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PUBLIC NOTICE and AMENDMENTS

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

Notice of Public Hearing Regarding the First Amendment to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and the Second Amendment to the 2020-2024 Community Participation Plan

A. BACKGROUND

1. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development provides a framework for implementing housing, human services and community development activities from 2020-2024.
2. Each year the City of Kent executes specific actions to implement the objectives and strategies of the five-year Consolidated Plan, which are outlined in the Annual Action Plan.
3. The City was also informed that the Department of Housing and Urban Development made an error in its initial formula allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Community Development Block Grant.
4. Instead of an allocation of \$1,139,859, the City's allocation should have been \$1,139,685. This allocation difference does not constitute a substantial amendment pursuant to the City's 2020-2024 community Participation Plan.
5. Additionally, Kent residents have been adversely impacted by the Coronavirus, and the City of Kent received funds through the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (CDBG-CV).
6. The CARES Act eliminated the 15 percent cap on the amount of grant funds that could be used for public services activities. Therefore, the cap

in 24 CFR 470.201(e) had no effect on CDBG-CV grants and no effect on FY 2019 and FY 2020 CDBG program year grants used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

7. The City decided to take advantage of the elimination of the cap and allocate over 15 percent of its 2020 CDBG entitlement funds to public service projects.

B. 2020 CDBG Entitlement Formula Allocation Budget Amendment

The City proposes to amend its budget as follows:

PUBLIC SERVICES PROJECTS

Project	Funding Amount
Catholic Community Services: Katherine's House	\$13,000.00
Mother Africa: SAFARI	\$15,000.00
Multi-Service Center: Housing Stability Program	\$57,252.00 ¹
Open Doors for Multicultural Families: Special Needs Youth	\$15,000.00
Partner in Employment: Job Readiness & Training	\$15,000.00
St. Stephen's: Transitional Housing	\$15,000.00
Puget Sound Training Center	\$ 6,500.00
West African Community Council: Immigration and Legal Program	\$14,201.00
World Relief: Rent & Utility Assistance ²	\$ 567.00
YWCA: Anita Vista Transitional Housing	\$20,000.00
YWCA: Rent & Utility Assistance	\$134,381.00
Total Public Service:	\$305,901.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project	Funding Amount
City of Kent: Home Repair Program (HRP)-Minor Home Repair	\$555,847.00 ³

¹ Initial 2020 Entitlement allocation was \$57,278, but the allocation was reduced \$26 to correct the error in HUD's formula allocation.

² World Relief received an additional \$74,433 in CDBG-CV funds for a total of \$75,000 in rent/utility assistance.

³ An additional \$134,948 in 2020 entitlement funds that were initially allocated to the HRP were used to fund two coronavirus projects instead (YWCA & World Relief Rent/Utility Assistance). The City will use

Highline: Micro-Enterprise Assistance	\$ 50,000.00 ⁴
Total Capital:	\$605,847.00

Planning and Administration (P & A)

Project	Funding Amount
TOTAL City of Kent: Planning & Administration	\$227,937.00

TOTAL CDBG FUNDING

TOTAL FUNDING	Funding Amount
Public Services Projects	\$305,901.00
Capital Projects	\$605,847.00
P & A	\$227,937.00
GRAND TOTAL 2020 ENTITLEMENT:	\$1,139,685.00⁵

C. Second Amendment to the 2020-2024 Community Participation Plan

1. The 2020-2024 Community Participation Plan (CPP) does not clearly state whether the Annual Action Plan should be approved by Council.
2. Each year, the City receives a CDBG formula allocation that must be accepted into the City budget, and the Parks Department/Human Services Division wishes to inform the Council how CDBG funds will be spent.
3. Therefore, the City proposes to amend the 2020-2024 Community Participation Plan (CPP) as follows:
 - Clarify that Annual Action Plans must be approved by the Kent City Council.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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

\$134,948 in unspent FIFO funds from FYs 2003-2014 to replace the funds taken from the initial 2020 HRP allocation.

⁴ 50,000 initially allocated for a microenterprise or capital project was used for a coronavirus project instead. This amount will be replaced by unspent FY 2018 funds initially allocated to an infrastructure or public improvement project.

⁵ 2020 CDBG Entitlement corrected budget amount.

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 February 13, 2021: drwilson@kentwa.gov.

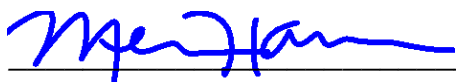
This public notice, which includes the First Amendment to the 2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan, and a draft copy of the Second Amendment to the 2020-2024 CPP can be found on the City's web site at the following address:

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

ADA Information:

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Signature

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