



RESOLUTION NO. 6926

A RESOLUTION AMENDING ALBANY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR 2020 ACTION PLAN AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 6880

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is entitled to annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the 2020 Action Plan by Resolution No. 6880 on April 22, 2020, which describes the activities and programs to be delivered to address priority needs and goals identified in the City's five-year 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2020 Action Plan anticipated the need to support the development of microenterprises and allocated \$40,000 to this project; and

WHEREAS, there continue to be needs to address impacts of the novel coronavirus on existing businesses and residents, including the provision of all-day childcare to enable residents to work; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to reallocate funding from microenterprise development to provide emergency assistance to residents and businesses impacted by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, HUD approved a waiver of flexibility to allow a reduced comment and notice period on substantial amendments as part of the CARES Act to allow entitlement communities to respond quickly to address impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City held a 15-day comment period on the proposed amendments to the 2020 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Community Development Commission held a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the 2020 Action Plan on September 21, 2020, and the Albany City Council held a public hearing on September 23, 2020, on the amendments, and all comments were accepted.

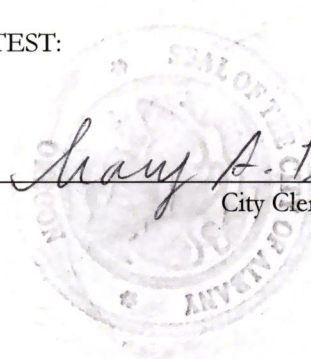
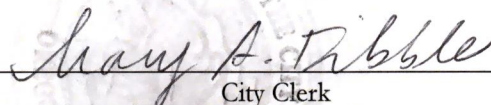
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby amends the 2020 Action Plan adopted by Resolution No. 6880 as described and attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

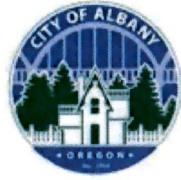


Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



CITY OF ALBANY

2020 ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #1

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Reallocate \$40,000 in the 2020 Action Plan from microenterprise development to continue to help residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19 with needed services and programs such as childcare.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City continues to identify needs that could be supported with CDBG funds to help existing businesses retain and create jobs, and to help residents impacted by COVID-19 with needed services such as childcare.

The City determined that the \$40,000 set aside to provide small grants to new businesses get established should be reallocated to prevent and respond to COVID-19.

There is demand to help residents with childcare expenses, especially as schools will be virtual for much of the fall and it is anticipated the \$40,000 will be allocated for this priority.

Helping existing small businesses remains a priority. However, the City was able to leverage the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds to secure additional funds from the state to provide emergency grants to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of \$365,000 is currently available to help businesses. More funding is anticipated to be available to help businesses survive and recover.

2020 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

*Staff Comments: Proposed amendments are shown using red underline and ~~strikeout~~ formatting. Text in red underline font indicates new text. Text with ~~strike-out~~ formatting indicates text to be deleted. **Only applicable 2020 Action Plan sections are shown.***

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Staff Comments: The proposed amendments would create a new goal "Prevent and Respond to COVID-19" and reorder the goals.

#	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
<u>1</u>	<u>Prevent and Respond to COVID-19</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Non-Homeless Economic Development</u>	<u>Citywide</u>	<u>Mitigate impacts of COVID-19</u> <u>Prevent the spread of COVID-19</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>Public services activity other than low-mod housing benefit: 40 residents</u>
<u>4</u> <u>2</u>	Create economic opportunities	2018	2022	Economic Development	Census Tract 204 Census Tract 208.1 Census Tract 205	Create economic opportunities Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19	CDBG: \$58,000 <u>\$18,000</u>	Jobs created/retained: 4 jobs Businesses assisted: 14 <u>10</u> businesses
<u>2</u> <u>3</u>	Reduce and prevent homelessness	2018	2022	Homeless	Census Tract 204 Census Tract 208.1	Reduce Homelessness	CDBG: \$60,000	Public service activities other than Low-Moderate-Income Housing Benefit: 120 Persons Assisted
<u>3</u> <u>4</u>	Provide needed public services	2018	2022	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Fair housing	Census Tract 208.1	Reduce Homelessness Help non-homeless residents with special needs Improve access to opportunities	CDBG: \$21,300	Public service activities other than Low-Moderate- Income Housing Benefit: 1040 Persons Assisted
<u>1</u> <u>5</u>	Preserve affordable housing	2018	2022	Affordable Housing	Census Tract 204 Census Tract 208.1 Census Tract 205 Census Tract 208.2	Improve Existing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$204,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
<u>5</u> <u>6</u>	Create affordable housing opportunities	2018	2022	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs		Increase affordable housing opportunities	CDBG: \$28,200	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 2 Households Assisted

Goal Descriptions

Staff Comments: The new goal "Prevent and Respond to COVID-19" is added to the list of goal descriptions and the goals are being reordered per the previous section.

