

County of Cook, Illinois



Substantial Amendment to the 2017 Annual Action Plan

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SUMMARY

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development (the “County”) currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County proposes additions to its CDBG-funded and ESG-funded activities to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County and to allow for the expenditure of Cook County’s one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds. This requires a Substantial Amendment to the 2017 Annual Action Plan. This document, consisting of a narrative as well as required attachments, constitutes the formal Substantial Amendment to HUD. Each of these amendments will further advance the County’s ongoing efforts to expend its CDBG and ESG funds expeditiously.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

The 2017 Annual Action Plan is to be amended as indicated below.

Proposed Amendment 1

Initial CDBG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
CDBG Project Number	1706-087
CDBG Funding Recipient	Village of Robbins
Project Type	Capital Improvement
Project Scope	Supporting the Village’s 135 th Street Project, which will improve 135 th Street, construct ADA-compliant sidewalks, and install detectable warnings and handicap ramps.
Initial CDBG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County’s Action Plan, using \$17,990 of CDBG funding.
Additional Comments	This project was not initially using CDBG funds, but the County is pleased to be able to fill this small funding gap with its CDBG funding.

Proposed Amendment 2

Initial CDBG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
CDBG Project Number	1704-88
CDBG Funding Recipient	Keeling Family Foundation / VetTech.US
Project Type	Job Training
Project Scope	Train 18-24 year olds from the south suburbs in machining (including CNC) and welding, skills that are in high demand at area manufacturing companies.
Initial CDBG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County’s Action Plan, using \$70,000 of CDBG funding.
Additional Comments	This support will cover training/instruction costs for one cohort of 16, as well as start-up costs and equipment that can benefit future cohorts.

Proposed Amendment 3

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-18
ESG Funding Recipient	Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness, Inc.
Project Type	Rapid Rehousing
Project Scope	Support the agency's rapid rehousing program for homeless youth
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$47,000 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 4

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-19
ESG Funding Recipient	BEDS Plus Care, Inc.
Project Type	Rapid Rehousing
Project Scope	Support the agency's rapid rehousing program for victims of domestic violence
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$64,270 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 5

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-20
ESG Funding Recipient	Connections for the Homeless
Project Type	Rapid Rehousing
Project Scope	Support the agency's rapid rehousing program serving the northern suburbs
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$35,000 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 6

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-21
ESG Funding Recipient	Ford Heights Community Service Organization
Project Type	Homeless Prevention
Project Scope	Support the agency's homelessness prevention program and expand its reach across the south suburbs
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0

Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$37,837 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 7

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-22
ESG Funding Recipient	Housing Forward
Project Type	Rapid Rehousing
Project Scope	Support the agency's rapid rehousing program serving the western suburbs
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$82,162 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 8

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-23
ESG Funding Recipient	Housing Forward (as the lead entity of the Coordinated Entry System)
Project Type	Shelter Diversion Pilot
Project Scope	Implement a shelter diversion pilot within the Suburban Cook Coordinated Entry System
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$97,297 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds. Diversion is a nationally recognized best practice being used by communities across the country to divert families who are newly experiencing homelessness or imminently at-risk of homelessness from entering emergency shelter when safe and appropriate.

Proposed Amendment 9

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-24
ESG Funding Recipient	Northwest Compass
Project Type	Rapid Rehousing
Project Scope	Support the agency's rapid rehousing program serving the northwest suburbs
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$32,432 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 10

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-25
ESG Funding Recipient	South Suburban PADS
Project Type	Emergency Shelter
Project Scope	Support an expansion of the agency's shelter services by providing start-up costs that will allow the opening of new shelter sites.
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$15,000 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 11

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-26
ESG Funding Recipient	Thornton Township (through the Thornton Township Foundation)
Project Type	Rapid Rehousing
Project Scope	Support the Township's homelessness efforts by establishing an ESG rapid rehousing program.
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$54,054 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

Proposed Amendment 12

Initial ESG Funding Program Year	2017
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
ESG Project Number	E17-27
ESG Funding Recipient	Together We Cope
Project Type	Rapid Rehousing
Project Scope	Support the agency's rapid rehousing program serving the south and southwest suburbs
Initial ESG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$37,837 of Supplemental ESG funding.
Additional Comments	This award is a result of the County's application process for its one-time Supplemental Allocation of Program Year 2017 ESG funds.

In its 2017 Annual Action Plan, the County indicated that it had agreed to be the lead entity for a regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) that would include Chicago, the Chicago Housing Authority, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and other CDBG entitlements and Public Housing Authorities in suburban Cook County. While subsequent HUD actions have changed the landscape related to fair

housing requirements, this regional group is still planning to move forward. Enterprise Community Partners, who was going to be a partner on the regional AFH effort as described in the original 2017 Annual Action Plan, will now be managing the effort on behalf of the jurisdictions mentioned above. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, who was originally going to manage the effort, will now be in a partnering role, along with the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance and the Metropolitan Planning Council.

APPENDIX 1 - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Public Notice

See attached.

Public Comments and Cook County Responses

To be inserted upon conclusion of the HUD-required thirty (30) day public comment period.

Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) Approval

To be inserted upon conclusion of related approval.