

**June 2021**

## **Summary of Program Amendments in Response to COVID-19**

### **Amendment Summary**

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has informed the City of Morristown that it will receive a third round of funding in the amount of \$235,411 as a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136.

In the event of a declared disaster or emergency, it may be necessary to expedite substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan and or Citizen Participation Plan. These amendments may include accepting new or additional funding, funding new activities and/or the reprogramming of funds, including canceling activities to meet needs resulting from a declared disaster or emergency.

The City may use 2019 funding, 2020 funding and the new COVID-19 funding toward pandemic response. The City of Morristown's 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan/2020 Annual Action Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan will be amended to enable the City to receive and administer the \$235,411 of CDBG-CV3 funding made available to the City through the CARES Act from HUD.

### **2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and FY2020 Action Plan Amendments**

CDBG-CV3 \$235,411

CDBG-CV is to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). In planning for the utilization of the funds, the City will prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income person and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors.

Additional CDBG funding made available to the City of Morristown by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown at this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocation indicated above to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The CARES Act added additional flexibility and use of waivers and use alternative requirements of statues and regulations for the CDBG-CV funds. To expedite the process the City of Morristown will request available waivers and use alternative requirements of statues and regulations with the use of CDBG-CV funds.

All eligible CDBG activities must meet one of the national objectives: Benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons; Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; and meet a need having a particular urgency.

## **Public Comment**

The Consolidated Plan/Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan amendments are available for a 5-day public review and comment period from June 12, 2021 to June 16,2021 at the City Center building and available at [mymorristown.com](http://mymorristown.com). Comments may also be emailed to [mparvin@mymorristown.com](mailto:mparvin@mymorristown.com) or mailed to City of Morristown, 100 W 1<sup>st</sup> North Street, Morristown, TN 37814. All comments must be received by June 16,2021.