

Public Notice of Substantial Amendment to FFY20 Annual Action Plan

Notice is hereby given that the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth Housing Consortium is amended. HUD announced a total of \$2,708,185 in Emergency Solutions Grant ESG CV funding for the City of Winston-Salem under the CARES Act ESG CV funds to address the housing needs of homeless persons impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and to prevent imminent homelessness for those impacted by COVID-19. The City, as the Lead Entity for the Consortium is required to amend the Action Plan in order to program the additional funds.

ESG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, respond and mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are literally homeless, may become homeless or currently receiving homeless assistance. The funds will also support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to further mitigate the impacts of COVID19.

This Substantial Amendment addresses the appropriation of \$2,708,185 funding based on need as determined by the federal government from HUD to the City of Winston-Salem through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 to allow funding for activities to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the Coronavirus.

Amendments to the approved Consolidated Plan are required whenever a jurisdiction makes one or more of the following decisions: (1) Make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds; (2) Carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan; or (3) Change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

ESG-CV funds will be used to conduct the following activities:

Emergency Response Activities (COVID-19)

1. Street Outreach
 - Engaging COVID 19 impacted homeless individuals and families living on the street.
2. Emergency shelter
 - Improving the number and quality of COVID-19 impacted emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families.
 - Supporting operating cost for COVID-19 impacted emergency shelters.
 - Providing essential services to COVID-19 impacted emergency shelter residents.

Housing Stability Activities (COVID-19):

1. Rapid Rehousing:
 - Rapidly Rehouse COVID-19 impacted homeless individuals and families
 - Provide Financial Assistance and Services to COVID-19 impacted individuals and families.
2. Homeless Prevention
 - Preventing COVID -19 impacted families and individuals from becoming homeless.
 - Provide Financial Assistance and Services to COVID-19 impacted individuals and families

Due to COVID-19, HUD has issued guidance that waives the Citizen Participation Plan requirements provided that: (1) no fewer than five days are provided for public comment and (2) reasonable notice and the opportunity to comment is provided.

Substantial Amendments:

Revised Activity Budget Modifications for Program Year

Amount	Activities
\$50,500	Street Outreach
\$783,704	Shelter Operations
\$161,425	Shelter Services
\$859,614	Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance
\$143,881	Rapid Rehousing Services
\$154,660	Prevention Direct Assistance
\$554,401	Prevention Services
\$2,708,185	Total

Questions about this substantial amendment may be directed to Mellin L. Parker, Senior Project Supervisor at (336) 734-1310 or mellinp@cityofws.org.

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