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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 Third 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 the third round of funding, the City received \$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 third amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to allow the City to administer any remaining and unallocated 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 (November 7th, 2022).

Third 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 re-allocate CDBG-CV funds as follows:

ACTIVITY	ORIGINAL ALLOCATION	CHANGE IN ALLOCATION	REVISED RE-ALLOCATION
Public Services ¹	\$1,174,209	+\$231,052	\$1,405,261
Planning & Administration ²	\$306,052	- \$231,052	\$75,000

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

Monday, November 7th, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
Location: 1st Floor, City Hall, Chambers East/West
200 4th Ave S., Kent, WA 98032

Community members wishing to submit written comments during the public comment period may email them to Brittany Gaines, Senior CDBG Coordinator, no later than 5:00 pm on November 7th, 2022: bgaines@kentwa.gov.

This notice, which includes the Third Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan can be found on the City's web site at the following address: <https://www.kentwa.gov/departments/kent-parks/human-services/community-development-block-grant-cdbg>

¹ 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. In the event a sub-recipient organization withdraws its application for CDBG-CV assistance, or the City determines the organization cannot meet federal compliance obligations, the City will allocate funds to one or more of the other public service activities. The City also has the option of allocating unspent funds to a new public service activity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.


² Up to 20% may be used for P & A. The City is reducing the original allocation allowed by federal regulation and is re-allocating funds to public service activities. In the event P & A is not fully expended, the City will re-allocate funds to one or more public service activities.

Hearing-Impaired and Non-English-Speaking Information:

This notice is available in alternate formats for individuals with disabilities upon request. Reasonable accommodations at the public hearings such as sign language interpretation or alternate formats for printed material, are available for individuals with disabilities with a minimum of three (3) days advance notice.

The City of Kent will provide interpreters at public hearings, upon request. For any non-English speaking or hearing-impaired resident who wishes to participate may contact the Housing and Human Services Division (HSD) at 253.856.5070, or e-mail Brittany Gaines at bgaines@kentwa.gov three (3) days prior to the hearing.

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Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Human Services Division


Merina Hanson (Oct 28, 2022 12:05 PDT)

Signature

Oct 28, 2022

Date