

County of Cook, Illinois



Substantial Amendment to the 2019 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 a new CDBG-funded activity below to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County. This requires a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan. This document, consisting of a narrative as well as required attachments, constitutes the formal Substantial Amendment to HUD. These amendments will advance the County's ongoing efforts to expend its CDBG funds expeditiously.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

The 2019 Annual Action Plan is to be amended as indicated below.

Proposed Amendment 1

Initial CDBG Funding Program Year	N/A
IDIS Activity Number	N/A
CDBG Project Number	1902-095
CDBG Funding Recipient	Manufacturing Renaissance (Re/Cast)
Project Type	Planning / Capacity Building
Project Scope	Supports the launch of Re/Cast, a new organization whose mission is to retain and develop Chicagoland's industrial base by arranging for the acquisition of manufacturing companies confronting ownership succession by groups of employees and High Road entrepreneurs, particularly African American and Hispanic men and women. "High Road" entrepreneurs are groups or individuals committed to managing their businesses for the shared benefit of ownership, employees, and the surrounding community.
Initial CDBG Funding Committed	\$0
Proposed Change	Adding this project to the County's Action Plan, using \$100,000 of CDBG funding.
Additional Comments	This grant builds on prior CDBG support for Manufacturing Renaissance's Ownership Conversion Project. This support also helps leverage other funding for this new organization.

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 amendment will be presented to EDAC for approval in December 2019. Related documentation will be inserted upon conclusion of the EDAC approvals.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan

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 Amendment to its 2019 Annual Action Plan, which propose a new CDBG-funded activity to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

Applicable Public Comment Period: *30 Days – December 4, 2019- January 3, 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 Amendment 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.