

County of Cook, Illinois



Substantial Amendments to the 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans

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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 new CDBG-funded activities below to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County. This requires Substantial Amendments to the 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans. This document, consisting of a narrative as well as required attachments, constitutes the formal Substantial Amendments to HUD. These amendments will advance the County’s ongoing efforts to expend its CDBG funds expeditiously.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

The 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans are to be amended as indicated below.

Proposed Amendment 1

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| Initial CDBG Funding Program Year | N/A |
| IDIS Activity Number | N/A |
| CDBG Project Number | 1608-087 |
| CDBG Funding Recipient | City of Calumet City |
| Project Type | Public Facility: Bike/Pedestrian Path |
| Project Scope | Supports construction of the Cal-Sag Trail through the jurisdictions of Dolton, Dolton Park District, Calumet City, and Burnham. This project will provide a new bike/pedestrian amenity for these communities. This is one of the final portions to complete the entire Cal-Sag Trail, which will cover 26 miles from Indiana and the Chicago Lakefront to Lemont. |
| Initial CDBG Funding Committed | \$0 |
| Proposed Change | Adding this project to the County’s Action Plan, using \$355,782 of CDBG funding. |
| Additional Comments | The full project cost is approximately \$4 million. |

Proposed Amendment 2

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| Initial CDBG Funding Program Year | N/A |
| IDIS Activity Number | N/A |
| CDBG Project Number | 1608-088 |
| CDBG Funding Recipient | Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) |
| Project Type | Public Facility: Green Stormwater Infrastructure |
| Project Scope | Supports construction of green stormwater infrastructure at Ivanhoe Park in Riverdale, which experiences frequent flooding that limits vehicles’ ability to navigate roadways, makes the park inaccessible, and limits access to the adjacent Metra station. CNT is leading this project in partnership with the Riverdale Park District, Hey and Associates, OAI and The Morton Arboretum |
| Initial CDBG Funding Committed | \$0 |
| Proposed Change | Adding this project to the County’s Action Plan, using \$124,000 of CDBG funding. |
| Additional Comments | The CDBG funds are serving as a match to a competitively received grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Chi-Cal Rivers Fund. |

Proposed Amendment 3

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| Initial CDBG Funding Program Year | N/A |
| IDIS Activity Number | N/A |
| CDBG Project Number | 1508-098 |
| CDBG Funding Recipient | Respond Now |
| Project Type | Public Facility: Food Pantry Expansion |
| Project Scope | Support the rehabilitation of Respond Now's existing facility in Chicago Heights to allow for expansion of their food pantry program and related services. Some functions/services at the current location will move to a new location in Park Forest. The expanded space in Chicago Heights will allow Respond Now to recruit more volunteers, purchase additional food supplies, and allow clients to visit twice a month. |
| Initial CDBG Funding Committed | \$0 |
| Proposed Change | Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$50,000 of CDBG funding. |
| Additional Comments | |

Proposed Amendment 4

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| Initial CDBG Funding Program Year | N/A |
| IDIS Activity Number | N/A |
| CDBG Project Number | 1507-099 |
| CDBG Funding Recipient | Village of Burnham |
| Project Type | Public Infrastructure: Water Main Extension |
| Project Scope | Support the installation of a new 12 inch water main on 145 th Street to increase the available fire flow in the neighborhood. This area, which includes multi-story multifamily housing and a multi-story assisted living facility, has been found to have low fire flow capability due to an undersized water distribution system. |
| Initial CDBG Funding Committed | \$0 |
| Proposed Change | Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$231,000 of CDBG funding. |
| Additional Comments | |

APPENDIX 1 - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Public Comment 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

The four amendments above will be presented to EDAC for approval in January 2020. Related documentation will be inserted upon conclusion of the EDAC approvals.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Draft Substantial Amendments to the 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Substantial Amendments to its 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans, which propose new CDBG-funded activities to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

Applicable Public Comment Period: 30 Days – January 27, 2020- February 26, 2020

Public Comment Opportunities

An important part of the process of developing a Substantial Amendment is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Draft may be reviewed at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development offices at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, **or on-line at the Cook County website during the applicable public comment period specified above at this link:** <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/public-notices-planning-and-development-0>

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for the Draft Substantial Amendments are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4 p.m. on the last day of the aforementioned public comment period in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to David Washington, Compliance Specialist, Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, david.washington@cookcountyil.gov.