

# County of Cook, Illinois



## Substantial Amendments to the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 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 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 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 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 Annual Action Plans are to be amended as indicated below.

### Proposed Amendment 1

<b>Initial CDBG Funding Program Year</b>	N/A
<b>IDIS Activity Number</b>	N/A
<b>CDBG Project Number</b>	1408-076
<b>CDBG Funding Recipient</b>	City of Chicago Heights
<b>Project Type</b>	Public Facility: Recreational Space
<b>Project Scope</b>	Supports the positive reuse of vacant land and responds to resident requests for neighborhood recreational space. The project will also provide playfields for the adjacent Lincoln-Gavin School. Six abandoned homes will be demolished as part of this project.
<b>Initial CDBG Funding Committed</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed Change</b>	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$250,000 of CDBG funding.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	The full project cost is estimated at \$750,000. It is one of the Early Action Activities stemming from a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant in Chicago Heights' East Side neighborhood.

### Proposed Amendment 2

<b>Initial CDBG Funding Program Year</b>	N/A
<b>IDIS Activity Number</b>	N/A
<b>CDBG Project Number</b>	1507-097
<b>CDBG Funding Recipient</b>	City of Harvey
<b>Project Type</b>	Public Infrastructure: Fire Hydrant Replacement
<b>Project Scope</b>	Conduct an assessment of all the fire hydrants in the City, and replace those hydrants that are not compliant with National Fire Protection Association standards.
<b>Initial CDBG Funding Committed</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed Change</b>	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$250,000 of CDBG funding.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	This is the first CDBG project that the City of Harvey applied for since 2015.

*Proposed Amendment 3*

<b>Initial CDBG Funding Program Year</b>	N/A
<b>IDIS Activity Number</b>	N/A
<b>CDBG Project Number</b>	1606-086
<b>CDBG Funding Recipient</b>	Village of Franklin Park
<b>Project Type</b>	Public Infrastructure: Franklin Avenue
<b>Project Scope</b>	Support the final design phase of Franklin Avenue reconstruction project. Franklin Avenue is a major road in the O'Hare Industrial Corridor. In 2023, Franklin Avenue will also serve as an exit route for the Elgin O'Hare I-390 and I-490 Western Access Project. Significant new industrial space has been added in the area, and additional economic development and job creation are expected.
<b>Initial CDBG Funding Committed</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed Change</b>	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$290,000 of CDBG funding.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	Total project cost is \$32,300,000, with a \$22,960,000 grant being received from the Illinois Competitive Freight Program. Cook County CDBG funding is one of many sources being used to complete this important project.

*Proposed Amendment 4*

<b>Initial CDBG Funding Program Year</b>	2018
<b>IDIS Activity Number</b>	4782
<b>CDBG Project Number</b>	1807-017
<b>CDBG Funding Recipient</b>	Village of Phoenix
<b>Project Type</b>	Public Infrastructure: Water Meters
<b>Project Scope</b>	Support the replacement/upgrade of approximately 600 water meters village-wide which are outdated, faulty and inaccurate. This is a high priority of the Village, as substantial numbers of resident complaints are received about faulty meters and inaccurate readings.
<b>Initial CDBG Funding Committed</b>	\$399,750
<b>Proposed Change</b>	Adding \$227,483 of additional CDBG funding to this project.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	Bids came in significantly higher than anticipated, and the Village has requested additional CDBG funding to complete the project.

**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 October 2019. Related documentation will be inserted upon conclusion of the EDAC approvals.

## PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

### ***Draft Substantial Amendments to the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 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 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 Annual Action Plans, which propose new or revised CDBG-funded activities to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

**Applicable Public Comment Period: 30 Days – September 27, 2019- October 27, 2019**

### **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](mailto:david.washington@cookcountyil.gov).

Additionally, the Substantial Amendments are presented at a public hearing conducted by the Cook County Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC). Please see this link for upcoming meeting details and agendas: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/economic-development-advisory-committee-edac>