

Township of Woodbridge

Community Development Block Grant Program
Substantial Amendment of 2019 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

This document serves as the First Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Township of Woodbridge Annual Action Plan previously approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved for \$631,624 in CDBG funds. This Substantial Amendment will include the addition of \$402,895 in Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV CARES) funds awarded through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 **to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus**. It is the addition of these funds and creation of new activities that constitutes a substantial amendment as outlined in the Township's Citizen Participation Plan.

New Projects

This substantial amendment creates the following new projects and appends them to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Project	Budget
Central Food Bank Warehouse – Acquisition of 130 Main Street through a 15 Year Long Term Lease and upgrades to electrical system & commercial refrigeration	\$272,895
Senior Bus Purchases to accommodate Social Distancing for Seniors	\$130,000
Total	\$402,895

Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the Township's Citizen Participation Plan which was recently amended to incorporate allowances under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on proposed amendments. This will be accomplished through notification of a public hearing in the nonlegal section of a newspaper with general circulation within the Township and notification on the Township website. These notices will be published *at least two weeks* prior to the hearing.

However, in accordance with the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in emergency circumstances, expedited procedures must include at least (5) five days' notice prior to the hearing and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than (5) five days. The 5-day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended

citizen participation plans. This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

Citizens will have not less than **30 days (or 5 days in accordance with the CARES Act)** to make comments about the proposed amendment(s) prior to any amendment implementation.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the Township will place the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning Thursday, May 28, 2020 on the Township's website at the following address: at <https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/> . This document, along with the revised Citizen Participation Plan, will be available to the public for a period of at least five (5) days until June 4, 2020, after which time the Substantial Amendment will be considered by Council for submittal to HUD for approval.

A Public Hearing on the Grant Amendment will be held on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m** at the Township Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, NJ. Interested parties may attend the hearing and present their comments on the Draft Plan. The following Instructions on how to access the meeting will be posted on the Township website at <http://www.oldbridge.com/>

Written comments on the amendments must be received by June 5, 2020. Comments to be addressed to:

Comments submitted by mail should be addressed to: Eric J. Griffith, Community Development Coordinator, Township of Woodbridge, 1 Main St, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 or by email to eric.griffith@twp.woodbridge.nj.us