

Public Notice of Intent to Reprogram Community Development Block Grant Funds

Amendment #1 12212021

City of Cumberland

In accordance with federal regulations governing the Consolidated Planning process, the City of Cumberland is notifying the public regarding a proposal to reprogram a total of \$43,969.59 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from activities affecting the 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans. Reprogramming CDBG funds in a timely manner enables the City to comply with HUD "Timeliness" standards and allows the funds to be used on "shovel ready" activities.

The changes proposed for the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan involve reallocating \$5,659.63 in program income to partially fund the purchase of important equipment, a Transcend Stair Chair, for use by Cumberland Fire Department. Fire Department Chief requested \$8,286 total for the purchase which will increase safety for firefighters and community members to whom fire safety personnel respond.

The City of Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department is requesting \$35,617.19 to complete improvements to assets within the Constitution Park. Funds will be used to renovate the guard shack building and other projects named within the Constitution Park 5 Year Plan as funds allow.

Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission has returned 2020 CDBG grant funds of \$6,000 for the HRDC Transitional Homeless Shelter (SS20.015) because plans to hire additional staff were thwarted due to the COVID pandemic and other factors beyond agency control. Funds will be split to support the two identified projects: \$2,626.37 will be reallocated to the Fire Dept Stair Chair project and the remaining \$3,373.63 will be reallocated to the activity identified as Constitution Park Improvements and Guard Shack.

As a result of the aforementioned proposed changes to the 2019 Annual Action Plan, the FY 2019 program income \$5,659.63 and \$2,626.37 of surplus 2020 Administration (SS20.016) funds will be allocated to create a 2019 project totaling \$8,286 known as Fire Department Stair Chair. The remaining 2020 surplus Administration (SS20.016) funds (\$32,309.96) and the surplus \$3,373.63 from HRDC Transitional Homeless Shelter (SS20.015), totaling \$35,683.59, will be reallocated to the existing 2020 Constitution Park project (SS20.056) increasing that total project funding to \$100,683.59 for a new activity called Constitution Park Improvements and Guard Shack.

Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be provided effective Tuesday, January 4, 2022 through 4 PM, Monday, February 7, 2022. Provide written comments to the City of Cumberland, Department of Community Development by mail to 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, Maryland or email to lee.borror@cumberlandmd.gov. This Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans will be presented to Mayor and City Council at the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 and up for approval on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:15 PM or by virtual livestream forum during the pandemic where public group assembly is discouraged.

ADV: Tuesday, January 4, 2022