafter referred to as "the City") for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (CDBG-CV). Those funds have been allocated.

During this third round of funding, the City will receive \$859,720 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is the second amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to allow the City to receive and administer CDBG-CV funds. Subrecipients receiving these funds will be directed to assist low/moderate-income persons, and it is estimated that over 80% of funds will be used to benefit low/moderate-income persons.

In order to respond quickly to the immediate needs faced by our community, the CARES Act provides flexibilities reducing the public comment period to not less than 5 days. The City will accept comments through the hearing date (January 21, 2021). The CARES Act also allow the City to convene virtual public hearings because of public health reasons associated with the coronavirus and to suspend the public service cap (normally 15% of the CDBG budget).

## Second Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105 of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the CARES Act, the City of Kent hereby amends the 2019 Annual Action Plan to reflect the following changes:

The City proposes to allocate its CDBG-CV funds as follows:

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ALLOCATED AMOUNT</b>	<b>SUB-RECIPIENT<sup>1</sup></b>
Public Services <sup>2</sup>	\$657,776.00	TBD
Micro-enterprise	\$30,000.00 <sup>3</sup>	TBD
Planning & Administration <sup>4</sup>	\$171,944.00	City of Kent
<b>TOTAL ROUND 3 CDBG-CV FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$859,720.00</b>	

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

All interested persons are invited to comment on these amendments at the public hearing and during the five-day comment period.

#### DATE/TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Thursday, January 21, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**

**You may join the virtual public hearing by clicking on this link:**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://cityofkent.zoom.us/j/96234547881>

Community members wishing to submit written comments during the public comment period may email them to Dinah Wilson, Senior CDBG Coordinator, no later than 5:00 pm on January 21, 2021: [drwilson@kentwa.gov](mailto:drwilson@kentwa.gov).

This notice, which includes the Second Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan can be found on the City's web site at the following address:

<http://www.kentwa.gov/residents/human-social-services>.

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<sup>1</sup> Sub-recipients receiving funds will be posted on City of Kent website: <https://www.kentwa.gov/city-hall/human-social-services>. The City will use a streamlined concept paper process to select sub-recipients.

<sup>2</sup> City of Kent public service activities may address the following needs: services for the unhoused, healthcare, rent and utility assistance, food assistance, emergency assistance payments, financial literacy/management services, legal services, trauma counseling, digital literacy, and COVID-related supplies. This list is not exhaustive and may expand to meet community needs.

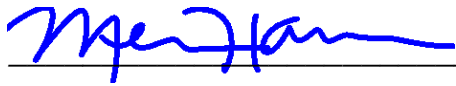
<sup>3</sup> This amount could be adjusted depending on need. If the City does not receive a micro-enterprise project concept paper, these funds will be used for other COVID-19 related needs.

<sup>4</sup> Up to 20% may be used for P & A; the City is using the full amount allowed by federal regulation.

**ADA Information:**

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Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Human Services Division



**Signature**

1/14/2021 \_\_\_\_\_ Date