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Summary of Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2019 / City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan

Date: February 17, 2021

Purpose: Public Notice of Proposed Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2019 / City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and Request for Comments.

Summary: The Annual Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Planning process, in which the City of Columbus assesses its affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions. And makes data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The Consolidated Plan for the City of Columbus covers a span of 5-years, from 2017-2021, in which community development priorities and multiyear goals were set based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions and available resources.

The community development priorities and goals are carried out annually through the Annual Action Plan. Through the Annual Action Plan, the City of Columbus provides a concise summary on its intended actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Columbus is proposing to amend its Program Year 2019 / City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan. There are two types of amendment that may occur to the Annual Action Plan: minor amendments and substantial amendments. An amendment is considered substantial under the following circumstances:

- When an eligible activity is added or deleted
- When a change occurs in the purpose location or beneficiaries of an activity previously approved
- When a 50 percent change in federal funding occurs where the project is \$25,000 or less
- When a 25 percent change in federal funding occurs where the project is more than \$25,000

All other changes to the method of distribution or investment strategy identified in an approved Annual Action Plan that do not meet the criteria defined above is considered minor amendments. As such, the following are the proposed substantial amendments:

Substantial Amendment #3: The City of Columbus was notified on September 11, 2020 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds ito be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The city was allocated \$1,143,059, The cumulative amount for all CDBG-CV funds is \$2,124,248.

Comment Period: In order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, the City has placed its proposed substantial amendments of the HUD Program Year 2019 / City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan on public display for review on the City's website beginning on February 17, 2021 and running through February 22, 2021: <http://www.columbusga.org/CommunityReinvestment/>

The information will be available for public review for 5 days. Public comment on the documents should be directed to the Community Reinvestment Department, 420 Tenth Street, Columbus, GA 31901 or kgarza@columbusga.org.