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Substantial Amendment to The City of Albany's FY2020 Annual Action Plan
CDBG-CV, HOPWA-CV and ESG-CV Funds in order to prepare for, respond to and
prevent the COVID-19 Pandemic

Need for a Substantial Amendment

The City of Albany has been notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will be receiving a special allocation of funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic. This funding was approved through the passing of the CARES Act by U.S. Congress and will be provided to the City of Albany in the following amounts, specifically for the city to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The city has received instruction that it must incorporate the funds into a City of Albany annual action plan. In order, to respond as quickly and accurately as possible to this urgent situation, amending the FY2019 Annual Action Plan (the most recent annual action plan to have previously been approved) will be amended.

Expected New Resources

The city received notice from HUD on April 2, 2020 that it will receive funds upon submittal and approval of the annual action plan. The funding includes the following categories that were based on the most recent entitlement formula by HUD:

CDBG-CV \$2,012,600
ESG-CV \$1,011,583
HOPWA-CV \$100,873

While there have been some waivers and flexibility with the new funding, HUD will still require much of the same documentation of need, national objective, and eligible activities; while benefiting low- and moderate-income people and neighborhoods.

Goals and Outcomes

The community is experiencing emerging needs and a need for increased services due to conditions that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on a community wide survey, the following activities have been identified as critical for the prevention, preparation, and response to COVID-19. As a result of public input, efforts

to include childcare availability, access to healthy foods, access to PPE, access to health education, assistance with rent, and access to technology will be emphasized during the identification of specific activities. Additionally, both the process to identify partners and the offering of services will include outreach to under-represented groups and communities. Activities will be refined as needed to appropriately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

| Activity | CDBG | ESG | HOPWA |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Public Service activities other than low to mod income housing (food programs, health education/outreach) | \$400,000 | | \$16,000 |
| Public service activity related to the provision of day care/summer programming | \$300,000 | | |
| Assistance to small businesses | \$1,000,000 | | |
| Rapid Rehousing | | \$200,607 | |
| Emergency overnight shelter | | \$433,371 | |
| Homeless prevention/rent assistance | \$250,000 | \$224,417 | \$73,520 |
| Outreach | | \$77,320 | |
| Admin and Planning | \$62,600 | \$75,868 | \$11,353 |
| Total | \$2,012,600 | \$1,011,583 | \$100,873 |

Refining of Activities to be Funded

Funding applications will be developed to identify specific activities that are needed to address the needs that are being experienced in the community from COVID-19. This will include working with community partners to tailor projects and programs that specifically meet the needs of our community. Should the City receive additional stimulus funding, the community will be notified and updates will be posted on the ACDA website.