

# PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Delray Beach is making an amendment to the 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services available to the public through this notice.

## **Public Comment Period and Process:**

This Consolidated Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from July 20, 2020 to July 24, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them postmarked no later than August 11, 2020, to the following:

City of Delray Beach  
Attention: Ferline F. Mesidort, Neighborhood Services Administrator  
Neighborhood Services Division  
100 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

You may also email comments no later than August 11, 2020 to Ferline Mesidort at [mesidort@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:mesidort@mydelraybeach.com).

## **Amendment:**

This is an amendment to the 2019-2020 Consolidated Plan for the City of Delray Beach to enable the City to receive and administer \$312,450 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Additional CDBG funding made available to the City by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown as this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocations indicated above which is to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19. In addition, the City plans to reprogram up to 50% of FY 2019-2020 CDBG funding as needed to respond to COVID-19. The City may also request to use FY 2020-2021 CDBG funds currently under preparation to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance for no more than three months, grab and go/delivery meal programs, business assistance to retain employees that are low- and moderate-income, and support of other COVID-19 response services.

Further, eligible CDBG costs incurred as of March 27, 2020, which is the date in which President Trump signed the CARES Act, and paid for with nonfederal funds may be repaid with CDBG funding, including those made under the CARES Act. These pre-award costs will meet all HUD requirements applicable to CDBG including those under the CARES Act. Unless waived by HUD, CDBG pre-award costs for FY 2020-2021 will not exceed 25% of the grant and will be used for the CDBG eligible activities as indicated above.

Public notices regarding future amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be printed in local newspapers and posted online on the City's COVID-19 main page and Neighborhood Services program page website at <https://www.delraybeachfl.gov/government/city-departments/neighborhood-community-services/neighborhood-services-division/neighborhood-services-grantee-reports>.

Lastly, as part of this amendment, the City has revised the Consolidated Plan's Citizen Participation Plan to include the 5-day comment period as indicated above as well as to make other changes. The revised Citizen Participation Plan is available for review on the Division's website at <https://www.delraybeachfl.gov/government/city-departments/neighborhood-community-services/neighborhood-services-division>.

## **Background on the Consolidated Plan:**

The Consolidated Plan describes the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those as defined and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Community Development Block Grant's geographic area encompasses Lake Ida Road (North) to Linton Boulevard (South), and from Interstate 95 (West) to Federal Highway (East). This area includes residential neighborhoods and the downtown business district. More information on the Consolidated Plan is available on the City's website.

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