

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), requests City Council authorize and approve Substantial Amendments to the 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Annual Action Plan budgets, totaling \$7,191,277.34 in previously unallocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for new construction and economic development activities.

While new housing construction is typically prohibited under CDBG, HCDD received notification regarding waiver of this restriction from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on October 13, 2017. This waiver (in effect until June 30, 2019), enables the City to use CDBG to fund new housing construction to replace affordable housing units that were lost due to the impacts of Hurricane Harvey. Therefore, HCDD is moving available CDBG funding to support this activity through the requested Substantial Amendments.

The Substantial Amendments include budget changes for Code Enforcement, Public Facilities, Economic Development, and Multifamily Housing activities, as well as the addition of a new activity/budget line item for Single Family New Housing Construction.

In accordance with HCDD's Citizen's Participation Plan, the City is required to amend components of its Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for a variety of reasons, including when a reallocation of funds increases or decreases the budget of an activity by more than 25% or when an activity is added or deleted from the Plan(s).

<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Delete/Decrease</b>	<b>Add/Increase</b>
<b>The Program Year 2013 Budget is Amended as follows:</b>		
Multifamily Housing	\$252,065.98	
*Single Family Development - New Construction		\$252,065.98
<b>The Program Year 2015 Budget is Amended as follows:</b>		
Multifamily Housing	\$8,633.97	
*Single Family Development - New Construction		\$8,633.97
<b>The Program Year 2016 Budget is Amended as follows:</b>		
Code Enforcement	\$10,219.92	
Multifamily Housing	\$75,000.00	
Public- Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private)	\$2,545,357.47	
*Single Family Development - New Construction		\$2,630,577.39
<b>The Program Year 2017 Budget is Amended as follows:</b>		
Public- Facilities and Improvements (Public/Private)	\$4,300,000.00	
Economic Development		\$225,951.25
*Single Family Development - New Construction		\$4,074,048.75
<b>Total CDBG Budget Changes:</b>	<b>\$7,191,277.34</b>	<b>\$7,191,277.34</b>

\*indicates new Activity for the Plan year

Given the need to expedite actions to respond to a disaster, HCDD has obtained a HUD waiver to the standard 30-day public comment requirement. The public comment period is reduced to seven days on these proposed items. The seven - day period extends from Monday, April 9, 2018 through Monday, April 16, 2018. For information on this item, contact Ellary Makuch at 832.394.6261. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Ellary Makuch, HCDD, 601 Sawyer Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007 or Ellary.Makuch@houstontx.gov. Following the public comment period, this item will be submitted to City Council for approval.