


# CITY OF MARYSVILLE AGENDA BILL

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: July 27, 2020**

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	
CDBG – Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment for COVID-19 relief	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR APPROVAL:</b>
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	
1. Annual Action Plan Amendment Executive Summary	
<b>BUDGET CODE:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
N/A	N/A
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the City received \$226,637 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

HUD directed agencies to include these funds in the Program Year 2019 (PY2019) Annual Action Plan (AAP) in order to expedite access to the funds. The addition of activities not previously included in the AAP requires a Substantial Amendment to the plan. Rental Assistance is not an activity that has been funded by City of Marysville CDBG funds in the past. This amendment proposes to add 'Rental Assistance' as an eligible activity, allowing CDBG-CV funds to be utilized in a broader scope to respond to community needs. The amendment can be view [here](#).

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) has determined that the Community would be well served by the availability of additional rental assistance resources during the Pandemic. Should the 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment be approved by City Council, a funding recommendation has been prepared.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan as amended, provide a summary of and response to any comments received during the public hearing into the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan, and direct staff to forward said plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move to approve the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan amendment for COVID-19 rental assistance relief.

# Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment

## Executive Summary

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## **Executive Summary**

Each year of the Consolidated Plan, the City is required to develop an Annual Action Plan, which outlines the specific projects and funding allocations for the program year. Funded projects and activities are designed to support the strategies and objectives described in the Strategic Plan. The Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved by City Council on March 25, 2019.

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A minor amendment was completed by Staff and approved by HUD in June of 2020, in accordance with HUD directive and regulations in place at the time, which added these funds to the PY2019 AAP. Minor amendments do not require public hearings or City Council approval; they are completed administratively.

## **Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment**

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The amendment allows funds to be utilized for projects/activities which are ready to move forward as soon as agreements are completed and which will respond to the growing needs as the economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The activities comply with the strategies and objectives outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan, including availability, accessibility and sustainability of a suitable living environment for low-and moderate income residents, and availability and accessibility of decent housing for people who are homeless or have special needs. All other projects funded for Program Year 2019 are currently underway or completed. Activities are on target to reach the goals set forth in the application process.