

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Lake County Community Economic Development Department (LCCEDD) is proposing to amend BOTH the 2018 – 2023 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan (9-1-2019 to 8-31-2020) for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CoVid19 CV3 funds from the CARES Act funding of March, 2020.

#### Background:

The Lake County Consolidated Plan details the funding strategies for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds for the period between 2018 and 2023. The Annual Action Plan details each year within the 5-year Consolidated Plan and outlines the Implementation of annual funding, which is developed through significant public input, analysis, and planning from both stakeholders and citizens within Lake County, Indiana.

The LCCEDD Citizen participation Plan (CPP) describes efforts that the County will take to encourage residents and stakeholders to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public processes when a “Substantial Amendment” to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan is proposed. The following changes constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- Funding of a new activity not previously described in the Consolidated and/or Action Plans
- When an existing activity is:
  1. Expanded into an area not contiguous to the original service area, or
  2. Expanded into a Census Block Group meeting a different National objective, or
  3. Expanded or reduced, budget-wise by greater than 15 percent and at least \$75,000.00

However, due to CoVid-19, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued guidance that waives the Citizens Participation Plan requirements for all entitlement recipients, provided that (1) no fewer than five (5) days are provided for public comment and that (2) reasonable notice and the opportunity to comment is provided.

HUD has awarded supplemental funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that requires amending the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan.

#### Proposed Substantial Amendments:

CDBG CV3 added grant funds of \$1,222,974.00 as follows:

CDBG COVID-19 CV3 Initial Budget Proposal

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>1,222,974</b>
<b><u>Eligible Activity/Uses</u></b>	
Administration	67,000
Mental Health America (Utilities/Counselling)	20,000
St. Jude House	100,000
Indiana Plan	10,000
NWI Food Bank	100,000
Small Business Grants and Loans	468,000
Housing Assistance: Rental/Mortgage	150,000
Urgent Need (Hazard Pay, PPE, Barriers, testing site, cleaning/disinfection)	307,974
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Over/Under Budget	0

Analysis:

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets all of the criteria described in the LCCEDD CPP.

Public Process:

LCCEDD is providing notice of a five (5) day public comment period as part of the HUD public participation exemption process beginning on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and ending on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at close of business 4:30 PM CST.

The public is encouraged to visit [www.lakecountyin.org](http://www.lakecountyin.org) under the “Departments” tab select “County Services” and then “Lake County Community Economic Development” for News and Announcements and to email comment to the Executive Director, Mr. Timothy A. Brown at [brownta@lakecountyin.org](mailto:brownta@lakecountyin.org). Or you may call 219-755-3225 and leave voicemail comments about uses of the CDBG CV3 funding.

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