

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

The Lake County Community Economic Development Department (LCCEDD) is proposing to amend BOTH the Fiscal Year (FY)2018 – 2023 Consolidated Plan and the FY2022 Annual Action Plan (9-1-2022 to 8-31-2023) for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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 FY2018 and FY2023. 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 (CP) and Annual Action Plan (AAP) 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

Proposed Substantial Amendments:

CDBG Initial Budget	FY2022 Plan	AMENDMENT
<b><u>Eligible Activity/Uses</u></b>		
Small Business Workshops	0.00	60,000.00
Owner Housing Rehab	273,587.20	213,587.20
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Over/Under Budget 0

Purpose:

During the pandemic the department had programs to help small businesses through the difficult times with closures and loss of revenue. During the process of qualifying small businesses for grants a reoccurring issue arose with many businesses, the lack of training to open, operate, manage, and market their small business. This program is to help solve the lack of small business training by providing workshops by qualified and experienced small business operators.

Analysis:

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets one of the criteria described in the LCCEDD CPP, funding a new activity not previously described in the CP or AAP.

Public Comment Process:

LCCEDD is providing notice of a thirty (30) day public comment period as part of the LCCEDD CPP beginning on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and ending on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 PM CST.

The public is encouraged to visit [lakecounty.in.gov](http://lakecounty.in.gov) under the “Departments” tab select “County Services” and then “Community Economic Development” for News and Announcements and to email comments 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 funding.

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