1	Goal Name	<u>Prevent and Respond to COVID-19</u>
	Goal Description	<u>Prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the coronavirus on individuals, families, and businesses.</u>

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section lists and describes the projects that will be carried out under the City of Albany Community Development Block Grant program during federal PY 2020. The projects reflect priorities identified in the development of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and needs identified during the development of the 2020 Plan and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Project details are provided in Section AP-38 Project Summary.

Projects

Staff Comments: Projects #5 and #6 are being revised to address COVID-19 needs and priorities.

#	Project Name
1	2020 Affordable Housing <u>Rehabilitation</u> (14A, 14H)
2	17-18-Homebuyer Assistance Programs (13)
3	2020 Shelter Services (03T)
4	2020 Needed Public Services (05A, 05L, 05N, 05Z)
5	2020 Microenterprise <u>COVID-19</u> Assistance (05L, 18C)
6	2019 Small Business Development <u>Support</u> (18B, 18C)
7	2019 Emergency Shelter Operations (03T)
8	2020 Planning and Administration

Table 1 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The Community Development Commission (CDC) evaluated performance of existing programs, assessed community needs through agency consultations and public surveys, and reviewed applications for all programs to determine allocation priorities for program year 2020. Since the 2020 Plan priorities were first identified, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused changes to priority needs. The City has been involved in various work groups to identify activities and programs that could address underserved needs of residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19.

The CDC evaluated 2020 proposals against priority needs, existing resources and programs, gaps in service delivery, financial resources, and organizational capacity. Another criterion is the ability to complete the activity within the program year. An overall goal is to fund programs that have the greatest impacts on the homeless, low- and extremely-low-income residents, while providing achievable outcomes.

While a goal of the Consolidated plan is to create affordable housing opportunities through increasing the supply of affordable housing units and increasing homeownership by low-mod residents, prior year funds remain for down payment assistance loans. Two local affordable housing agencies partnered on a request for funding for a new housing development; but the agencies are still fundraising and searching for a property to secure, and the proposal was not funded due to the inability to move forward within a reasonable period of time, and the need for public input and support.

4	Project Name	2020 Microenterprise <u>COVID-19</u> Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Create economic opportunities <u>Prevent and Respond to COVID-19</u>
	Needs Addressed	Create economic opportunities <u>Mitigate impacts of COVID-19</u>
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Support microenterprises (businesses with 5 or fewer employees) with small grants to help <u>Help residents impacted by COVID-19 with childcare needs and businesses retain and add jobs and recover from impacts of COVID-19.</u>
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 4 Albany small business <u>40 Albany residents/households</u> owners will benefit from this project. It is also estimated that most of these business owners <u>households</u> will be low- or moderate-income residents.
5	Project Name	2019 Small Business Development <u>Support</u>
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Create economic opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Create economic opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	2019 carryover program year funds will enable low-mod residents to access microenterprises and small business development courses at Linn-Benton Community College.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2019 – Two grants will be awarded to Albany businesses to create job-mod jobs. It is anticipated that the business owners will be low or moderate income. 2020 – Linn-Benton Community College Small Business Development Center services will benefit 10 low- or moderate-income residents or business owners.
Location Description	Small Business Development Center (SBDC) located at Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 Pacific Boulevard SW in Albany, OR 97321	

Planned Activities	SBDC will provide one-on-one advising to small business owners and entrepreneurs <u>to help them revise business plans and rebuild after COVID-19</u> . Low- and moderate-income business <u>owners</u> and residents will receive reduced or free tuition to enroll in microenterprise and small business development courses at Linn-Benton Community College.
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Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Other CDBG Requirements

Staff Comments: No less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used to benefit low-and moderate-income residents. Albany strives for 95 percent each year; however, if funds are allocated to childcare agencies or small businesses, it is possible some beneficiaries (children and employees) may come from households with incomes above 80 percent of the median income and may benefit from CDBG resources. The City proposes to reduce the anticipated percent of funds allocated to low-mod residents to 80 percent.

1. The amount of urgent need activities

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2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Overall Benefit – A consecutive period of one, two, or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.

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The City anticipates ~~95~~80 percent of CDBG funds, excluding program administration, will be used to benefit persons of low-and moderate-income in the 2020 program year and for prior year carryover funds from 2017, 2018, and 2019.